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## RETURNING STUDENTS

### Campus Once More Looks Home-like—Many Improvements About the Grounds.

## ENTHUSIASM AT ATTENDANCE

### Opening Lecture Given by Rev. Williams of Ithaca—A Large Number Attend First Chapel.

The campus has never appeared more welcome to returning students than at present, and it is not alone the coats of paint on certain deserving portions of the buildings, the well kept lawns, repairs on Pioneer Hall, and new sidewalks that make our college home attractive but there's something in the air. Perhaps some of last year's enthusiasm is starting a vigorous growth. The first trains on Monday brought in old students who proceeded to enliven the campus with their greetings. Each train on Monday and Tuesday was met by eager students, who were busy welcoming old friends and new.

Wright Hall is once more the center of social activity. The greater part of the hall space has been replastered and the "stiddies" can again enjoy conversations in the parlors free from fear of falling plaster. A cement floor in the base of Pioneer Hall is being appreciated by the men. The cleaning out of the basement in Pioneer Hall should leave fewer hiding places for offenders fleeing from "dorm" justice next winter.

Tuesday was a busy day in the registration department. The exact number of those who have enrolled is not yet known. A few days will be needed yet to register the stragglers, but we feel sure that the enrollment will be greater than heretofore. A strong Freshman class is a certainty. An indication of the growing strength of the college is found not only in the larger size of the Freshmen classes each year but in the number of those who will graduate, this year's Senior class outnumbering last year's by four, while the other departments show a greater increase.

The college is fortunate in its faculty changes this year. The new members are of well known ability and will greatly strengthen the teaching force. A full account of the new faculty members will be given in next week's issue. The only new chair to be filled was that of English Speech, established last year. Doctor Bruske's perseverance has obtained for this place Prof. John Quincy Adams, for three years instructor in public speaking in the University of Illinois. Under his instruction the forensic material in the college will develop surprisingly and Alma will have the pleasure of recording additional victories for 1907-'08.

Perhaps none will appreciate more than the piano pupils, the strengthening of their department. Miss Ellen S. Ransom, the new instructor of Piano, is known throughout the state as one of the best teachers in the section. She has a wide and favorable reputation, having studied under some of the best teachers in Germany. Another new face in faculty row is that of Miss Lyle, who will be the instructor of Latin and Greek. She comes with the highest of recommendations and has been very successful. Mr. H. J. Meyer of St. Paul's College takes charge

of the commercial school, and judging from his successful experience he is just the man for our school. The biggest surprise and pleasure however is that Miss Eva Stimmis is to be the K. G. assistant. We hardly dare praise her at close range, but since she is so well known, you can do that yourself. Miss Laing and Miss Markham, of this year's class, will also assist.

The opening chapel exercises were well attended according to custom. The returning students entered into the exercises with the usual spirit manifested at such reunion times, making the chapel ring with familiar hymns. The lecture was delivered by the Rev. Robert W. Williams of Ithaca, well known to Alma audiences. He took for his subject "Some Great Men of Wales." Like all of Rev. Williams' discourses this was marked by deep thought, breadth of knowledge, and scholarly diction. The attention of his audience was close and their enjoyment of the historical incidents and character descriptions which the lecture contained was thorough.

## ANNOUNCEMENT.

With this issue the staff is sending the Almanian to many who have not subscribed. We do this because we want your subscription. You should be interested in Alma College and there is nothing that will interest you more than reading the Almanian each week. The staff will do their best to make the paper newsy and interesting. To do this we need the hearty and liberal support not only of the old students but of the friends of Alma as well. Few colleges the size of Alma boast of a weekly and

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## PROF. MITCHELL MARRIED.

Of course the students were very much surprised and delighted to learn of the marriage of Prof. James E. Mitchell, teacher of political science and history, to Miss Georgia Ross, of Duluth, Minn. Miss Ross is a graduate of Alma's kindergarten department, class of '02, and has many friends in Alma. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell spent their honeymoon at Mackinaw Island and Macatawa. They are living now at 627 State St., and will be at home to their friends after October first. The Almanian extends hearty congratulations.

