

## Personals.

Mrs. E. D. Paulin, (Frankie Metcal) is visiting her friends in Alma College and St. Thomas.

Miss Carrie Collamer is very pleasantly established in a clerkship in the Registry office, Kansas City.

We hear that Miss Fannie Waldron is still busy with her music diligently improving the skill she so faithfully cultivated while at Alma.

Rev. Thomas Bone, the sailor's missionary, has made his annual visit, and delivered a short and very earnest address before the students.

Rev. Dr. Potts, Secretary of Education for the Methodist church, preached educational sermons in the First Methodist church on the 10th inst.

Miss Enid Donly, of Simcoe, has gone home owing to continued illness of her mother. Miss Enid made many friends, and will receive a warm welcome when she returns to Alma.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. D. Gustin, of Alexander, Man., with their little daughters, Lillie and Pearl, lately visited Professor and Mrs. Warner. Mrs. Gustin is Professor Warner's sister.

Word has reached the ALMAFILIAN office that Miss Lizzie Cattle, C. S., '85, has given her hand in marriage to some fortunate man whose name we did not learn. We shall be glad to get particulars for next number.

One day last week letters came to the College from Miss Maggie George, who is teaching a school in Colorado, and from Miss Eugenie Dupuch, of Nassau, Bahamas Islands, who is at present in London, England, pursuing her studies.

Miss A. E. Brotherhood, so well known and lovingly remembered by students of former years, is at her father's home at Fingal, and is very busily at work at her studies in Anglo-Saxon and Early English, besides being earnestly engaged in church activities.

Mr. and Mrs. Youmans, of the McDougall orphanage, Morley, N. W. T., lately dined with Principal and Mrs. Austin. Mr. Youmans briefly addressed the students, describing the work of the orphanage, and he and Mrs. Youmans sang some Cre hymns very pleasantly.

The frank and universally esteemed Miss Kate Reynolds, of Morpeth, has returned home, having finished the term of her entry. Mr. Reynolds has put a large number of bricks into both the Alma buildings, but better still he has had both his daughters in the College as students, and both have left the most favorable impression for staidness and considerate deportment. Everybody hopes to see Miss Kate soon again a student in the halls of Alma.

## Notice.

Whereas in the December number of the ALMAFILIAN there appeared in the "College echoes" the following:—"Fish are law-abiding citizens, they always vote by going to the polls. And whereas this contains an unwholesome pun; and whereas there is good reason for believing that this was contributed to the ALMAFILIAN by a vice president of the Anti-Pun Society, therefore an emergency meeting of the Society is called to meet in the third flat west bath-room the first day the governess goes down town, that this supposed flagrant violation of constitution of the society may be investigated.

Signed,

NANCY PROPERTALK,

Secretary.

N. B. Bring the T and K in show! traps.

N. P.

Gratitude is the fairest blossom that springs from the soul.

## Notes.

Dangerous associates—Those who are dressed to kill.

Prof. Hyttenrach and his pupils will give a recital the last of this month.

Could not the Literary Society hold its regular meeting a little more regularly. How about the Y?

Rap, rap, rap! My, what a start that rap gave me! Oh! Yes, that is the lesson. Well she must have ironclad knuckles to bang like that.

We have heard of persons going into a drug store and inquiring for nails, but the latest oddity is a young lady going into a hardware store to buy wooden clothes pins.

Invitations for teas have recently been seen in London printed on post cards, a device which certainly saves time and trouble, but the same can hardly be described as dignified.

The preparatory room has been seated with Stahlhelm's model double desk, and the principal's room with the single desk of the same maker. The desks give great satisfaction.

It is computed on careful statistics that during 1888 the conversion of heathens to Christianity was at the rate of one for every four dollars contributed by the world to missions.

The January meeting of the Alma College Missionary Society was addressed most acceptably by Rev. E. J. Treleven, of Chatham. The college choir, led by Prof. Hyttenrach, sang effectively the antiphon.

Mr. A. H. Cogswell, Thameford, has sold his beautiful farm, and will, with his family, go to California this spring, to sojourn there two years. Miss Cogswell and Miss Bessie Cogswell are to visit the college before leaving Ontario.

Dr. Potts reports \$235,000 of subscription in hand, \$24,000 cash and \$64,000 of the above subscription pledged to be paid in April, so that the prospect of having the \$100,000 in hand by the first of May, for building operations very good. Toronto has now contributed \$168,000.

