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How Should Alma be Improved?

A number of the Alumni were recently invited to discuss briefly one phase of the following question, "How may Alma College be improved in a literary, social, moral, religious, fraternal, athletic or material way of advantage to students, faculty and alumni?" The following replies have been received. Others will be published in a later edition of the Almanian.

BE INTERESTED IN ALMA ALUMNI.
Rev. Louis Brooke, '96, Howell.

LET me make a suggestion—a familiar one. If you want to interest the Alumni, only be interested in them. Give, and it shall be given unto you. The best move Alma has made in five years was to put Prof. Randells on the faculty. There are others like him and Prof. Mitchell. We want them there, too. Let Alma respect her own Alumni by putting them on her teaching force. They have the Alma idea, as no one else has it. They can carry it out as no others can. Let Alma re-

spect herself, and she will gain in the estimation of the people of Michigan, as in no other way.

MONEY AND MEN.

Hugh N. Ronald, '03, Princeton.

IT is primarily the business of a co-educational college to produce manly men and womanly women. To accomplish this end two things are mainly necessary. First, suitable raw material to be worked upon, and second, a corps of experts, keen in scholarship and strong in character, to do the work of moulding the raw material at hand in four

brief years into the finished product desired. The two great problems then, for every progressive college to solve are, how to attract to its halls youth who have in them the making of strong men and women, and how to secure a faculty of instructors qualified to train these youth in all-around manhood and womanhood—and these two problems resolve themselves into one, for the problem of securing desirable students is solved when the faculty problem is solved. For after all it is not winning teams, nor progressive advertising, nor luxurious dormitories that **draw** new students of the better sort. These things may **attract** but the thing that **draws** is a reputation for scholarship and culture, and this depends not entirely, but to a large degree upon the faculty.

The improvement of the faculty therefore, is the thing most to be desired. Many of our institutions are recognizing this fact. The president of Washington and Jefferson believes that our church colleges can only hope to compete successfully with the great universities in drawing students when the former can offer as good instruction as the latter. Princeton University adds to her teaching staff this year fifty preceptors. Thirty-six of them are Ph. D's. They draw salaries of \$2,000 a year and work under full professors who get \$5,000. Next year fifty more preceptors will be added. Princeton Seminary received during the past summer a bequest of one

and three-quarters million dollars. Most of the income of this gift will go to strengthen a faculty already strong.

Nothing is further from the mind of the writer than to criticise the faculty of his Alma Mater, every member of which he holds in the highest personal regard. But if an alumnus of two years' standing be entitled to an opinion on the subject of Alma's greatest need, I would say that I believe our need is the same as Princeton's—a larger and stronger faculty. This costs money, but it pays abundantly in rich and strong manhood and womanhood.

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APPRECIATE ALMA.

Paul H. Bruske, '08, Detroit.

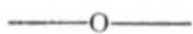
HOW to improve Alma College—what a wealth of suggestion could have been furnished on this theme by a member of the class of '98, had he been approached with the query in '96. In '97 he would have been almost as ready and little of his fertility as a source of pointers to trustees and faculty would have been lost in his senior year. Yet, as time passes and Alma becomes more of a retrospect, there is at least one member of the class mentioned whose ideas of reforming his Alma Mater have become radically modified.

Any college is merely what its students make it. Ample facilities are present, by taking advantage of which the pursuit of that all-around development characteristic of the college man or woman may be brought to a successful end. All of

us believe that Alma is a little ahead of any of the other colleges, in the opportunities which it offers. Still, it is the spirit in which these facilities are utilized, that really counts.

Compared with the student bodies of the average universities Alma's undergraduates show an infinitely superior appreciation of their advantages. All of us, again, believe that Alma students have always pursued their courses with a zest and determination superior to the average in other sectarian schools of higher learning, yet, regarding the present student body in the light of the one which the writer knew, lack of earnestness of purpose—failure to adopt and maintain a course of study designed to prove of practical advantage as well as affording in after life that moral satisfaction peculiar to the man who knows and is glad he knows—seems to me to be the real need at Alma College.

This failure to properly appreciate and profit by the advantages afforded at Alma College is certainly a source of deep regret to one alumnus who has wished from the bottom of his heart that he might once more tread the halls of his college, a verdant but this time, a determined freshman.



INDEPENDENT BUREAU OF SPECIAL LECTURES AND ADDRESSES.

William Winton, '04, Ithaca.

THE best collection of addresses on any subject pertaining to the various professions, businesses and pursuits of men are those which

you will find when you draw from a library a volume entitled, "Yale Lectures," "Harvard Lectures," "Oxford Lectures." Such contributions in our large universities are sometimes secured only thru great effort and greater expense.

A source of constant regret to me during my course at Alma was that so few of the many distinguished men and women visiting Alma were engaged to address the student body on the theme most vital to their different callings.

I believe that it is amply possible for the faculty to establish an independent bureau of special lectures and addresses. There are not less than (25) twenty-five excellent professional and business men in Michigan who would be glad at different times to address the students on themes of special interest.

A fund of two hundred dollars would provide sufficient expense considerations and the opportunity rightly presented would be taken gladly by men who desire to bring the special message of their business or profession into active sympathy among young people. At present the common mediums of exchange between the world and the college is a newspaper where both criticize each other freely and at long range.

The average college graduate feels lost in the business world until he has found his place and learned many things which the average professor is unable to impart to him. Despite the occasional levity among students let a prominent business or

professional man speak a real live message and he will be gladly heard. Such a friendly reciprocity of thought and feeling would place both the college and its critics on a higher plane.

How many of Alma's numerous benefactors have ever graced their gifts by addressing the student body? If one-half of the things which are said by good and wise men at commencement time were spoken during the year, commencement itself would be a doubly important event.

In contrast to the few special addresses given at Alma, there is one Michigan school which holds nearly half of its students by the exceptional advantages afforded along this one line. You may hear Booker T. Washington on the race problem, Sydney Jackson on insurance and its management, and a hundred others.

Alma had one such address a few years ago from Colonel Parker and it was still grated when "04" wore the cap.

Wm. J. Bryan gave as good an argument for the superior advantages of the small college as has ever been listened to.

Why could not these privileges be multiplied, a small committee appointed to invite speakers at opportune times and perhaps another to solicit the small expense consideration necessary?

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A HINT ON ATHLETICS.

Pearl Fuller, '03, Hibbing, Minn.

IT would be presumptuous for one, who has had the narrow experience of a college course, to con-

struct forms of radical change for the methods already in use in the several branches of college activities. However by request I will give a few ideas which might tend to improvement.

Thinking, perhaps someone else will expand upon the possibility of a chair of oratory, I will pass that by.

Laboratory accommodations also, are too inadequate and, would require too much space for this article.

Physical culture could be greatly improved and made more effective if given a different standing from that which it now has. At present the maximum amount of energy is spent in developing teams. The chief desire being, to have winning teams, all else being sacrificed to that end. Knowing all the joy of possessing winning teams, I also remember how difficult it is to keep those teams winning from year to year under the present system of athletics. If some scheme could be devised so that the supply of athletes would not be exhausted at the first call a good foundation would be laid for winning teams and the first cause of college athletics would not be neglected—namely, sufficient exercise for all.

The athletic director should be more than coach. His duties should require him to spend all of his time at the business for which he is secured. His position should be made equal to the others of the faculty—as in Chicago University where the

athletic director is professor of athletics.

Athletic exercises should be made to rank with other activities by giving credit for a certain number of hours per week and fix a required number for graduation in any department. A sufficient number of periods should be provided so that comfortable sized classes could be conducted without friction. Each class should convene sufficiently often to preserve interest and secure

results. This scheme of periods should be given a permanent place on the official program and no one allowed to classify without the athletic hour tacked on to his schedule. Whether this scheme is feasible or not one thing is certain, until every student in Alma College is getting his or her daily exercise under the eye of a competent director, physical culture will be more or less a farce in Alma College.



Is Football Necessary to the Existence of a College?

HAROLD G. GAUNT.

THE rapidity with which football has spread throughout our country since its inception in 1876, has been nothing short of marvelous. Up to this date Rugby football was practically unknown in the United States, what was played before that time being a perversion of the English association style of football, and resembling the game as now played in few respects. But within little more than a quarter of a century the game of football has invaded the schools, colleges, and universities of our land, and attained a popularity second to no sport indulged in by the American youth. We have come almost to regard the game as a necessary part of our school life, especially in the institution of higher learning where it has attained its

highest perfection. But is this game of such fascinating interest indispensable to the life of a college? This is the question which I wish to discuss and if possible arrive at a reasonable conclusion.

