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A DOUBLE VICTORY

Alma Takes Both Decisions From Olivet in Hard Fought Battles at Alma and Olivet.

The debate at Olivet resulted in a victory for Alma as well as did the debate at Alma. The weather at Olivet was stormy and prevented a large number attending the debate, but the interest shown by those present was very intense. The presiding officer was Pres. Lancaster, of Olivet, the time keepers were Professors Adams and Schoenberger, of Alma and Olivet, respectively; the judges were Professor Blaisdell, of M. A. C. Professor Williams of Kalamazoo, and Supt. Hartwell, of Kalamazoo Public Schools. The platform of the Olivet Chapel was very prettily decorated for the occasion with banners and screens.

After introductory remarks by Pres. Lancaster, the floor was taken by Mr. R. K. Thomas, '09 Olivet, who upheld the affirmative of the question. Mr. Thomas made a very able and earnest defense of the inheritance tax on the grounds of the nation's need for revenue and the need for reform legislation. He claimed the tax was the only just and adequate means of securing necessary revenue and reform. Mr. F. W. Cobb, '08 Alma, replied for the negative by denying a national need and by showing the fallacy of the tax as a remedy for the evils of swollen fortunes. Mr. Brown, '09 Olivet, continued the affirmative argument by showing the dangers of a small plutocratic class controlling the national wealth and argued for the inheritance tax as a remedial measure. Mr. J. H. Marchmont, '10 Alma, contended that the tax did not strike the root of the evil and that the state need for revenue was so great as to preclude the advisability of the nation's entering this field of taxation. Mr. Hunsberger, '09 Olivet, endeavored to show that the nation could successfully handle the tax as a reform measure and that the tax was adequate to bear the burden of both state and national taxation. Mr. H. N. Morse, '08 Alma, denied this and came out emphatically on the ground that if a tax was levied at all it should be levied by the states on the grounds of necessity, expediency, justice and practicability. The rebuttals followed in reverse order, Mr. Cobb, Mr. Brown, Mr. Marchmont, Mr. Hunsberger, Mr. Morse and Mr. Thomas.

Alma was stronger in rebuttal than Olivet and besides had the advantage of definite and well summarized statements from many of the best known economists. Mr. Morse's rebuttal speech and summary were especially brilliant and were commented on favorably by the audience. Mr. Thomas starred for the Olivet team of which he was the leader.

The decision of the judges was two to one in favor of the negative team.

Prof. Lancaster announced the decision and added a cordial invitation for the debaters and the students to gather at his home for an informal reception. As a whole the debate was interesting and very pleasant. The treatment to the visiting team was most cordial, students and faculty vying in their attempts to show them a good time.

In a very spirited as well as interesting debate with Olivet college on last Friday evening, May 1st, Alma won the unanimous decision of the judges. The Alma team composed of George P. Horst, Alexander Sayles and Irwin E. Bradfield with their coach, Prof. J. Q. Adams are to be congratulated on the excellent debate and victory. From the time that Sayles opened the debate with his powerful prohibition argument to the time that Horst closed the contest with his eloquent rebuttal on double taxation, there was not a dull moment. The Olivet team did good work and gave the boys a hard victory, but Alma proved the stronger in both argument and delivery.

The judges for the debate were Hon. Arthur J. Tuttle, of Lansing, a prominent attorney-at-law and member of the Michigan Legislature, Supt. E. C. Warriners, of the Saginaw East Side Public Schools, and Mr. William A. Banke of this city. Judge Kelly S. Searle of the Circuit Court at Ithaca had been selected as third judge, but owing to judicial matters, was unable to act.

Prof. James E. Mitchell ably acted as presiding officer at the debate while Prof. J. T. Ewing and Mr. Baker of Olivet, officiated as timekeepers. The invocation was given by Acting President Notestien. Several excellent musical numbers were rendered before and after the debate.

The men that composed the Olivet team were Harvey M. Swift, Clarence R. Weed, and A. Lincoln Barker. All three will graduate in June. Messrs. Barker and Weed have been in Alma several times before, representing their college on athletic teams. They are fine gentlemen and Alma was fortunate in having the opportunity of entertaining such representative college men.

