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EDITH DAVIS WINS WOMEN'S ORATORICAL SECOND

National Fraternity Formed On Alma Campus

BORTON MAKES ALL M.I.A.A. COURT TEAM

The Coaches' choice for the All-M.I.A.A. basketball team has been announced. Norman Borton of Alma is the only one from the College that is given a place on the two teams.

At forwards Risley of Albion and Borton were chosen on the first team.

On the second team we find Kane of Olivet and E. Selby of Hillsdale. Risley was one of the leading scorers on his team, and he had the peculiarity of making the tying or winning basket in a close game.

Borton led the Alma attack. His passing was good for a number of baskets and on defense he was one of the strongest seen in years. Kane came through in both Alma games to lead the scorers. He kept on and finally was near the top in scoring. E. Selby was the best Hillsdale had.

Spolstra could not be beaten at center. Although his scoring was not so high this year as it was last year, Spolstra played a much better game. He was always good for a number of points and was dependable in every department of the game. R. Schau was the choice for the second team. A fine rangy center he could control the tip-off the majority of the time.

At guards, Milankov of Olivet and M. Schau received berths on the first team. Milankov led the Olivet scorers in points and was a fine floor man. M. Schau, who regularly played forward, was too valuable to be left off the first team. The Schau brothers were directly responsible for Kazoo's runner-up position. Rice of Albion and Halvery of Olivet

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STATE COPS HAD CHAPEL THURSDAY

Corporal Sullivan of the Michigan State Police again had charge of the Chapel last Thursday, speaking on "Crime." He very pointedly illustrated his lecture with chalk sketches graphically bringing out his points.

There is a blot on our Statue of Liberty, resultant from the criminal activities in our country. The only period to compare with our present one is the time in England when it was unsafe for anyone to venture forth onto the streets after night-fall. The Eighteenth Century will go down in history as America's most law-abiding period and the Nineteenth as the most lawless. A great hue and cry is raised when an American citizen is murdered abroad but our home treatment of similar cases is carefree. Much of this may be attributed to the methods of obtaining news of the newspapers, magazines, movies and radio. The methods of the law are made sport of and the culprit treated with sympathy rather than harshness.

The policeman is a public servant, call on him for help, it is his duty and his slogan is "I Will Defend" the property and lives of the citizens. Although he is usually thought of as the apprehender of the criminal his chief business is the prevention of crime. We have received and formed a mistaken idea of the forces of the law as something to be extremely wary of and to be shunned rather than helped.

He closed with a caricature showing the criminal as he really is, not as we have glorified him. The policeman knows him as we do not. Corporal Sullivan asked for our direct and indirect co-operation in helping the law in its treatment of the crime problem.

GRAND COUNCIL HEAD VISITS ALMA

The Grand Whoozis of the National Fraternity which has a new local chapter lately established on the Alma College Campus, was present to induct the officers and members of the new chapter into the fraternity at their recent installation ceremony.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, a splendid address interpreting the aims and ideals of the fraternity was delivered by the Grand Whoozis.

DR. LOVELL GIVES "ANIMADVERSIONS"

The Wednesday morning chapel was in the hands of Dr. Gilbert N. Lovell, director of student aid and vocational guidance of the Presbyterian Board of Christian Education. During his three days stay Dr. Lovell was interviewed by quite a number of people who were either planning on entering religious work or had some problems to obtain his help. He spoke on "Animadversions" and listed them, the futile attempting to chart intangibles, the discrimination of races and the strife between employers and employees.

Some time ago at a meeting of the National Vocational Guidance Association in Washington there was a commercial exhibit bespattered with charts and graphs demonstrating the worth of the various products of that publishing house's books and guides. The speaker questioned the man in charge whether or not it wouldn't be just as logical to chart the value of vocations to society, the value of the making of chewing gum or of investment banking. Another day, with a friend, he walked out to the Lincoln Memorial; entering and standing near the statue for some time neither spoke a word until they had left the spot behind. That left a deep impression. Compare charting such as was discussed, with the attitude of mind and the spirits of Lincoln and Washington. The value of such charts and graphs can justly be questioned.

