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ALMA AND ALBION DIVIDE HONORS IN ANNUAL COLLEGE ORATORICAL CONTEST

Alma Representative Wins **First Place For First Time** In History

By M. Hendershot

The Annual Competitions of the Michigan Oratorical League were held in the First Presbyterian Church of this city last Friday afternoon and evening. The member-colleges of the Oratorical Association-Michigan State Normal, Albion, Olivet, Hillsdale, Kalamazoo, Hope, Calvin and Alma-were represented. The Women's Contest was held in the afternoon at two-thirty o'clock while the men spoke in the evening beginning at eight o'clock.

The contestants and delegations representing the colleges of the League were welcomed by the President of Alma College, Dr. H. M. Crooks, who was introduced by Mr. Harold King of Olivet, President of the League, and who spoke very briefly before the Women's Contest began in the afternoon. Dr. Crooks assured the delegations that Alma was honored in being host to the colleges of the League. He further reviewed the achievements of the Oratorical Association, stating that the participants of the past have gone out into the world of affairs and achieved considerable success in their chosen professions.

The competing speakers were students, obviously qualified to represent awarded the gold medal for her abiltheir several schools and to uphold the ity. Miss Ann Ess Dunning with honor of their respective Alma Maters.

the students of Alma review the Con- delivered by Miss Barbara Wilson of test, which, for the first time in the Olivet College took third place in the history of the College, was won by an competition. Miss Mary K. Eurt, rep-Alma orator. Homer Barlow, winner resenting Alma College, was rated of the Men's Contest, is most deserv- seventh by the judges in her presening of the honor which has been con- tation of "The Dream of the Ages."



Professor Roy Hamilton Head of Public Speaking Dept.

usually the case, was awarded. Women's Contest

The Women's Contest which was held in the afternoon was marked by Methodists Hurdle The Last excellent and interesting speaking and a diversity of subjects. Miss Margaret Sleigh of Albion College speaking cn the subject "You're a Member" outclassed her competitors and was "This Jargoning World" won the sec-It is with a great deal of pride that ond prize silver medal, and "Solitude"

ferred upon him. His ability in the for- Miss Burt opened the Contest in the

With two weeks of hard work on the play, "Craig's Wife" completed, the cast has the first two acts well in hand. With ten days still remaining before the play is presented, the cast will have sufficient time to master the final act and to polish the rough edges of the complete drama.

Tickets for the play are on sale this week. Student tickets are fifty cents for any seat in the theatre. You are urged to get your tickets early and have your seats reserved that you may have the best possible selection. Th Drama Club is deeply appreciative of the support given, by the students, faculty, and townspeople of Alma and this vicinity, to its previous productions, and has, as its very definite aim-to present a standard of plays which are worthy of your support.

The Drama Club is promising you one of its very finest productins in the Pulitzer prize drama by George Kelly, "Craig's Wife." M. H.

ALBION WINS RACE BY DOWNING ALMA

Barrier In Defeating Alma 35-29

After playing the Methodist Collegians off their feet in the first period and leading 17 to 13 at the half, Alma's M. I. A. A. aspirations went smash when Albion won 35 to 27 in a Daugherty's men just a little better. a great engineer.

WORK PROGRESSING ON "CRAIG'S WIFE" FUNERAL RITES FOR ALBERT P. COOK HELD IN COLLEGE CHURCH THURSDAY



Albert Perry Cook

A RESOLUTION

"The committee appointed by the President to draft a minute for the following:

We recognize that in the death of Professor Cook the college has lost a and services were not alone with and devoted and valuable servant, the to the institution in which he worked faculty a loyal and generous friend. and which he loved with rare devoscholastic attainments. A classical man, and here his prominence came scholar of rank in his student days, from work performed, (he was freyet it was probably in the applica. quently a chairman or a clerk); he hard finish. The game here Thursday tions of Mathematics and Physics night was the best and fastest of the that his mind found fullest and freest man, and his connections here brought year, a typical Alma-Albion fray with range. He could easily have become work, (he was often a treasurer or

Densmore caging a basket for the practical. Even education had to him ive office the place where work was

Sermon And Eulogy Pay Tribute To Respected **College Professor**

The funeral service for the late Albert P. Cook was held in the First Presbyterian Church last Thursday afternoon at three o'clock. Reverend Willis Gelston, pastor of the Church, officiated. Both the Pastor and President Harry Means Crooks paid tribute to the man who had served the Church, the City, and the College so faithfully and conscientiously for more than a quarter of a century. The funeral rites were concluded with interment in Riverside cemetery.

