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## ALMA DEFEATS OHIO NORTHERN

On a field made heavy by the recent rains, Alma won her fifth baseball victory Friday, May 7, by defeating Ohio northern's team 12 to 2. The game was the best exhibition of baseball that Alma has put up this year and the visitors were at no time dangerous.

Charles Depew, the left-handed freshman, pitched the whole game well in tight places and always came out on top. The game was featured by the heavy hitting of the Alma men, Dancer securing three hits out of four times at the bat, a single, a double and a triple. Wood lined out two, 3-base hits. Alton Johnston and Goodrich succeeded in hitting the ball for three bases.

Alma started the lead in the first inning when Dancer hit over third for a single. He stole second and Stimpson sacrificed him to third. With a fine sacrifice by Simenton, Dancer scored. Goodrich grounded to second, retiring the side. In the second inning the visitors received their only tallies of the game. A hit over short, a stolen base, two men walked, a sacrifice and a little luck netted them two runs.

Alma again started in the third when Depew lined the ball for two bases. Dancer walked and Depew stole third. Stimpson walked as did Simenton. Depew coming over the plate for a forced run. Goodrich sacrificed, scoring Dancer. Wood then laid the ball over in the corner for what looked like a home run, scoring Stimpson and Simenton, but was himself out at the plate. Hyde was walked but Steggle was out on a fast grounder, which finished the inning with the score 5 to 2, in Alma's favor.

In the fourth inning Alma took two more runs. Johnston opened the inning with a three-base hit. Depew flied to left and Johnston was caught off third. Dancer hit for two bases and through an error Stimpson reached first, scoring Dancer. Stimpson stole second and scored on Simenton's hit over short. Goodrich beat a slow one to first but was left on the base when Wood's fly to left was caught. Score 7 to 2.

Dancer added another score in the sixth, when he came across the plate on Goodrich's hit, after reaching third by his own long drive. In the 8th the batters started again and Depew walked. Dancer flied out to short. Stimpson also walked and the bases were filled with Simenton's drive over second. Goodrich hit for three bases, scoring Depew, Stimpson and Simenton and himself coming in on Wood's three-bagger. Wood was caught trying to steal home and Peacock grounded to short. The inning ended 12 to 2 in Alma's favor. There was no more scoring in the game, the visitors being easily retired in their half of the ninth.

The only double play of the game was made in the sixth inning, when, with a man on first, Stimpson picked up a fast one, touched the man running from first to second, and threw the ball to Steggle in time to get the batter at first. Dancer played a fine game in the field and at the bat, securing four of the tallies himself. Captain Simenton held up the third sack in fine style and Steggle on first certainly showed good college caliber.

ALMA	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Dancer, ss	4	4	3	2	0	1
Stimpson, 2	1	3	0	1	3	0
Simenton, 3	3	2	2	2	2	0
Goodrich, c	5	1	2	10	1	0
Wood, m	4	0	2	1	0	0
Hyde, m	3	0	0	1	0	0
Peacock, lf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Staggel, 1	4	0	0	9	1	0
Johnston, rf	4	0	1	1	0	0
DePew, p	3	2	1	0	2	0
Totals	33	12	11	27	9	1

OHIO	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Dailey, ss	4	0	0	2	0	0
Stany, 3	3	0	1	4	4	1
Rudolph, rf	4	0	0	0	0	0
Rehenek, lf	3	1	1	3	1	0
Murphy, 2	3	0	1	1	1	0
Norris, m	3	1	0	1	0	0
Dawson, 1	4	0	1	6	0	1
Smith, c	4	0	1	7	1	0
Stemm, p	3	0	0	5	0	0
Totals	31	2	5	24	12	2

### M. I. A. A. STANDINGS

Team	lost	won	Pct.
ALMA*	1	0	1.000
Kalamazoo	4	0	1.000
Albion	1	1	.500
Olivet*	1	1	.500
Hillsdale	0	2	.000
Adrian	0	3	.000

\* Played one tie game.