At a summer school for negroes at which the speaker had been some time before there was a negro preacher on the faculty, a graduate of Princeton and a Presbyterian pastor. This man at a dinner of Princeton alumni in New York was sitting at a table with his classmates and

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DRAMA CLUB PICKS FIRST SPRING PLAY

Two major plays will complete the Drama Club's Spring season.

The first play, which is to be given at the Strand, April 22, is Oscar Wilde's famous drama "Lady Windemere's Fan." This play is a four-act production dealing with the artificial side of society. Satire runs pointedly through the entire story. In true Wilde fashion it is a combination of delightful comedy and heavy drama.

Leslie Struble, chairman of the Club, is directing the play. He will be assisted by William Johnson, a sophomore member of the Club, who has had some acting experience in previous productions.

The large cast includes some 20 member of which many will be newcomers to the Alma stage.

Among the actors are Harold Matteson, Gene Tarrant, George Roberts, Howard Hirschberg, John Hurst, Robert Randels, Paul Ditto, Mary Elizabeth Soper, Mable Kennett, Marjorie Lundhom, Mary Painter, Josephine Woodard, Evelyn Spencer, Ellen Wilson, Alice Biondi and Aileen Waters. The supers are Claude Knight, Howard Potter, Myron Reyher, Virginia Hill, Sheila Littleton and Janet Hill.

A third major production is being planned as part of the Commencement program.

OLD CROW CHAPTER OF RHO DELTA RHO FORMED

The campus has long felt the need for a local chapter of a national fraternity, and as a result, a chapter has been organized with the approval and the co-operation of the National Headquarters of the parent fraternity. It is the general consensus of opinion that a great forward step has been taken toward unifying the men of the campus into a harmonious body, inasmuch as every fraternity is at present recognized in the membership of the new chapter.

The initial aim of the new chapter lies in the advertising of our college in outside circles, for the organization holds the best interests of the college foremost. The societies of the campus are assured that the new organization will not enter into college politics or any competitive campus activities.

Investiture of Officers

Who the officers of this organization are, is a great problem. These men assembled for the last formal meeting, March 10, and duly elected the officers for the local chapter, inconsequential to the perambulations of future affairs in the esteemed chapter to which the most honorable and high official of the Grand Order granted a charter.

The "Big Cheese" of the order was ushered into office with all of the celebrity of a grand duke, and his side partner and "corrupter - in - crime" was also ushered into his symbolic vestiture of "vice squad."

To preserve the proceedings that have been carried out, and to have them always at fingertip, an official was elected to the "davenport" who could manipulate the phalanges so methodically that he merited the title "Scribbler." Due to the burning and consuming of all materials, the last office was also filled by one, not of contumacy or illiteracy, but worthy of his inabilities, the "Shakedowner."

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The College mourns the passing Monday morning of Lester A. Sharp, C. E., graduate of Union College, for thirty-two years a trustee of Alma College. Mr. Sharp was seventy-nine last December. He had been ill some time and his demise came as a climax to this in his home in St. Petersburg, Florida. Mr. Sharp came to Alma from Syracuse, N. Y., in the latter part of the last century as financial agent of the late Ammi W. Wright. Upon Mr. Wright's death in 1912, he was one of the trustees of the Wright estate.

He has been associated with the First State Bank of Alma since 1901 and since 1916 has been President of that institution. He was instrumental in the development of the Alma Electric Company which has since grown into the Consumers Power Company.

The only member of the Board of Trustees with a longer record of service than Mr. Sharp is Rev. John W. S. Pierson of Stanton. Mr. Sharp was a member of the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees and rendered valuable service. Though the present student body was little acquainted with him, he always had a great interest for the students.

He is survived by two sisters living in St. Petersburg, two daughters, Miss Velma Sharp of Denver and Mrs. H. W. Sibley of Pasadena, and a son, Lester, professor at Cornell University. All the children attended Alma College for at least part of their education. The funeral will be held Saturday, in Alma where Mrs. Sharp is buried.