Below is printed the complete text of Dr. Crook's address:

"The years of Professor Cook's life are three score and ten. Humanity is always interested in the tale of the years. How long did he live ?, we ask. However, until the last few months, Professor Cook had not been classed as an old man. We have recently seen his strength go with such rapidity as to be unprepared for the sad event.

The deeds of a man are more interesting than the number of his years. faculty records relative to our late How did he touch and benefit human-Professor Albert P. Cook reports the ity? To how many was he dear, to how many helpful, to how many a

friend? Professor Cook's connections His was a mind capable of high tion. He was prominent as a churchwas highly regarded as a business secretary); he was a public official, The tussle started out with a bang, Professor Cook was essentially always finding in elective or appoint-

ensic field has been apparent in his afternoon and gave a very excelient ing won the local Contest, he at once of peace leads over the mountains of for the first time since his accident, began work with Professor Hamilton Tradition by the road of Learning, then started his evening's work with in preparation for the State Contest, Miss Burt has a very pleasing person- two points via the foul route. At and last Friday night so ably gave his ality and had her address well in hand this point Heartt came down hard on oration "Paradoxes" that he won a but was handicapped in that her voice the maples and suffered a twisted deserved victory over a field of able prohibits forcefulness. contestants. This victory makes Mr. Barlow Michigan's representative at in her oration entitled, "The Wheels of somewhat. Carlson got his eye trainthe Intersectional Contest which will Time," spoke for a little slacking of ed on the basket and with his countbe held in Cincinnati, Ohio next month the speed in the mad race of life. Her er plus another foul shot by Gray at which the winning orators from enunciation was fine and she gave a Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, very worth-while speech. Wisconsin and Michigan will speak.

test as it is traditional that the rep- was made by Miss Alice Bronson of put his team ahead with pretty dribresentative of the host College begin Hope College. Miss Bronson is a fin- bling which left Densmore in the dust the Contest. He was followed by Mr. John Dolfin, reprsenting Calvin Col- ience with her sincerity of manner. lege, who gave his oration "Torchbearers of Democracy." Mr. Dolfin's group was given by Miss Elinor Kiess was again knotted. Albaugh, who had oration was well-written and given in a very pleasing manner.

Mr. George Canon of Hillsdale CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR College, with the oration "The Challenge of Sixty Years" was one of the finest and most effective speakers of the evening. He certainly deserved the third place award and having two years of competition still before, has great opportunities for further success and recognition.

Representing Hope College, Mr. Michmershigen gave, in a manner re- ning in the Presbyterian church. vealing his fine training, his oration "Administering America." At the end of the Hope orator's speech the Girl's Sextette of the College rendered two numbers which were obviously appreciated by the audience and made possible a desirable break in the program matic appeal of the play which markof speeches.

Mr. Thomas Pollard, speaking for Christian Endeavor Sociey this year. Kalamazoo College, gave his oration "A Crusade for Peace" very effectively, his material being constructive FORMER ALMA GIRL and well-organized.

Mr. William Nolan of Michigan State College, with an oration on "Woodrow Wilson-President," paid many fine tributes to America's great Apostle of Democracy and war leader. His speech was delivered in a very sincere and impressive manner.

Clay, presenting "Something Better" suffering with influenza for about two pleaded for toleration and love on the weeks and although operations were part of Americans when dealing with the problems of immigration. The ideals presented were certainly most futile and she succumbed to the disworthy.

Mr. Harold Spiegel of Albion Col- last Sunday morning. lege, winner of second place, gave as his oration "Chain Store Minds." Perhaps one of Mr. Spiegels' most outstanding qualities was his ease and forcefulness of delivery. His work signed her contract to teach in Niles, was certainly well done and, as

A plea for human imagination Mr. Barlow spoke first in the con- under the title "The Poet's Share" ished speaker and impressed her aud- resulting in another two points. Some-The concluding oration of the first basket for a moment and the score (Continued on Page 3)

