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ANNIVERSARY IN 1912

Alma College Will Celebrate Its 25th Anniversary in 1912.

HOPED FOR IMPROVEMENTS

Increase Endowment to \$500,000—Improve the Campus—Triple the Number of Free Scholarships—Erect Hall.

When Dr. Bruske preaches a sermon that lies nearest his heart, he invariably preaches about Alma College. It is Dr. Bruske's sermons and the activity of the "Man behind the Sermons" that Alma College must thank the most for her increased prosperity. Many plans for her future have been laid and a goodly percentage of them have matured. Some have failed. So, while continually planning, the Doctor realizes that all the plans cannot materialize.

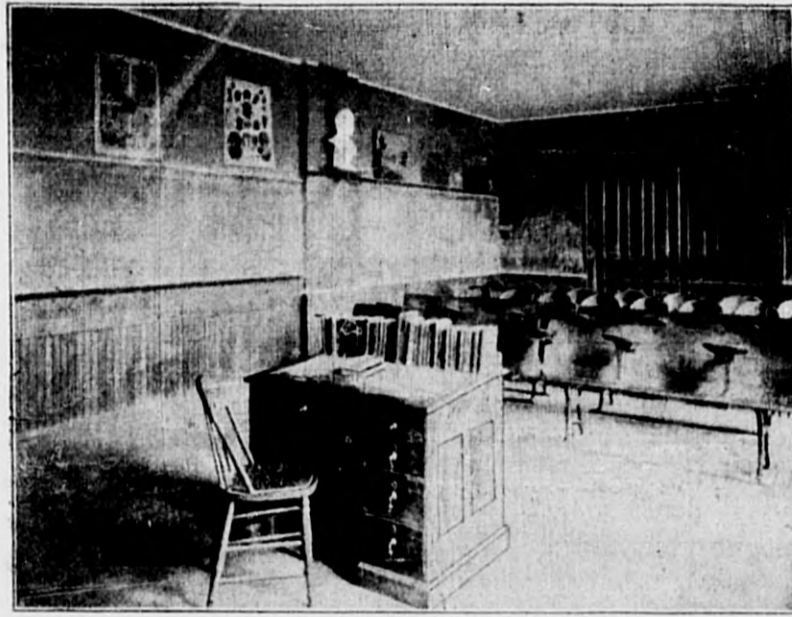
In a sermon Sunday, Nov. 8, the plans for Alma, which are hoped will be matured by 1912, were discussed. In 1912 the twenty-fifth anniversary of the College will be held. The four years between now and then are to be busy ones, if expectations are realized, and if every one interested in Alma does his share these expectations will be realized.

In brief there are four general improvements which Dr. Bruske has good reason to believe will be accomplished by 1912. First, the total endowment must be increased from \$300,000 to half a million. Second, \$5000 must be raised for the purpose of beautifying the campus. It is hoped the citizens of Alma will look after this. Third, the number of free scholarships must be increased from 83, the present number, to 200. Fourth, a Memorial Hall is to be built by the sons and daughters of those who first created the endowment for Alma College. This Hall would serve various purposes, chiefly however, to be used as an auditorium.

JUST STOLEN.

I stole a kiss the other night—
To-day my conscience hurts me some;
I think I'll have to take it back
And put it where I got it from.—Ex.
The ones who think our jokes are
poor
Would straightway change their views
Could they compare the jokes
we print
With those that we refuse.—Ex.
A boy tramped on a nest of bees
And in his ears their buzzing rung;
The battle raged 'twixt boy and
bees—
We'll leave to you which one got
stung.—Ex.
He asked a Miss what was a kiss,
Grammatically defined,
"It's a conjunction, sir," she cried,
"And cannot be declined!"—Ex.

It's easy enough to be pleasant
When you're looking and feeling
flip;
But the girl worth while is the girl
who can smile
With a cold sore on her lip.—Ex.



GREEK AND LATIN ROOM—"Relinquitte omnem spem huc ineuntes"

SOPHS 3—FRESHIES 0.

The Freshies went down to defeat to the Sophs Saturday afternoon in a hotly contested game of football. The Sophs seemed to be a little more at home in the game than the Freshies, but true to their verdant nature the 12 warriors would only "bend" and never once broke. It kept the Almanian reporter hustling some to get all the plays, but he did it and our reputation is saved.

The Game in Detail.