The football enthusiast will immediately answer in the affirmative, and the professor who is without interest or sympathy in the game, will probably take the opposite view. But we must not look to either of these classes for the answer to our question. In attempting to discuss a subject of this sort we must be careful not to let personal opinion or popular prejudice stand in the way of reason and fact. This is a difficult thing to do in considering a subject of such widespread interest and about which public opinion does not

concur. Hence we must give it careful and unbiased consideration and draw our conclusions accordingly.

We may say that football serves two purposes in a college. It is a means to an end, and it is an end in itself. A college has come to be known largely by its gridiron record and a football team is a great advertising medium. But football is more than this—it exists for a definite end, that of development. I will not say mere physical development for I believe and hope to show that it stands for a broader development than this, and has a direct influence upon the moral life of those who participate in the game.

I think we will quite agree that football serves both these uses, that it is an advertising factor and that it produces development, but cannot a college exist without the game which fulfils these two purposes? It is not at all likely that any institution would be compelled to close its doors today if the authorities should forbid the playing of football among its students. But we can easily imagine that there would be a falling-off in attendance, and that the college could not maintain its former standard as an educational institution. It would probably be only a half-existence, not a real, active, growing life. This may seem to be overdrawn but it is nevertheless a fact, that in a material sense, football has come to be a necessary part of the life of a college, vitally connected with its very existence.

But football does more than make

a name for an institution. We need not point out what football does for the physical development of the players. But I wish to speak of another side of the game, namely its ethical purpose. Charles F. Thwing says: "Football represents the inexorable. It embraces the things that must be done at specific times, places, and in specific ways. College life has a side which is built up of many **musts**. This side is represented by football. Every member of the eleven must train, must practice, must endure risks, must mingle with his fellows, must keep his temper, and must obey his captain. From the top to the bottom and from the bottom to the top of a high wall of heavy obligations the football man is constantly and unerringly obliged to go."

There is more than mere theory in this quotation. Football has its "ethical relations and functions" as much as its physical use. In summing up the ethical purposes of the game, Dr. Thwing adds: "Football represents the inexorable, it teaches the value of the positive, it illustrates the worth of a compelling interest. it promotes self-discovery, and it disciplines self-restraint."

In these and many other ways football tends to the highest development of its participants. Of course there are many players who do not derive these benefits from the game. They cannot resist the temptation to slug the man whom they think is playing a rough game. They give way to temper and fail to receive the disciplinary training which is constant-

Some Old-Time Captains.



*CHARLES WESLEY SIDEBOTHAM.
Captain 1898*



*WM. ELTON BROCK.
Captain 1899*



*WATSON B. ROBINSON.
Captain 1900*

ly afforded them. But this is nothing against the game and should not be set down to its discredit.

There are, however, serious evils connected with the game of football as played in American colleges, and we should not attempt to depreciate them. But these evils relate largely to the conduct of the game and its incidental conditions rather than to its essential elements. And we must not condemn a game unless there is a preponderance of evil over the good connected with it. Many would do away with football simply because of its roughness and the liability of accident connected with the game. Regarding this, Walter Camp says: "A point often brought up and one which always receives more discussion than any other connected with the sport, is whether the rules can or could be altered so as to eliminate the danger of accident. There are certain years when the game seems to be particularly prolific of temporary cripples. This matter has been argued out so many times that the very existence of the sport is probably conclusive evidence that the injuries are not in the main sufficiently serious or lasting to overbalance the good derived from the game. Attacks may be made upon it, but in the long run it seems endowed with a sufficiently enduring vitality, and that most naturally ought to be taken as a fair evidence of the satisfaction that its adherents or victims find in it."

The fact that a few weeks ago President Roosevelt called a confer-

ence of the football coaches of the leading universities of the East to discuss the game, and if possible to suggest means of doing away with accident, shows the attitude of public sentiment. We can be assured that all possible means will be taken in the future to eliminate the possibility of injury to the football player.

It may seem that a discussion of the benefits of football does not have a direct bearing upon the subject of whether or not a college can afford to be without the game. But if football is a benefit to the player, is it not a benefit to the college, and if it aids in the highest development of the participant, is it not necessary to the existence of the institution? We can only imagine what a college would be like without football. It would probably still continue to exist should the game be thrown out, but we can hardly conceive of it as a growing, progressive institution. Certainly then, the game of football is necessary to the highest and best existence of a college and indispensable to the life of the institution.

Razzle—dazzle—bing—bang,
 Woo, Wow, Wang,
 Hobble—gobble—ring—rang,
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 Olivet, Ypsi, U. of M.,
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 Alma, Hope and Kalamazoo,
 M. A. C. and Normal too.
 If you would succeed,
 Do as we've done,
 Michigan, Michigan,
 Second to none.

Another Voice from Lakeside.

RUTH BRISTOL

LAKESIDE has been described to us by a former article. Its rocky shore, signifying gigantic strength of will, moral, muscle, as it has been called, and its majestic trees, which, towering away above you, make you long to make the influence of your life reach up and out, that it may help others. Below the hotel about a mile is the light-house standing out white and clear, staunch, in its place, ready for its mission, what an example! How much the nature of the place has to do with the spirit and the feeling at Lakeside, no one but he who has experienced it may tell.

When we came back all that we could say was, "We can't tell you the half, if only you had been there, if only every girl in Wright Hall, had been." For everything certainly works together for good at Lakeside to them who have hearts that they are willing to just fill with the Christ love.

On the last Sunday evening when we were all gathered in the Auditorium for the closing and, as was truly said the most impressive service of the conference, each girl was asked to give in a few words the thought that had done her life the most good while there. The answer on every side was, "I am thankful for prayer, a new realization of God as our

Father, to whom we may go in every little trial of daily life." It was certainly the prevailing spirit and was fairly breathed into us by each leader of the conference.

Another feature that I was especially pleased with was the state delegation unity. Each evening after the service our delegation meeting was held and here in our quiet hour, perfect peace and harmony reigned, Alma, Albion and M. A. C. side by side, and state patriotism filled us.

One day in the ten was called college day and it was truly so. That evening all the girls were dressed in white and each state delegation were seated together. The Ohio was the largest, Indiana, Illinois, Pennsylvania and Michigan, ranking close after; there were thirty-seven, Michigan. Miss Davidson called for the different states and one by one, the songs were sung, the yells were heard and the stunts finished. The Michigan girls sang, Michigan, My Michigan, and then gave our state yell, composed for the occasion by a select committee. Then each separate college yelled or sang, Michigan at least made herself heard, college spirit fairly bubbled over and though there were only two of us, the Alma yell was heard and our hearts beat fast as we thought of our Alma Mater. When all the delega-

tions had been heard, we had a procession, two by two, each girl with a Japanese lantern.

The crowning genius in managing and leadership at the conference was Miss Conde, one of the National Secretaries. Miss Bridges into whose face Alma people were privileged to look recently, was also there. Miss Wilson, Miss Simms, Miss Washington, Miss Palmer, Miss Harris, Dr. Vance, and Dr. McDowell, and some of the other speakers and leaders.

I think one of the strongest influences for good there was the personal contact with and knowledge of such sweet, strong, Christian women. One girl whom I especially admired, who has promised herself as a volunteer, gave me a poem which she said had helped her greatly, and which I am sure many of you have read, it is entitled "God's Will," and I will give below, a few lines of it.

"I said, Let me walk in the field
He said, Nay walk in the town.
I said, There are no flowers there,
He said, No flowers but a crown.

I said, But the skies are black,
There is nothing but noise and din;
But he wept as he sent me back,
There is more he said, There is sin.

I pleaded for time to be given
He said, Is it so hard to decide.
It will not seem hard in Heaven
To have followed the steps of your
guide."

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Well, I have not told half, but the whole of a Lakeside Conference means much more than could be easily written in an Almanian and I will close with two of the verses of our Lakeside song—

The shades of night are falling fast
In Lakeside, Lakeside,
The stunts of college days are past
For me in dear Lakeside.
The night is on, the torches wave
We scarcely know how to behave.
Ra-ra-ra for Lakeside,
Lakeside, Lakeside,
Ra-ra-ra for Lakeside,
Ra for dear Lakeside.

The stars will come a-twinkling thru'
To Lakeside, Lakeside,
They tell how much we have to do
Away from dear Lakeside.
But now we're bound to have some fun,
As daily o'er the turf we run.
Ra-ra-ra for Lakeside,
Lakeside, Lakeside,
Ra-ra-ra for Lakeside,
Ra for dear Lakeside.



Should Alma College Have Fraternities?