PRESENTS GOOD PLAY

Playing before an enthusiastic and out their difficulties which did little

Endeavor Society, last Sunday eve-

which tells the story of the conversion his cut knee, barely healed. Alma's of a native chief of Africa and his en- claim to an M. I. A. A. position countire village to Christianity, rather adds to than detracts from the dra-

ed it as decidely the best effort of the

DIES IN KALAMAZOO

Miss Helen Sharrar, a former Alma College student and resident of this was inserted back into the game to city, died early last Sunday morning use his height against Gray at center. in the Kalamazoo hospital. Miss Olivet's representative, Mr. Seth Sharrar contracted pneumonia after to be gone for the count rolled around made to save her life, they proved ease at about twelve-thirty o'clock

> The news of her death came as a severe blow to her many friends in on the score. That it did have can Alma. Miss Sharrar had but recently not be proved and so the game goes is Michigan next year.

ankle which necessitated time out for brought them up to a 6 to 2 lead. A counter by Pezet and Gussin tied the count in a few moments and the latter one let Earnie Gray loose under his replaced Heartt when injured, helped the cause with a free throw which spurred his mates on so that counters by Pezet and two by Gussin gave us a 15 to 10 lead. Albion took an evidently needed time out to straighten

able cast from the College Christian ly. This first half was undeniably all Alma. Gussin was showing one of his best brands of ball and that hand-The extreme simplicity of the plot, icapped with a football pad taped to ted for 12 of his mates' 17 points in this first period.

> The second half found an Albion team fighting for its laurels and they were not to be denied. Carlson trainfor two to tie the count at 19 all. Brown was the only Alma man to enter the scoring column during this time. And so the lead went first to Time after time shots which looked and then out of the hoop. The Alma men tied the count at 26 apiece after which they could not cope with the sharpshooting of Carlson, the agility of Gray and the luck of Albion's subs, Latta and Flemming. That the team played a more than regulation timed second half may have had some effect down in the books as a victory for the

Methodists in a hard fought game.

three previous years of participation oration in which she discussed the Earnie Gray, their lanky captain ad- young people for responsible positions man at the college-his teaching bein the College Oratorical Contest, in possibilities of peace. She gave her ded a point out of two free throws in life. Nor did he believe in halfway ing in elementary Latin, where drill each of which he was awarded the sec- speech an allegorical treatment, show- before the Maroon and Cream could means. There was, therefore, in his is essential; his secretaryship to the ond position. This year, however, hav- ing that man's journey to the valley get going. Gussin, back in the game high schools a strong trend towards board of trustees provided eleven recommended, he practiced the strenuous life.

> He had a strong sense of civic duty, and served Alma both as alderman and mayor at a time when there was no salary connected with these offices. the city.

No civic office where he could renserved his ward on the board of supervisors for years, and was a real rested secure in his absolute and un-Solon in that body. All difficult problems were handed to him for solution. The college is richer because of his great service, and we, as a faculty. because of his fine example. Both are much poorer now because both have vice as secretary to the Board of lost a friend."

LE CIRCLE FRANCAIS

plans for the future were discussed. Miss Lewise Salmon, Miss Margaret prise the program committee while Mr. Joseph Taylor was appointed play director.

It is the aim of the society to meet ed his guns for 4 points and E. Gray every other Wednesday, to speak only French at the meetings and to have programs on art, music and literature. The Club intends to put on several rather clever French plays. Each member is assessed the sum of five one team and then another. Heartt cents at every meeting, plus a cent for every English word which is used. The Club is looking forward to a successful organization and many honesty. The trustees of the college profitable and enjoyable evenings to- saw his work from many sides and gether. Membership is limited to declared it good; faculty members those taking advanced French courses.

POMEROY ENTERTINED MONDAY

of very delightful saxaphone solos. -Sonny Boy, Carolina Moon, Saxo-Millan.

visitors in the first minute of play. the very definite purpose of preparing needed; he was teacher and business college; and in college he not only months of residence and work in Alma, while most of his colleagues had longer vacations. Deeds filled his years; work was prominent in this man's scheme of life.