Dr. Orill Richard, '02, was united in marriage to Miss Pansy Kilbourne at Port Huron on July 31st. Miss Kilbourne had been a successful teacher in the Ashley schools, where Dr. Richards has built up a large practice. Congratulations, Dr.

Write the Alumni Editor.

## DOINGS ON CAMPUS

This Section Will Contain Something Each Week That Will Interest You.

## WATCH FOR YOUR NAME BELOW

Use The Almanian Item Box to Inform The Editors of Interesting or Important Occurrences.

What do the graduates do when they leave college? A glance into the outer darkness reveals the seven members of last year's class busy as follows: The women of the class Susie Hawes is teaching in the Ovid high school, Minnie Kinnaird has a similar position in Stockbridge; Mayme Hayes returns to occupy the position held by her in the high school at Lowell during the spring term last year; Olive Smith is teaching at Stanton; Gretta Bagley goes to the high school in Manistique. Erle Casterlin, Alma's crack quarterback, is tackling law at the U. of M. Paul Allured is secretary of the boy's Y. M. C. A. in Ann Arbor. In succeeding issues of the Almanian an attempt will be made to give the occupations and destinations of the graduates of the other departments.

In a very short time a revised constitution for the Almanian Association will be submitted to the subscribers for consideration, through these columns. A change in the constitution has been rendered necessary in consequence of the change of form and, also, by the discovery of certain defects in the old constitution. A committee is now busily at work on the revision.

The new Christian Association Handbooks are out. They are the best yet, a credit to the college and to the handbook committee. More than that they speak eloquently of the liberality of the advertisers who have made the book possible.

Mr. Stanley Johnson, of Palo, a former well known student, has returned to college. Johnson was formerly pitcher on the college nine and has held the intercollegiate club swinging championship.

Pioneer Hall will miss the governing care of Prof. Mitchell. His rooms will be taken by Coach Harper, whose general sternness is a matter of common knowledge.

Miss Inez Pollard and Miss Elvena Hoover, both ex-'08, have returned Alma after a year's absence.

The Seniors are hard at work on a class play. It will probably be produced this summer.

## THE ORATORICAL FUND

Interest, among the students, in oratory has been strengthening for the last four years. Last year's oratorical contest showed an increase of skill and spirit. Debating, also, received an impetus through the victory of the college team over Mt. Pleasant Normal School. A return debate will be held this year and in addition to this arrangements have been made for a triangular debate between Kalamazoo, Olivet, and Alma. Each school will send out two teams; the one upholding the affirmative of the question to be used in the triangular debate will contest away from its own college, and the one upholding the negative will enter the local debate. Each college will hold a debate on the same evening, on the same question; in all prob-

ability one of Alma's teams will debate at Olivet on the same evening that the other contests with Kalamazoo at Alma. Last year the Oratorical Association received a gift of \$50 towards meeting expenses of the annual contest. This came from the board of trustees and was so well handled that a balance still remains in the treasury. However, the expenses of the Oratorical and Debating Associations will be heavier than ever this year and in recognition of the good work done by them last year Mr. John F. Seeley, has made them a gift of \$40. The annual Oratorical contest will be held in 1908 on the first Monday after the winter vacation. The dates of the triangular debate and the Mt. Pleasant debate have not yet been settled.

## ALMANIAN STAFF 1907-1908.

The Almanian Association last spring, elected a staff which at present bids fair to be thoroughly representative of Alma. Considering the feeling of good fellowship which exists among them, and a lively longing for success, they should have no unsurmountable difficulty with their task. They are as follows: Editor-in-Chief, Francis W. Cobb, '08 student in the Scientific course. He is interested in literature and oratory and will have general charge of the paper. Associate Editor, Ralph McCollum, '10, student in the Classical course. "Mac" is Alma's famous All-Michigan tackle, and will handle the athletic news in an engaging and authoritative manner. A deep knowledge of his subject and no small experience in reporting will make his columns interesting. Alumni Editor, Wallace Webber, '03, resides at Ithaca, Mich. Mr. Webber is well known on the campus and among the alumni. He will be able to make his department of value to the alumni interests. Mr. John Dunham, '10, and Mr. Stanley Graves, '10, will handle the business of the weekly. Mr. Dunham is interested in oratory and journalism and will take care of the subscription list; no efforts will be spared to enlarge it. Mr. Graves is a good mixer, a good hustler, and popular with the undergraduates. He will get most of the advertisements. Mr. Dunham and Mr. Graves are respectively, in the Scientific and Literary courses. The staff will pull together and pull hard during '07-'08 in the endeavor to place the weekly on a firm foundation and give it prestige among the alumni and friends of the college. It is to them, especially, that it would appeal. What better medium will there be than these columns for the discussions of questions affecting students and alumni, since here such discussions may be carried on from week to week without loss of interest as was the case with a monthly publication.

