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## GOOD TRACK TRYOUT.

Four of Team Visit M. A. C. For Triangular Meet.

## M'COMB AND CHAPEL

Show Speed Taking First In Dashes And Low Hurdles.

For the very good reason that all previous meets that have been planned this year have been postponed because of adverse weather conditions, the coach thought best to send a few of the men to a try out track meet at M. A. C. The meet was simply a try out as far as Alma was concerned, any points she scored not counting, according to previous arrangement. The meet itself was a regular duel meet between M. A. C. and Olivet, M. A. C. winning out by a margin of 28 points.

Fleety McComb, Capt Chapel, Whittemore and Marsh were the men sent. With nothing special to work for except the experience gained, the four men showed up surprisingly well. Fleety was back into his old nine ninety nine traces and stepped off his events with no one to bother him, Chapel following suit.

The track was not in the best of shape owing to the heavy usage during the intercholastic meet a day or two previous. McComb won both the 100 yard and 220 yard dashes the first in the fast time of 10 flat and the second 22 and two-fifths seconds. He intended entering in the 440 or the one-half mile but these events came too near the sprints.

Chapel won the 220 low hurdles in the fast time of 26 two fifths seconds. He would also have placed in the 100 yard dash had he not slipped at the start.

Marsh and Whittemore in the mile and two mile respectively didn't place but both ran a much better race than they have done here-to-fore.

Kefgen was not able to go on account of the ball game but has been doing good work in the jumps and has been hurling the discus considerable over 100 feet. Waring turned his ankle while jumping the first of the week and has not been out since but already has made 20 feet and will improve

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## ALUMNI.

Miss Winefred Carl '01 is teaching in the Wyandotte high school.

Flora Merton '04 has accepted for another year the position as teacher in the Howell school.

Wm. C. Wilson, a student in the college last year, is in the freight offices of the Pere Marquette railroad in Detroit. He expects to re-enter Alma next fall.

Rev. H. N. Ronald '03 will preach the baccalaureate sermon before the Plymouth high school. This is the second time in three years that Mr. Ronald has delivered the baccalaureate address in Plymouth.

Geo B. Randels '00 has accepted for another year the chair of Psychology and Pedagogy in the North Dakota state normal at Valley City, N. D. He will also teach in the summer school during the coming summer.

A. L. Coner '95 who, until recently, has been in the insurance business in Jackson, has reentered the Presbyterian ministry. For several months he acted as stated supply in the Tekonsha church, but has accepted the pastorate of a church in Indiana. He has already begun work in his new field.

In the freshmen class of the Detroit College of Medicine there were eight members whose grades were of such high standard that they were not required to take final examinations in any of their studies at the close of the present school year. One member of this group was A. R. Moon, one of Alma's well known men.

J. I. Crane '98 or Jael Crane as he is known to the alumni, is living on a farm near Brooklyn. Because of ill health he was forced to give up his work in the ministry and is trying farm life as a means of recuperating. On May 2, W. J. Johnson '99 spoke in the church of Rev. C. W. Sidebotham in Brooklyn, on his missionary work in Japan. The following day there was a reunion of the three at the Crane farm. These three spent a pleasant three hour session in reminiscences of former days at the college.

Seven of Alma's alumni met in the Y. M. C. A. in Detroit Saturday evening, May 15, and started a movement that will be of interest to all alumni and former students of the college who are now residents of Detroit or its suburbs. Those present were, S. L. Divine '98, Paul H. Bruske '98, Mrs. Paul

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## COMMENCEMENT CONCERT.

The music department of Alma College will make a new departure this year in the annual concert.

Heretofore, it has been the custom to engage some well-known artist for the entire program. This year, however, it has been decided to have the program rendered by the music department of the college and the remainder by outside talent.

Piano numbers will be rendered by Misses Ransom and Amsbury, vocal numbers by the Misses Alexander and Grace Messinger, and Mr. Maynard Cook, the latter of whom, together with a male chorus, will sing the "Drinking Song" from Longfellow's "Golden Legend," set to music by Dudley Buck. But the principal attraction of the evening will be Edmund Lichtenstein, violinist, from Detroit.

Mr. Lichtenstein is a graduate of the Brussels Conservatory of Music and, erstwhile, concertmeister of the Kaim Orchestra in Munich.

Miss Alexander, who is a post graduate in the music department, will appear for the last time before Alma audiences as she leaves this summer for an extended study in Europe.

Miss Messinger, Miss Ransom, Miss Amsbury and Mr. Cook have also been before Alma audiences and music lovers of our city will certainly be given a treat this coming commencement.

The concert will be held in the college chapel, Tuesday evening, June 15, at eight o'clock. Admission 35 cents.