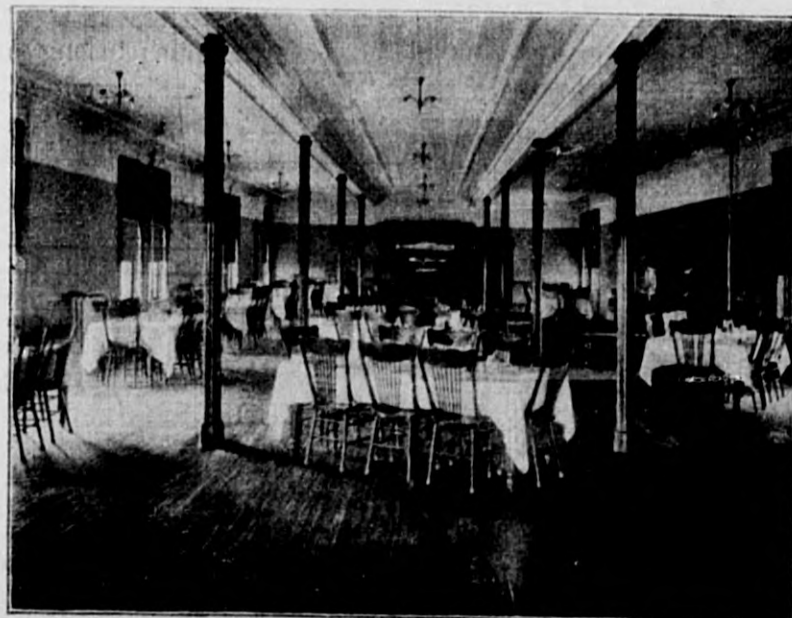
First Half.

Koefgen kicks off to Carson who gets the ball slap in the face. Ball bounds to "Johnny" who makes a vicious "swipe" with his elbow and knocks the wind out of Ewing. While Ewing is on his knees gasping for breath Umpire Corritthers falls, head, neck, and heels over him, jamming the whistle down his throat. Ball out of bounds, goes to Sophs. Fraker throws it out to Phillips who kicks at it and tears a hole in the mud, recovering he swings at it with his heel and lands on Marsh's shins. With a howl Marsh tears madly across the field and rams his head into the goal post. Ball rolls under Lyons' feet. VonThurn raises a kick and Lyons is seated. Recovering his feet, and dignity (for there were ladies present) he begs VonThurn's pardon and makes a lunge at the ball with his fiery top. True as an arrow the ball flies between the posts. Score Sophs 1, Freshies 0. Ewing kicks off to the west. Ball out of bounds Phillips

rushes madly after ball and grabs a girl on the side lines and was penalized for holding. Lindley gets ball (in the neck) and tries to "bunt." Time out for Brown whose hat wasn't on straight. Time called, game proceeds. Koefgen kicks umpire under the chin and Sophs are penalized fifty yards. Hogg tries goal from field but fails. Fraker makes brilliant double jointed back footed kick and scores. Sophs 2, Freshies 0. Time called. Lack of space prevents us from printing the second half. It was practically the same, with a few minor variations. Summary: Time of halves, 25 and 20 minutes. Scores, Lyons 1, "Johnny" 1 Fraker, Umpire, Referee, Gate keeper and general utility man, Carrithers, Illinois, Alma. Linesman, Dunham. Time keeper, Whittimore. Water boy, Cook (Robert). First chief coat bearer to the coach, Inglis. Yell master, Cook (Sidney). Final score, Sophs 3, Freshies 0.

TO THE FOOTBALL HERO.

"Oh, Tom," she said on greeting me,
In tones of great alarm—
"They said that in the game to-day
You'd broken your right arm."
I calmed her tender, groundless fears,
With vehemence and haste,
And just to prove the arm was sound
Slipped it around her waist.
So nestling close beside me, she
Smiled sweetly in my face;
"That's great," said she, "not broken,
"Nor even out of place."



THE DINING ROOM.

What pleasant memories are here awakened—of mother.

TWO SOCIAL EVENTS

Alpha Theta Entertains Zeta Sigma—
First Number a Great Success.

THE ORCHESTRA PROGRAM.

Mart King's Stories Much Enjoyed—Zeta Sigma Gives Literary Program.

When social events come so thick and fast that even the Almanian has to "double up" and "boil," it is a fair indication that we are well launched into the social whirl of the winter months. Monday evening Zeta Sigma gave her program before Alpha Theta. Tuesday evening occurred the first number of the lecture course.

