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ALMA WINS AGAIN

In Inter-collegiate Debate with Olivet at Alma.

A UNANIMOUS DECISION

Ability and Clear Thinking Shown by Both Teams.

Alma met her old rival, Olivet, in the annual debate last Friday evening in the college chapel and at the close of the contest it was found that the judges were unanimously convinced that Alma was the winner of the argument. It was a clear cut victory all the way through for the Maroon and Cream debators, for at no stage of the contest did they appear to be in any danger of losing. The subject of the debate was, "Resolved that the United States Government Should Levy a Progressive Income Tax, Constitutionality Conceded." Alma defending the affirmative side.

Prof. Notestein presided and was assisted with special selections of music by Misses Broderick, Gray, and Johnston. The judges were



E. A. THOMPSON

Supt. E. C. Warriner of Saginaw, and Professors C. S. Larzalere and W. H. Wentworth of Mt. Pleasant.

E. A. Thompson, the first speaker for Alma, defined the question and clearly outlined the argument the affirmative would take. He so firmly established his ground that his points of argument stood to the last. His delivery was forceful and his manner calm and deliberate. Although his first year of college

work, Mr. Thompson has already developed into a debator of high rank.

Mr. A. S. Dennison was the first speaker for Olivet and at once defined the question from the negative standpoint. Mr. Dennison was forceful and direct in his appeal and put up some strong arguments for his side of the question. He was considered the strongest man on the Olivet team from the standpoint of delivery and clearness of thought.

S. A. Graves, speaking next for Alma very cleverly over threw



S. A. GRAVES

many of Mr. Dennison's arguments and then began his own constructive outline. Graves argued from a practical standpoint at all times, striving to do away the theoretical as much as possible. His delivery was masterful and irresistible. He was the star of the evening and did a great deal towards winning the decision for Alma.

Glenn R. Townsend, the leader of the negative side took up the question from that point of view and with a logical and rapid delivery added point after point and seemingly knocked the supportings from his opponenis argument. Mr. Townsend's delivery though persuasive was almost to fast for clearness.

Adrain B. Graham the third speaker for the affirmative made his appearance as a debator and plainly showed that he is a speaker of ability. His speech was clear logical, convincing and polished. He very cleverly connected the third speech of the affirmative and made the audience feel confident of another Alma victory.

Stuart S. Wall closed the constructive work for the negative side and endeavored with the use

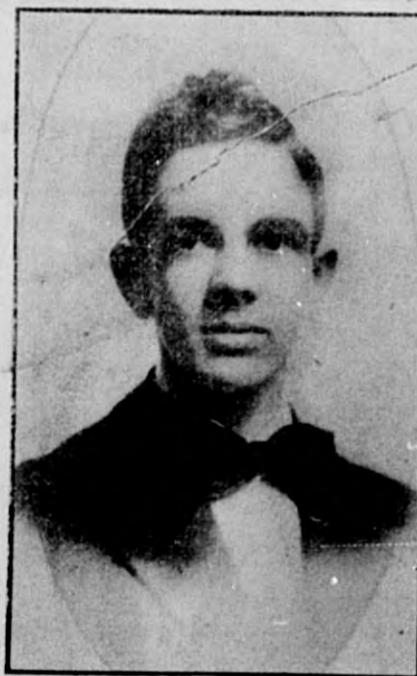
of charts and authorities to show that the statistics of the affirmative were not altogether conclusive. His speech had considerable effect both on the judges and audience. His appeal was both forceful and logical.

Mr. Townsend in the negative rebuttal made effective use of his fluency and very distinctly brought forth all of the points of the negative and the short comings of the affirmative. Mr. Townsend fully merited all the applause that he drew from the audience.

Mr. Graves, though he was unable to find the papers gave one of the cleverest rebutals ever heard in Alma. Not only did he clearly recount all the points of the affirmative but he skilfully appropriated several points of his opponents by his quick wit and insight. When he uttered his concluding sentence and left the platform Alma rooters showed by a burst of applause we would celebrate a ter the decisions were read. And celebrate they did a few minutes later. The air was literally rent with yells and whoopings when the decision was announced to be unanimous.

After the enthusiasm had died down a little the debators, judges and students adjourned to the reception rooms of Wight Hall where light speeches and light refreshments were indulged in.