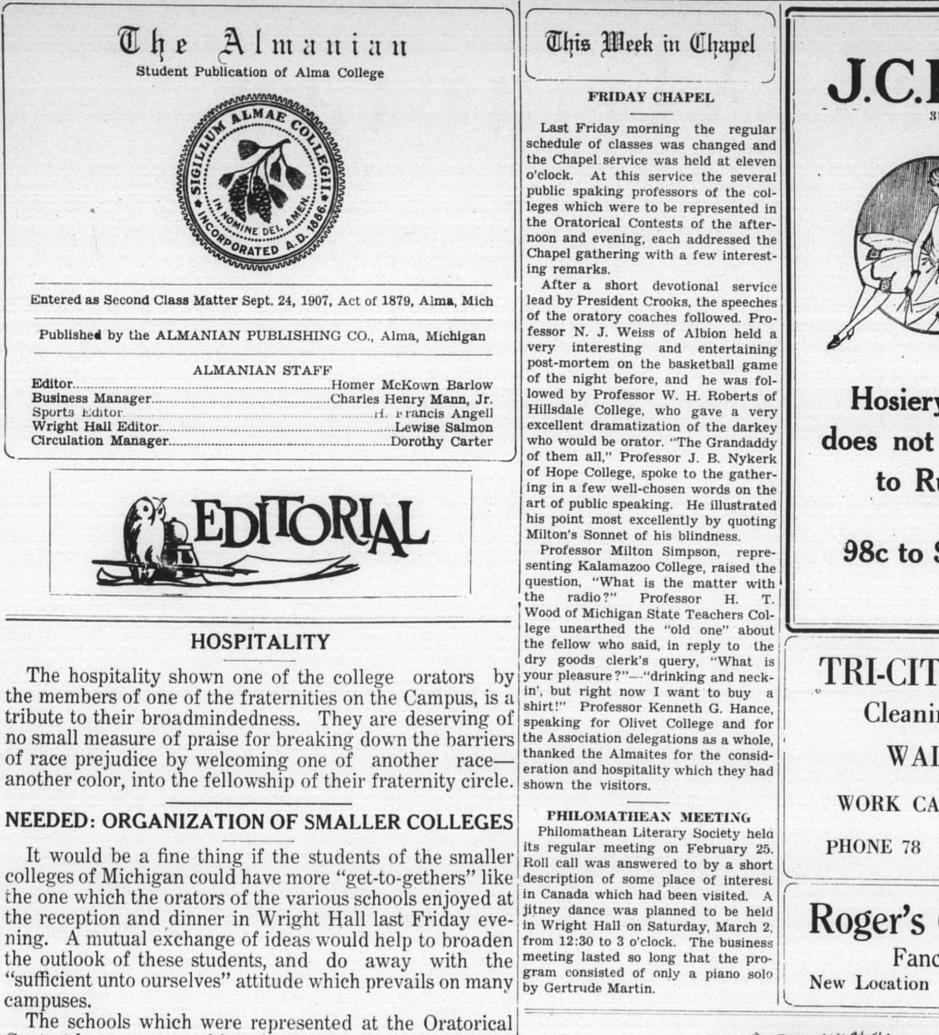
Professor Albert Perry Cook came to Alma College in 1902. He has Miss Sue Ekna of Calvin College taping as well as hindering his game His indefatigable energy and high served with three presidents of the engineering skill were invaluable to college. Each one of them has trusted him with confidential matters without fear; each one has had every der a service was beneath him. He assurance of the completeness and accuracy of his records; all have changing honesty his punctilious regard for the obligations of the college, and his own high standards of business honor.

In Professor Cook's term of ser-Trustees there have been five chair-FACULTY COMMITTEE. men of that body. No one of them failed to recognize his loyalty, his honesty and his business judgment. For many years he served without ORGANIZES FOR YEAR bond, bond being of late years required only because of increasing On Wednesday evening, February business custom, not because there appreciative audience, the missionary for the half ended after Gussin sank 20, 1929, Le Circle Francais was for- was ever question of integrity. As he play "Kajundu" or "From Fear of the a long bucket and Gray and Carlson mally organized under the direction was cognizant of the board's relations Enemy" was enacted by a very cap- added one and two points respective- of Miss Margaret Foley, faculty ad- with individual faculty members, and viser and sponsor. Officers were at once an official of the board (the elected, committees appointed and employers) and an officer of the faculty (the employees), he was required Miss Helen Frances Miller was to possess a sense of discretion, a elected president and Miss Kathryn judicial attitude, and a discrimination: Boyd was chosen secretary-treasurer. all of which qualities were manifest. In his service as treasurer he was Roberts and Mr. Francis Wood com- economical and careful of detail. He looked for high standards among students. He desired students to learn the value of promptness and the exactness which surely impresses business men. The college treasurer who attempts to teach business qualities to careless youth has one of the most difficult campus assignments. It is not easy to keep a nice balance between good business practice and sympathetic collection of fees. Easy treatment of debtors generally encourages carelessness if not diswere nis friends and respected his accuracy.