The program rendered, more than equaled expectations. The Bostonia Orchestra is certainly "classy" and Mart King could draw tears, either by causing laughter or pathos, as he pleased. Special features were the selections given by the Brass Quartet and by the violin soloist of the orchestra. Perhaps the best numbers of the evening were the overture, "Morning, Noon and Night,"—Von Suppe, and "Whispering Flowers"—Von Blon, in the middle and most light and airy part of which the little girl with the squeaky shoes made her way the whole length of the longest aisle in the hall. The complete program:

March Triumphant—Entry of the Glad
ators Fuchl
Overture—"Morning, Noon and Night"
..... Von Sup
Stories.
Quartet—Soldiers Chorus from Faust
..... Gounod
(Orchestra accompaniment.)

Gems from the operas Tofani
D major Wieniamspi
Stories.

"Whispering Flowers," Von Blon
Excerpts from the "Red Mill" Herbert
The Bostonia Orchestra, with Mart King, the story teller, led off the grand march for the lecture course. The College was well represented in the audience and did their share towards filling the hall to overflowing. The Almanian purposed to publish, for the benefit of Alumni, a list of "who took who" and why, but through carelessness of the reporter the list has disappeared.

It was with more or less fear and trembling that the mn, accustomed to "eloquently orate" before their own members every Monday night, responded to their names when placed on the program given before Alpha Theta. The girls were very sympathetic, however, and laughed at all the jokes, applauded all the oratorical efforts, pondered well the logic of the debaters and, in fact, professed to have profited exceedingly by the whole program.

Somewhere around eight thirty Zeta Sigma adjourned and became the guests, to be entertained by their hosts, Alpha Theta. And they were royally entertained. "A comedy of five acts" was played which took the rest of the evening to finish. Act 1. "Music hath charms to soothe the
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Retrospective and Prospective.

Next Saturday will end football for the large majority of colleges. Attention will now be given to basket ball, indoor track, baseball and regular gym work. The season at Alma this year has been a peculiar one. It is the first year in many that Alma has witnessed a decided slump in football. Every school has its off year. This was Almas'. Be it said however that no fault lies with the coach, men or lack of spirit in the student body. The whole cause of complaint was simply lack of material. To pick a winning eleven from thirteen available men is a chinese puzzle. The coach had to solve it. When nicely started, however, and with a couple of hard games tucked away, to lose three of those eleven, one through sickness, and two through injury, is certainly disheartening. This actually happened. Consequently to make any kind of a showing at all, Alma found it necessary to use everything in sight, that knew what a football looked like. As far as the M. I. A. A. was concerned she could do this with a clear conscience, for where is the college that holds the M. I. A. A. to the front, when it comes to football. The M. I. A. A. is not to blame, but its rules are.

Alma would have liked to play Olivet on the 14th and M. A. C. on the 21st. To do so however, as far as Olivet was concerned, the M. I. A. A. must be ignored. Communication with Olivet to this effect was unanswered. Hence no game. To play M. A. C. then it became necessary to hold the team together, through practice only, for three weeks. This was practically impossible. The men lost interest at once and irregularities in training resulted. Alma has nothing but good to say for M. A. C. and certainly hated to miss the "family

dinner."

It is not to be inferred, however, that track, basket ball and base ball are also off color. For be it from so. Alma will be stronger in track this year than she has ever been. Many of the old men are back and there are plenty of new men in our midst, with good records. Basket ball will be exceptionally strong and base ball prospects are bright indeed. From now on there will be things doing.

One Happy Incident.

How dear to our hearts is the brand new subscriber,
When his kind, handsome face now looms into view,
As he enters our sanctum, so sacred and holy,
And says here's a dollar, I have brought it for you.

CHORUS.

The brand new subscriber,
The paid up subscriber,
The honest subscriber,
That pays as he goes.

We grasp it and treasure this live saving portion,
As we take up our pencil his name to enroll,
Like an angel of mercy he comes to our rescue,
May the blessings of heaven forever encircle,
And hallow the place that he calls his home,
For we know that in heaven he'll surely be welcome,
On the great judgement day when the Lord claims his own.

Swipes

As a diciplinarian Campbell certainly is a success. It is remarkable how orderly the serving room is when he "subs" for Marshall.

Kceigen has instituted "The Reign of Terror," with his "Golden Scepter" (surburg's) he rules supreme. Plenty of fire and smoke but as yet no lives lost altho some have felt very near death's door.

Welcome back "Mac".

C. McComb. (with an abstracted air) Say fellows, I understand house hold goods are high this year.

Boyd-Say Johnny, do you want to pick up the dinner plates before you do the soup bowls.

Campbell - Say Charlie, did Taft carry the cemeteries.