Both teams are to be congratulated upon their work and though the decision was one sided the contest was close and exciting. Prof. Adams has drilled his team faithfully and unceasing for several



A. B. GRAHAM

months but feel fully repaid and is more than proud of the showing the men have made.

As Graves is the only man on both teams that Alma will lose this

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ALUMNI BANQUET

Forty Former Alma Students Meet in Detroit

F. P. HURST TOASTMASTER

Dr. Bruske and Others Respond Eloquently to Toasts

The annual banquet of the Alma College Association of Detroit was held in the Hotel Tuller at 6:30, Monday evening April 4. There were forty persons present, the group including former students at the college, throughout all the classes from before 1890 to the present time. It was a group of able men and women meeting for a pleasant social time and to discuss the interests of Alma College. After an hour of time spent in jokes and reminiscences accompanied by an excellent menu. Rev. S. L. Divine '98, president of the Detroit association introduced F. R. Hurst '04 as toastmaster of the evening and the program was on. The first speaker Mr. Hurst called up was Stanley A. Graves '10, who spoke upon the subject, "From the inside, out," giving some excellent ideas concerning the college from the standpoint of the student. Rev. S. L. Divine followed Mr. Graves with an inspiring address upon the subject, "The Alumnus and the College." Mr. Divine spoke of the need of Alumni representation on the Board of Trustees, and at the close of the program it was found by a rising vote that the association was of the unanimous opinion that Mr. Divine was correct in his views.

The third speaker introduced was Rev. J. M. Barkley D. D., Moderator of the general assembly, and a trustee of the college, Dr. Barkley spoke from the view point of the trustee and expressed the desires of the trustees to co-operate heartily with the Alumni and Faculty in all efforts for the good of the college.

No Alumni banquet would be complete without the presence of Dr. Bruske and on this occasion, as has been announced in the invitations he was present as the closing speaker of the evening. Dr. Bruske spoke eloquently of the "Problems of the Future." Among those problems he spoke of in-

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to Holland fur the contest with
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bated by Alma and Olivet, were
experiencing the feelings of an
adverse decision. The team that
went to compete deserves high
credit for the fine showing they
made for their college, but the odds
were against them. Alma was not
defeated'hecause' of th7 weakness
of her men, but because of the abil-
ity of the men from the western
part of the state.

The judges of the contest were
Judge H. D. Jewell ot Grand Rap-
ids, Prof. Delos Fall of Albion and
Prof. C. B. Williams of Kalamazoo.
The decision of the judges at the
dose of the contest gave two votes
to the Affirmative and one to the
Negative. Alma feds entirely sat-
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and wishes to express her gratitude

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ALUMNI BANQUET

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creased endowment, a more beautiful campus, at least one more large building, and an increased enrollment. The one thing he pleaded for above all others was loyalty in the Alumni body. He said no school had ever prospered without the loyal support of its Alumni.

A business meeting was held at the close of the banquet and the officers of the association were re-elected to succeed themselves for the coming year. The officers are as follows—Pres., Rev. S. L. Divine '98; Vice Pres., Paul H. Bruske '98; Sec'y. Treas., Mrs. Theodore Wagner '10. A constitution was adopted and under its provisions any former student of Alma College who is a resident of Detroit or vicinity may become a member by singing the constitution and paying the Alumni dues of fifty cents. Too much credit cannot be given the officers of the association for the excellent manner in which the banquet was conducted.

Y. W. C. A.

The meeting of last Sunday was one of the most important of the year; important because it marked the close of an exceptionally successful year of association work and the beginning of a new year unlimited in its opportunities for growth and progress. Reports of their work were read by the cabinet members of 1909-10 and their successors gave their policies for the coming year, their aims and purposes and the ways and means by which they proposed to accomplish these plans.

These reviews of the work of the past year and outlines of the work of the coming year are intended to make each association member familiar with aims of association work both locally and in foreign fields. We realize that the greatest success has been achieved in years of heartiest cooperation and that cooperation has existed only when the girls were in sympathy with and knew the extent of the work.

The general policy framed by the new cabinet at its first meeting last week and the individual policies were all characterized by a decided advance over last year in the work of all departments. The state and missionary pledges were doubled. The new cabinet follows: Alumnae, Emily M. Hooper; Bible study, Pearl Huber; Conference, Margant Boag; Devotional, Mrs. Drake; Finance, Florence Hood; Intercollegiate, Irene Reiser; Membership, Isabel Stevens; Missionary, Lena Ward; Music, Hazel Conner; Nominating, Carrie Nielson; Rooms, Grace Show; Social, Kathleen Gillard.