## Kindergarten Commencement.

The Almanian is pleased to announce the coming of Mr. Raymond Robins, who is to speak for the commencement class of the Kindergarten department on, "The Ultimate Sanctions for Life."

Mr. Robins brings to his lectures a wealth of experience gained in many lines of activity. He was a successful lawyer and citizen of San Francisco before he followed the trail of the Yukon. Mr. Robins spent three years in the Klondike as an explorer and missionary. On his return to the states he settled in Chicago, where he is well known as a keen and up-right politician, a combination rare in the city politics of our time. He is

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## VICTORY TO OLIVET.

Crimson Hands Out a Package Labeled 5 to 9.

## YPSI WINS HERE AS USUAL.

Administers a Shut Out in True Normal Style Large Crowd Present.

Although Coach Carrither's "bunch of hopefuls" took Albion into camp by an overwhelming score they realized that the hardest game would be with Olivet on Wednesday contrary to the dope that Albion had defeated the congregationalists earlier in the season.

Olivet raided the Presbyterian stronghold with a vengeance and took a shut out game by means of a base ball style that made the grand stand sit up and take notice. Playing an almost errorless game they showed a class and form that should figure at an advantage in the final showdown. To say that disappointment brooded over the camp of the champions would be mere repeating of words. The fans were on deck, loyal to the last dog was hung in the ninth, but win we could'nt. With no excuse to offer and hats off to Olivet we acknowledge the defeat and swallow our medicine without a face.

Alma lost the game because of several reasons, namely: We were crippled. "Sandy" Duncanson had a bone broken in his pitching hand during the Albion game and accordingly could neither pitch nor bat; "Johnny" Johnson had not pitched a ball between the game with Albion and the morning up till Wednesday, due to a sprained shoulder, thirdly the Olivet team batted much stronger than did our team, fourthly and lastly, they out fielded our team and deserved the victory.

Though Little Johnny did'nt win his game he certainly deserves a good deal of praise for his plucky, steady game under the most painful circumstances. He not only went into the game crippled but with the realization that he was in no way capable of pitching even part of a game. Yet with determination and a happy smile he did his best without even a whimper or an excuse. Time and

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**The Championship.**

With due respect to the various reports from the various colleges to the many state papers, it would be safe to say that the M. I. A. A. championship for 1909 base ball season is yet quite an undecided affair. Alma's recent defeat at the hands of Olivet throws the whole matter up in the air again and leaves the way open for a thousand conjectors and galleys of dope. A Sunday Free Press, there are at least four Colleges in the league that seem reasonably sure of landing it and those reasons are attached. However that may be, the recent plan of deciding the matter, suggested by Hillsdale, seems the most reasonable and fair. At present Albion, Olivet and Alma stand on the same footing, each having lost to each. True a game or two more may place Olivet or Albion with a little higher percentage but by M. I. A. A. ruling three games are all that are necessitated to figure in the final percentage. Yet the team playing the most games can lose a game at the least loss, in percentage, than the team playing fewer games. The trouble lies in the fact that because of her up state location, Alma can schedule only a few games and most of these at a financial loss. On the other hand the schools farther south can easily schedule the two allowed by the constitution and lose a game now and then without much danger to championship aspirations.

A game lost by Alma, because of the few she can schedule all but puts her out of the race for the pennant. With a championship team for two years and one this year that has taken eight straight victories, it seems that Alma should be afforded some recognition and a revision of the rules brought about that would give us at least a fair

chance. If we had a weak team this might be construed as "beefing" but we are not ashamed of the record of the maroon socks and would be glad of an opportunity in the final show down, which our two years of winning base ball surely merits.

Hillsdale suggests that on June 3, Albion, Olivet, Hillsdale and Alma draw cuts to see who plays who. These two games could be played off Thursday and the winners play the final game Friday for the championship. This plan is without doubt the fairest way to decide the championship. Coming from Hillsdale it is obvious that they recognize the situation and have a desire for a fair wind up. Of course the plan must be submitted to the M. I. A. A. ruling and their decision stands. It seems about time however that up state or down state, if Alma is a member of the M. I. A. A., she should at least have equal chances with all other colleges in the association.

**Just Out--Latest Records**

- "When You and I Were Young" - Koefgen
  - "Friday Am My Jonah Day" - Dickenson
  - "Every Day'll be Tuesday By and By" - Pum
  - "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" - Team
  - "In the Dear Old Chimney Corner" - Dunham
  - "Olds Mobile" - M. Cook
  - "Just a Cousin of Mine" - Boyd
  - "Waltz Me Around Again" - White
  - "Two Little Girls in Blue" - Laughlin
- (Former—Edison Phonograph.)

