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VICTORY TO GRIMSON.

Sadly Crippled in The Line, Alma Takes Crushing Defeat.

TIGHTEN UP IN LAST HALF

But Are Scored On In Last Two Minutes of Play. Final Score Olivet 30, Alma 0.

Worse and more of it. Olivet's "done went and done it again." Saturday saw the maroon and cream hauled down from the mast and the crimson and white ran up to the peak, while the band played Annie Rooney and the score board registered Olivet 30 and Alma zero. "Of all sad words of tongue or pen the saddest are these, 'we're beat again.'" But yet, "there's a reason." In fact there are two reasons, one obvious and one perhaps not generally known. The obvious one briefly stated is that Olivet played a grand game from whistle to whistle easily out playing Alma, which involves the second reason that half of Alma team was out of the game. Because of death in the immediate family of Capt. Von Thurn and his brother, Lester, were not present. Their places in the line were filled by less experienced players; the whole line up was shifted about and the results proved disastrous. Capt. Von is the spirit of enthusiasm which every team needs. He was missed and missed sadly on this basis alone. Two-thirds of the gains were made through his customary place on the line. His presence no doubt would have altered matters somewhat, both in stopping rushes and mixing in the proper enthusiasm as well.

Olivet may be justly proud of her victory and yet to those initiated into the circumstances the final result is nothing strange or discouraging. The second half was scoreless till the last minute of play when Olivet took the ball over by a clever delayed pass, a fumble of a punt giving her the ball on Alma's twenty yard line. There being twenty-four points chalked up in the first half, it was obvious that Alma was fighting tooth and nail against overwhelming odds throughout the second half and fairly well holding her own. Under normal conditions, the statement that the game would have been quite evenly balanced, could be made without objection within ear shot of the most enthusiastic

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ALUMNI BANQUET.

The best feature of the State Teacher's Association meeting in Saginaw last week was the Alma Alumni banquet in the Warren Ave. Presbyterian church. There were sixty of Alma's Alumni teachers and friends who met on this festive occasion to renew old acquaintances, sing old college songs, and yell to their heart's content. And yell they did, and sing and eat and talk until all were forced to leave for the business of the Teacher's Association.

Many of Alma's professors had journeyed to Saginaw for the convention, teachers had gathered in from all parts of the state and every one who had ever been so fortunate as to attend Alma college was eager for this event. When six o'clock, the time for the banquet, arrived, they were all there. And such a "feed." The ladies of the Warren Avenue church had spared no pains and gave us the best that could be found. After an hour spent in this part of the program, Henry Peter Bush, '01, shoved back his chair and told the rest to be comfortable, for he was about to introduce novelties in the way of wit and humor, such as had never before appeared before an American audience, and he was right.

H. S. Babcock, of Harbor Springs, who registered the day college, opened the first year of her existence was called upon first to tell of "Old Times at Alma." He told us of many things done in the early days, that might be put into practice at the present time, with pleasure, at least to the participants. "Bob" was there all right with the humorous reminiscences.

Miss Elizabeth Hunt '06, of Caro, then gave her memories of "Co-ed Days." It was interesting in the extreme to hear her stories of doings in and about Wright Hall during her four years at the college.

George Sutton, '08 then sang "The Chase" as only he can, and replied to a loud encore with another selection.

President Bruske, without whom no Alma gathering is complete, responded to a toast in an inspiring address on the relation of the college and the Alumni. The venerable president's face was wreathed in smiles constantly as he gazed about upon the group, every one of whom he had known during college days and who had learned to love him because of that acquaintance. He spoke feelingly of his pride in every old student of Alma and of the great dependence the college

must place upon her Alumni for her future success. Then we sang. Do you remember how you felt in the old days when we used to sing, "Alma! Alma! Rushing down the field," and those others of a like strain that made every drop of your blood tingle? Well that is the way we felt Friday night when Prof. J. T. Ewing sat at the piano and Griffin and Helmer and others stood up and led off in the old war songs.

Prof. J. E. Mitchell made the closing speech of the evening and called the attention of the Alumni to some of the projects the college has in view for the near future, and the accomplishment of which will depend largely upon the Alumni about the state.

George Sutton favored the assembly with another solo and then Maynard Cook, at the request of the toastmaster mounted a chair and led in some of the good old yells. It was a fitting close to an enthusiastic program.

NOTES OF THE BANQUET.

There were people present from fifty Michigan localities.

There was a continuous line of old students present from the day college opened to the present time.

There were three present who registered the day Alma opened for her first term of school in 1887. Miss Bertha Trask, Prof. J. E. Mitchell and H. S. Babcock.

Old friends met there who had not exchanged greetings since leaving the college, in some instances, many years ago.

The Alma pennants around the walls and ceiling made the church parlor seem like a room at the college. Truly it was a great affair.

TO A RIBBON.

That which her slender waist confined
Shall now my joyful temples bind.
No monarch but would give his crown,
His arms might do what this hath done.