## MUSICAL RECITAL FRIDAY EVE.

In order to open the year well for the School of Music, Miss Velma Sharp a graduate of the academy will give a recital at the chapel assisted by Mrs. Roy Arthur Littlefield, soloist of the First Presbyterian church of Detroit. Miss Sharp has studied under Prof. Albert Jonas of Berlin, Prof. Leschetizky, and Prof. Ignaz Friedman of Vienna. There will be no admission and all are cordially invited. Miss Sharp leaves for the foreign lands again in October.

## NEW ATHLETIC DIRECTOR.

We are pleased to learn that Miss Esther Bruske will be physical director for the young ladies this year. Miss Bruske has long had many friends on the campus and we predict a very successful year in her department.

## HARPER IS PLEASED

### A Review of the Football Situation Shows But Few of Alma's Stars Missing.

## HILL EXPECTED TO RETURN

### Davis Field will Witness Many Victories This Year as Baseball and Track Teams are Strong

At the opening of the college year of '07-'08, it is time for Alma students to look over their athletic prospects for the coming season. The football season always opens with a great deal of talk about "the championship," etc., but never in the en-

ATHLETIC EDITOR



RALPH A. MCCOLLUM '10

the history of the institution has every year pointed to a banner year as now. Alma rooters look forward to exceptional happenings, and well they may. Why?

Because Coach Jesse Harper, of the University of Chicago, will handle the mud-rollers this fall. The whole state knows about it.

Last fall Mr. Harper took the Alma squad in hand, not one of the men knowing the rudiments of real football. They had capered up and down the field, some of them for three years, but a week with the new coach convinced all that foot-ball was a game of which they knew nothing. Then the work began. Coach Harper has a splendid eye for placing men and they were soon placed in positions where they remained for the season. The season was a success and a bare schedule was played with only two close games lost.

A master in handling men, Coach Harper will soon have the squad in hand and next week will find the team working out a few more of those mysteries that count for much. Mr. Harper already knows his men and has their confidence. Only two men of last season, "Moon" Cassie and "Mac," will not return. Some of the material that will try out. Captain "Hal" Helmer is known to every one who has had an eye on college athletics. No one can doubt his ability to lead the team. For three years he has been playing a star game on every team that has been sent out, and best of all, it has not turned his head or enlarged it. Baseball, foot-ball, basket-ball, track, in everything he has been a winner; and he is just the sort that the boys will be glad to follow. Harper and Helmer together would be able to make a winning team of a very poor squad, but the lesser lights are not dim. Hill, for instance, will play a game.

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**WE NEED IT.**

Alma has very few good songs for mass meeting and general rooting purposes. Our enthusiasm sunk low in the last three or four years. New songs were not written, old ones were partially forgotten. But the enthusiasm is coming back. Alma is thriving and we need a new foot-ball song. The Almanian has offered a nominal prize, \$3, for the best one submitted before the 12th of October. It will surely be forthcoming for we do not ask it of your loyalty because the loyalty of Alma students has become a fixed thing and firm but we ask it of your enthusiasm. Conditions? There are none except that the song must be adapted to some well-known tune and capable of arousing "feelin'." Who will write it? An undergraduate, or perhaps some son or daughter of the school now far away from their Alma Mater. We need it. Remember the prize is only to pay for your time and labor, not for the idea, which will be priceless if it is the right kind. We need it.