DAVID JOHNSON, '05

THIS is a question which has often been answered during the history of the college, though no discussion has been made in print, to my recollection, before this year. The faculty who have the interest of

the college at heart have answered the question in the negative: a large number of the students have given it the same answer; but there have always been a select few who, looking upon the question with the

squinted eye of selfishness have answered it affirmatively. After having studied the conditions at Alma and giving this subject careful attention for five years with the sole view of the highest welfare of the college, at heart, I feel that I may be considered competent to express my view on the fraternity question.

In a large university such as the U. of M., the question of fraternities may be a debatable one, though personally, I entertain grave doubts as to their salutary effect upon the student body, but as for Alma College with its handful of a hundred men, I am of the firm conviction that the college should be "**a fraternity**" and should not "**have fraternities.**" This opinion is not a hasty conclusion, but it is founded upon well-observed facts, a few of which I shall attempt to enumerate.

In the first place let me say that the fraternity spirit is not the college spirit but it is the clique spirit, and as long as that prevails, mass-meetings for the purpose of infusing "the spirit" into the veins of the students are absolutely useless. The nine "rahs!" for a player are no longer for a member of the college team but for a member of some "frat." The fraternity is injurious to every form of college athletics. One of the greatest calamities that can befall a college team is to have its captain a "frat" man. He may be as honest and sincere as possible, but prejudice cannot help but enter into the choice of the team. Does Alma want a winning team? then let her have the

"college spirit." Does Alma want the "college spirit?" then let her deal the death blow to the fraternity.

This seems almost too self-evident to need discussion, for whatever form of reasoning you may employ you cannot evade the fact that the fraternity is a "clique," and the clique invariably tends toward exclusiveness. Is there a sleigh party? it consists of a certain few; is there a banquet? the same "select" are found there; is there a "hop" in the dead of night in some well-secreted room? you do not need to go within earshot to determine who the perpetrators are. And in a hundred different activities the same may be found to be true. Meanwhile, where is the other student who has an equal right to a share in every college activity, social and otherwise? he is left out in the cold. And this you mean to say fosters a spirit of college fraternity? this tends toward making the student body a unit, which it ought to be? Let him who makes such a contention, blush.

I have heard it contended that the fraternity does not strive to secure for its members the highest college honors. I answer that a fraternity concerning which this is the truth does not have a membership consisting of human beings. To my knowledge a fraternity does not alter human nature very decidedly. Did you ever see a "frat" man who worked to secure some honor for one who did not belong to his "bunch?" Such action in a fraternity circle would be treason. The contention

for high honors in college at the exclusion of others whether better qualified or not is an inevitable result of fraternities.

But there is another consideration of even greater consequence. In my opinion there is no form of activity which equals the work of the Y. M. C. A. in importance, and I assert without the least hesitation that fraternities are a foe to the Y. M. C. A. True, the spirit of fraternity is the Christian spirit, but the Christian fraternal spirit comprehends all humanity, which the "fraternity" does not. The Christian spirit seeks to help him who is not able to help himself, while the "fraternity" spirit excludes him and seeks out the man who is amply competent to stand alone. The fraternity is the product of one of the grossest forms of selfishness without exception. The all-important question with it is, "What benefits may I derive?" and not "what benefits can I make possible for others?" It is bounded on every side by capital I's, making it detestable to the man of true fraternal spirit. Every argument for its existence is saturated with the spirit of self. When every man of Alma College becomes filled with the spirit of Christ to such an extent that the highest aim of his life becomes a desire to give of himself to the needy, then there will be no such a question as we are discussing; for the college will be "a fraternity." The early Christians thought that the church was for the elect alone—that is, for the Jews. They were mistaken. Is

not the fraternity man making the same mistake?

I might easily show how likewise the fraternity is a deadly foe to the literary society, but I must not make this article too lengthy. Let me merely mention this incident. It was suspected that one of the best members of the society of which I am a member, had joined a fraternity. When it came to the election of officers he was defeated. For what reason? I was told by certain members that they would never vote for him for any office if he was a fraternity man. They were mistaken, but it shows what a mere suspicion will do. If you want this spirit of animosity in the literary society then let in the fraternity.

It is further argued that the fraternity is necessary to bind together the alumni. Then let me ask, what purpose does the alumni association subserve? Then away with that organization. Indeed the little taste of the fraternity which we have had has almost done away with it. Who will say that the alumni association is what it ought to be? What do you see at commencement when the alumni return? Do you see the alumni associating together as one body? No! You see a few "frat" men bunching together and the rest are scattered as sheep without a shepherd. But you say, the others ought to belong to the fraternity. But suppose some of them did not happen to be "the most desirable college students," what then? Why not let the alumni association be the fra-

ternity, as it should be?

My hopes are for Alma as a whole.
I pray not for any particular class;
I pray not for any particular society;
I pray not for any select few, but
I pray for **Alma**. May my "Alma
mater" be my fraternity. May she
imbibe so much of the far-reaching

benevolent spirit of her founders,
and of Christ the "rock" upon which
she is built that no question of spec-
ial exclusive centralization may ever
again need discussion on the pages
of the Almanian.

Nine RaHS for **Alma!**



ANONYMOUS BECAUSE—

Should our gracious instructor, perchance,
Inadvertently happen to glance
At this magazine bright
He would, no doubt, invite
Me to pay my whole board bill in advance.

FACULTY.

A knowing young man from Mendocino
Once said of Doc. Bruske, "Oh! what does
he know?"

But the Doctor o'er heard
And replied, "Not a word,
Not a word will I tell him, by gee no!"

CHUCK.

"Wait a moment," said Teddy MacFish,
While I pour some fresh milk in this dish,
And, adding some water,
Do then as I'd oughter—
Take it up to Wright Hall, Alma, Mich.!"

SENIORIAL.

A very grave Senior named Cooper
Was o'ertaken one time by a stupor.
As he lay in the gutter
He was o'er heard to mutter,
"I wish I'd not drank that last schuper."

DISCIPLINE.

To a Freshie said Howard A. Potter,
"Young man if I get any hotter
I'll crack your bighead

On the edge of the bed
And take up the brains with a blotter!"

TEMPERANCE.

An old black Crow who was perched in a
tree,
Sternly said to a Blue Jay on a spree,
"I think you'd not better
Get very much wetter
But fly home and get sober, by gee!"

PROFANITY.

A very bad little boy in Bellaire
Was o'erheard by his mama to swear,
Said she to her Johnny,
"You'll not get any money
And I at once shall pull out all your hair!"

SKIPPING.

"Come on down the track," said sweet Paul
To Helen, in front of Wright Hall,
"But come mighty quick
Or Miss Allen will lick
You and perhaps that will cause a big
squall."

LOVE.

A loving young Irish girl from Montrose,
Whose auburn hair was as red as a rose,
Said, "Put your head there
On my shoulder with care."
And he wouldn't for fear he'd get froze.

—F. W. C., '08.



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	Schultz		Evans		Helmer	
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MAY THE TIME SOON COME!

We are waiting, and while we
wait we hope that soon Alma may
have a new Science Hall. We learn
that complete plans for such a build-
ing are in the hands of the faculty.

All we lack is the money! Oh, that
from the lips of some friend and
benefactor might come the com-
mand, "Build, I am behind you."

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WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT?

Alma's student-body surely ought
to be proud of such illustrious men
and women in its number. "Of the
senior class three have been put up-
on the faculty," occupying the chairs
of mathematics, physics and biology.
Others in lower classes have been
placed at the heads of departments
or made assistants in case of the very
common absence of the instructor.
How fortunate it would be if the
number were increased a little more,
so that the professors were in the
minority at faculty meetings!

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SOME MYSTERIES.

It is still a mystery where the
effigy of the sophomore class is con-
cealed. The sophomores captured
it,—but the freshmen won the scrap,
which calls for the question, "Which
class is triumphant?" This is an-
other mystery!

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WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE?

The discussions, by members of
the alumni, of the matter of frater-
nities in Alma, are worthy of com-
ment. Last month the value of such
organizations was presented, this
month the faults are mentioned. The
argument in each is strong. No
one will deny that fraternities have
weaknesses, even as every organiza-

tion, secular or religious. Perhaps the faculty of Alma College have been right in their spirit of hostility to fraternities here. Perhaps it is right to put an artificial barrier in the way of an organization, which springs from purposes most natural, inspired by a natural desire for fellowship, men with men,—or women with women, in the case of sororities. And yet, is it not true, as Mr. Helmer in his article said, that men of like tastes or purposes will affiliate? It is. Call the union what you may—clique or fraternity. Fraternities do not exist here, because of disfavor. But cliques do, and will, while present conditions exist. Which is better, avowed and open fraternities or cliques? The former discussion enforced the truth that the fraternity is the better, because it has with it worthy ends, one of which is the uniting of alumni with students. Against the fraternity, it is argued that a spirit of unwholesome rivalry is stimulated. It is true to an extent. Yet clique spirit does the same. Alma is not now an open field of democratic feeling. High board fences divide some from others, where sentiments may differ.