STUDENTS HAD CHURCH SERVICES

Last Sunday the young people of the churches had charge of the evening service, and the one at the Presbyterian Church was especially fine. Ben Leyrer, at the head of the committee that arranged the program, prepared a carefully worked out service, and acted as chairman. Miss Constance Clack, high school senior, gave a talk on "The Quiet Hour"; Douglas McLellan spoke on "The Mark of God." Both of these speeches were interesting and inspiring. Special music was provided by John Menoch, who sang "O Light of All the World," and Robert King, who sang, "Softly and Tenderly."

MAC CURDY SPEAKS TO HONOR SOCIETY

President and Mrs. Crooks entertained the Phi Sigma Pi Honorary Society at a dinner in honor of the new members on last Friday at the President's House. After a delightful dinner the new members were initiated and Professor MacCurdy addressed the group. The remainder of the evening was spent in conversation and discussion in groups of two and three. Dr. MacCurdy's interesting speech is presented in its entirety:

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As one who is more often a listener on such occasions I wish to acknowledge the honor that has been put on me for this part of the program. Having due confidence in the findings of science I find comfort in the fact that if your nerves are properly stimulated there will be generated in you a due amount of that hormone recently called "sympathin", and this I infer will place you in a proper and receptive mood. But, be that as it may, we are all happy and fortunate in the circumstances that bring us together on this occasion. For we have come to the edge at least of that vast circle of distinguished men and women who have chosen to receive and to carry on the best portions of human learning. You have placed in the preliminaries, and before you are the opportunities, responsibilities and the honors of sharing to the fullest extent of your capacities in the work of shaping the course of events within your own time.

To most people the great complexities of life seem to move on uncontrolled and uncontrollable, in a succession of events having little or no connection and little meaning beyond the immediate. But to you, let us hope, have come some vision of the order and some appreciation of the deeper meanings of these things and

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PHI SIGMA PI HAS 3 NEW MEMBERS

In chapel Monday morning the new members of Phi Sigma Pi were introduced to the student body. Mary Louise Peters, Rochester; Albert Calkins, Sebawaing; and Lillian Ogle Deckerville, are the Juniors who have attained the qualifications, which were recently revised.

Douglas McLellan was chairman of the chapel service. After the opening hymn, Robert Randels, president of the honor society, introduced the new members, who arose to receive the congratulations of the student body. Miss Peters spoke for the new members. Barker Brown explained the revised constitution. Hereafter, a student must be one of the first eight of his class, and must have a grade index of 2.7 at the end of his Sophomore year, or 2.6 in the middle of his Junior year. The average necessary for a Senior will be lower, the exact figure not being determined as yet.

The service closed with the singing of the Alma Mater.

DETROIT CY. COLLEGE TAKES BOTH FIRSTS

Last Friday afternoon in the Hope College chapel Edith Davis took second place in the State Women's Oratorical Contest with her oration, "Our Mothers' Business."



Edith Davis

First place in the women's contest went to Elizabeth Murphy of the College of the City of Detroit with "Our Modern Pied Piper," an attack on the current type of moving picture. The third place went to Dorothy Hill of Albion with "Ballyhoo." In the men's contest in the evening first place again went to Detroit City College to the capable enticements of David Goldman's "Sinister Shadows." Albion College placed second with "Sacred Bulls," by Merrill Walls. Third place went to Michigan State College, represented by Gordon Fisher and "Synagogue Builders."

It is unfair to list the winners only. The contest was so close that the selection of the three "best" from a field of six very good persons is little less than artificial. In the women's contest Calvin College was represented by "A Cry from the Far East," given by Claire Kuiper. Michigan State's contestant was Louise Lange with "It is Our Turn." Anne Merriman represented Michigan State Normal College with her "Protest Plus."

The other finalists in the men's contest were: Roland Burt of Battle Creek College speaking on "The Tragedy of Waste in Health," Har-

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MR. JOHNSON TALKS FOR CHILDREN'S AID

Friday's chapel was given over to Mr. Fred R. Johnson, General Secretary of the Children's Aid Society of Michigan. Mr. Johnson, who has had wide experience in social work in Michigan and in other states, brought from his experience and contacts with these social problems a startling revelation of the increase in our criminal population in the last 20 years.

