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CAMPUS AGAIN ALIVE

Largest Freshman Class in the History of the Institution.

ONLY A FEW FACULTY CHANGES

Both Wright and Pioneer Halls Crowded—Many New Features—Prof. Adams Gives Opening Speech.

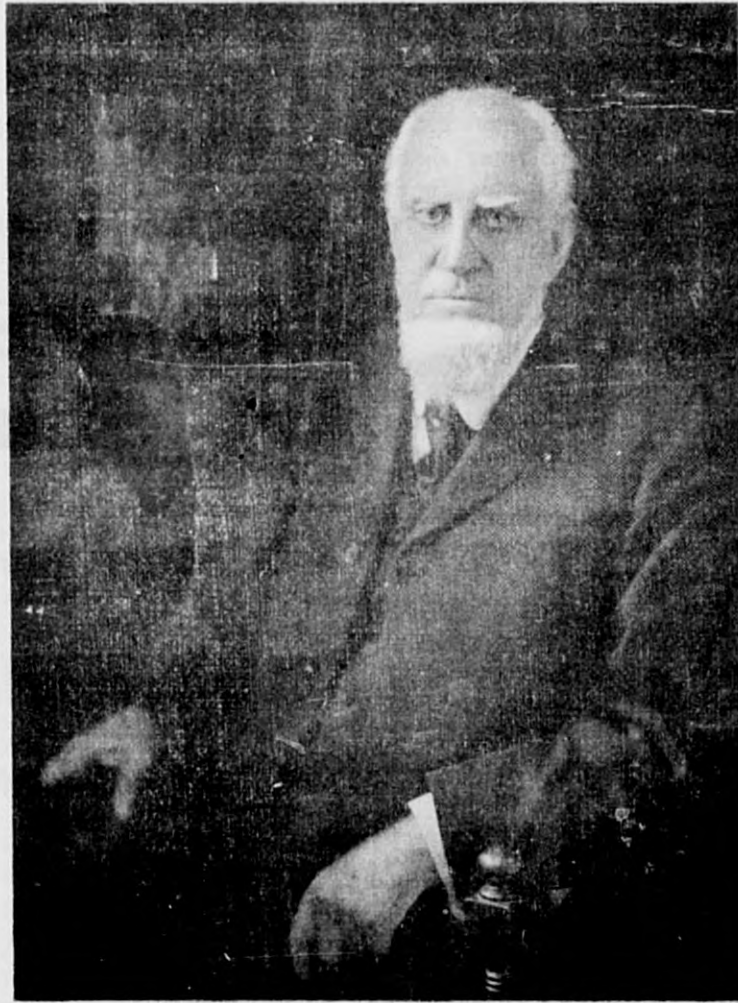
The forty-third semester of Alma College opened Wednesday under the most favorable circumstances and brightest prospects imaginable. The largest Freshman class in the history of the institution enrolled Tuesday. The Campuses never looked more beautiful and seemed to be waiting, clothed in all its splendor, the trees nodding welcome to old and new students alike. Nothing seems to be changed. It is just the same old "feelin'" which gets a hold of you before you have crossed the greenward and shaken hands with "Bob."

Wright and Pioneer Halls are crowded to the limit and the noise of the hammer, the scraping of the trunks on the floors, and all the other familiar sounds of an "unpacking bee" were prevalent the first day or two, only to be superseded now by the newly tuned pianos sending forth from the windows of the "sky parlor" their harmonious chromatic scales in a minor or a faint measure or two of "I've Been Working on the Railroad."

At first glance nothing seems to be changed, but this, however, is not the case. Pioneer Hall has received many needed repairs and the halls and most of the rooms have been repaired. Wright Hall has taken its usual dose of replastering and for another strenuous nine months will be the center of the social life of the college. The "Gym" has been overhauled and much new apparatus added. The other buildings have all been newly varnished and everything is in shape for the year's use.

The faculty changes are few. The new Coach, Mr. Carrithers, who succeeds Coach Harper is undoubtedly a "find" for the college, and will prove himself a worthy successor of a worthy coach. Too much cannot be said of Miss Udell, the violin instructor. She is locally too well known for anything to be added. A graduate of our own music school and a passionate lover of the violin, she appeals to all interested in the department. The "little school room" in the Kindergarden building will be in charge of Miss Ableson, who succeeds Miss Simms. Miss Simms ably demonstrated last year what our own graduates could do along their special line of work and only the fact of Miss Ableson being in our midst modestly stops us from saying many things to the effect that the work will go on improv-

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REV. DAVID M. COOPER, D. D.

One of the founders of Alma; a life long friend, a loyal supporter and champion of our beloved college. "He gave his time to Alma, he gave his prayers to Alma, he gave his money to Alma, he gave his son to Alma and now he gives his library to Alma."