After the debate a reception was given the Olivet team and judges in Wright Hall. It was at this time that word came from Olivet to the effect that the Alma team won the decision there. Naturally enthusiasm ran high for a minute. After refreshments had been served, Mr. Graves, acting as toastmaster called for short talks from Mr. Tuttle and Prof. Warriner of the judges, Mr. Weed of the Olivet team and Mr. Horst of the Alma team. A yell was given for the teams then the reception drew to a close.

Mr. F. W. Cobb visited at his home in Elsie Sunday.

McCollom threw the discus 127 feet Monday afternoon. Watch out for a new record.

Arbor Day was quite thoroughly celebrated, both in lawful and unlawful ways.

SOPHOMORE PROTEST

We didn't write that freshman slam last week. We are afraid everyone will think we did. We will reward anyone who can give information. It worries us more than it does anyone else. One of our secret service men was on the spot when the Almanian went to press and tried to bribe the printer but he wouldn't take a cent. Immediately a class meeting was called to see what could be done. That was on Tuesday. A committee was appointed to do its best to right matters. We're it, that is we're the committee. Now we would say that we wouldn't do anything that mean. We don't blame John D because his massive brain gets away with him and carries him to realms that we cannot reach. We used to feel that way at times! We are glad he has a steady! We did have once! We too were campus directors. Alas! Our days are numbered now, only a month more and we will be insignificant nothings, like all other juniors and seniors. We realize that our day is nearly done. Our sun is sinking low and already the shades of a dark fate are stealing toward us. Yet a few days and we will be snubbed and frosted at every election at all social doings, and we no longer will be allowed to carry out our plans as heretofore. Why? Need you ask? We will be juniors, upper classmen, and the under classmen will then ride on us as they do on others now. Our noses will be rubbed in the mud as the rooters of our predecessors have been rubbed.

It's tough to take the back seat after having made such a noise as we have for the past two years. If anyone sassed us we licked 'em; if any one was obstreperous we fell on their neck and they became mere spots on the grass. But now we realize that our time has come and we raise our voting heads no more. Henceforth we will make ourselves scarce and let those, who take our place, run affairs. If we want to be elected to some good juicy office where there is a bit of honor we'll see the fresh ones swing the election to someone else. If we want to swing a new idea or bring out some new stunt the under classmen will set on it promptly. If we get to be seniors and wear our caps and gowns to chapel (if we can without acting like a baby with a Teddy Bear) all the back rows will say "what a bunch of dubs they are" and directly will get soaked at the first opportunity. O, we have learned by observation about the place what we will have to take so we are not slamming freshmen or anyone else these days. We'll just accept the inevitable and hide away. Time was when the upper classmen's word was law on the campus, so tradition says, and a verdant freshman got his take off in the ways best suited to his nature, but now the idea is only a vague tradition and the last men to enroll say what will happen and what not.

Does this remind you of anything? Subscription Department.

BASE BALL AND TRACK

Alma Wins Twice from the Indians and Drops a Track Meet and a Game to M. A. C.

Thursday afternoon the Mt. Pleasant Indians and the Champs crossed bats in an interesting and exciting game. Several box artists were given a work out and this prevented a one sided score. The errors and some of the hits may be accounted for by the cold wind. Hoben having been called home Roy Campbell was called to catch. Phillips going to center field and Brown to right. The old veteran, Sandy Duncanson, started the contest. He opened a package of beautiful batteries, the varied assortment putting the visitors in dreamland for four innings. In that time they located him for one solitary bingle. In this time Harper's sluggers had clouted Sprague, the redskin twirler, for seven runs.

Big Chief Brad Bradfield succeeded Sandy in the fifth. It was his introduction to the twirling game and he was touched up a little in the first inning, but after that the smoke from his sizzlers had the Indians blinded.

As it was a practice game the fans wanted to see Johnnie Johnson in action. Accordingly Harper sent him in to finish the game. He showed more speed than ever and his slow curves had the opposition in the air. Both he and Sprague used a quick delivery ball effectively.