Inglis - Sure, he had a "dead cinch"

Now that Hunt has left us, we may all expect to get something to eat.

F. Mc Comb - I had an idea this morning fellows, going to take Miss McKinney skating Sat. Guess there will be plenty of ice on the river by the time we get down there.

Some class to those Sat. morning spreads, eh? First one beats them all though.

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PROPRIETOR

CLASS AND SOCIETY.

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The following program was given in the Euterpe Society Monday evening.

Advance of musical education and musical atmosphere in America.—Helen Cook.

Piano Solo — Theo. Amsbury.

Story of the Battle Hymn of the Republic, Star Spangled Banner and America — Anna Montigal.

"Cherry Rye"—vocal solo — L. Johnston.

Mission of popular music — Hazel Bahlki.

Y. W. C. A.

The week of prayer opened last Sunday by the topic "The Spirit of God," Miss Inez Pollard leading. This meeting was very helpful, especially in connection with the series of prayers which were to follow. On Monday at noon the second was held and Miss Allen led. Africa was the country to receive special attention and many prayers were offered for its enlightenment.

Tuesday Miss Bond directed the prayer for Africa. Wednesday the topic was Asia and Miss Kelso led. On Thursday Australasia Miss Wyman leading. Friday Europe by Mrs. Drake and on Saturday the series were closed by Miss Strange.

The week of prayer was especially helpful and the thought that eight members were away at the Hillsdale convention was especially encouraging. On Thursday morning the Misses Bond, Ryan, Rolland, Zellner, Stevens, Blair, McCord and Kelso left for Hillsdale via Lansing. As they had a lengthy wait there, their purpose was to visit the M. A. C.

As to the convention we can say nothing, but, no doubt, we will receive inspiring accounts when the delegates return. The way home will be by a different route affording the girls half a day in Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor, which will, no doubt, be profitably spent.

It is a great advantage to the association to have so many live enthused girls to go to this convention for the new zeal which they will bring back will surely be a paying investment.

ALUMNI.

Rev. Arthur S. Eomer, '95, formerly pastor at ~~Blanca~~, has re-entered the ministry of the Presbyterian church, after being a minister of the E. body for five years. He will supply the Presbyterian church in Tekonsha.

"There are four loyal Alma fellows (and one married woman) here (Princeton). Alma's welfare is still in our minds and hearts, and you can proclaim on our authority that

Princeton Theological Seminary is the next best place and we like it, the better we know it." Paul Allured.

Asbury Park, New Jersey.

Rev. John Y. Brook, pastor of the Grand Avenue Dutch Reformed church, has been extended a call to the pastorate of Trinity Reformed church of Plainfield, one of the leading churches of that denomination in that state, and it is altogether likely that he will accept. The call was extended following a meeting of the members of the Plainfield church last night, the vote being unanimous.

Rev. John Y. Brook assumed the pastorate of the Grand Avenue Reformed church of this city about two years and a half ago and his ministerial career has been a remarkably successful one. His leaving will be a source of great regret on the part of the church members, who had hoped to retain him for several years longer at least. Mr. Brook came here shortly after his graduation from the New Brunswick Theological seminary. Rev. Brook has not been officially notified of the call and declines to make known his plan as yet.

CAMPUS NOTES.

The man who wrote that little book, "Three Hundred ways to work your way Through College", forgot one way, namely—write a book on "Three Hundred ways to work your way Through College."

We all hope Prof. Adams has some more stories up his sleeve. The one about twentieth-nine suiters was greatly enjoyed. At the same time we couldn't help but notice that the Professor himself didn't scramble.

Twenty-five cents to the one who first translates the latin under the picture on the first page. Hand all manuscript to Miss Warring.

Remember the Froebel stunt party next Friday evening in the reception room. You can come even if you haven't got a girl—but ten cents you must have.

Coach (trying to get Wright Hall on the phone)—??—!!! blank, blank—if I didn't own this line I'd say the service was rotten.

He's wise—K. G. pupil age six (watching a farmer drive some obstinate pig.) I know what those pigs are like, they're "quitters" they is.

Spreads and suppers galore. Wednesday night any number of the students took in the chicken pie festival at the Episcopal church parlors' Miss Fraser's table, to celebrate their joy at breaking up,

went in a bunch and had a special table. The following little classic verse to the tune of Auld Lang Syne was sung on the way down—
We're on our way, we're on our way, we're on our way, we're on our way—
we'll eat the chicken pie B-GOSH and throw the bones away.

New Latin verb: Flunko flunko to flunkly flunk, O'vet Echo.

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