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THE BASE BALL OUTLOOK GOOD

From all present indications Alma College will be represented by a very strong baseball team this spring and by a nine that will have a splendid opportunity of winning the Intercollegiate title. Not only is the percentage of old men who have returned to school large, but there is an encouraging number of real baseball men in the freshmen class. Some of the best products of Michigan high school teams are enrolled in the ranks of the verdants and if they can show as much ability on the college diamonds as they have shown on the high school fields the success of the 1914 season at Alma is assured.

Captain "Baldy" McCloy will be on hand to lead the maroons this spring, and with all the 'stuff' which he had last year, together with the experience which he has gained in the past the little portside hurler should be more effective than ever. He will be the big figure in all of the important games as the dope looks now, though he may have some very dependable assistance from Edward Johnson, a newcomer, who hails from the western part of the state with an exceptionally fine record. He is also of the southpaw vintage. Goodrich, a Junior this year, is another pitcher who can be depended upon to pitch a neady and effective game when called from the shortfield to fill the pitcher's box. With these three men to start on Coach Bleamaster hopes to build up the strongest pitching staff in state college baseball.

Ex-Captain Vogt will be the mainstay of the receiving staff. He is one of the most reliable catchers that Alma has ever had and is really handy with the bat in every emergency. Bahlke will also be on hand to take care of the receiving job when Vogt is not present and can fill the latter's shoes with credit. Bahlke is a dangerous hitter and has turned the tide of victory in several contests by a timely wallop. Merrill Hyde also looks very promising and may develop into 'varsity caliber. Both of last year's first basemen have left school and a new man must be found to take up the reins dropped by Brilmyer and Phillips. No candidates as yet have appeared for the second base job, though the maroon team will be stronger than ever at short and third. Simonson and Goodrich, two "tried and found true" veterans, will be back cavoring around their old stations.

The outfield will be just as strong as ever with "Pug" Wood, Peacock and Will Schultz back again. The first named is one of the neatest players who has ever donned an Alma uniform and for two years has been one of the premier sluggers. The two latter played their first 'varsity baseball last year and made good with a vengeance. This year they are expected to repeat their successes of last year though they will find plenty of competition to keep them busy, with at least

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DR. A. F. BRUSKE LECTURES

Former President of Alma College Gives A Series of Philosophical Talks



Pres't A. F. Bruske, D.D.

The news that Dr. A. F. Bruske, president of Alma College, from 1891 to 1912, and since that time "dominie" to the students of Hope College, was to return here for a visit, was well received by the upper-class men who had grown to love and reverence him. His was his first visit since his retirement, the welcome was especially warm and he was met at the depot Monday afternoon by many of his student and professorial friends. He was entertained at the home of his daughter, Mrs. James Davidson, during his stay.

While here he delivered five excellent lectures, the group entitled "The Five Golden Rules of Life." These were delivered in the college chapel Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons at 3:30 and the last on Sunday at 4:15, and were very well attended by the student body and the town's people.

His first Golden Rule was that of Socrates, who, although living in a pagan world, uttered some of the greatest philosophical truths we have. "That is right which is according to reason." Reason, he says, should settle every question which arises in our minds, and, in distinction from conscience, has a larger and more comprehensive meaning.

The second Rule is from the teaching of Aristotle, "Nothing to excess," and was discussed in a very instructive manner. This lecture not only emphasized old, but introduced new truths, as to one's living. All virtue lies in the mean, never in the extreme. This was the "Golden Mean" which we often hear today. The men of extremes are the impetuous, reckless, hot-headed; the men of the mean the conservative, thoughtful and yet progressive. All sin will be eliminated by the observance of the Golden Mean.

The third Rule was the motto of the Epicurean school of Philosophy, "Eat, drink, and be merry," but with modern translation, "The greatest good to the greatest number." This school, as we know, taught that pleasure is and ought

to be the aim and purpose of all life. But, says Dr. Bruske, we are here for a higher purpose than the mere gratification of our physical appetites and desires. Rather, 'tis he who forgets himself and plunges into his work who reaps the most happiness in life. Today he is the real benefactor who raises the greatest number into a realm and state of blessedness.