### ALMA TAKES TRACK MEET

In the track meet directly following the Olivet game, Saturday, Alma swamped Olivet and Central State Normal school of Mt. Pleasant, Alma's track men piled up more points than both of the other schools together, Alma getting 72, Olivet 41 and Central State Normal 13.

Because of the rain and the cold weather the times were slow, but Steggle succeeded in hurling the javelin 165 feet which is much farther than the M. I. A. A. record. The two mile run was the finest race of the meet. Gallagher ran for Alma and Levenworth for Olivet. Levenworth is the best two miler in the Intercollegiate and Gallagher had only run in this race once before this spring, yet he made Olivet's star athlete go some, taking the lead on the last lap. Gallagher held it almost until the tape was reached, when the Olivet man beat him out by a scant yard. If Levenworth expects to take another first a month from now in the State Meet, he will have to go faster than he went Saturday. In the half mile Gallagher had a chance to redeem himself against Levenworth and he did it right, leaving his rival behind on the home stretch. Coleman, another freshman ran in the mile and although he came in but third yet this was his first meet and he ran a pretty race. He is a "comer" and in a short time will be heading the list.

With another month of training before the meet at Albion, Alma should show her Intercollegiate friends where the track championship will land for 1915.

The results of the meet are as follows.

220 yard hurdles—Butler, Olivet, 1st. Schultz, Alma, 2nd, Graham, C. S. N. 3rd. Time 28-4.
100 yard dash—Chisholm, Alma, 1st, Marks, Alma, 2nd, Hull, Olivet, 3rd. Time 10-3.
Mile run—Hors, Olivet, 1st, Walter, Olivet, 2nd, Coleman, Alma, 3rd. Time 19 seconds.
440 yard dash—Garlock, Alma, 1st, Thompson, Olivet, 2nd, Sayles, Alma, 3rd. Time 56 seconds.
120 yard hurdles—Butler, Olivet, 2nd, McAulry, Alma, 3rd. Time.
Two mile—Levenworth, Olivet, 1st, Gallagher, Alma, 2nd, Olivet 3rd. Time 10 min. 42 seconds.
220 yard dash—Schultz, Alma, 1st, Chisholm, Alma, 2nd, Hull, Olivet, 3rd. Time 24-1 seconds.
880 yard dash—Gallagher, Alma, 1st, Levenworth, Olivet, 2nd, Walter, Olivet, 3rd. Time 2-15 seconds.
16 lb. shot—Buchan, C. S. N., 1st, Chapel, Alma, 2nd, Butler, Olivet, 3rd. 34 ft. 9 in.
Broad jump—Marks, Alma, 2nd, M. Jackson, Alma, 2nd, Levenworth, Olivet, 3rd. 20 feet.
Pole vault—Hyde, Alma, 1st, Schultz, Alma, 2nd, Levenworth, Olivet, 3rd. 10 feet.
Discus throw—Wood, Alma, 1st, Chapel, Alma, 2nd, Buchan, C. S. N., 3rd. 104 feet 10 in.
High jump—H. Jackson, Alma, 1st, Olney, C. S. N., 2nd, Levenworth, Olivet, 3rd. 5 ft. 2 inches.
Javelin throw—Steggel, Alma, 1st, Levenworth, Olivet, 2nd, Butler, Olivet, 3rd. 165 feet.

Get a date for the May Festival.

## OLD RIVALS TIE SCORE

Alma again met her old rival, Olivet, in a baseball game Saturday, May 8. The game was a hard 10-inning struggle, being called with the score 2 and 2. Johnston, pitching for Alma, hurled a fine game and although Olivet succeeded in getting 10 hits off his delivery yet he struck out 11 of their batters.