It was my heavens extremest sphere,
The pale which held that lovely deer;
My joy, my hope, my grief, my love,
Did all within this circle move.

A narrow compass and yet there
Dwelt all that's good and all that's fair.
Give me but what this ribband bound,
Take all the rest the sun goes around.

—American Magazine.

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Friday morning the convention opened with new zeal and after organizing, the reports of the state committees; of the executive secretary, Miss Strong; of the student secretary, Miss Landis; and of the foreign secretary, Miss Coppock were heard, all of which showed that much has been achieved in the past year.

Following this, each association answered roll call by telling about the most important event of their organization. Kathleen Gillard responded for Alma by telling what the enthusiasm and spirit gained by the girls who attended the Geneva Conference last summer has meant to our association.

Rev. Warren Behan, of Chicago, gave us our first bible lesson which was on the life of Jacob. He said: "Allow yourself no indulgence, no companionship, no book, no thought that dulls your consciousness of the voice of God. Blessed is the soul that is so in tune with the Infinite that it can hear God in whatsoever place He may choose to speak to him."

Miss Conde, the Secretary of the National Board, gave us valuable talks on the various ways in which our society can be enlarged and improved. "A college girl, is, for the rest of her life, very much as she is in college. She becomes

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PHILOMATHEAN.

The Philomathean, now a college society, began this year's work in earnest last Monday evening by the initiation of sixteen recruits. Without preparation on the part of the participants some very interesting speeches were made on Political Economy, Mormonism and the Tariff Question. This goes to show that there is good material in the new members. After an hour of hard work the girls, chaperoned by Miss Eddy, took a stroll down town to the "same old place" where they were royally treated. Society songs and yells kept up a lively spirit all the way.

The outlook for the society is very promising and the girls are looking forward to a very pleasant and profitable year's work.

EUTERPE.

The members of the Euterpe Society hold their meetings every Monday evening in the Founders Room. The lives and productions of the leading musicians are studied. Literary and musical numbers are given.

A couple of weeks ago we initiated the new members and afterward were invited to the home of our President, Miss Helen Cook, where the evening was spent in a very enjoyable manner.

Monday evening Miss DuVries gave an interesting account of the life of Chaminade, and Miss Roberts rendered her inimitable style the "Scaris Dance," by Chaminade.

CAMPUS NOTES.

Many old students have visited the campus the past few days, among them, Misses Emma Swigart, '09; Helen Strange, '09; Lois Fraker, '09; Anna Niles, '08; Edna Watson, '04; and Messrs. Fred Fullerton, '96; Harry Craig, '09; and Harry Helmer '08.

Harry Craig's Mt. Pleasant H. S. team lost to Alma High on Davis field Saturday afternoon, 12 to 0. This makes an even break between the two teams. Harry's team took St. Louis into camp the week previous 54 to 5.

Pearl Decker, end on the '03 team was in Alma Saturday and umpired the H. S. game on Davis field.

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fixed, consciously or not, while in college. Therefore, our four years should be used to lay the foundations of a strong and permanent character.

Mrs. Sidney Phillips, of Japan, and Margaret E. Burton, of Chicago, were a great inspiration to the convention.

The annual banquet was not an unimportant part of the convention. It was held on Friday night in the Congregational church parlors. Many pleasant acquaintances were formed, but the Alma girls hold in their hearts a particularly warm spot for the girls from Kalamazoo college, who really had appetites equal to our own.

HALLOWE'EN PARTY.

Bent low by autumn's wind and rain the husks that, dry and sere, Unfolded from their ripened charge, shine out the yellow ear; Beneath the turnips lay concealed, in many a verdant fold, And glistening in the slanting light the pumpkin's sphere of gold.

Transfer this scene to the 'gym,' implant it in a carpet of leaves and you have the background of one of the best social affairs, our college world has enjoyed this year.

The doors were opened at seven-thirty. The soon-to-be festive scene was lighted by "pie faces" carved and moulded by hands "whose owners" ideals of beauty, were far from being similar.

Then came the people and what an assortment! Representatives of various walks and professions in life: Witches of various sizes and shapes, soldiers, Indian mothers with papooses strapped to their backs, wild man of the west with his 'gun.' The aristocrat and the peasant were there.

The first game played was "Who's Who and Why." Such exclamations as 'I know who you are, were heard in every direction. Upon being asked why, the invariable responses' was 'Oh those eyes.' Some very comical mistakes were made. Shall we say it, some of the boys were actually hugged by girls. Let us hope that it was done unwittingly.

Our compassion for the dancers, who were so backward about going forward, was completely overwhelmed by the enjoyment of watching them as they went through their stately steps and performed their many laborious bows. They withdrew amid the applause of ghosts, goblins, freaks and fairies.

Fortune tellers held forth behind their charmed flames. After 'biling our signatures out,' we learned what we should do "to be healthy, wealthy and wise."