Two of the teachers were seen purchasing stoves and considerable housekeeping furniture. Of course the knowing ones said that meant housekeeping, and just as like as not these teachers were going to get married during the Christmas holidays. However these teachers are in their places and as thoroughly absorbed in their work of teaching as though marriage were twenty years ahead.

Thanks, very many thanks to this former student, who lives not more than 100 miles from Springfield. Yes, send on all the book agents you can find, dear friend. We need books. We are just out of books. We have books. We can't exist without books. We are hankering especially for the hash order of books—these books that contain everything and are considered so useful for holding centre tables down.

It is wonderful what a lack of conscience some girls show on the candy question. They will squander every cent they can get hold of for candy. Many girls who can ill afford such expenditure will take every advantage of occasions when they must be entrusted with money to make all kinds of excuses for extra expenditure, for every prosessed purpose, except the real purpose,—the purchase of candy. Pull out the sweet teeth.

The December number of the *Christian Advocate*, published semi-weekly, at Yokohama, Japan, by Rev. G. F. Draper, has been received and is most cordially welcomed to the sanctified spot in our sanctum. Mail'd Dec. 18th in Japan, it reached this office 10th ult. How marvellous all this seems to those who in their school days read about "Jealous China, strange Japan." Rev. Dr. Ely has a leading place on the staff of the paper. And while the bulk of the paper is printed in Japanese, yet the few pages devoted to English are so full of

interest, that any English reader should not fail to enjoy the visits of this messenger from the east. The subscription price of this paper is only 40 cents per annum. Any of the readers of the ALMAFILIAN who may be interested in this member of the family of Advocates, should address all business communications to Rev. Dr. Schwartz, 15 Tsukiji, Tokyo, Japan.

Some persons in Japan have discovered that Victoria College is situated at St. Thomas. At least so it is judged, for recently a parcel having a Japanese postage stamp on it came to the ALMAFILIAN office with this address:—Acta, Victoria College, St. Thomas, Ont., Canada. Perhaps federation will get Victoria sufficiently out of the woods that people outside Ontario will know where to find the sanctum of Acta.

And so the ladies of the Women's Franchise Association have been presenting their plea for an extension of the municipal suffrage, now granted to widows and spinners to the vote for members of parliament. Their addresses to the Attorney-General of Ontario and the members of the cabinet are described as cogent, logical and witty, and doubtless we may all win. And the cautious Premier, who takes every subject into his "serious consideration" expressed the hope that he might remain in office long enough to see their request granted. Some of his enemies will hope for a speedy answer to the ladies' prayer, and that for several reasons.

The profound apathy of Protestants over that outrage upon all decency, morality and justice, the grant of nearly half a million to the sworn enemies of civil and religious liberty, the results of the Quebec Government, is the one alarming sign of the times. It is idle to say that Ontario has nothing to do with this since the bankrupt government that is acting as the tool of the Papacy in making the grant will exact further subsidies from the Dominion Government, and the money will, sooner or later, be paid by the Protestants of Ontario, for ending in the heart of the Dominion the worst enemies to freedom the world has known. What is to be done about it, no one knows. Yet every true Canadian feels that the grant is a step toward the dark ages, an pregnant with danger to civil and religious liberty. We beg to make a suggestion and propose a great Protestant Convention to be held in Toronto, in May, in which the various Protestant churches of Canada shall have equitable representation, for the consideration of this question and for taking such united action relating thereto as may seem desirable. Who will second this motion?

## Newly Invented Rule.

NEW STUDENT.—Do you really have to tell?

STUDENT.—Well if you don't tell you'll find out fast enough.

NEW STUDENT.—Oh, dear, I don't want to. I don't know, I just like George awful and Charlie is too nice for anything, so I can't tell her which and don't want to tell her both.

STUDENT.—That's the rule. Every girl has got to tell the governess who her best fellow is.

NEW STUDENT.—If I have to tell I'll just say both, that's all.

## Marriages.

DRYDEN—STOREY—On the 23rd inst., by the Rev. G. A. Gifford, M. A., Ph. D., at the residence of the bride's father, Acton, Dr. J. R. Dryden, of Rockwood, to Miss Jennie Storey, daughter of W. H. Storey, Esq., Reeve of Acton, Ont.

HOCKEY—HENDERSON—At the residence of the bride's father, on the 30th ult., by the Rev. J. E. Hockey, assisted by the Rev. R. Redmond, Havelock Hockey, of Dereham, to Miss Maud, daughter of Wm. P. Henderson, Esq., of Arksong, Ont.