We agree with Mr. Helmer in that the frank and avowed fraternity would be a benefit to Alma. It would retain men who year after year leave for other colleges, where they find this fraternal spirit. We also agree with Mr. Johnson that the fraternity, which would oppose the best interests of Alma in any

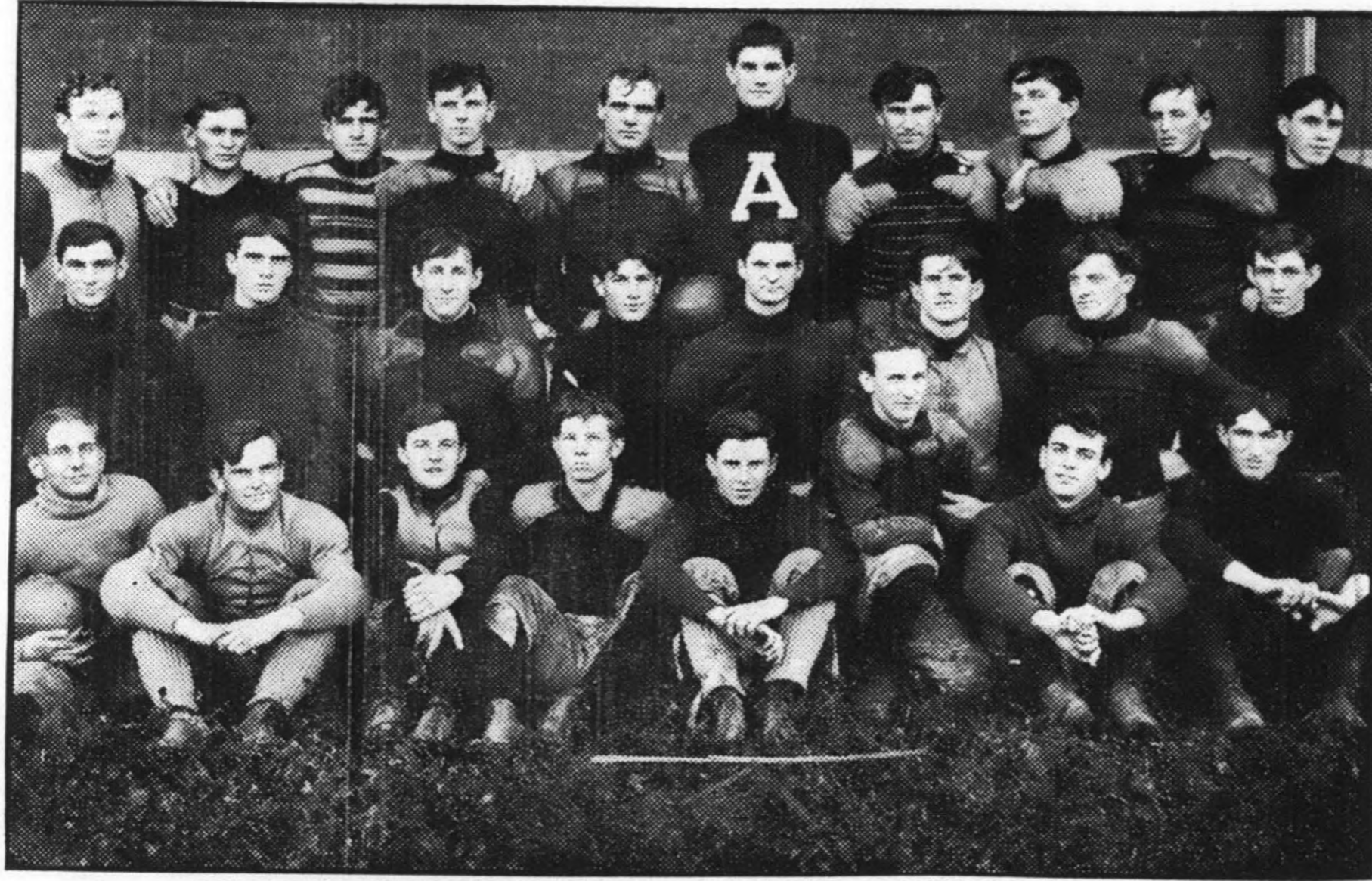
way, would far better have never existed.

But fairly, faculty and students, can we not have fraternal organizations in Alma College that are noble, not ignoble; that provide closer affiliation than any union which exists here now; that will bind men to Alma, whereas now they are drawn away; that will keep alumni in closer touch; that will directly and indirectly be an advantage to Alma?



THE RIGHT SORT.

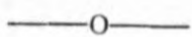
Occasionally we read the complaining words of some college or university professor, who sees in the game of football nothing but faults, harms and evils, who sees in the enthusiastic gridiron hero a brutal, savage fighter, who sees in the cheering, excited side-line crowd a howling, fanatical aggregation of inhuman natures. We pity those deluded victims of pessimism, whether they are the presidents of their institutions, or merely second-rate bachelor professors. With equal spirit we admire the heads of various teaching departments who are aroused by the vigorous football sentiments, and with word and deed help to make a success of a sport, which today means so much to the life and recognition of a college. We are glad, as Alma students, that Alma professors are of the broadminded enthusiastic type. When a faculty member becomes so enthused by the game of the gridiron, that he spends his



Alma College Football Squad, 1905.

Top Row, Left to Right:—Moon, Schultz, Ferguson, Horst, Angell, (Capt.) McCollum, Potter, Bettz, Evans, Hagarty.
Middle Row:—Adams, Stull, Marshall, Madigsohn, Gaunt, Helmer, Carr, Mothersill.
Bottom Row:—Anderson, Williams, Angell, Chapel, Anderson, Casterlin, Betts, Garthea.

time and money to make the team—yes, even the field—better, we think that person is an honor to his school. When a faculty member will cheer, until he can cheer no more, and wax eloquent over the game on every occasion he can find, we say that he has the right spirit. Such men are found in Alma. We are proud to boast of it. No person in this institution is an enemy of football. Even the oxygen of the air here at Alma would not give life to the anti-football crank. Everyone has the good old Alma spirit, and the school is the better for it.



ROOSEVELT AND FOOTBALL.

Since a certain banquet held early last month, at which President Roosevelt spoke for the first time in public his personal views of football, the American people, who are at all interested in the game, have won-

dered if we are to see our combative president try his reforms on football too. He plainly expressed his admiration for the excellences of the sport, but with equal candor censured the brutality, which is becoming each year more manifest. "Teddy" has a record in reform that would make one hesitate before asserting that he cannot destroy the brutality of football without destroying the game itself, and yet we fear he would find a work before him almost as complex as in his postal reforms. A game of football is fight—every minute of it—and fighting and brutality are usually one and inseparable. Yet if he goes to work at it, he may give us football that is not brutal. We hope he can. But if he can not,—well—we hope he will let us still play the game, brutal though it may be.



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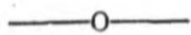
ALUMNI EDITORIALS.

We find it difficult to get responses from many alumni both regarding their work and regarding their subscription to the Almanian. Those whose names do not appear in these columns would please us by telling us about themselves. Those who have not informed us about beginning or renewing their subscription would give us great pleasure by doing so. Many who receive these

first numbers this fall may not be on our regular list. Read these copies sent you, and then let us hear from you that you want every edition. Keep in touch with the college and alumni through these columns. If you have been a regular subscriber and have not renewed, we will keep you on our lists, until we hear to the contrary. By all means be a subscriber!

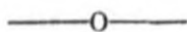
A good test as to our real interest in Alma is now being made by Mr. Soule in his efforts to obtain from us, the free opinions which we hold concerning our Alma Mater. How better can we express our interest than to indicate some possible improvement for the institution which has furnished us with our real life assets?

While in profession, business and trade we gradually unfold for our own good the training we received at Alma, is there no opportunity to be made to acknowledge not only our obligation but also the accrued interest upon it?



"The best apples are always on top." Don't dare to say that the first number of the Almanian is good without immediately committing yourself to the opportunity of maintaining its standard.

The smallest paper or magazine in existence is managed on an account calling for originality and a constant novelty in presentation of its material. To maintain a paper or magazine requires the fostering of a spirit. If that spirit demands a small sacrifice and offering on your part refuse it only at the peril of the entire success of the magazine.



NOTES.

Rev. L. S. Brooke, '96, Howell is slowly recovering from an attack of appendicitis.

Miss Grace Cooper, K. G. '05, is teaching in Marlette this year.

Miss Ida Kinsel, K. G. '02, retains her position as Kindergarten teacher at Ithaca, for this year.