> To what heights of scholarship Professor Cook might have risen had he given all his life to teaching, we Mr. Leland Pomeroy entertained cannot know. Possessed of Phi Beta the students and Faculty during the Kappa scholarship, with a mind quick Student Chapel period with a group to grasp and yet untiring in sustained effort, with an active sense of humor, He was accompanied in his numbers with a profound regard for scholars and scholarship, it is easy to believe peal-by the Misses Miller and Mac- that it was his interest in and atten-

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serve as effective clearing-houses for the general problems confronting the students of the universities and larger colleges, but as mediums for settling the particular problems of the smaller schools of any given section of the country, these N. S. F. A. conventions are dismal failures.

Contest have so many things in common, that a periodical open forum discussion of their problems would be most advantageous to all of the colleges concerned. The conventions sponsored by the National Student Federation

There is a very definite need for an organization of the smaller colleges of the State which will bring them together, not for the purpose of furthering forensic or athletic activities, but to discuss and settle the student problems which confront them all.

"PHONE MONOPOLY"

Last week a typical Wright Hall phone conversation appeared in the Campusology column, and although the joke was seemingly on the students whose names were mentioned; in reality, the joke is on the whole student body. "Phone monopoly" is a plague which has recently befell our Campus. If you don't believe it, just sit down to your phone some night between the hours of seven and eleven and try to call Wright Hall. You will immediately come face to face with the Great Futility. For the operator will wearily rejoin, after you have solicitously asked for "five-nine" for the twentieth time, that "the line is busy!" Of course, now that spring is just over the horizon, these talkative lovers can alleviate the pains of sex-segregation by airing their amorous thoughts in the traditional haunts of the Hood Museum.

"Phone monopoly" is not the only evil which makes "five-nine" a futile consummation devoutly to be wished, for even when the line isn't busy (better, when the "lines" aren't busy) you can call the Hall for an hour and no one answers the phone. Possibly some arrangement could be made among the "inmates" whereby somebody would be responsible to answer the phone when it rings.

CAMPUSOLOGY Any girl wishing to become a member of the "A" Club please consult Edgar Karpp. Ask Dean Mitchell. "Gus" and his "gang" were up from horse to water, Em, but you can't Parma for the Albion game. Max make him drink. tells us that Albion and Parma are old rivals. "Al" Dean is working overtime

now! He was seen "walking the beat" early Saturday morning. Anyway "Al" says that "the early bird catches the worm," and competition certainly Tony had a little Lamb is pretty keen.

Logan claims that Karpp passed The Lamb was sure to worry. the cigars last week!

"Ed" says that Logan hasn't an awful lot to say!

Some fellows can't stand a little publicity-Forbes has been sick in bed for a week!

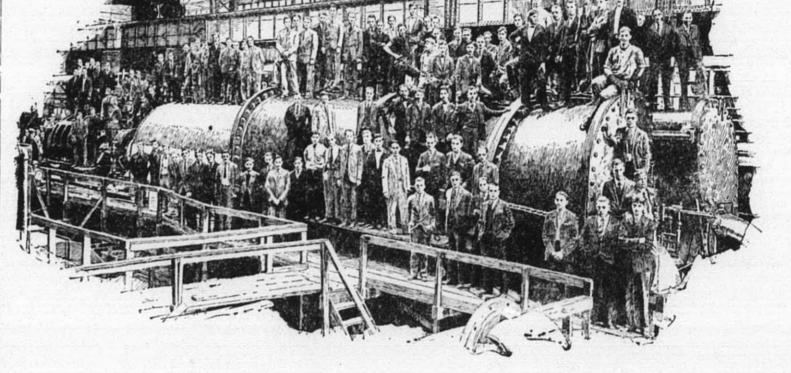
Emily was "stranded" at the altar last Sunday night. You can take a

Apparently Bill Owen takes his fun where he finds it.

Yes Perry, the Saturday night shows are eighty cents. No popcorn.

Whose hair was light and curly. Every time that Tony went

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ALPHA THETA MEETING

The regular meeting of the Alpha Theta Literary society was called to order by the vice-president, Frances Colwell. Roll call was answered to by a review of a modern novel. A paper, "The Impressions of Mary Roberts Rhinehart" was read by Betty Glass. Helen Logan and Mary Elden took the affirmative and Helen Long and Helen Temple, the negative, in an impromptu debate "Resolved that English Literature should be compulsory in Alma College." The judges, Gertrude Williams, Dorothy Carter and Elizabeth Sidebotham gave the decision in favor of the neg ative.