Since 1910 our population has increased 70% but our prison population in Ionia, Jackson and Marquette has increased 500%. It is true that there has been a change from a largely farming rural population to one predominately city and industrial. The texture of the population has changed, introducing racial and class problems into the social work of the cities but Mr. Johnson does not believe that either or both of these changes can account for the abnormal growth of crime and delinquency. He cites as proof for this last argument the fact that Massachusetts has reduced her relative prison population while Michigan stands with only four states having a larger per capita number of prison inmates. The easy way out, to lay the matter at the feet of prohibition, is obviously avoiding the issue for Massachusetts and other states have prohibition too. Juvenile delinquency due to bad home environment must be at least partially at fault, and in pointing out the way to improvement of conditions he told of the rescue of a potential bad character by boarding him out and giving him a new deal in environment.

In conclusion he told briefly the history of White House conferences in the past twenty years which have developed from the principles of child guidance and protection. What is known as the Children's Charter which asks for each child understanding and freedom of development of individuality and a home, or if necessary a foster home with all the love and companionship so necessary for development from children into useful citizens.

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A word of congratulation is in order for our women's crator, Edith Davis. In a state contest marked by the high ability of all contestants she came through with flying colors to a very close second place. From not being in the first three of the state contest last year her rise to second this season is notable and promises even bigger things for next year. We offer the congratulations and express the gratitude of the entire student body.

It is now more than two weeks that the Lindbergh baby has been missing. The police seem to be almost as much at sea as in the beginning. The publicity given to the case, not counted on perhaps by the abductors, has probably delayed the finding of the boy but the public has lost much of the indignation with which the news was first greeted, tired by the blatant incessant headlines. The agony which the parents are going through is horrible to think of but perhaps the stark horror, fear and anxiety has become dulled by no letup until there is but the muffled throbbing of a heart numb with grief. But there is nothing for us to do to help but hope for a relenting on the part of the most cruel sort of criminals, for only the lowest type of human could stoop to such inhuman cruelty.

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friends but before the banquet started he was asked to leave, by the management of the hotel. County Cullen, negro poet, was taken to a hotel for dinner in a New England town but they were refused service as long as he was with the party. They dined elsewhere. And these things happened in a land where "all men are born equal!"

On a B & O bus in New York a few weeks ago there was a man who stated to the bus at large that it was time that "We've got to go over and lick the Japs." Dr. Lovell questioned his view, why is it necessary for America to put the fear of God into the Japs? It is an intense hatred between the Japs and Chinese that is expressing itself at Shanghai. The cost of the last war was simply staggering and is one of the most obvious reasons for not entering another. Here are the figures Dr. Lovell gave:

The following information was published in Current History, January, 1928. The material was compiled by a German professor of Social Science. Representative Huddleston introduced it into the Congressional Record on Friday, January 13, 1928.

According to the best statistics obtainable the World War cost 30,000,000 lives and \$400,000,000,000 in property.

In order to give some idea of what this means, just let me illustrate it in the following:

With that amount we could have built a \$2,500 house and furnished this house with \$1,000 worth of furniture and placed it on five acres of land worth \$100 an acre and given all this to each and every family in the United States, Canada, Australia, England, Wales, Ireland, Scotland, France, Belgium, Germany and Russia.

After doing this there would have been enough money left to give each city of 200,000 inhabitants and over in all the countries named, a five million dollar library, and a ten million dollar university.

And then out of the balance we could have still sufficient money to set aside a sum at 5% interest which would pay for all times to come a



Senior members of Phi Sigma Pi: Barker Brown, Robert Randels, Roy Nestle, Douglas McLellan, Mary Elizabeth Forshar, Howard Potter.

\$1,000 yearly salary each for an army of 125,000 teachers, and in addition to this pay the same salary to each of an army of 125,000 nurses.

And after having done all this, we could still have enough left out of our four hundred billions to buy all of France and Belgium, and everything of value that France and Belgium possess; that is, every French and Belgium farm, home, factory, church, railroad, street car, in fact everything of value in those two countries in 1914.