All of the Champs worked well. For the visitors the Nevitts starred in the field and at the bat.

Score by innings:

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| Alma | 0 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | *- | 9 | 11 | 2 | | |
| Mt. P. | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | - | 7 | 9 | 6 |

Batteries—Sprague and Dotto; A. Duncanson, Bradfield and Johnson and R. Campbell
Umpire Stickle of Mt. Pleasant.

Alma succeeded in making a fair showing in the meet at M. A. C. last Saturday.

An icy, thirty-mile wind made good work impossible so no records were broken. Alma scored 38 points to M. A. C.'s 88, but it is well to note that 27 of the former's points were made in events in which Alma had no men entered. McComb and Chapel did good work in the sprints and the 220 hurdles; Kefgen carried the broad jump and McCollum won with the discus and the shot. Sayles and Biard also won points for Alma. All things considered, Saturday's showing indicates that Alma will come close to first in the M. I. A. A. meet in June.

Summary:
 Mile run—Carr, M. A. C., first; White, M. A. C., second; Sayles, Alma, third. Time, 4:57
 Two-mile run—Tillotson, M. A. C. first; Scott, M. A. C. second; Knecht, M. A. C. third
 Half mile run—Oviatt, M. A. C., (Continued on page Four)

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Greetings to The Almanian Readers
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"Hickory Lodge, N. C.,
April 25 1908.

I am in "the land of the sky" and
the mountains—the land of the laurel
and the rhododendron—the land of the
song thrush and the mocking bird;
the land of a thousand springs and
brooks, the land where "December's
is pleasant as May", the land where
we would wish to live for ever if we
could only go a fishing once in a while.
Alas! there are no fish to catch and no
game to hunt in this garden of Eden!
But this makes it the more agreeable
and possible to send greetings to that
large fraternity known as Almanian
readers. I send the message from
the region of Mount Mitchell not be-
cause that celebrated mountain is the
most conspicuous object in view. In-
deed it is not in view at all from the
veranda of "Hickory Lodge" where
I am sitting, but because Mount Mit-
chell is quite near and is the highest
peak east of the Rockies and bears
the name of a distinguished professor
at Alma College.

The story of the name suggests a
chapter in the book of the martyrs of
science. For along time it had been
a disputed question as to which of
the states reached farthest skyward,
New Hampshire or North Carolina.
To decide it Prof. Mitchell was sent
with measuring instruments to the
regions of the highest peaks of the
states. It was about the middle of
last century when he had determined
the question in favor of the moun-
tain near Asheville N. C. and before
he had descended, he went in search
of water, slipped into a deep pool and
was drowned. His body was dis-
covered by the guide and conveyed to
Asheville. The story of the tragedy
aroused great interest. Sympathetic
friends multiplied and asked permis-
sion to bury the body on the summit

of the mountain, rear a memorial
shaft above the grave and change the
name of the mountain to Mitchell,
in honor of the memory of the man
of science. All this was happily ac-
complished.

A few days ago a party of tourists
climbed a mountain twelve miles
away and by the assistance of a field
glass saw not only the summit of
Mount Mitchell, but also the monu-
ment. One of the tourists sends his
greetings from "the land of the sky"
to all the Almanian readers and
hopes to meet them again in the happy
June days. In the meantime he sub-
scribes himself their faithful servant,
A. F. Bruske.

Thus far Alma has had a most suc-
cessful year. Only one defeat in foot-
ball and that under unfortunate con-
ditions; an advance in oratory; a
wholesale victory in debate, and pros-
pects for a championship baseball
team, all seem to point that no other
denominational school in the state
"has it on Alma" in any line. A
critic said during the argument with
the Presbytery last fall that "the
school is magnificently virile." That
is true. There are few men at Alma
but they manage to "go around" and
get results.

Let us get busy now for the rest of
the year and win that Intercollegiate
Meet. It can be done by hard work
and great enthusiasm.