**DePaul Friday.**

By way of information it might be appropos to state, that the team Alma goes against next Friday will be one of the speediest and closest she has met this year. DePaul University, a Catholic school of the first rank is a Chicago institution and classes along with M. A. C., Notre Dame and such schools in athletic strength and efficiency. The game will be one of the liveliest of the season and should be missed by no one.

**CAMPUS NOTES.**

Miss Winifred Heston, '96, who has been for some years a medical missionary in India, was a visitor on the campus last week. Miss Heston gave a short, but impressive address, at the chapel Wednesday morning telling something of the needs of India.

A try-out track meet with the high school Thursday afternoon gave the fellows some good prac-

tise. Montague, running the four-forty as an experiment, ran everybody off their feet in the first hundred yards and easily held the lead. Chapel ran the low hurdles in his intercollegiate time of last year. McComb took the hundred in ten one, Chapel getting second. Whittemore took the mile nicely, his time being five-eight. Waring in the sprints and Dickinson in the 4:40 are showing up well. Koepfgen sailed the discus somewhere around a hundred feet and Waring landed the broad jump nicely, his distance being 19 3/4.

Y. M. C. A. Secretary Dillon of Chicago, visited the college Wednesday. He addressed the young men on the campus at noon, presenting the opportunities that the Y. M. C. A. offers to young men as a life work. He addressed the union prayer meeting Wednesday evening upon the subject, "The need of Christian leadership." Both of his addresses were very helpful.

The board of trustees has been in session the better part of the week. The students aren't the only ones that have their troubles.

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### VICTORY TO OLIVET.

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again with the bases occupied he bit his lip and retired the side without a score.

The fielding behind him was the worse of the season, due part in fact to the nervousness that comes with the knowledge that their pitcher was not in any shape to pitch a winning game. The batting too was far below the form of the previous games. The team gathered only five hits but it must be said that six long possible hits were gathered in by the Olivet outfielders and numerous hard chances by their infield. Alma frequently got men on bases but at this juncture the ball was invariably knocked into the hands of some awaiting fielder.

The team didn't seem to have its usual amount of fight and certainly did not look like pennant winners. The Olivet aggregation on the other hand showed themselves to be ball players and will make a strong pull for the cup at field day.

They scored in the first on a base on balls, wild throw and an error. Johnny then held them scoreless until the eighth when owing to the extreme pain of his lame shoulder the bases were crowded and with three balls and two strikes on Gibbs he was compelled to put the next ball over the plate and Gibbs was equal to the occasion with a nice two base hit that scored two runs. They added two more in the ninth on five hits and the game was over.

Sanford pitched a steady game but didn't seem to have anything particularly hard to solve but was backed up with almost perfect support and pulled out on top. He secured only three strike outs to Johnny's ten.

Sandy Duncanson played in rightfield but could not return a ball to the infield. Each time the ball was knocked in his territory an infielder had to go to his relief to relay the ball in. We greatly missed his batting as he was batting at a .496 clip for ten games and was at his best with men on the bases.

ALMA.	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Dearing, cf.	2	0	0	2	0	1
Call, 2nd.	4	0	0	2	3	3
Campbell, s.	4	0	2	1	4	1
Duncanson, p.	4	0	1	0	0	0
Hoben, c.	4	0	0	9	1	0
Brown, l. f.	3	0	1	0	0	1
Graham, 3d.	4	0	0	2	3	1
Phillips, 1st.	4	0	0	11	0	1
Johnson, r. f.	3	0	1	0	3	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>8</b>

OLIVET	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Runzel cf.	4	1	0	3	0	0
Royal 2nd.	4	1	1	1	3	0
Berry ss.	5	1	1	2	2	2
Sanford p.	5	0	1	0	4	0
Martin c.	5	1	3	4	0	0
Price 3rd.	4	1	1	0	3	0
Griggs 1st.	4	0	2	14	0	0
Sorenson l. f.	4	0	0	2	0	0
Wallick r. f.	4	0	2	1	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>

Stolen bases Berry 4, Wallick 2, Griggs, Price, Sanford, Brown 2, sacrifice hits, Dearing 2; two base hits, Griggs; base on balls Johnson, 3, Sanford 2, passed ball, Wilson 2, Hoben 1; struck out Johnson 10, Sanford 3. Umpire, Gray, Adrian.

### Ypsi 3—Alma 0.

The team met defeat for the second time this week and this year at the hands of the Ypsi Normals Saturday last by the score of 3 to 0. Earlier in the season Alma had won from Ypsi 6 to 4 and expected to repeat with a still larger score but they were defeated largely through the heavy batting of third baseman, Bell, who put the ball over right field fence with Chapman on base.