The fourth lecture was based on the utterance of a more modern, and in fact, the greatest modern philosopher, Emmanuel Kant. Though he was born and lived his entire life in German Konigsburg, he was in reality a Scotchman, and probably the greatest that ever lived. "That is right which you can universally apply." In his greatest work, the "Critique of Pure Reason," he shows for the first time that there is a reign of law in the moral as well as in the material laws as are our physical beings.

"All things whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, even so do ye also unto them." The last lecture was an expansion of the thought expressed in the Lord's Golden Rule and the universal application it now has. He showed how the truth it expressed comprises all that goes to make up the best of life. This Golden Rule of the Lord is the greatest prophecy we have of the world's future.

At the close of the first three lectures all were asked to hand in questions concerning ethical or other problems, and Dr. Bruske answered them at the opening of each succeeding meeting. This proved a most pleasing and instructive feature of the lectures.

At the last meeting, at which many of the students, faculty and townspeople were present, neat book marks containing the picture of Dr. Bruske and the "Five Golden Rules of Ethics," were given out. They will serve to remind of the help and instruction received from this week of such excellent lectures.

M. C.

THOMPSON WRITES LETTER

Mr. A. V. Wilson,
Alma, Michigan, U. S. A.

My dear Wilson:—

I was mighty happy to get your letter some time ago and to hear that things are coming along so nicely at Alma this year. I tell you it seems good to get the Almanian every week, it's next best to being there when a fellow reads it.

I was very sorry when I received the news of an Olivet victory over "Old Alma" and with the rest of you I am anticipating a victory for Alma next year. I was consoled to a certain extent, however, for on the very afternoon that I received the news from Alma I witnessed our Edinburgh boys romp over Cambridge University 24-6 and clinch the British championship. For me this was next to an Alma victory.

I will do at least a part of what I promised and write about just a few of the many extremely interesting things and places here. I won't try to crowd you with a continued story as I did last fall. In the first place let me say that I am a thousand times thankful to Dr. Randells for his advice which first led me to consider a year's study in Europe and finally to choose Edinburgh University. The work and the inspiration is far beyond anything that I had ever anticipated. This is a University with most excellent Professors and lecturers. A great many foreigners are studying among which are a goodly number of Americans mostly from our large eastern Universities and Seminaries. When I came here first I spent some time in selecting work under certain men as well as the subjects and as a consequence I have the "cream" of the Professors and they are great. Those that I especially like, and all are eminent men in their respective lines, are Prof. A. Seth Pringle-Pattison in Advanced Metaphysics; Prof. James Seth in Moral Philosophy and Prof. W. P. Paterson in different classes in Divinity. The last mentioned I am most fond of. Many eminent men pronounce him to be the greatest Theologian in Britain which of course gives him a place among the very best. He is wonderfully inspiring and it is a pleasure to burn the midnight oil to do the work which he requires.

Contrary to what one might think the students here have "more say" than they do in America especially in class. If a professor runs overtime the students will refuse to listen unless they first give their consent. They will "scrape him down." In case he uses jerky or displeasing gestures too frequently they stop it by some method for instance, by pounding their feet on the floor with each jerk of the hand. I have only seen the last mentioned system used a few times but the former very frequently. On the other hand, however, I have never seen a class leave the classroom before the professor came, although he may occasionally be ten minutes late. Guess I won't get into a discussion of customs or I won't know when to stop.

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CORNER ON DATES.

Friday, Feb. 27 Sophomore Party
Saturday, Feb. 28 Science Club.

OPENING RECEPTION

It seemed to be the general verdict of those who attended the opening reception Friday night that it was a record breaker in Alma for a profitable and enjoyable time. The social committees of the Y. W. and Y. M. C. A. deserve special mention for the results of their effort.