It is none too early to begin mak-
ing plans for a large delegation from
the college association to the Student
Conference held at Niagara-on-the-
Lake from June 19th to 28th. At
least five delegates should go from
Alma. For the past two years it has
been the custom of the Association to
pay one half of the expenses of a del-
egate with the understanding that
this amount will be paid back some-
time after graduation. In this way
a permanent fund in a few years will
be created. The total cost including
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ing fifteen dollars for a delegate to
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tunate this year in having among their
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Y. M. C. A.

The officers conference of Student Y. M. C. A. of Michigan was held at Michigan Agricultural College April 24-26. To express the feeling that one receives from a conference of this kind is impossible. It is hard to bring back and to give to others all that has been given to you.

The conference opened with a banquet, given in the dining room of the Women's building Friday evening. College banners, ferns and cut flowers added to the beauty of the room. After a three-course spread served by the Y. W. C. A. of M. A. C. we had the pleasure of hearing toasts from J. Lovell Murray, Secretary of Student Volunteer Movement Frank U. Slack, Secretary of the International Committee, both of New York City; Rev. A. B. Wisbar, of Grand Rapids and A. Williams, Jr. of Cleveland O.. These were based on themes that set every young man to thinking and seemed to put us in the right spirit for the other meetings.

Frank U. Slack held a conference Saturday morning on the subject "The President and His Cabinet." All members of the cabinet should consider themselves as personal leaders and should make it their purpose to be such.

We need to consult with each other more concerning our own difficulties. Avoid the feeling that you are overburdened and cease to do the same old thing in the same old way. Do not make the President do all the work. He expects our help. Let us give it to him. This necessarily does not apply to cabinet members alone, but to all association members.

An address on "The Association and College Ideals" was given by A. B. Williams Jr. The association is great help to college men. It is our duty to help our fellow men. The Y. M. C. A. affords a training in this line and promotes us for spiritual service.

Saturday afternoon an open conference on "The Study of Missions by College Men" was held by J. Lovell Murray. If we are true Christians we will be interested in missions. Many there are who know little about this work and the condition of the world, who criticize the Missionary Movement. In order to be of service in the world we should understand the condition of the world. Mission study furnishes us this information. Let us plan to do more in this work next year.

Saturday evening Frank V. Slack addressed us on Bible Study in "Our American Colleges." We all realize the need of young men coming in closer touch with the teachings of the Bible and his address strengthened this sentiment. Let us strive to make next year our banner one in Bible Study.

Sunday we were fortunate in having Dr. W. P. Behan, Director Biblical

Dept. Y. M. C. A. Training School of Chicago, who gave us two excellent sermons. "The Supreme Mission, of Jesus" and "The Winning of Men the Highest Service of the Association." Both of these addresses came home to the heart of every man present and set us all thinking. What an inspiration was given us? May it be a lasting one. May we put his suggestions into operation and raise the standard of Y. M. C. A. in the educational institutions of our state.

Conferences for the chairman of the Mission Study, Bible Study, Presidents and other officers were held Sunday morning. These small gatherings proved very helpful to the various officers.

The conference was a great success. Eleven institutions were represented, sixty delegates were present and it was one of the best meetings of the kind were held.

CAMPUS GOSSIP.

Professor Adams has promised a spread to his winning teams.

Miss Jane Mullenbach, instructor in French and German, visited in Detroit last week.

Mr. Earl Fomes has been entertaining his sister from Detroit.

Bert Henderson visited in Mason last Sunday. Have a good time, Bert?

Misses Allen, Springer, Brown, Hoover and Mason saw the M. A. C. game Saturday.

ARBOR DAY.

If you ask a Soph, a Fresh or Prep They'll say—"Twas peachy weather" And yet methinks upon the whole, The least that's said the better. The faculty—it seems as though They didn't care a feather And yet methinks upon the whole, The least that's said, the better A few of us went to class A few rolled in the heather And yet perhaps upon the whole The least that's said the better.

FRESHIES' PUZZLE.

Now the season's open Tell me what to do Ticket's cost two dollars How will I get thru? Haven't got a copper? Must have tickets two Can some wise old senior Give me any clue?