Olivet earned neither of her tallies. Alma started the scoring in the second inning when Steggle was hit and stole second. French struck out but Johnston hit a fast one to third base scoring Steggle and by an overthrow at first, himself reaching second. Dancer walked and Stimpson struck out, ending the inning. In the first of the fourth Olivet scored her first run, when, after Reily fanned, Hamilton hit for three bases and scored when Miller knocked an easy grounder between first and second. This run tied the score.

In Alma's half of the fourth Steggle hit over second. French fanned. Johnston hit through short scoring Steggle. Dancer flied to short and Stimpson struck out, retiring the side. Score 2 to 1. In the sixth inning, through three errors, Olivet again tied the score. Miller hit a single over first. Then Meyers flied out to Simenton and Hicks did the same to Stimpson. Cunningham by an error got to first, Miller advancing to second. Johnston then struck out Hammond but Goodrich failed to catch the strike and thinking that, because there was a man on first that the batter would be out whether the third strike was caught or not, as is always the rule except when two men are out, did not bother to throw the ball to Steggle. The result was that the bases were full.

Loomis, the next batter, hit a fast grounder over second and Dancer fell when attempting to field, allowing Miller to cross the plate with a run. Cunningham also tried to score on the hit but was thrown out at the plate, making three out. Score 2 and 2.

Neither team had an opportunity again to score until the 10th, when with no one out Olivet filled the bases. Johnston pitched fine ball then and struck out the next two batters, thus saving the game. The game was called at the end of the tenth inning to enable the Olivet men to catch their train, but every one wished that the game could have been finished.

In the eighth inning a fine double play was made, the only one of the game—from Stimpson to Dancer to Steggle, getting both men easily. An odd fact of the game was that Steggle made both tallies for Alma and Johnston made the hits that brought him in both times. The game was intensely interesting all the way through and Alma supporters really feel that Alma has a much better team than the score indicates. The fans who watched the game understand why it will not be safe to base much M. I. A. A. championship dope on the results of the Olivet game.

ALMA	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Dancer, ss	3	0	0	3	2	1
Stimpson, 2	5	0	3	3	4	0
Simenton, 3	5	0	0	2	1	1
Goodrich, c	5	0	12	2	1	
Wood, m	5	0	3	0	0	0
Peacock, lf	4	0	0	0	0	0
Staggel, 1	3	2	1	8	0	0
French, rf	2	0	0	1	0	0
Hyde, rf	2	0	0	1	0	0
Johnston, p	4	0	2	0	2	0
Totals	38	2	9	30	11	3

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Perhaps.  
Art—"Could you learn to love me?"  
Peg—"I learned to speak Chinese."

## BATTING AVERAGES

Following are the averages of the men hitting two hundred fifty and better. These averages include the Olivet game.

Player	AB	H	Pct.
Goodrich	27	14	.513
Wood	25	10	.400
Dancer*	21	8	.381
Stimpson*	15	5	.333
Fitch*	3	1	.333
Wight*	3	1	.333
Simenton	23	7	.304
Johnston	20	6	.300
Hyde	19	5	.263
Steggel*	19	5	.263

\*These players are all members of the freshmen class.

## PHI-PHILO PARTY IN GYM.

Following a custom established three years ago and one which we hope will continue for years to come, the Philos and Phi Phis held an up-the-river spread Saturday evening after the track meet. Because of J. Pluvius's violent objections the up-the-river spread developed into an up-in-the-gym spread, but even the rain failed to put a serious damper on things. Proceedings finally began when Captain Dulong's team challenged Kennedy's gang to a game of baseball. The challenge was accepted and with Kihole as ump the game started, only to be interrupted by a flying pop-bottle laid low his royal umps who had called Peacock out for spiking Brown while rounding second base. During this intermission a hamburger wagon wheeled by and every one provided him- and herself with hot fried-ham sandwiches, coffee, cakes, bananas and the like. A grand march was then started which developed into a chariot race and at the finish everyone formed lines for the Virginia reel. "Rich" furnished the music (?) which was surpassed in excellence only by Van Louder's painful rendition of "Moanin'" and "Greasin'!" After songs and yells, good-nights were said and we all went home still more certain that Phi and Philo can always have good times. We were glad that some of the old Philos were back—Ruth Robbins, Dorothy Baker, Carol Gray and Gladys Dershem.