Clifford Buck, commercial student '04, has been elected manager of the Bay City High School football team and will play "end" on the team. He expects to return to Alma for the second semester.

Geo. Kinney, Ex. '02, is studying medicine at Yale University.

Israel Himmelhoch, Ex. '07, has begun his course in Columbia University leading to the degree of A. B. He was for the second time recipient of first prize offered by The Curtis Publishing Co. for the largest number of subscribers received in the month of August, for their periodicals.

Miss Nelle Wallace, music '05, has the position of special instructor in branches of music at the Academy, Hartsville, S. C.

R. M. Culver, normal class '94-'95, is at present superintendent of schools at Muir, Michigan. He intends returning in the near future to fit himself for the ministry.

Rev. J. H. Wylie, special student '98-'99, is now pastor of the M. E. Church in Lyons, Michigan.

Watson Robinson, '02, who spent his summer in Alma, is again located in a law office in New York City.

Reuben Brown, '02, is now chief chemist for the Stevenson Iron Company of Hibbing, Minnesota. Other Alma fellows are near his city. Pearl Fuller, '03, and Geo. Timby, '03, in same company, Claude Baker, Ex. '05, also.

Wesley Sidibotham, '02, is still at Hartendon, Nebraska. He sent a dollar for Almanian subscription early in the year. We wish that many others were as interested.

"Jimmy" McBride, '04, visited the college early in October. Friends had to look twice to recognize him. His hair was cropped, and a trim little mustache had put in an appearance. He enters McCormick Seminary this fall.

Arthur Helmer, '03, now principal of the Holland High School, found opportunity on account of the Dutch fair in his town, to visit Alma, October 5-7. He was referee at the Ferris-Alma game.

Miss Harriet Soule, Kg. '03, and Grace Breece of the same class, are in Shepherd again this year. They visit in Alma occasionally.

Rev. A. J. Van Page, '97, pastor of the Millard Avenue Presbyterian

Church, visited college the second week of October.

Several grads. and old students were on hand for the Albion game. Among them were Kate Bair, '04, of Ovid; Edna Allen, Ex. '07, of Ithaca; Wm. Brown, '04, and Gaylord Nedson, Ex. '07, of Ithaca; "Jim" McBride, '04, now of McCormick Seminary; Carl Whitney, of Merrill; and Stiles Kennedy, Ex. '06, of St. Louis.

Carl E. Anderson, Ex. '06, is now in Ann Arbor in the Law School.

Frank Hurst, now at M. A. C., visited at the college, October 16th.

Glen Davis is at present working in Lansing. He has a position under state direction.

Chas. E. Farnum, formerly of the college, is now at Boulder, Colorado.

Joe Rogers, of the 1904 football team, is located at Marquette.



Marriage of Former Instructor.

Kull-Houlihan.

Miss Emma Kull was united in marriage to Maurice J. Houlihan at 6:30 o'clock Wednesday evening, October 4th, in the parochial residence of St. Mary's church, Rev. Fr. Dalton officiating. Fifty intimate friends and relatives witnessed the ceremony. The bridal party consisted of Misses Mary Delong and Margaret Houlihan, the bridesmaids, and Messrs. John W. Connelly and

LaVergne J. Gardner, the groomsmen. Miss Gladys Parkinson was flower girl and Wells Stone acted as ring bearer. The bride was handsomely gowned in white rice voile over white satin and carried a shower bouquet of lilies of the valley. The bridesmaids were attired in white silk with pink sashes, clasping pink roses.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the wedding party repaired to the

home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Kull, 1021 South Hamilton street, where a reception was held. At 8 o'clock supper was served, covers being laid for over 150 guests. White and green were the prevailing colors in the adornment, carnations, palms, roses and smilax contributing to the effects. The bride was the recipient of many handsome and costly gifts.

After the supper Mr. and Mrs.

Houlihan left on a two weeks' trip to New York city, after which they will be at home to friends at their new home on South Weadock avenue. The bride is a young woman of many social and musical accomplishments, having recently been teacher of violin in Alma College. The groom is a young business man now employed with the United States Graphite Co.—Saginaw Courier-Herald.



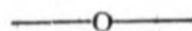
Death of William E. Rohlf.

On Wednesday, October 18, the report was received at the college of the death of Wm. Earnest Rohlf, of the class of 1907, who had been preaching at Elkton since last commencement. The news came as a great shock to his many college friends, who always remembered him as a young man of robust health. In fact, he was in good physical condition until within a few days of his death. The week previous he attended the meeting of the Presbyterian Synod, at Jackson. On his return to Elkton, however, he was severely stricken with appendicitis. The physicians deemed it wise to perform an operation immediately. Unfortunately the patient's constitution could not withstand the counteraction, and within a few days he succumbed.

His body was removed to Akron, his home, where the funeral services were conducted by Rev. Samuel Todd, of Bay City, field secretary of the college.

The college mourns with the many

friends of the departed one, who next year was to renew his associations at Alma. The friends here extend their sincere sympathy to those of the family, who are sorely bereaved.



RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, it has pleased Almighty God, in His wisdom, to take from us, William Ernest Rohlf, and in the flower of his manhood bestow upon him the happiness of eternal life. Be it hereby

Resolved, That we the Zeta Sigma Literary Society of Alma College extend to his bereaved parents and sorrowing friends our deepest sympathies. Be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be published in the Almanian, and be also spread upon the records of the society.

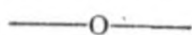
E. H. CASTERLIN,
H. G. GAUNT,

Committee.

ABOUT THE CAMPUS.

LYCEUM COURSE.

The committee in charge arranged for an excellent lyceum course for the fall and winter. On October 17, occurred the first number, a chorus of twelve ladies and twelve gentlemen, the Chicago Madrigal Club. Every member of the union is an accomplished singer, and the evening was heartily enjoyed by a large audience. John Merritte Driver, whom the people were so pleased to hear from an Alma platform last winter, will lecture Tuesday evening, November 17. The Emphyreans, a small company of entertainers are announced for December 1. Earnest Wray Oneal, a new but accomplished orator upon the American platform, will lecture January 17. On March 5, Reno B. Welbourn will give an evening of experiments in electricity. The course, being of so general a nature, will appeal to all. A careful selection was made by those who have this in charge.



ITEMS OF THE MONTH.

Miss Mae Watrous of Big Rapids, a Kg. last year, visited friends here the day of the Ferris game.

Miss Elenor Wallace was a guest at Wright Hall the second week of October.

Harold Gaunt, as proxy for Erle Casterlin, was present at the first meeting of the M. I. A. A. directors in Albion, October 7.

Miss Elizabeth Schmidt, of the class of 1904, was in Alma, October 7th.

The Y. M. C. A. boys have supplied the association room with new hymnals.

Rev. J. P. Vroman was a guest of the college the first week of the month past. He is chairman of the college visiting committee.

Some of the fellows think it would be well to announce a general debate on the question, "Resolved that those new 'stiddy' rules be obliterated from the rule book." This once-a-week proposition is rather tame.

We learn that Carl E. Anderson, the former half-back star, is this year at the Ann Arbor law school.

The advantage of the new wire fence about the gridiron reminds us that much credit is due Professor Mitchell and Captain Angell, for their service.

Prof. Orlando Heerwagen, who succeeds Miss Emma Kull, as violin instructor, has a class of considerable size under his charge. He leaves his work in Saginaw, on Tuesdays, to be at the college.

The typhoid patients of the faculty are slowly regaining strength and can soon enter into their work actively. Prof. E. N. Transeau has spent the past two months at his home, having left the Chicago hospital September 1. He returned recently to renew his work.

Dr. Bruske and Dr. Clisbe attended the meeting of the Synod, held in Jackson, the second week of October.

The Abe Lincoln quartet entertained the students at chapel Oct. 17.

Miss Scranton is again conducting Miss Booth's art classes.

The "friars" started the hat band fad two weeks ago. It has gone the limit.

The Mt. Pleasant High School defeated the scrubs 22-0 on Davis Field Oct. 17. The visitors were fast and heavy. The score was made in the first half.

Prof. Notestein is now in active charge of his duties again.

Wm. Elton Brock of Jose, New Mexico, visited college recently.

The Seniors appeared last week in their "immortal" robes.

Chas. Hurray, the Y. M. C. A. secretary so well known here, spent part of the day with the fellows, Oct. 23rd.

Miss Hayes, missionary to Alaska, lectured in the Presbyterian church October 24th.

Miss Mary DeLong visited the college the last week of October.

Will Cooper was in Detroit for a week recently to "get well."

Don't you think Capt. Bliss should be asked to give up the banner?

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SENIOR.

Dr. Bruske (discussing the benefits and enjoyments of married life)—

"Oh——my——(one of those lion roars), what a wretched old creature a bachelor is! And an old

maid—why just think of it!"