APPRECIATIVE WORDS

Kind Words By Dr. Bruske for Rev. David M. Cooper, D. D., in Presbyterian.

Dr. Cooper was a man of remarkable frankness. His character was transparent. He had nothing to conceal. One knew him as truly at the end of the first interview as at the end of the last. In the friendship of many years there was nothing to unlearn. One came to know him more and more deeply, more and more widely, but not differently. This perfect frankness was part of his ideal of manhood. Hence, he greatly disliked "underground" work of any kind, especially in the church. He despised "wire pulling" for a place of honor. If the cause dear to him could not prevail upon its merits, he would not have it prevail at all. Two paths opened themselves to such a nature—that of retreat from unpleasant conflicts of life, or that of frankly meeting them and accepting the consequences. Dr. Cooper chose the latter. Every opportunity of advocating measures dear to him was promptly improved. Truth was never beaten down in his presence, but he was ready to lift it up and bid it stand. The community and church will greatly miss a "power that made for righteousness," for peace, for conservative liberalism, for honesty of heart and mind, for goodness and Godliness.—Dr. Bruske in the Michigan Presbyterian.

DEPEND ON NEW MEN

Something About the New Coach Few of the Old Men Back. St. Cyr to Return.

CHAPEL ELECTED CAPTAIN.

Much New Apparatus in Gym.—Girls Have New Room.—Miss Bruske To Start New System.

With the opening of the college always comes the question "What are we going to do in athletics?" This year the question is still more puzzling on account of the scarcity of old men for the various positions on the different teams, the loss of Jesse E. Harper as coach and the lack of husky "freshies."

To offset these disadvantages we have our new coach, Ira F. Carrithers, who comes highly recommended from the University of Illinois, where he was a student for four years, having played on both football and baseball teams as well as being a track man of repute, his specialty being the weight events. He was captain of the football eleven for one year and is also well recommended by former Coach Harper both as a man and athlete as well as student.

Our first impression of him has more than filled all expectation and recommendations. He will room in Pioneer Hall and have charge of the boys as dean in that department.

Of last year's football team, only Capt. Byron Chapel, elected to succeed Hugh Ferguson who will not return, his brother Theron, last year's center and Marshall, the all Michigan guard for the past season, are on hand. Marshall will not compete in any intercollegiate games, but he has very willingly offered his services for the coming season in whatever capacity he may be called upon and already has been out in togs coaching some of the new men.

From the reserves of last season, the coach has several promising candidates for the first team in Robt. Cook, full back; Von Thurn, tackle; Kefgen, end; Dearing, end; Fraker and R. Campbell, quarter tackle. Several good men from last year's scrub team are out in suits but are not eligible such as Will Ewing Lester Von Thurn and Hooper. A number of the older students who heretofore had not appeared in football suits on Davis Field but who have very generously offered their services and the new men are rapidly getting the Alma spirit and are putting it to good advantage by making a hard try for the team. Among the most likely are Clark, half back, from Tecumseh, Lyons, tackle, Higbee, end, Hamilton, backfield and Dickinson, line.

The coach had the squad kicking, catching punts, throwing the ball and charging all week. No hard work has been done, however, as he intends putting them in shape gradually. Signal practice will start next week as well as quiz classes on rules and plays.

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DON'T READ THIS.

Do you know that it is contrary to the postal laws of the United States to send any publication to previous subscribers, whose subscriptions have run over? Theoretically speaking, every one who took the Almanian last year and has not, as yet, subscribed for it this year has let their subscription run out. Now the staff goes on the supposition that everyone who has been connected with Alma in any way, wants the Almanian sent to him. Consequently we are sending this issue to all such. For our own convenience, however, we ask that all those who do not wish the paper this year, would just right up and say so. The postage thus saved would be considerable, and it is quite necessary that we save it. Thirty-two issues cannot be printed for a trifle and so we are going to "squeeze the eagle 'til it hollers." Thanks.

ALUMNI.

What has happened to naughty eight? Incoming reports from our secret service men enable us to make public the following. Miss Edith Cook will enter Western Reserve for a special library course, upon completion of which she will return and take charge of the college library. Helen Cook will be college Librarian this year. Miss Gladys Nelson is teaching in East Tawas, while Miss Elvena Hoover will act as assistant principal of the Ovid high school. Ruth Pierson has entered one of the

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"Here We Go, Or Else We Don't"

With this issue the weekly Almanian is started on its second voyage across the sea of adversity. It will take one year for the voyage. She cannot hope to reach harbor before commencement 1908. Between now and then there will be some rough sailing. Rocks of unkind criticism, and prejudiced insinuation lie hidden beneath the now calm surface. Unless judicious care and persistent watchfulness are followed she will go to pieces upon them. Clouds of unreasonable demands and impatient suggestions will suddenly loom up in the clear sky. All hands must be ready to "take in canvass" or the craft will meet disaster. Will we clear the rocks and weather the storms or must we make a miserable failure and go under? The crew will do their part and the rest, as Shakespeare never said, is "up to you."