The little hand I pressed,—Ah me!— That I had but pressed and did depart; How tenderly I think of thee And wonder only where thou art.

I wonder whether thou shalt e'er Feel once again my tender clasp; With thee the world and all were mine I saw the prize within my grasp.

The little hand I pressed,—Ah me!— And held with all the lover's art— A royal flush—the house was pinched, I left the pot and did depart—

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first; France, M. A. C. second; Bradford, Alma, third. Time, 2:10 2-5
 Quarter mile run—Oviatt M. A. C., first; Allen M. A. C. second; Bignell M. A. C. third. Time, 55 seconds.
 220-yard dash—McComb, Alma, first; Griffin, M. A. C. second; Duncanson, Alma, third. Time, 25 seconds.
 100-yard dash—McComb, Alma, first; Chapel, Alma, second; Griffin M. A. C. third. Time, 10 1-5 seconds



FRANK MACOMB
 Fastest man in the Intercollegiate.

220-yard hurdles—Courtright, M. A. C., first; Chapel, Alma, second; McKenna, M. A. C., third. Time, 27 2-5 seconds.
 High hurdles—Small, M. A. C., first; McKenna, M. A. C., second; Griffin, M. A. C., third. Time, 17 1-5 seconds.
 High jump—Allen M. A. C., first; Harrison, M. A. C., second; Kefgen, Alma, third. Distance, 5 feet 2 inches.
 Broad jump—Kefgen, Alma, first; Bushnell, M. A. C., second; Small, M. A. C., third. Distance, 19 feet 9 3-4 inches.
 Pole vault—Gilbert, M. A. C., first; Courtright, M. A. C., and Kefgen, Alma, tied for second. Distance, 9 feet 4 inches.
 Discus—McCollum, Alma, first; Campbell, M. A. C., second; Clark, M. A. C., third. Distance 116 feet, 1 1/2 inches.
 Shot put—McCollum, Alma, first; Campbell, M. A. C. second; McKenna, M. A. C., third. Distance, 34 feet 7 inches.
 Hammer throw—Wheeler, M. A. C., first; White, M. A. C., second; McCollum, Alma, third. Distance, 105 feet 9 inches.

The M. A. C. Alma game Saturday was a chilly affair in more senses than one. The raw wind made good work impossible, but Alma was guilty of only 2 errors. In the second inning the Farmers fell on "Hal" rather heavily. Harrison the first man up was hit by the pitcher. Crissey binged and Harrison advanced to third. Crissey stole second Vondette hit for a bag and two runs came in. Nelson came up and reached first on an error and Vondette scored. The next three men failed to hit. In the fifth inning also Mills made a long hit and a score

came in, making it 4-0 for M. A. C. The features of the game were Peterson's striking out six men, and Ehler's work at short, he getting two difficult assists and one put out in a single inning.

The score

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| Alma | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | x | x | 0 | 2 | 2 | |
| M. A. C. | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | x | x | 4 | 5 | 1 |

A shut-out, 2-0, is the story Harper brought back from the game at Mt. Pleasant with the Red Men. As the score indicates it was a close game, although there were no exciting plays. "Sandy" Duncanson stepped on the mound for the first time this season and twirled prettily. There were no errors by Alma. The scores came in the seventh inning, on an error by Nevitt, the Indian's first baseman. R. Campbell and his brother John, brought the tallies to the par.

The score:

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| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | R | H | E |
| Alma | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| Indians | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 |



R. H. McCOLLUM
 is throwing the discus 127 feet.

M. I. A. A. MEET.

Down town interest in the M. I. A. A. meet in June is growing. Of course no one can predict what the attendance will be on that occasion, it will probably be large. It is said that Ringling's Circus is billed here for the second day of the meet, but that only increases the interest of the city people. The meet may be shifted a day or two although it is not likely. The greater part of the work on Davis Field is done and although there still remains much smoothing up, it is in fine condition. Taking size and equipment into consideration is probably the best athletic field in the intercollegiate. The tennis courts now are the farthest behind but they will soon be completed.

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