Prof. Mitchell (discussing habits)

"For an illustration, I have heard of a professor in Cicero, we'll say, or some Greek class, using the same story at the same time every year. Why, its merely habit. Why, yes! Why, Miss Hunt, you've heard of such have you not?"

Miss Hunt—"Oh, yes, even in history classes also."

Dr. Bruske (in theology, discussing the design argument)—

"Miss Kefgen, if a case of type were thrown upon the floor, and it should be found to have spelled out Homer's Illiad, what would be the cause?"

Miss K.—"The creator, I suppose."

Dr. B.—"Ha, ha——(etc.) I should say it would sooner be the printers' devil."

Prof. Mitchell (waxing eloquent upon the distinctive difference between man and inanimate things)—

"There! I strike this desk." (room echos) "I know that I strike it. The desk knows it not. I have knowledge, you see. That in a word is the difference between us. (A smile goes round the class). (Professor alights from his fancy flight) "Well—why—er—why, that isn't the only difference, of course!"

Seniors studying cause and effect will do well to consider some of the reasons in this jingle.

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"The ostrich is a silly bird,
With scarcely any mind.
He often runs so very fast
He leaves himself behind.
And when he gets there has to stand
And hang about till night,
Without a blessed thing to do
Until he comes in sight."

JUNIOR.

Dr. Bruske, in logic—

“Mr. Casterlain give us a true syllogism.”

Mr. C.—“All girls are sweet. Miss Johnson is a girl. Therefore Miss Johnson is sweet.”

Dr. Bruske to another member of the class—“Give us the third canon.”

The member answers.

Dr. B.—Ah! Ah! Ah! That was a blunderbuss.

If there is one thing more than another that contributes to our renown it is the wonderful and sumptuous feasts that we, the class of '07, indulge in. We will not go into detail and describe the spreads we have had this year as space forbids, but will emulate the “Far-baby.” “Lay low and say nuffin’.”

Mr. A.—“Of course I love the dear President and Alma College, but I love his relatives and the East better, much better.”

Member of the English class—
“Dear me, I feel so sorry for Chaucer, he was such a poor speller, he ought to have had Professor P. for an instructor.”

SOPHOMORE.

The sophomores welcomed to their number this year Miss Coates of Detroit, a post-graduate of the Detroit High School, also Miss Pierson, who spent last year in an eastern college.

The first Soph spread of the year was enjoyed at Wright Hall, October 6, and the festivities “raged.”

FRESHMEN.

The freshmen were royally entertained, on Friday evening, October 6th, at the home of Miss Emma Swigart, down town. A large number of the class were present to enjoy the first class spread of the year. We were visited by the Sophomores late in the evening, but they were wise enough not to interfere with our “doings,” else their lesson would have been even more severe than the one taught them at the recent class scrap.

ZETA SIGMA.

The following men have been admitted into the society this fall: Messrs. Rohns, Chapel, Craig, Whittamore, Magidsohn, Cook, Ewing.

Society debating is receiving considerable attention this term, the impromptu discussions each week being entered into with zeal.

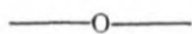
The annual Thanksgiving banquet of Zeta Sigma will be held November 27. Plans for it are now under discussion, committees having in hand arrangement of the evening's program.

PHI PHI ALPHA.

Mothersill, Pollard, Robert Von Thurn and E. Allured have been taken into the society.

Our programs have all been rendered exceptionally well. There is a lively interest manifested in all departments, especially in debates. The new men are doing fine work.

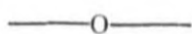
We are very sorry to learn that Clark Hull will be unable to be with us this year, as he is not strong enough to stand the work. Hull has always been an enthusiastic worker and he will be greatly missed.



KINDERGARTEN.

Thirteen new girls have entered the Kindergarten Department of Alma College, namely: Zaidee Markham, Grace Johnson, Belle Wallace, Irene Barnes, Nellie Farrell, Myrtle Hagerman, Lila Holden, Zella Beard, Harriet Farrell, Edith Tennant, Eva Palmer, Stella Laing and Eula Ableson.

On Monday evening, October 2d, the Sophomore Kindergartens of the Froebel Society spread the new girls and initiated them into the ways of the society.



ALPHA THETA.

Art is the subject decided upon for the coming year's work.

The following are the society's officers for this fall:

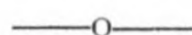
President, Beryl Kefgen.

Vice-President, Lillian Crandall.

Secretary, Grace Brown.

Corresponding Secretary, Ora Lauderbach.

The new members of the society are: Susie Hawes, '07, Minnie Kinard, '07, Alice Coats, '08, Helen Strange, '09, Rhoda Braddock, '09, Madge Booth, '09, Hazel Fraser, '09, Kathleen Hopkin, '09, Emma Swigart, '09, Nita Coorill, '09, Dora Boiteau, '09, Caro Whitney, '09.



PHILOMATHEAN.

The society held its first meeting on September 18th. The officers for the year are as follows: Ruth Bristol, President; Myrtle Black, Vice-President; Lillian Jackson, Secretary; Cora Leack, Treasurer; Viola Club, Critic, and Gertrude Whitney, Almanian Reporter.

There have been twelve new members recently initiated into the society, and the prospects for this year are very good.

For the following six weeks the society will make a study of Japan.

The first Monday after the initiation was given up to a reception for the new members, a musical programme was given after which light refreshments were served.



WRIGHT HALL.

THE good old Alma "feelin'" was very much in evidence at Wright Hall during the week preceding the Alma-Albion game.

Down to breakfast and up from dinner everyone moved to the strains of "Alma, Alma rushing down the field" and "Everybody bows to Al-

ma's team." The fifteen minutes after dinner each evening were very happily spent learning football cheers and songs. Saturday afternoon witnessed the culmination of the enthusiasm when thirty girls after parading the streets in a wagon, decorated with maroon and cream, rode in state to the game where they demonstrated their determination to help "Grandpa" and his team on to victory.

Wright Hall was honored by the presence of an unusually large number of alumnae and former students who were back to witness the first intercollegiate game of the season. Among them were Miss Bair, Miss Morton, Mr. McBride, Mr. King, Mr. Cratzenburg, Mr. Buck, Mr. Brown and Mr. Whitney. Miss Elizabeth Schmidt spent Friday, September 29th, at Wright Hall.

We are glad to welcome Miss Ableson, who has recently come to us; also Miss Scranton, who is substituting for Miss Booth whose illness has taken her home indefinitely.

Friday evening, October 6th, Miss Inglis entertained in a very delightful and characteristic manner. Immediately after dinner, coffee and after dinner mints were served in the reception room. The program of the evening was a Scotch contest. One after another familiar Scotch airs were played and to those who gave each its proper name, a Scotch postcard was presented.

The Y. W. C. A. Saturday evening "stunt" parties have been renewed

with fully as much enthusiasm as characterized them last year. These parties are given by the different committees of the Y. W. C. A. and the proceeds are used in the work of that committee. The wonderful attractions and the ingenious method of getting one and two cent fees as well as the "awfully" good time they furnished makes the Rooms Committee's party especially worthy of mention.

Miss Ruth Bristol entertained her father and mother, at Wright Hall, October 15-16.

Miss Allen delivered an address before the Young Women's Christian Association of Saginaw, Friday, October 6th, on "The Value of Education."

During the past month the Y. W. C. A. has been privileged by visits from Miss Johnson and Miss Frances Bridges. A reception was given for Miss Johnson, and Miss Allen entertained the ten members of the Y. W. C. A. cabinet in honor of Miss Bridges.

The spirit of mischief has been very busy among Wright Hall girls. One Saturday evening the usual order in the dining room seemed to be entirely changed. The unobserving boarder from Pioneer Hall talked to his right-hand neighbor a minute or so before he discovered that the girls had exchanged gowns and each girl had taken the place at table of the girl whose gown she wore. The following Wednesday evening, the girls all rushed into dinner with their hats on, as if anxious to catch

a train immediately after the meal. The boys were not long in catching the spirit of fun and as each table was dismissed they escorted the

girls to the reception room door where they were met with a "thus far shalt thou go and no farther."



Among the Colleges.

Sophomores won the U. of M. scrap.

Kalamazoo freshmen number sixty-three; the seniors number thirty-two.

M. A. C. has provided a lecture and entertainment course as follows: Gov. Robt. La Follette; Dr. Herbert Willett, of Chicago; Bohumir Kryl, cornetist; Ralph Parlette, humorist; Lenora Jackson, violinist.

The football season opened throughout the state with some bad defeats and sweeping victories. M. A. C. lost to Notre Dame, 28—0, then won from the U. of M. freshmen, 24—0. Olivet defeated Hillsdale,

21—0, then lost to Kalamazoo, 10—0, yet Kazoo defeated Hillsdale, only 4—0.