It was a hard fought and well played game and lasted only 1 hour and 15 minutes and was a pitchers battle between Wilson and Hole with honors about even. Wilson, however, received the best support and kept his hits scattered. Hole struck out nine men, however, to Wilson's six and made a much better appearance in the box. Each team gathered only a few hits but Alma seemed to be "hoodooed" again with men on bases. They would drive the hits at some opposing fielder and the chance would be lost.

Both teams fought hard and furious and many pretty plays were made. With Hole in good shape the team played with much confidence and life and was kept from winning only by the hardest of baseball luck. Alma showed by far the best form at bat but Ypsi had a shade the better of it in a fielding way.

During each of the past three years each team has lost a game at home and won one on the other's field.

ALMA	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Dearing c f.	4	0	1	2	0	0
Call 2nd.	3	0	1	2	2	1
Campbell s s.	4	0	0	3	1	1
Brown l f.	4	0	1	1	0	0
Hole p.	4	0	1	0	4	0
Hoben c.	2	0	0	11	4	1
Graham 3rd.	3	0	0	0	2	0
Phillips 1st.	3	0	1	8	1	1
Johnson r f.	2	0	0	0	0	0
Kefgen r f.	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4</b>

YPSI	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Steimle 2nd	4	0	0	4	3	1
Jennings l f.	4	0	1	2	0	0
Chapman c.	4	2	1	7	1	0
Bell 3rd.	4	1	2	1	2	1
McCook 1st.	4	0	0	9	1	0
Wilson p.	4	0	1	1	6	0
Kirkendal r f.	4	0	0	0	0	0
Spicer c f.	3	0	1	1	0	0
Carrier s s.	3	0	1	1	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2</b>

Stolen bases, Kefgen 1, Call 1; hit by pitcher, Kefgen; two base

hits, Phillips, Chapman; three base hit, Bell; homerun, Bell; base on balls, Wilson; struckout, Hole 9, Wilson 6; sacrifice hit, Hoben 1, left on bases, Alma 5, Ypsi 3. Double play Wilson to McCook. Umpire, Ellsworth, Alma.

### ALUMNI.

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Bruske '00, Mrs. Theodore Wagner '01, Weston Johnson '99, A. R. Moon ex '09, and F. R. Hurst '04. It was decided that a banquet for all alumni and former students of Detroit and vicinity be held on the evening of June 1. A committee is now making preparations for the event, and Mrs. Theodore Wagner of 259 Merrick st., as secretary of the committee is desirous of obtaining names of all who can be present.

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A key like this they could not find;  
She held it in her hand so bold,  
And asked a senior wise and old;  
Did he think it would unlock,  
Or help the Freshmen doors to  
block.

But a Freshman girl as green as  
grass,  
Proved to be a lively lass;  
While all the Sophs enjoyed the  
play,  
She into Bessie's room did stray;  
And there she quickly spied the  
key,  
Which was her great delight to see;  
And away she sped the the news  
to spread,  
Of finding the key upon the bed.  
The Sophs came home without a  
fear,  
But for their foolishness paid dear;  
Although they searched with might  
and main,  
They could not find that key  
again;  
Now and then they think they  
know,  
Just where that master key did go;  
But let us tell you one and all,  
That key has had a mighty fall.

## Sweeping the Dust Off the Grass.

(Affectionately Dedicated to Our Friend, "Bob" Hume).

We get up early every morn,  
Sometimes before the masses;  
Before the dew is off the corn,  
To sweep and dust the grasses.

We work around with haste intense,  
We hurry through our classes;  
From front yard walk to back yard  
fence,  
Chase we the dust from from  
grasses.

Now it is known to every one,  
Of Alma's Lads and Lasses;  
Just how we work, and its no fun,  
This dusting dewey grasses.

The birds are flitting in the air,  
So Hume, get on your glasses;  
A speck of dust, I saw out there,  
'Twill settle on the grasses.

So take your broom and dust pan,  
too,  
You haven't time for classes;  
You ought to go the whole yard  
through,  
Clean all the dust from grasses.

And that's the way, from morn till  
night,  
We stick just like molasses;  
To work, we know that it is right,  
And so we dust the grasses.

This earth has room for you and  
me,  
And every one that passes;  
But I and dust cannot agree,  
Away with dust and grasses.

## GOOD TRACK TRY-OUT!

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greatly before June 4.

Heavy work will be started with  
the track men this week and all  
possibilities will be worked to the  
limit with the hopes of getting into  
place at the M. I. A. A. meet at  
Hillsdale.

## Kindergarten Commencement.

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