For it must be remembered that the total valuation of France in 1914, according to the French official figures, was \$62,000,000,000. The total of Belgium, according to Belgian official figures, was in the neighborhood of \$12,000,000,000. This means a total valuation of the two countries in 1914 of less than \$75,000,000,000.

In other words, the price which the leaders and statesmen of the Entente including the statesmen of the United States, made the people of the world pay for the victory over Germany, was equal to the value of five countries like France plus five countries like Belgium.

In consideration of these the only answer to "Should we go to war?" is a most emphatic NO!

At a recent 17-day conference of Railroad heads and employees in Chicago for the purpose of asking the employees to take a cut, after all that deliberation the representatives of both sides could say that the results had been for the benefit of the public and in the interest of good will. Absolutely sidestepping the moral issue.

The question for college young people to consider is "Have you developed a Christian philosophy of life or industry to aid you in your further work?" The great problem of the world is getting the people of the world to work in the interests of Christianity.

PHI PHI ALPHA INDUCTS NEW MEMBERS

Following the regular meeting of Phi Phi Alpha Fraternity, Monday night, six new members were initiated into the fraternity by President Jacob Koechlein. The final exercises marked the end of the period of pledgeship and the culmination of "Hell Week."

Immediately after the initiatory ceremony, the new members were guests of the fraternity at a dinner at Stone's restaurant. Following the invocation by Vice-President Hollis Fales, the members sat down to a delicious dinner of roast beef. With the dinner safely away, President Koechlein formally welcomed the new members and then turned the meeting over to the entertainment.

Bill McCurdy revealed unknown talent in the art of tap-dancing and then the trio consisting of Boyd, Menoch, and King, entertained with several of their favorite numbers. Following the singing of the Fraternity Song, the group adjourned to meet again before Wright Hall. The lights went out and windows went up as the group, under the leadership of the trio, broke into song. Several favorites, both old and new, were rendered and finally the end of a happy evening was marked by the singing once more of the Fraternity Song.

The new members who were taken into the fraternity onday night are: Gordon Clack, James Day, David Glass, Alvin Hood, Abraham Kahn, and Robert Lehner.

Dean Hawkes on Newspapers

Dean Herbert E. Hawkes of Columbia College urged that makers of publications strive to get the point of view of the reader, and that in criticizing persons and institutions they try not to be irritating.

"I have sometimes thought that it would do a physician good to get the point of view of the person being operated upon," he said. "Just as it might be a good thing for a



Mary Louise Peters, Lillian Ogle, Albert Calkins, new Junior members of Phi Sigma Pi, Alma honor society.

surgeon to have to undergo a major operation himself every three years, it is good for the journalish to get the point of view of the person who reads the paper.

"Criticism that is merely irritating may please the vanity of the critic, but it goes little further than that. The thing that gets results is said with good humor and courtesy. The capacity to get on with people and express the things you have in mind is the type of genius that makes good journalism. It is not so much what you do as what you are that counts."

Terms Newspapers Personalities

In the same vein William E. Haskell, assistant to the president of The New York Herald Tribune, declared that "newspapers are not properties; they are personalities." He urged that makers of newspapers "keep their eyes on the goal of idealism of the service we have to offer."

Discussing journalism as a career, he declared "you haven't a job when you are working for a newspaper—you are working for a cause." He emphasized the part played by the women in newspaper and magazine work, and declared they held responsible positions because of ability.

Fourteen hundred delegates are attending the convention, 200 less than last year.

The convention ended this week.

SPORTS

After the Hope game ended the regular basketball season, Katy Sharp and Art Crawford joined the American Legion team and appeared in two games last week. Against the Eaton-Rapids Independents Wednesday night, Crawford took Johnny Volk's place at center, and Sharp played in Brownie's position at forward. Crawford made ten points in that game, and both of the boys were a lot of help in defeating the team that beat Alma a few weeks ago. Johnny Volk is laid up with injuries and probably will not be able to play any more this season.

Thursday the Legion plays Thomas Lunch, undefeated team from Saginaw. Recently Alma held this team even until the last 2 minutes.