What revelations there were when masks were discarded, when

we became plain you and I again! It was difficult to recognize some faces even though minus the mask. Environment does make such a difference.

The refreshment committee nobly performed their duty in supplying the wants of the inner man. Bushels of doughnuts and apples, gallons of coffee and cider too, thanks to a friend of the students.

Alas it was necessary that we should leave the festive scene, but long in our memory will linger the pictures of the strange people whom we thought we knew and many a time will we think of the committee whose busy hands made beautiful the scene of one of the most pleasant evenings of the year.

ALPHA THETA.

Last Monday the society initiated Ada Hobbs, Maud Hooper and Fannie Cox, thus raising the membership to twenty-five, which we are to exceed. We are glad to welcome these new members and feel that they will do their part in making this a banner year for Alpha Theta.

We congratulate the Philomatheans upon their success in developing a new college society, and hope that we may both accomplish much through friendly rivalry.

THE MAN OF MIGHT.

BY CALE YOUNG RICE.

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No morrow died between his dream and deed;

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Olivet rooter.

The game was characterized by many brilliant runs by Webber, of Olivet, behind beautiful interference from Olivet's standpoint and by good old stubborn "never die" Alma spirit from the maroon and cream view, the second half proved somewhat of a surprise to the side lines no doubt. Dana gained consistently for Olivet also on the other side of center from Webber, but he received no such interference as that which made Webber's long gains possible. Alma kicked off to Olivet, Webber getting the kick and running through the whole team for a touchdown. This in itself was somewhat disheartening and no doubt added to the already gloomy spirit that prevailed the team. Olie and Kefgen did some exceptional work for home hopes by their stubborn defence and tackling, Kefgen especially proving his ability in the latter. Olivet although possessing a heavy line, was unusually speedy and aggressive. They uncorked few trick plays adhering to straight foot ball, doubtless being influenced somewhat by the presence of a spy or two from their coming adversaries of a week hence. The proper spirit was evident on the side lines and Alma's good plays received their full share of cheering. Between halves the student body broke loose on the field and shouted and sang to their entire satisfaction. An occasional "are we all dead yet, no by golly, there's eleven left yet." reverberated from the small congregation of Alma rooters who in spite of their minority insisted upon being heard.

GRAVES.

DONALD ROBERTSON.

The student body as a whole were given a rare treat Tuesday noon. Mr. Donald Robertson, of the Donald Robertson Players of Chicago, enlightened and delighted us by speaking upon the theme, "The Player's Calling." The manner in which he handled it gave us an insight of the stage and its possibilities. The interest that his lecture aroused was indicated by the goodly number of students who attended the play, "The Art of Life," that same evening.

This play was in harmony with his conception of the stage, that is, that the stage should mirror life in such a way that we will abhor the evil and desire to emulate the good, or as Mr. Robertson said "the revelation of life is the mission of the stage."

He, in substance said, that while in most phases of life we had evolved, that in appreciation of the stage, we had devolved, for in olden times, actors played before audi-

ences of 20,000 souls. Where can one now find a community that has 20,000 people in it, that are capable of appreciating an elevating drama? The sense of beauty has been dulled in us. Playing in an art play, should develop the artistic sense, for art is beauty revealed. The theatre should be a worthy abiding place of high ideals. We should not consider the theatre as something to simply afford amusement, a place to spend an idle hour. Not that. Time is too precious, too heavily laden with golden opportunities for us to waste even an hour of it. Instead the theatre is the place for recreation. Re-creation, the building anew of high and noble impulses.

The chief reason for the decadence of the theatre is due to the fact we have put a dollar in the place of divinity. It is for the sake of the dollar that theatre-managers put amusement in the place of enjoyment. Above all learn to enjoy the truth.

Mr. Robertson would have said a great deal, if he had uttered nothing more than "to age there is nothing left on earth but memory."

His address was fraught with much that is helpful, inspiring, ennobling. As a student body, we thank Mr. Robertson and the members of the faculty who were instrumental in getting him to speak to us. Would that we might listen more often to such inspiring talks.

NOTICE.

In former years we have had too much work straightening up the business interests of the college paper at the end of the year. Unfortunately the staff, composed of Juniors and Seniors largely, have one or three things to do, while preparing for commencement week, beside acknowledging the payment of subscriptions.

With the hope of removing this inconvenience the Almanian Publishing Co. has raised the subscription price to \$1.25 if not paid before Jan 15, 1910.

Please remember! If your subscription to the Almanian for this year is not paid on or before January 15, 1910, the price will be \$1.25 instead of \$1.00 if paid before that time.

SCRUBS 5-ST. LOUIS 0.

The second team played their first game of the season against St. Louis and won out by one touch down. Neither side scored the first half and it was in the last thirty seconds of the game that Fleety McComb grabbed the ball and ran from mid field to the two yard line. Then on one plunge through right guard, Monteith put the ball over for the winning score. The team played well against their scrappy opponents and showed that there is some good material for future varsity teams. St. Louis put up a good

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