At eight bells Oscar mounted a radiator and sounded the whistle for the distribution of the programs. The next few minutes were spent in filling these programs of eleven numbers and an intermission. The first nine numbers were of varied character in which the couples participated in turn in strolls, stair sits, chats and peanut hunts in the several nooks and corners of the dining and reception rooms. Really there was not much spooning done but one teaspoon disappeared. As for "fussing" though, well that was alright.

A novel feature of the intermission was an impromptu play in which Miss Ward was leading lady and Rudolph Beyer was the hero.

Prof. Warner gave a reading during the intermission and was very much appreciated.

The tenth number consisted in sandwiches and coffee. The eleventh number was an "Extra" enjoyed only by those who staid to wash dishes. There were plenty of candidates, however.

Everyone enjoyed with keen delight the renditions by the college orchestra. Would that they might liven more of the college social evenings.

DR. BRUSKE'S RECEPTION

Tuesday night at 6 o'clock the students and faculty members who were in Alma during the administration of ex-president Bruske enjoyed a dinner in his honor at Wight Hall. The tables were made festive with carnations, and dainty place cards marked the covers. After the dinner ex-president Bruske spoke in memory of the former Alma workers whom he missed from the feast. He paid a beautiful tribute to Miss Albertson for her faithful sympathy and service to Alma College on all occasions. He also said that "Bob" should be present for "There is no more willing servant to the college than 'Bob'."

At eight o'clock the party repaired to the reception room where many friends from the town joined the student body and faculty in expressing their welcome to Dr. and Mrs. Bruske. The spirit of mirth even surpassed usual Wright Hall functions. Dr. Bruske opened his treasure of stories to the new people and cheered his old friends with his jovial laugh and hearty hand shake. R. C. G.

EXCHANGE

At a recent class election the freshmen of Texas State became involved in a general free-for-all fight in which hymn books were the chief ammunition. The next morning the janitor carried away three barrels of useless volumes. Evidently there is a little trace of barbarism left in college students. It is consoling though that they were freshmen.

Cornell with 3,500 eligibles, has the greatest number of men available for varsity athletic teams in the country. Michigan comes next with 3,462. Columbia has 3,075 and Penn. 2,400 making the only other institutions having more than 2,000 available.

A course in Esperanto is being offered this year at the University of Pittsburgh.

Twelve sophomores were recently suspended from Stanford for being hosts at a ducking party at which freshmen were guests, still in Alma the "tubbing" practise is considered a necessary asset. Of course a large university is more strict than a small denominational college.



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BASE BALL OUTLOOK
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five good freshmen casting covetous eyes on their jobs. Spinney with four years of high school baseball as a stepping stone to a 'varsity job, Ludwig with two, and others with more or less experience will give the regulars a fine race for permanent positions.

An unusually heavy schedule has been arranged for the Alma sluggers and some of the best teams in the state will be met. Outside of the Intercollegiate games which, of course, are the big college games of the season, the contests with the University of Michigan and Michigan Aggies will furnish the keenest struggles for the maroons. Both teams beat Alma last year by small margins and the men of Coach Bleamaster are thirsting for sweet revenge. Not since the days of "Sandy" Duncanson has Alma been able to humble the teams representing the big schools and a splendid opportunity is afforded McCloy and his proteges to break the monotonous grind of defeats.

The contest with Olivet will hold the biggest attraction for Alma this spring. That overwhelming defeat which Olivet perpetrated on Alma last season and that orgy of November 15th should be sufficient stimulus for the 1914 baseball team. Nine of the eighteen games which will be played will be pulled off on Davis Field and the numerous band of Alma baseball fans will be well supplied with fast baseball for two months at least.

BIRTHDAY PARTY
Hira Moore entertained his Sunday school class with a birthday party at his home Tuesday evening. About thirty boys of the town and college were present and enjoyed one of the festivities that they have had this year.

The guests arrived at eight and after an hour spent in viewing Mr. Moore's remarkable collection of Indian arrowheads and other valuable relics which the popular cashier of the Savings Bank had been collecting for many years, a few members of the class provided the company with a very delightful entertainment of song and speech. Paul Austin and Prof. Fannell of the Conservatory of Music rendered several solos, while Rudolph Byers and Harry Schultz gave a couple of vaudeville sketches with some very humorous original touches. The boys had one of the best times of their life and thoroughly enjoyed themselves, avowing that Mr. Moore is nearly as capable a host as he is a Sunday school leader.