Funeral Rites For Albert P. Cook

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tion to business that kept him from a very high place in strictly scholastic lines. In his Latin classes, he was sympathetic, painstaking, precise. No one was ever heard to question his knowledge of the subject. The students who were in these classes were his best friends and were vocal in expressions of appreciation.

Indeed, as I think of the life of this very loyal and valued friend of the College, my most intimate business associate for thirteen and a half years, I am convinced that, had he given himself to business alone, he would undoubtedly have been a wealthy man of probably varied interests; had he taught and taught to the exclusion of all else, he would have risen very high; had he followed his bent toward public service by accepting appointment to some government post, he would have been a notable public officer; had he chosen engineering for his field he would surely have accomplished notable enterprises.

As a college officer he made his place in the community. We of the College have pictures of him as he stopped to greet a child, seldom passing one without notice; as he walked with vehement straightforwardness on that unwavering path from his house to the college-as straight as his own path of restitude; as he selectthe counter in the old business office;

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of Hillsdale College, who spoke on the subject "The Religion of Youth." Miss Kiess gave her subject matter an interesting and novel treatment and presented a very excellent defense for the modern youth in his religious thinking.

The Girl's Sextette of the College accompanied by Miss Miller then very pleasingly sang a group of numbers which rested both the speakers and listeners. The speaking was resumed by Miss Ann Ess Dunning of Kalamazoo College, who presented her very entertaining and practical discourse on "The Jargoning World." She pointed out the hidden and apparent evils which threaten "slangy" America, and showed that our carelessness and thoughlessness is a menace to our whole national well-being.

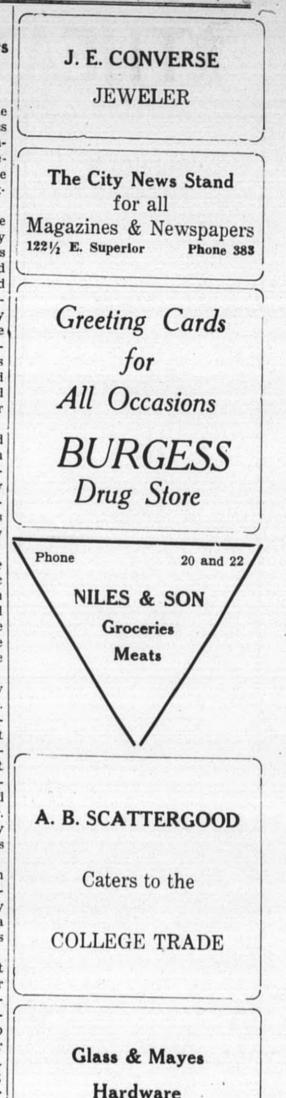
"The Sheep of Panurge" delivered by Miss Evelyn Krasney of Michigan State Normal College was a very effective argument against the "follow the leader" instinct which is omnipresent in our modern society. Her's was a plea for a little individuality of dress, living and thinking.

Miss Barbara Wilson, winner of the bronze medal, speaking on the topic 'Solitude" made a plea for a break in the rush and swirl of our industrial age. Her purpose was to encourage introspection among the people of the world, so that thy might consider the finer, more idealist thoughts.

The concluding oration delivered by Miss Margaret Sleigh was superb. The Albion orator reminded her hearers that our American society is just one continual round of "memberships," and that ,although it was not her purpose to discourage the gregarious instinct of man, she believed that a few inhibitions are. in order. The address was delivered excellently and sparkled with humor and incidents of human interest.

At the conclusion of the afternoon Contest the various delegations repaired to Wright Hall where they were delightfully entertained at Tea by Dean Steward and Mesdames Crooks and Hamilton.

Much of the success of Alma's part in the Contests is due to Professor ed the right diploma for each senior Roy Hamilton, who coached the oraat commencement; as he stood behind tors, and to Mr. Francis Angell, Manager of Oratory and Debate, who as he hurried to Wright Hall, with made the necessary arrangements for some tool, to bring first aid to a burnt- the staging of the Contests in Alma. out fuse or to some break in the Another Oratorical Contest is over; steam line. But we shall remember and may it serve to stimulate an in-





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