This cold weather isn't going to last forever, and it will soon be time for the spring sports to begin. With all our point-winners in the M.I.A.A. meet last year back, besides Larry Muscott, who starred in track two years ago, we should make a good showing in track. But there are plenty of fellows in school who could make points for us that either have never gone out for track, or who never worked hard enough to get anywhere. It has been a long time since Alma has won a track cham-

ampionship, and this year she has a chance. So you fellows that don't know what to do in the afternoon, go over to the gym and take a few workouts and run around the track a few times. Who knows whether there is a potential Clark Chamberlain hiding behind a bridge table in a frat house?

MY PEETUR

Dere Editor of the Almayniun:—
I halfn't never rit nuthen in yure sKandel sheat befour now becauz Proph. Spenzur always rit moor on my theems then I rit on miselph end that skared me frum riting mutch. So evrything I think I shute off my mouth like Randulls and Jamuson & nevvver rite hardley ut all. But whyle lystning too the Pie Sigma Pies in chapul thys mourning I got a feelin' lyke Leeun Tilur must get sumtymys and I gota get it off my mynd. You woodn't think a gye so dumm he had to maygor in Hystory and Economiks cood rite poitry, wood you? Well, this aent egzactly original but I think its gud enuf four yore skandel sheat.

"My Peetur is screeming and weeping,

My Peetur is screeming at me—
My Peetur is weeping and screeming
He yelps "that ain't poetry."

Humbley youre
dispondit Corespondit,
Mystur Eks.

All this
Putrid poetry
Satirizing Smitty
And lamning Libby
And praisng Peater
And knocking Nunn
And razzing Randels
Is a lotta hooey.
The writers who write it
Should sense a semblance
Of knowledge and
Not let this bother them.
—Pokey.

Winston Churchill's recent visit recalls one of the best London stories about him. He angered a hostess in a debate at dinner and she remarked haughtily she didn't care three skips of a louse for what he said. He immediately wrote on a place card and sent to her:

A lady has told me, and in her own house,
That for me she cares not three skips of a louse;
I forgive the dear lady for what she has said,
For women must talk of what runs through their head.

Bill Boyd is sorry he didn't get a chance to go to war in China—he always did like these Chinese girls. And by the way, Bill, we hear that you've worn out a couple of pairs of shoes lately.

Never put off till tomorrow what you can get someone else to do today.
A shirt on the back is worth two in the wash.
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KAZOO IS PUTTING ON A DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

Kalamazoo College is holding a mock Democratic nominating convention next Saturday. It is in the charge of the students there, but is open to all high school and college students. High schools as far away as Grand Rapids are sending delegations.

In the afternoon session, at 2:30, President Hoben will welcome the delegates and Mayor Wright will hand over the gold key of the city to the national committee. Charles Johnson, the temporary chairman, will give the keynote speech. In the evening, at 7:30, the nominating speeches will be given by students of the College, and the balloting will take place.

That the idea is a good one is affirmed by the fact that letters of commendation have been received

from such men as Will Hays; the Speaker of the House Garner, and Vice-President Curtis. To anyone interested in politics (and who isn't nowadays?) the meetings should be of great value. Admission to either session is fifty cents.

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some measure of understanding of the events as they unfold in the great tapestry of life, in the making of which we all have a part. Some of its most significant patterns have appealed to you and you are beginning to find your greatest pleasure in the pursuit of learning. You have found that the love of learning calls forth your keenest and most persistent thinking and as you follow its lead, you will come to your goal in accomplishment. You will come to the large rather than to the narrow view of things. To this end you must do your own thinking. There is no general formula beyond this. It has been said by one of great wisdom, that there is no extent to which a human being will not go to avoid the work of thinking. And it may be added that some will even go to psychoanalysts. But that will avail you nothing.

I fancy the field of literature appeals to some of you. The powers of literary expression and the limitless uses of its art still lie waiting to be used by the magic of man's mind for the pleasure and the welfare of all mankind. The greatest literatures of the past have come out of stress and struggle as well as from the abundance of life; so, even greater heights will be reached in the still higher reaches of human progress.