**THE NEW WEEKLY.**

"Nothing is capable of doing more good for Alma than the Almanian, rightly handled." So wrote a prominent alumnus. His remarks sets a high ideal for the publication, implying changes in form, firmer business organization, and higher editorial standards. We present the changed form with this issue; we are working for better organization and higher standards. Incidentally, you can better our organization by paying your subscription now; we need the money. The form of the Almanian has been changed for

many reasons. Most cogent are these: the Almanian is appreciated more as a news medium than as a literary magazine, and in this form the news is fresh; we have better facilities for producing a weekly than a monthly; and, lastly, the Almanian as a monthly has lost its grip, the psychological time for a change has arrived and been taken advantage of.

What will the Weekly Almanian be? Loyal to Alma College. We hold that the student publication should stand for harmony between faculty and students. We are not critics; believing conditions are ideal, we shall present them as such to the outside world. We trust our efforts will be conducive to college improvements. We refuse to see faults in Alma, and will get along without "the vinegar." Not devoted to sensations or "grinds," the Weekly will be conservative but efficient, quiet but not sleepy. Its columns are open to discussion of questions affecting Alumni and students and we trust they will be freely used.

The Almanian will succeed. We would see it in every accredited high school, in the hands of every Presbyterian minister in Michigan, in the hands of every alumnus, of every former student, of every friend, of every under graduate and faculty member. The staff will sacrifice to produce a paper worthy of Alma College. We are confident that our subscribers will give us the financial aid essential to success.

**IN WELCOME.**

We're here! Back from the selling of books and views, from driving ice-wagons, from managing street railways, from preaching, from farming, from studying, from swimming, from rowing, and from— Well, anyhow, "we're glad we're here," in the school that is worth while. And, also, there are Freshmen. As Prexy says: "There have been Freshmen classes before, but never one like this!" We welcome them very cordially. They haven't been counted but you can tell who they are. The old students are wondering what fellows will make the team, and whether the new girls are better looking than those last year. Whether or not, has everyone realized that his work has been cut out for him? Perhaps it is so obvious as to be overlooked. It is this. Get the "feelin'." We have the things we have been asking for. Let's live up to our opportunities. This is to be Alma's great year. Lend a hand with it. Believe in victory, then ponder over it, then talk it, and soon we'll have that winning atmosphere and the first step will be taken. We're glad there are no knockers, and everyone boosting. And while we are busy with this enthusiasm for Alma, its entirely probable that new yells and foot-ball songs will be created. The Almanian is offering a prize for the best song. Let's have them for the first game and the first victory.

**ALUMNI.**

That indomitable spirit of progress which has ever characterized Alma College is again being made manifest in the spirit of its College paper. The Almanian has in the main been an expositor of all that has been for the best of the College and we as friends and Alumni wish to be in accord with and sympathize with those who are attempting to enlarge the scope and value of the College paper to the best interests of the College. We expect a winning foot ball and base ball team for this year. With the advent into the Faculty of a Professor of English Speech we anticipate more signal victories in oratory and debating. These athletic and oratorical contests advertise the College to a certain extent,

but the question most often asked regarding any college is what does your college accomplish in the way fitting its students to accomplish the most in life. As yet our College is young and few of its graduates have been out long enough to make great names for themselves, but we are indeed proud of the success attained by the majority of the Alumni. In this respect we can make the Almanian of distinctive value to the College. With the hearty support of the Alumni we can accomplish in presenting to the rest of the world something of the success of the graduates of the College. The Alumni Editor would be very glad if every one of our former students and Alumni would write him of any items of interest concerning themselves or their work. Give the Alumni Editor your very hearty support in this work.

**JEWISH NEW YEAR**

Day of Atonement and Feast of the Harvest and Tabernacle  
Also Last Nine Days.

The Jewish New Year began Sunday evening with the setting of the sun and lasted until the setting of the sun on Monday. This period marks the traditional creation of the world in the year 3608, according to the Jewish calendar.

Rosh Hoshona, which marks the real beginning of the series of services, is to the Jewish church what Lent is to the Catholic and Protestant churches. During this period there is a time set for self examination.