BASEBALL NEXT SATURDAY.

Our team to a man has been eternally at it since the beginning of the season which came very early this year and they are getting into shape very rapidly. Every man is showing good form and improvement every day. Our schedule this spring will include a number of mighty hard battles, consequently every possible thing is being done now to put all the players into shape to stand the fiercest kind of a game and to make a good showing in the M.I.A.A.

A practice game has been scheduled for next Saturday with the Mt. Pleasant Indians and no doubt will be a lively contest. Every student in the college will want to be there and help Alma pull off a few scalps.

BASEBALL SCHEDULE.

Up to date the following games have been scheduled for our team:

- Apr. 22—Kazoo at Alma
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- Apr. 27—U. of U. at Ann Arbor
- Apr. 28—Ypsi at Ypsi
- May 4—Mt. Pleasant at Alma
- May 6—Adrian at Alma
- May 7—Adrian at Alma
- May 11—M. A. C. at Alma
- May 14—Albion at Alma
- May 20—Hillsdale at Hillsdale
- May 21—M. A. C. at Lansing
- May 25—Mt. Pleas. at Mt. Pleas.
- May 28—Olivet at Alma
- June 3-4—Inter-collegiate Kazoo
- June 11—Ypsi at Alma
- June 15—Alumni game

Several practice games which do not appear in the list will be played. The Alumni game, coming at the end of the college year, is always interesting and promises to be a snappy fight for both sides this year as we will have a strong team and some of Alma's former "Non-pareils" are loosening up their biceps for the fray.

A PIONEER HALL MENAGERIE

Very few students and perhaps no Faculty members at all know of the extensive collection of animals which the inmates of Pioneer Hall have been collecting. We have had chickens, cats, mice, dogs, cows, "horses and in fact a representative of practically every species of animal life known to man. But Campbell thought he had to go us one better so he proceeded to slip it over on us by purchasing a magnificent member of the bear family. He got it through the efforts of Chas. Murphy. See him for further particulars.

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A GIFTED ORATOR

Attorney Preston W Bradley of Flint, who spoke in the interests of local option at Stalwart, Tuesday evening and at Raber last evening going from there to DeTour where he will speak tonight, and who is well known in his county as the "boy orator of Shiawassee," will speak at the Soo tomorrow night, March 25. When but 15 years of age Mr. Bradley graduated from the high school and during his senior year won an oratorical contest when pitted against a young man who held the state championship, and he has been making public speeches since he was a mere boy. It is said he is the best orator that will figure in the campaign. He was dated for Pickford next Saturday evening but the date had to be cancelled on account of other engagements. Those who can should take advantage of the opportunity to listen to this gifted orator at the Soo tomorrow night.

LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS

Our magnificent library which is excelled by very few in the state is constantly growing through gifts from Alma's innumerable and loyal friends and also by books which the college purchases as they are needed. We have just received fifteen choice books to be placed in the Classical and Pedagogical alcoves. They are the best to be had on the various subjects of which they treat and we take pleasure in giving a list of them. For the Classical Alcove:

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ALMA COLLEGE MEN IN DEMAND

In speaking of the work done at Alma College, a man was heard to make this remark "I have always thought of Alma College as being a seminary for the training of Presbyterian ministers." This is the work of Alma College in part although it is not a seminary. That Alma College trains men successfully along other lines of activity is shown by the following communications which have been received by Professor West:

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Prof. F. E. West,
Alma College,
Alma, Mich.

Dear Sir:

Are you going to have any young men graduates from your Chemical Department this spring? We have several vacancies in our laboratory and trust you will be able to help us out. Thanking you in advance, I am,

Very truly yours,
E. T. Griese, Chief Chemist.

Alma College has already sent the Steel Trust some eight or nine chemists and one of these has been advanced to the position of chief chemist which carries a very good salary. The fact that Alma men are able to compete successfully with graduates of State Universities and Mining Schools, and, also the fact that the Steel Trust continues to call for them from year to year, speaks well of the training and instruction given at Alma College.

Something New in the line Giggles

A MINSTREL SHOW

Watch for further particulars

ALMA WINS AGAIN

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