The Almanian is not the property of the staff, it is the property of the college. It is the Alma college weekly and represents Alma college both here and elsewhere, as much, if not more, than any other department. In spite of all the staff can do, however, it can never produce a successful paper unless the college is back of it. Students, Alumni, Friends, all must stand ready to help. With your help, "we go," without it, "we don't," in other words, "Here we go, or else we don't."

ALUMNI.

There is an evitable moment in the life of the new alumnus when he realizes the sweeping significance, the full meaning of the fact that he has left the campus and become part of that nebulous and shifting organization, the Alumni. From that moment onward the campus looks more and more like a tiny spot of greensward whereon the tiny student humps about in grotesque trousers and ragged hat, dreams his dreams, dallies his day, flirts with the girls, quarrels with the Dean, and incidentally learns how to make fudge and photographs. But it is a sacred spot and even the most active particles of the above mentioned nebula feel an irresistible attraction there unto. What better agent is there for keeping the old school in mind than a well edited college paper? Imagine how grateful and refreshing, to the alumnus, the sensation of reading the details of how Alma defeated Olivion or Hillsbet at football or that Smith '08 spoke in chapel, or that Jenkins '97 has been called to the First Presbyterian

church of——. But how is the alumnus going to get all this out of his college paper? As John D. (Rockefeller) told his Sunday school, "you get nothing out unless you put a great deal in." The weekly is a young and tender plant to be matured and fertilized with the greatest faithfulness. If the alumnus cultivates it carefully, it will yield both blossoms and fruit; if he neglects it, it may grow up a noxious weed, spite of all the Managing Editor can do.

Will you remember, Alumni? Will you have confidence in the weekly, enough confidence to spend some time and thought on it? The interest of the Alumni in the college as expressed in the Almanian makes the paper significant and purposeful and adds dignity and value to life on the dear old campus. You will find the Alumni Editor's address in the usual place.

WHY NOT NOW.

Honestly now, you know that there will not be another time during the college year when you are so "flush" as you are now. That five dollar bill that dad slipped into your hand when he said good bye, you have nicely folded away in your pocketbook. That two dollar bill that dear Aunt Somebody gave you is beside it. When you go home Xmas, dad will be strapped, with the usual Xmas shopping, and dear Aunt Somebody will buy you a neck tie instead. Now then to the point: you are seven dollars to the good. Take our advice. Put the five dollars in the bank, and pay your Almanian subscription now. Later, when you are asked to pay it, you won't have the dollar. Don't catch?!

The little used and much abused item box still holds its time honored place. We have the key in our possession and we intend to go through the motions of unlocking it every day, whether we find anything or no. If you hear anything real interesting or newsy, forget it. However, on second thought, it might be a good plan to jot it down and if you happen to pass the box, drop it in. Don't put yourself to any inconvenience, however.

Congratulations on this, our first issue, will be received by the staff at any time. Don't hang back. Just rush up and, seizing us by the hand, exclaim: "Allow me to congratulate you old man, on"——hang that alarm clock, I wonder if it's spasmodic.

We can change anything up to a hundred dollar bill.

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large Eastern Universities. George Horst goes to Princeton Seminary and will room with Mr. Harold Gaunt '05. Francis Cobb can be reached at Elsie, Mich., for the present but will probably enter Columbia University this fall. Harry Helmer is in charge of the Cadillac Y. M. C. A. He has had a number of the younger set of Cadillac camping most of the summer. The new Y. M. C. A. building will be completed this fall and "Hal" will take full charge. Geo. Sutton is superintendent of schools at Kingston, Michigan. Harry J. Bastone has taken up the duties of a science teacher at Cheboygan. Robert Craig will continue his course of studies in the University of Michigan specializing in forestry. Herman Morse registers at Union Theological Seminary, New York, and will take special work in Columbia. Lester Sharp continues his work at John Hopkins University and will make botany his specialty. Mr. Raycraft has taken a position as instructor in an Eastern Methodist Seminary.

Ray Moon '07 will take up a medical course at Nashville, Tenn. this fall.

The Grand Ledge high schools have secured Miss Leola Lauderback '05 for instructor in Latin and German.

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CAMPUS NOTES.