Tuesday at sundown was the time set for the commencement of the Day of Atonement, this period lasting until the setting of the sun on Wednesday. This is the most important of all Jewish holidays. During the twenty-four hours of this day no Jew over the age of thirteen years is supposed to eat, but this custom is generally carried out only by the Jews of an old type. With the passing of the Day of Atonement, merrier festivities come. They cover a period of eight days and are called "The Feast of Harvest and Tabernacle," and according to Hebrew traditions no work can be done on the first two or last two days of this period.

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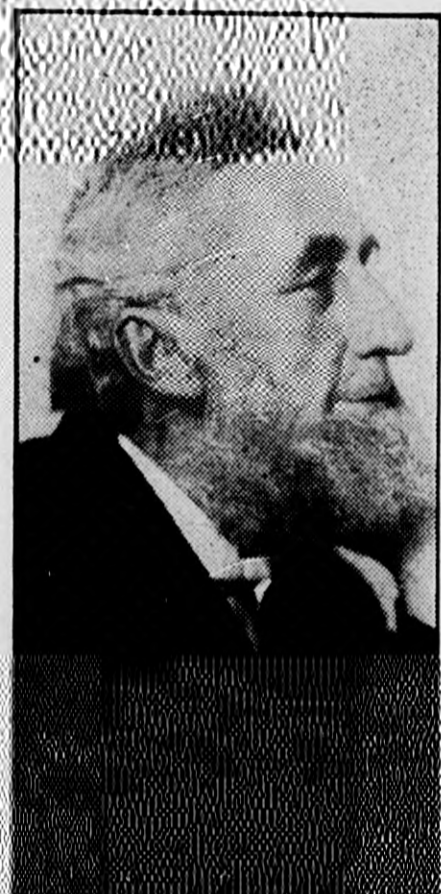
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It is with great pleasure that the staff grant the request of many of the friends of the college and present here the halfstone of our beloved president, **Dr. A. F. Bruke.**

ERRATA.

The article on the Fourth page, being necessarily set up in advance, contains some errors. Miss Lyle will take the place of Prof. Beach. Owing to the short time allowed for preparation, the columns are not as well filled as they will be in the next issue.

Remember the college song.

LAST YEAR'S GRADS

From the Kindergarten Department—All Have "Fine Positions This Fall."

SPEAKS WELL FOR THE SCHOOL

Some of the Girls Are Far Away From Alma, While Others are Once More Near the Old School

There is no more popular group of girls than those in the Kindergarten department. The old students will be greatly interested in learning what has become of the graduates of that department last year. Miss Ione Parker and Miss Helen Francis are directing the kindergarten at Escanaba. This will be congenial work undoubtedly for them since they were roommates in college. Miss Ellen Farrell is teaching in the kindergarten at her home town, Gladstone, Mich., as director. The position held by Miss Eva Simms, who has returned to college to teach, is that of assistant to the principals, Miss Mingins and Miss Perrin. Miss Hattie Farrell has also returned to Alma, though not to the college. She is director of the kindergarten in the Public Schools. Miss Mable Price is at the Stone Kindergarten in Saginaw as assistant director. Miss Lila Holden is teaching in the second grade of the public schools at Brown City. Miss Edith Tennant holds a similar position teaching first grade at Manistique. Miss Eva Palmer is very near her friends teaching in the high school at Ithaca. The friends of Miss Hebner who held last year the position now held by Miss Simms will be pleased to learn that she is assistant director in the Kate Bassett Kindergarten at Saginaw.

ALUMNI EDITOR



WALLACE WEBBER, '05  
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ALUMNI

L. S. Bagley, '03, reports a very pleasurable trip to Mexico on a trip with W. L. Brock, '02. Gilbert E. Tell, '02, and Raymond G. Swigart, '04, retain their positions as Superintendent and Professor of Science respectively in the Caro high school. W. R. Baker, '03, goes to Davenport, Iowa, where he will have charge of the Commercial department of the city schools. Pearl Fuller, '03, George Timby, '03, Stanley Schenck, Mr. and Mrs. Parker, Ralph Watson, Kenyon Brown, and Newman Cobb are maintaining the supremacy of Alma in the north west at Hibbing, Minn. Howard Potter, '06, returns to Lawas City as Superintendent of the schools, after spending his vacation at the home of his parents.