U. of M. were held to 44—0 by the Baptists, the freshmen, however, losing to the Methodists, 11—0. Later games have had some unexpected scores, so that the championship will be a matter of speculation until the very end of the season. Albion is trying hard to maintain last year's record.

Hillsdale freshmen, besides the usual officers, have a yellmaster, scrapmaster, teleopaths, sexton, historian and reporter.

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(Students will find these columns of valuable assistance. Rates—two cents per line.)
 Gaunt—A competent nurse; also a good second-hand baby carriage.
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FOOTBALL.

NEVER since the championship year of 1903, has football enthusiasm raged so supremely as it has this fall. The season opened in September with excellent prospects. The large scores rolled up at the Elsie and Ferris games made things look all the more favorable for "Tug" Wilson's speedy eleven. The Albion victory on Davis Field was a cause of much disappointment to all the Alma enthusiasts. Though it was known that Albion this year is playing a team the equal of last year's championship squad, yet it was hoped that Alma could show them a close game. The superior weight of the Methodists caused such hopes to be too sanguine. It was manifest that the cup of Michigan colleges was out of Alma's reach for 1905. The spirit of the team is that of the institution, however—fight for the best possible and wait for better results later. We venture to predict that Alma will stand close to the top of the list at the close of the season.

We do not make this boast in an idle manner, but on the consideration of both the coach and the men who are daily training on Davis Field. "Tug" is playing faster games than he played last year. He is putting his men through more difficult training, working them for the very best every afternoon. He is giving an excellent training in tackling. The men spend a part of each afternoon

tackling the dummy rigged up on the field, and the form of every man has been greatly improved.

Compared with last year's squad, this year's men are heavier and faster. The weight of each man is given in the following list, showing that the team is well balanced in this respect. The weight of clothing is not considered.

Carr, 150, McCollum 179, Horst 147, Marshall 162, Ferguson 166, Angell 172, Moon 152, Betz 167, Casterlin 122, Helmer 169, Schultz 157, Evans 150.

Of the scrubs, the weights are as follows:

Gaunt 132, Adams 148, Garthea 149, Magidsohn 148, Angell 131, Mothersill 137, Chapel 132, Stull 152, Hagarty 152, Potter 152, L. Anderson 126, Beckwith 141.

The work of the scrub team under Gaunt's leadership is especially commendable. The 'varsity have had a team to scrimmage with every day, the reserves furnishing excellent practice. It is an excellent plan, adopted this year by the athletic association,—that of presenting each reserve with an "R" jersey at the close of the season.

We hope that the enthusiasm that has been manifested by both teams will be continued on to the end of the season. The last game will be played on Davis Field with M. A. C. If consistent work is done up to that time, Alma can show the far-

mers one of the hardest games of the season.

The schedule of remaining games is as follows:

November 4, Mt. Pleasant Normals, here.

November 11, Olivet, at Olivet.

November 18, Kazoo, at Kazoo.

November 25, M. A. C., here.

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Alma, 31—Elsie, 0.

The season opened September 30, with the Elsie Giants defending goal on Davis Field. The visitors averaged, in weight, about 175 pounds, but were too slow in getting off plays to give the 'varsity more than good practice. In thirty minutes of warm work, the temperature peaking over the top lines of the thermometer, the home aggregation ran up a score of six touchdowns, only one of which was made a goal. The game was the occasion of the first choice of men, the favored ones on the line from left to right, being Carr, McCollum, Horst, Ferguson, Angell, Moon, Marshall; quarter, Casterlin; halves, Helmer and Schultz; full-back, Evans. Several subs were tried in second half, all showing up well. Helmer made his usual star runs, one for 65 yards. Marshall and Schultz were good for five, ten and fifteen. "Grandpa" and "Mc" did the heavy work in great style. Touchdowns by Carr, Helmer, Angell (2), Moon, McCollum. Officials: Wilson and Smith.

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Alma, 39—Ferris, 0.

The Big Rapids eleven came to

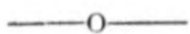
Alma, October 7, in better spirits than they returned, for they not only took back with them a sore defeat, but also two injured men, in fact the best men of team,—McKay, quarter, as fine a tackler as a Michigan college need ask for; and Jenkins, a fast half. The game was Alma's from the first, the Ferris men not being in hard trim, having had but a week's training under a regular coach. In spite of this set-back, however, they put up a clean and plucky game, at times making some hard work for the home team, and holding Angell's eleven on several occasions in dangerous ground. In the second half after Alma had advanced the ball 85 yards towards Ferris' goal, the visitors held them on the three yard line, but failed to retain the ball. The hardest part of the game was just after the kick-off of the second half. The ball was missed by two Alma men, and rolled to the goal line, being saved just inside. For two downs Alma did not gain, but on the third made their five yards. Ferris then took a brace, and it was several minutes before Angell's men could get the ball in safe grounds again. At last Carr did the work by a twenty yard circle around end. Marshall received a bad blow which put him out of the game, when Betz was given a chance, which he made good by excellent work. Later Potter was put in Horst's place, for his first experience in a game. Angell's work was sure, he making three of the seven touchdowns. Carr, Schultz and Fer-

guson had one or more twenty yard runs to their credit, while Helmer made his usual break-away, this time for a 90 yard run to goal. Alma was penalized several times for off-side playing, but promptly made their first downs on nearly every occasion, though there were ten or fifteen yards to make. Just after the second half started, a Ferris man suddenly jumped out of a scrimmage and made for the goal, seventy yards away, with no one to stop him. When the ball was looked for it was discovered that he had stolen it. It made a good joke, though the sideline crowds thought it meant a score to the visitors' credit for a few minutes. The game was called six minutes before time, the Ferris men having suffered too severely by the loss of a quarter and a half to continue a losing game.

LINE-UP

Alma—	Position—	Ferris—
Carr	l e	Taylor
Marshall, Betz	l t	Eastman
Ferguson	l g	Nelson
Angell	c	Decker
Horst, Potter	r g	Hendrickson
McCollum	r t	Azelborn
Moon, Chapel	r e	Colwel
Casterlin	q	Jenkins
Helmer	l h	McKay, Brady
Schultz	r h	Shaw
Evans	f	Anderson

Touchdowns: Angell (3), Carr (2), Ferguson (1), Helmer (1).
Goals by Angell, (4).
Officials: Helmer, Rice.
Halves: 20 minutes.



Alma, 0—Albion, 24.

Alma 6—Albion 0, By Forfeit.

The first cup game was played on Davis Field, October 14, against

last year's intercollegiate champions. Albion came with a heavy team and put up a clean, persistent game against "Tugs" plucky eleven, winning out by a score of 24—0 in forty minutes. Averaging in weight about twelve pounds more than Alma, they were able to storm the line for good gains, and by their surpassing weight clear a track across the field. Their end runs were usually not to be depended upon for sure gains, Alma's backs managing to break the interference in good shape. Bliss was put through guard or tackle time and again, but it was not until the latter part of the game that his smashes counted more than a yard or two. In speed "Grandpa's" men had the Methodists all beaten, the backs getting off in every play on the instant, and usually making the end runs cover the field in pretty plays. Carr's circuits around the line also brought good gains. At one time he cleared the opposition and dodged Albion's full, when an accidental trip lost an inevitable score. Twice Alma threatened the visitors' goal, once getting within a few feet of the posts, and losing the first down by about one inch.

First half. Alma kicked off to 20 yard line, Albion making steady advanced to goal in five minutes' play. Score 6—0.

Albion kicked to 20 yard line. Alma made fast work in getting into visitors' territory, losing and giving Albion a chance for a place-kick after a few downs. The goal was

missed, and after the kick out from a touch back Albion made slow advance to 30 yard line, being held for downs there. Alma took a brace in offensive play, rushing the pigskin to the 2 yard line, then losing just as the half ended.

The second half was Albion's without dispute. Betz received the kick, carrying the ball to 25 yard line, Casterlin steering the plays to middle field, Albion rushing back to 15 yard line. There Albion fought eight minutes to get second touchdown. Score 12—0.

The next series went back and forth, until Bliss at last broke away for third touchdown after six minutes of play. Fourth tally followed within next five minutes, giving Albion a clean victory. Byran of visiting eleven suffered a sprained knee. Evans was slightly injured, Gaunt taking his position.