It is said that present day literature does not fill the functions of true literature, that it does not reflect the really great, that it on the contrary depicts and reflects predominantly the weaknesses of our times. Is it that there is actually less of creative literary genius? Or less of proper appreciation on the part of the reading public? Or a lowering of other standards? All of these are inter-related and all might be true. At any rate it is deplorable that so large a share of what is offered as literary production rises no higher than the so called popular mystery or detective short story, or that more inexcusable mixture of sex and psychology under whatever camouflaging of name it may be seen. Where are there any epics of modern life and achievement to compare with those of former generations? In the face of some very creditable productions one looks in vain for those that seem to make any strong bid for immortality or reflect sufficiently truly the best things of our time, to make them live for the future. With all of our modern acumen, we do not seem to be able to see clearly and express adequately the genuinely great the simple things of life which it takes to make immortal, both the author and the picture which he places in its true setting. One is led to think there is a dearth of really great living, or else a lack of true appreciation and of ability to express it in a high order of production.

But it is only fair to remind ourselves that this is a scientific age, and that man's creative imagination has performed wonders in creating a new modern world; that we have been so taken up with these new creations and have neglected the older forms of creative expression; that in reality, these creations are in themselves a true epic of our times. May I stretch the figure? Do we today, as we may once have done, buy the best books on the poetry of nature, for example, and seek pleasure, recreation and profit, as well as a better understanding of the beauty of nature, as seen by the poet; or do we get into that wonderful piece of creative imagination called an automobile and take ourselves and our friends to see the beauties of nature through our own eyes closer at hand? I think you will agree that there usually is a great difference in both the manner of approach and in the point of view. The personal satisfaction may be equally great, depending on the person, but personal satisfaction is not the only thing involved, nor is it the ultimate goal. What about the equally important power of expression and communication of ideas and their influences to others, upon which so much in our lives depend. In this matter I am like the little boy, who, when asked which he would have, apple or pumpkin pie, replied: "I'll take a little sliver of both, if you please." Frankly, I think we need and can have both, the new world of things with all their possibilities of beauty and service, and a literary world made as interesting, satisfying and as serviceable to our intellectual, moral and spiritual needs as the material things are to our physical and

mental requirements. These are not mutually exclusive. There is reason for believing that if the material side of life has for the time outstripped the other in progress, that the latter will in due time catch up with its partner in progress.

I can remember hearing this sentiment expressed more than once during my college experience: All great discoveries have already been made; there is little left and fewer opportunities since all the things which seem to be of most fundamental importance are known, and their applications must make progress until new discoveries are made. But what has happened instead? There have been more and greater discoveries within this century of a century than had been made in the entire previous century. Some of the new knowledge of magnetism, electricity and their way of working, there have followed: X-rays, wireless, radio, and the cosmic rays, and only a start has been made in using them. We are still limited by the fact that we do not know what they are. Here indeed is mystery for you, of a very different sort from the short story variety; mysteries promising far greater rewards for their solution. These things reach to the very limits of the measure of man's mind; but man will yet measure them.

And then, in the field of chemistry the venerated atom of the old chemistry has under the solvent action of mind, yielded ions, then electrons and protons, and finally though somewhat belated neutrons. And we wonder if that completes the interesting family derived from the old atomic theory. And, after finding out something about them, what may be able to be done with them is a game at which some of you, when you are fully ready, may play.

Then, in the field of the sciences of life, progress has been equally great. In fact as rapidly as new discoveries in the field of physics and chemistry have been made, their application to the problems in the biological sciences have been most important in the advancement of our knowledge of life. The living organisms are the workshop in which the indefinable spark of immortality under the rules set down is working out the plans of creation, ever climbing higher and higher. The cell theory with all its meanings has been the working principle, or the center of application of other means, by which we may some day be able to avoid the ills, and increase and preserve the best in the health and development in the present, and the improvement and preservation of the best in the future generations. Upon it is laid our knowledge of medicine, health and sanitation and laws of growth and inheritance. The chromosome theory of heredity, which is still in the making, is only one of its applications. By means of the cell theory we hope sometime to solve the riddle of the still unknown causes of all pathological states of living matter, and if possible put an end to the suffering due to those causes. With the discovery of evidences of invisible organisms, so small that they cannot be seen, a new technique will have to be developed to handle them. Then we hope that we may no longer be taken unaware by these invisible organisms lurking in now unknown proximities ready to break out in epidemics of any one of a dozen or more now common diseases. Surely such ends are worthy of the best that we have to offer to humanity.