Some of the new fellows that were not

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ing. in like proportion to an arithmetical progression. All the other departments remain unchanged. This speaks well for the college and the students, especially the old ones, will reap the benefit of having instructor- with whose methods they are familiar, and by whom they are understood. The more that such conditions prevail the closer we approach the ideal of college instruction.

The year proper was successfully launched with an inspiring chapel service Wednesday morning. His typical chapel did ring with the familiar "Glory be to the Father" and we were a bit surprised that the first hymn announced was not "Watchman Tell Us of the Night." The opening address was delivered by Prof. Adams, who was uniquely introduced by Mr. Bruske as comparing favorably with the great John Quincy Adams of Revolutionary fame.

Professor Adams was quite up to his usual standard of excellence and succeeded first in arousing an enthusiasm for the year's work ahead, and second in giving first hand information on a topic that seldom, if ever, would come under our observation— that of a real live "Lord Mayor's Show," or to translate into Yankee a "Heap Pig Parade." His vivid description of the Procession of the Lord Mayor of London on his way to receive his office. The pomp and splendor of such a "pageant" would be scarcely realized by the people of this side of the great waters, yet when Prof. Adams had finished chore were none but had received a new impression of the British people, and had a clearer idea than ever before of the pomp and vanity so richly lavished on such occasions. He said in part: In the charm of it all we ask, what is the Lord Mayor? Who is he? Why does he have a show? Of what will his show consist?

It is the city of London, not Loudon as you may know it from history or geography— the city on the Thames with its millions of souls, the largest aggregation of human beings in the world, not the capital of the wondrous British Empire, the city of Westminster Abbey, the tower, the British Museum and Rockingham Palace, but a little London inside of this larger one, for, technically speaking, only this smaller area is London. The metropolis, not merely of the nation, nor of the empire, but of the world, is a collection of political units, all, but one, under the control of the London county council. This one, the most important financially at least— is London proper. Here is located the Bank of England, the great wholesale districts, the offices of great corporations and Lombard street—the Wall— the heart of England. This little city all powerful in finance and industry— even in government and politics has its board of Aldermen and they from their number elect annually their Lord Mayor. The triumphal procession approaching with glare and martial music is this official elect and his escort on his way to take his oath of office. This procession is the Lord Mayor's Show.

The Mayor is provided with a nicely furnished palace, the Mansion House. It is said the plate and furnishings alone are worth half a million dollars. He entertains lavishly. His official allowance is as great as the salary of the President of the United States. In the city of London, that is, the technical Loudon, he has precedence before royalty— and he is the king himself. He can dissolve the city courts and even that of the common council.

The New Coach.

OPENING OF THE NEW MEN.

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The football schedule is not complete yet but the following games have been booked:

Ypsilanti at Ypsilanti, Oct. 10.
Physical Culture School, Battle Creek at Battle Creek, Oct. 11.
D. A. C. at Detroit, Oct. 12.
Michigan at Alma, Oct. 13.
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Olivet at Alma, Nov. 14.
M. A. O. at Alma, Nov. 21.

The past week the baseball men have been practicing both on the campus and Davis Field and a number of new men are showing up well. Of last year's champions only Johnny Johnson, Roy Campbell, Phillips and Brown, reserve catcher, have returned. Dearing, left fielder of the 1907 champs, has returned and will help greatly in building up another championship team. Enough good men will be ready in the spring to make a strong bid for the cup which if captured again will belong to the college.

Coach Carrithers is a baseball man of no little experience and already has been making plans for some fall practice with battery men and infielders.

A HOSSTON CONCOCTION*.

Adeline's lover popped by mail
she answered, I decline.
But ere she sent the letter off
She thought she'd Adeline.
It really seemed to be a match
'Twas Marion and John:
Hilt pa said: 'No. it cannot be
He snatched to Marion.
A mischievous wee maid is lice
Her nia oft gives her licks
It doesn't do n hit of good
Bee will still Be a t r i x _____
Adelaide was our favorite hen,
Her eggs threw in the shade
All others -My' you should have seen
The eggs that Adelaide.
My barber had a daughter fair.
His trade she learned from pa
Such shapely hands—what bliss one's fare
To have Barbara barber— Ah

THE SKFTKMHKK MOON.

With apologies to Moore.
September moon is gleaming love.
The corridor lamp is gleaming love
How sweet to rove
Through college grove.
While the faculty is sleeping, love
Then awake— the heavens look bright, my dear
Tis never too late for delight my dear
And the heat of all ways
To lengthen out days
Is to steal a few hours from the night, my dear—
The dean I'm sure is sleeping, love,
The stars their watch are keeping love
And I, whose star
More glorious far.
Is your eye from that casement peeping love
Then awake! we'll take a stroll, my dear
't half past ten
You'll be in again.
And no one's any the wiser my dear

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