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NEWS ITEMS

Mrs. K. S. Searl of Ithaca visited her son, William, Wednesday of last week.

Coach Bleamaster officiated the Saginaw-Arthur Hill game at Saginaw Friday.

Annawave Coleman, a student here last year, visited at Wright Hall over Sunday.

Miss Velma Gilmore had Miss McGregor of Big Rapids as her guest for the week end.

"Scoop" Rogers broke the cartilage in his nose during the senior-freshmen game Thursday.

Prof. Warner, reader; Chas. Button, soloist and Bope Butler, pianist gave a concert at Sumner Wednesday evening.

Misses Faith Welton and Gladys Dershem spent Sunday with Miss Carol Gray at the latter's home in Breckenridge.

Miss Emily Beach gave a report of the Kansas City, Student Volunteer convention at the M. E. church Sunday night.

Miss Florence Hood, '11, visited at Wright Hall over Sunday. Miss Hood is connected with the high school at St. Charles.

Prof. Veatch and the Misses Fuller and Rose toured the thumb the past week, giving concerts in Fairgrove, Cass city, Caro and Bad Axe.

Pioneer hall now has its second feline roomer. It is a question what became of the first but it is to be hoped that this one will be better taken care of.

Margaret Minchin, a student here last year and at present a student of the Normal school at Mt. Pleasant, spent the week end with friends at Wright Hall.

Those to pay their Almanian subscriptions the past week are Charles Moore, Detroit; Dr. Bruske, Holland; Joe Kennedy, Chicago; J. E. Webber, Northville.

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BASKET BALL

In the hardest fought and most exciting game of basket ball played in the class series this year (and we feel we would not be far from right in saying in any previous year) the Freshmen defeated the Seniors by the narrow margin of two points, winning 17 to 15. Right from the start the game was one grand scrap and belonged to either side until the very last second of play. At the start the upper classmen grabbed a five point lead when Vogt threw a foul which was followed up by a sensational basket by Hyde Sr. and then by another of the same variety by Vogt. At this point Spinney did the first scoring for the freshies by throwing a basket from foul, and about three minutes after he added another point in the same way. Hyde Jr. threw the verdants first field basket and brought his team within one point of the Seniors and just before time was called Vogt added another field goal to the Seniors score and Friedman retaliated for the freshies, making the final count 7 to 6 for the "highbrows." In the second period "Eqh" threw two field baskets in quick succession and things began to look dark for the freshies, but Spinney came across with a field basket and Hyde Jr. added a point from the foul line, and then Ed Johnson scored

two more points for the lower classmen. Vogt and Hyde Sr. registered four points to the Senior score giving them a lead again, and then the score was tied when Ed scored from the field and Spinney counted twice from the foul line. With the score fifteen all and but forty seconds to play Spinney threw a sensational basket winning for the Freshies.

To Captain Mark Spinney, Ed Johnson, Friedman, Hyde and Ludwick goes all honor for their great victory, the crowning point to a season of hard work. For the Seniors Vogt and Hogan did the best work.

Fresh	Ed Johnson	c	"Eph" Johnson
	Spinney	r f	Hyde, Sr.
	Friedman	l f	Vogt
	Ludwick	r g	Rogers
	Hyde, Jr.	l g	Hogan

Field baskets: Spinney 2, Ed Johnson 2; Friedman 1, Hyde Jr. 1, Vogt 3, "Eph" Johnson 2, Hyde Sr. 2. Baskets from fouls: Spiney 4 in 10, Hyde 1 in 2, Vogt 1 in 5. Referee, Bleamaster. Timers, S. Cook and Siminton.

The inter-class standing is now as follows.

Teams	Won	Lost	Percent
Sophomors	4	2	.666
Seniors	3	2	.600
Freshmen	3	3	.500
Juniors	1	4	.200

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