It is perhaps in the field of the social sciences that the mills of the gods are grinding most crucially small. Man's tools and machines are sharply accused of stealing his jobs in many activities, through which he earns his bread by the sweat of his brow. The automobile and airplane not to mention the dirigible, are challenging the place long held by the railroads, and there are almost endless cases of conflicting activities and interests in other fields. While Einstein and some of his fellow scientists are trying to find and perfect a theory of relativity that will fit an outside universe, who will find a new relativity theory that will help every man to relate himself properly to a productive job or smooth out some of the difficulties existing between both smaller and larger groups of humanity? We were all delighted with the "Animadversions" of Dr. Lovell in his chapel talk the other day. He drew vivid pictures and, if I mistake not, he left decisions and our reactions up to our creative ability to think for ourselves. In the fields of social, racial, labor and international stresses and conflicts he pointed to live issues and cautiously and wisely pointed out one way of handling such vital questions. Often

it is not an easy way. For example: How can young, vigorous and overcrowded Japan and ancient and almost anachronistic and equally if not more crowded China be induced to meet and confer, deliberate and weigh and reach reasonable and just working agreement? Yet that is what ought to take place.

I shall not disturb further for you the great tapestry of life, either in your own place or in the world. It is yours to create, and it is yours to give. It is yours to which you contribute.

Miss Davis Wins Women's Championship

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Miss Davis, with a speech by Dr. Long of Kalamazoo College treating on "Is Science a Menace to Religion?"

Miss Davis' treatment of the real place for the American woman, building up a truly American culture, was given in even more effective manner than at the divisional finals at Calvin and it was a close decision that gave her second place. The winner of first place, Miss Elizabeth Murphy of Detroit City College, won out with a vigorous and telling attack on the modern cinema and the detrimental effects it is having upon an impressionable younger generation. The Albion orator, Miss Dorothy Hill, who placed third, centered her attack on the advertising methods of the day.

In the men's contest David Goldman of Detroit City College bitterly assailed the complacent indifference with which the activities of the modern gangster are viewed by a staid general populace. He was the only one of the men who obtained the absolute absence of tense expectancy from the audience. Albion's man, Meredith Walls, gave, through pointing out various symbols of civilization, the fate of the nation which refused to be influenced by new ideals. Gordon Fisher of Michigan State, who took third, showed how America must contribute something extra to the world to prove her place. He had the best worked out speech of the group but somehow failed slightly to put it over so well.

Borton Makes All-M.I.A.A. Court Team

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were put on the second team. Being a preacher's son did not affect Rice one bit, and he turned out to be a very valuable player. Halvery is only a Sophomore and therefore has chances for improvement.

Art Crawford was the only other Alma player to be mentioned. Crawford did not play spectacularly at guard, but he was dependable in the long run.

First Team	
Risley (Albion)	RF
Borton (Alma)	LF
Spoelstra (Hope)	C
Milakovic (Olivet)	RG
M. Schau (Kalamazoo)	LG
Second Team	
Kane (Olivet)	RF
B. Selby (Hillsdale)	LF
R. Schau (Kalamazoo)	C
Rice (Albion)	RG
Halvery (Olivet)	LG
Honorable Mention: Forwards	
Chapman (Albion); H. Dalman (Hope); Center—Schultz (Olivet); Guards—Crawford (Alma); Sullo (Olivet); and Selmecy (Kalamazoo.)	

National Fraternity Formed on Campus

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Inductoria of Officers
The members were initiated into this "deformed-reformed" chapter of this national brotherhood in the most solemn and ritualistic procedure, worthy of national commendation to be recognized by any respected secret brotherhood in this country.

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