LINE-UP

Alma—	Position	Albion—
Carr	l e	Saunderson
McCollum	l t	Byran, Leonard
Horst, Marshall	l g	Merrill
Angell	c	Coller
Ferguson	r g	Eslow
Betz	r t	Frye
Moon	r e	Penzotti
Casterlin	q	Smith
Helmer	l h	Hayes
Schultz	r h	Black
Evans	f	Bliss

Score, 24—0; Touchdowns, 4; Goals, 4; Official, Thomas; Timers, Mitchell, Baldwin; Halves, 20 minutes.

Alma 17—Elsie 6.

The football team went to Elsie, Saturday, October 21, for a return game with the "Giants." Alma encountered a different proposition from what she met in the game with Elsie three weeks previous, but suc-

ceeded in defeating the "Giants" by a score of 17 to 6. The college was handicapped by the loss of McCollum and Betz who were still suffering from injuries received in the Albion game. Elsie showed improvement over her former playing, holding Alma to a tie in the first half. Had it not been for their slowness in executing plays, the Elsie boys might have presented the varsity a rather stiff proposition. "Tug's" men too, played an exceedingly slow game and should have rolled up a much larger score without allowing Elsie to note their touchdown, which was due to a fumble. Elsie kicked off on the start and for a few minutes the ball was pushed back and forth in Alma's territory. Finally Alma was able to make her downs and Carr got away for a 25 yard run and touchdown. Angell kicked goal. During the remainder of the half Elsie put up a good article of ball and Alma had to fight hard. With the ball on Alma's 15 yard line Porter negotiated with the pigskin after a fumble and assisted by fine interference crossed the line for a touchdown. The goal was kicked and the half ended a tie 6 to 6.

In the second half Elsie could not keep up the pace set in the first part of the game. Her defense prevented long gains through the line but Alma circled her ends for easy gains. Two bad decisions prevented a large score, but Carr tore loose for another neat run and touchdown, and Helmer also crossed the line before the game closed.

Line-up:

Alma	Position	Elsie
Carr	le	Garrett
Horst	lt	Dunham
Adams	lg	Sheldon
Angell	c	Noods
Ferguson	rg	Kelley
Marshall	rt	Clark
Moon	re	Peck
Casterlin	q	Mills
Helmer	lh	Holbrook
Schultz	sh	Bouck
Evans	fb	Porter

Touchdowns, Alma 3, Elsie 1; Goals, Alma 2, Elsie 1; Halves, 20 minutes, Referees—Wilson, Smith.

Alma 51—Hillsdale 0.

On October 28 the Hillsdale aggregation were pushed back and forth across Davis Field

at the rate of nine touchdowns and six goals in thirty three minutes, for the credit of Angell's speedy eleven. The visitors matched the home eleven in weight, but in speed were far behind. Alma's interferences were like stone walls to them, so that again and again the end runs were long counters for the winning team.

The game wore heavily on the opposing line. They called for time on many occasions, evidently being unused to the pace that they were compelled to meet. Casterlin steered the eleven in veteran style, displaying the neatest of passes, so that the game closed without a costly fumble to Alma's discredit. Unfortunately for the visitors, they could not squeeze the pigskin, and time and again it went bouncing out into the open, where it was captured on all but one occasion by the men of the maroon and cream.

Only once did Hillsdale show the goods. Late in the first half they took a brace, and

gave the ball a good advance, but weakened before they could near Alma's goal posts.

Touchdowns were rolled up by Alma's men at the rate of one and one-half scores per minute. The second half started at a faster pace, but the losing team called a halt when only eight minutes had been played.

Line-up:

Alma	Position	Hillsdale
Carr.....	le.....	Baker
Johnson.....	lt.....	Jones
Marshall.....	lg.....	VanDemark
Angell (capt).....	c.....	Lutz
Ferguson.....	rg.....	Willoughby
Betz.....	rt.....	Mitchell
Moon.....	re.....	Knapp
Casterlin.....	q.....	Myres
Helmer.....	lh.....	Hogan
Schultz.....	rh.....	Main
Magidsohn.....	f.....	Alger

Touchdowns,-Helmer 3, Moon 2, Schultz 2, Carr 1, Casterlin 1. Official, Will Brown: Time of halves, 25; 20, 8 played.



Albion and the Square Deal.

FRANK R. HURST, '04.

"Owing to recent developments the game which the Albion college football team played with Alma has been forfeited. It has been discovered that one of the players who was in the game was not a regular college student at the time. The error was no fault of the athletic authorities here, as they thought him regularly enrolled and attending classes. It seems, however, that this was not the case, therefore Prof. C. E. Carr, the college registrar has written the Alma management, apprising them of the fact and forfeiting the game. The Albion authorities wish to put up as square and clean an article of football as possible. Although the man in question did not play the whole game, still it was thought best to take the above action.

Although the action of the faculty is applauded, yet there is considerable feeling because the man was allowed to play at all.

Now wouldn't that wrench your nose guard. Thought him regularly enrolled. College registrar and thought him regularly enrolled. Has written the Alma management apprising them of the fact and forfeiting the game. Why didn't you look him up when they protested him before the game? Although the action of the

faculty is applauded here, yet there is considerable feeling here because the man was allowed to play at all. About the same feeling you experienced when Dad Conville deserted Wisconsin and come to you for ten weeks of cavorting on the green. Forfeited the game. A lot of good it does a team that has been beaten by ringers to have a game forfeited to them. Alma doesn't want her honor to come that way. She wants to win or lose squarely.

I can tell you quietly and without malice Albion, that every school in the intercollegiate thinks your crooked. You wonder why the whole five are "sore" and I can enlighten you. It is just this question of athletics. I cannot remember that I ever played a game against Albion that some one of your men were not protested as questionable, but they were always certified and we took your word for it. Now in this last game we find a certified list of players and the student not regularly enrolled is among them. What is a certified list for? How can you certify that a man is O. K. if you do not know how he stands? That is about the hugest bluff that ever came over the divide.

ITEM BOX.

2 lovers sat beneath the shade
 And 1 un 2 the other said
 How 14 8, that you, be 9
 Have smiled upon this suit of mine
 If 5 a heart it palps 4 you
 Thy voice is mew 6 melody
 'Tis 7 2 be thy loved 1 2
 Say, oh nymph, wilt thou marry me?
 Then lisped she soft, "why 13ly."
Criterion.

How are these for examination answers?
 "Magna Carta said that people should not be imprisoned for debt if they had enough money to pay it off."

"Simon de Monfort was called Simple Simon."

"The battle of Hastings was fought at Shrewsbury."

"The Black Prince is always the eldest son of the king of England."

"The Black Prince extinguished himself at Crecy; he afterwards returned home shaggered with health and debts."

From Euclid paper—"An angle is the exclamation made by two lines on meeting on a plain."

"The court of common pleas should be stationary and go on through each county four times a year."

"John Wycliffe invented gunpowder and discovered magnifying glasses."

"Magna Carta said that common pleas should not be carried about on the king's person."—*Journal of Education.*

There was a young man named Wood,

Who always did as he shood.

When he married his wife

He took her for life,

As his rivals wood if they cood.

Among a number of notes received by a teacher in excuse for the absence of children was the following:

"Dear Teacher—Kindly excuse Minnie for having been absent yesterday, as she fell in the mud on her way to school. By doing the same you will oblige her mother."
 —Ex.

In one of the Maine colleges the different professors gave lectures in the popular course, often illustrated with lantern slides. A professor of the department of biology and anthropology, when his turn came, gave

an illustrated lecture on the "History of the Evolution of Man."

One of the juniors, who had a grievance against the president of the college, managed to get hold of the box of slides, substituting a picture of his enemy for that of a South African ape, the "missing link."

The lecture went on smoothly until the professor said: "The next picture is that of the missing link, neither all man nor all beast, an ape from South Africa." Just then the picture of the sedate college president appeared on the screen, and not until the shouts of his audience called his attention to the picture did the mortified professor notice what had occurred.—Ex.

"Young man," said the pompous individual, "I did not always have this carriage. When I first started in life I had to walk."

"You were lucky," chuckled the youth. "When I first started in life I couldn't walk."—*Chicago News.*

Mrs. Farmer—Have you no trade?

Tramp—Lady, I have ten—but dere's a strike on in each.—Puck.

An Irishman dropped a letter into the post-office with the following written on its corner: "Please hasten the delay of this letter."

An Irish attorney threatened to prosecute a Dublin printer for inserting the death of a living person. The menace concluded with the remark, that "no printer should publish a death unless informed of the fact by the party deceased."

An Irish gentleman, meeting his nephew, who told him he had just been entered at college, replied: "I am extremely glad to hear it; make the most of your time and abilities, and I hope I shall live to hear you preach my funeral sermon."

An Irishman going down the High street of Glasgow, met a person whom he thought he knew; but Pat, finding his mistake, "I beg your pardon," said he. "I thought it was you, and you thought it was me; but by St. Patrick, it is none of us."

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