J. Earl Webber, '05, took up his work with the Detroit Y. M. C. A. on August 15th. Mr. Webber will have charge of the Association at the Detroit College of Medicine.

William Winton, '04, who has served the Almanian well as Alumni Editor, has gained an enviable reputation with the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company, and has been made special representative with headquarters at Detroit.

Martin J. Stormzand, '04, who reported for the Daily News at Grand Rapids, has returned to Princeton to finish his course.

William Brown, ex. '05, spent part of his summer at the home of his parents near Ithaca, and has now returned to Colorado.

SAY, do not forget to write the Alumni editor a letter. Many of your old classmates will be glad to learn about you. The Almanian is going to be a great alumni newspaper, and we want all thenews we can beg, borrow or buy.

Harold Gaunt, '06, returns to Princeton; Fred Souleto, Union Seminary; William Cooper to John Hopkins.

Y. M. C. A.

An earnest invitation is extended to all the men of Alma College to attend the annual stag reception given in Pioneer Hall on the first Friday night of the year, Sept. 20th. These receptions have been in the past productive of much enjoyment. Come and get acquainted. Jolly up! You'll enjoy the program and the fun, to say nothing of the refreshments.

And don't forego about the regular opening reception at Wright Hall on Friday evening, Sept. 27th. This reception is given by the social committees of the Y. W. C. A. and the Y. M. C. A. It is worth while. You will miss it if you don't go! Remember it.

Above all remember that the union prayer meeting is held every Wednesday evening of the college year at 6:45 p. m., in the college chapel. Better go to those, too. You'll enjoy them. As the Handbook says, "Get the habit." They are profitable.

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Just to remind you that the Ann Arbor railroad will give its twenty-second annual Ohio excursion, Tuesday, October 1st. Watch this paper for particulars which will be announced soon.  
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## OPENING ADDRESS WEDNESDAY

New Members of the Faculty Comes  
Highly Recommended—H. J. Meyer  
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The bell will ring on Tuesday, September 17th, announcing the opening of the twenty-first year. The day will be devoted to the classification of students and settling them in their rooms.

On the day following the chapel exercises will be resumed at 8:45 A. M. The opening address will be delivered by the Rev. Roger M. Williams, the pastor of the Presbyterian church in the capital city of Gratiot county. His subject will be: "Some Great Men of Wales." After the address the direct work of registration, classification, securing of books, etc., etc., will be pushed as rapidly as possible so that classes may meet on Thursday and recitations begin on Friday. By that time the college will be in full swing and the joyous life with its laughter and music, its hard work and jollifications, will again be witnessed by us all. How silent and dull is College Hill in summer! How musical and lively is the whole city for the rest of the year because the boys and girls are with us!

As the old students return they will notice important changes and improvements.

(1.) They will be greeted by a larger and more capable faculty than ever before. By the pledge of \$2,000 from that father of Alma as well as of the college, Mr. A. W. Wright, and by the promise of a like sum from the Board of Trustees the salaries of some of the members of the faculty have been increased and an additional professor has been installed in the department of English. His name and fame have been brought to the attention of our readers in another issue. His great work will be to coach in public speech.

It has been the dream of the authorities of the college that at some time they might see that most gracious and accomplished musician, Miss Ellen Ransom, at the head of the Department of Piano Music. That dream, that hope is to be realized.

Another of the new faces will be that of John W. Beach A. M., who will take the place of Instructor in Latin and Greek. This gentleman comes with highest recommendations of President Angell and Professor Kelsey of the University of Michigan; Professor John C. Rolf of the University of Pennsylvania, and many others equally distinguished. His pastor, Rev. J. M. Gelston D. D., writes of him under date of July 13th, 1907, as follows:

"Having learned Mr. John W. Beach is an applicant for a position at Alma I write to recommend him heartily to you as an earnest christian young man whom you can depend upon in all religious matters to do his part and to exercise the right kind of influence. He is a young married man of considerable experience as a teacher and successful in his line of work. His scholarship is unquestioned, and his varied equipment makes a very useful man. But of these matters you can easily secure ample testimony from his teachers. I write more especially to endorse him as the right sort of a man religiously, the thing which I believe out weighs all other considerations."

Mr. H. J. Meyer, of St. Paul's College, St. Paul Park, Minn., will be the head of the School of Business. If seven years of work in the same exclusively business college and three

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years of similar work in a college like our own, and the most unqualified recommendations of those best qualified to judge, are a sufficient evidence that no mistake has been made in bringing him to Alma, then we may rest assured that our work here under his care will attain even greater heights of success than ever before.

No department of the College has interested the community more than that of the training of Kindergarten Teachers. The enthusiastic principals, Miss Mingsen and Mrs. Periam, have, by the kindness of the citizens of Alma, been able to add a second Kindergarten, both to serve as models to the young ladies in the process of training. In the work of presiding over these Kindergartens the principals will be assisted by Miss Eva Simms, a graduate of last year, and by Miss Stella Laing and Miss Zaida Markham who are seniors of this year.

(2.) Important improvements have been made upon the grounds and buildings during the summer. Four buildings have been painted within and without. Wright Hall has been made more beautiful than ever, plastered anew, varnished, rooms tinted in many instances, etc., etc. It was not as fresh and clean and good on the day that it was finished as it is now.

Pioneer hall which was painted last year has had a thorough overhauling inside this year and is in excellent condition for the young men. Of course this will be filled, or is already, from bottom to top, with the brightest and happiest crowd of boys to be found anywhere.

(3) This leads us to say that there is every indication now that the attendance this year will eclipse anything of previous years. More rooms are taken, a greater number of letters from prospective students have been received than in any corresponding period before.

## HARPER IS PLEASED.

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probably at tackle, that will open the eyes of the fans. He is another Beechler Bradfield and Chapel were good ends last year, "Brad" will be a winner this year and Chapel though light, has a good head and speed. Magidsohn has been on the team two years, Marshall and Horst for three; they are all good men. Dafoe and Duncanson brothers, although not regulars last year, will probably place.

So much for the old men. We are now looking to the others who are new to the campus and are expecting things of them. A few have already learned the game in high school and know that the secret of finding a place on the team is, "Keep mouth shut and eyes open." Others will have to take that awful fall that the Coach knows so well how to pass out to the "knowing one."

Yes, we have the Coach and men but, more than that, we have the "feelin'" more than ever before. The situation demands it. For the next two months every loyal man and

woman, faculty member or student, alumnus or undergraduate will play foot-ball, at least in sport, and help push to the top. The championship. Well,—that has always been the cry, no matter how poor the prospect. This year we will say less about first place and think more about touchdowns, and a square deal on every date of the schedule. May the best team win. The championship is not everything. We want it but above that we want good games, played in the spirit of true sport.

### BASE BALL.

Another fact that brings joy to the hearts of the fans is that every man of last year's championship baseball team will be on hand for a try-out in the spring together with some new material. Could we ask for more. Alma has always been a complete fizzle on the diamond before the days of Harper and his "Freshmen," but now the day has come when slams about the "little burg in the northern wilds of Michigan" can well be left out of intercollegiate base-ball dope. Thanks to the work of last spring we hold the cup. The same lads will attempt to keep it another year. If Harper during his first season could coach a team to beat the U. of M., 4 to 1, and win the intercollegiate cup, he should do equally well under the existing circumstances.

### TRACK TEAM.

As to track work, the same good things are in sight. Three men pulled third place for Alma last June. They are all back again in better form and we expect another change in the records. Some good material has come in with high school training and the track squad will be of some size.

Such is the story of Davis Field. There is many a slip between anticipation and realization, but still we hope and "We're glad we're here."

### THE SCHEDULE.

Kalamazoo at Kalamazoo.....Oct. 5  
Hillsdale at Alma.....Oct. 12  
Olivet at Olivet.....Nov. 2  
Mt Pleasant at Mt. Pleasant..Nov.9  
Albion at Albion.....Nov. 16  
M. A. C. at Alma.....Nov. 23

The schedule this year is a hard one, working up to a climax. Some games will undoubtedly be added to fill in the blanks. More can be told in the next issue.

Everything of interest in the way of athletics will find its way to this section and every one who is interested in doings at Alma would do well to see the subscription manager at once. No games written up and printed a month late, but every thing will come fresh from the field.

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