## FROEBEL SOCIETY

At the weekly meeting Miss Conyne gave the most inspiring and instructive talk of the year. The subject was the social welfare and educational work among employees of the Tennessee Iron and Steel company at Edgewater, Ala. The speaker vividly spoke of her recent visit to the place and her observations, and what she learned through personal acquaintance with the teachers. The need of the people, some who are past their teens just learning to write; their real interest in education, and the interesting debating club, orchestra and glee club; their social life, quite crude but sincere, and their spiritual hunger—all these called to the best in those teachers. As she spoke the members of the society felt the noble call to real service, too, and a longing to feel really of some use in such a place as this.

## Economy

"But your fiance has such a small salary! How are you going to live?"  
"Oh, we're going to economize. We're going to get along without such a lot of things that Jack needs."

"Little Willie's kind of funny—  
Takes it after Uncle Lafe.  
Swallowed all his sister's money—  
Said that he was playing safe."

## FRESHMEN TRIUMPHS

Whether we are verdants, children of the sod or just "blooming Freshmen," nevertheless we have succeeded in the past eight months in more than holding our own in college activities and athletics.

Was it cold feet or a chronic attack of shaking palsy that caused our humble (?) friends, the Sophs, to equip that flag pole with all manner of infernal machines which were calculated to give us our start in College Physics. It is unnecessary to tell in detail how their subtle scheme was cleverly thwarted and the would-be instrument of torture removed to a safe distance.

Hopeful but trembling (with cold?) the Sophs were gathered en masse around their pole. It took just two minutes and forty seconds to remove the Soph banner and trample it in the dust. Of course now as we grow older and nearer the close of our Freshmen year we begin to sympathize more with our elder brothers and appreciate their dismay at the hordes of encroaching aliens.

One might think perhaps that we are given entirely to polemic contests. Not so, for it was not long before we had demonstrated our extraordinary abilities in the class room. For, indeed, it does take remarkable genius to learn "If" and to fully understand that a Freshman "should love all the girls and not any particular individual." (We are sorry to announce that some of the upper classmen seem to have forgotten the Freshmen instruction).

What would our football team have amounted to if it had not been for Freshmen support? It has been said that Freshmen form the major portion of most college teams. This theory was certainly well substantiated this year. At least a dozen of the twenty-one A's given out this year were given to Freshmen. It is needless to say that every Freshman on the team not only held his position against severe competition but often covered himself with honor. The majority of the men are coming back next year and will form the nucleus of a championship team.

As soon as football was over and basket ball season began it at once became evident that the Freshmen were to play even a larger part in this than they did in football. As soon as the men were in shape the interclass games were played. Never before in the history of the school has a Freshmen class been successful in winning the class championship. By breaking this record we established our reputation higher for athletic ability. Without question Alma had this year the best or at least one of the best basket ball teams she has ever produced. Three Freshmen, Gallagher, Steggal and Marks, were big factors in Alma's basket ball success. Between them these men scored over one-half of the points Alma won during the entire season. The second team was almost entirely composed of Freshmen. It would be hard to imagine how Alma could have done without her Freshmen this year in basket ball. Next year probably a majority of the basket ball work will be done by the returning Sophs.

Let some one begin to think that our energies have been entirely directed to athletics it might be well to remind them that Freshmen have proven themselves very efficient on the platform as well as on the athletic field. In the oratorical contest the Freshmen class was ably represented by Sanchez who promises well for another year. It is doubtful whether Alma would have had any debating teams this year if it had not been for Freshmen support. By placing four men of the six on the two teams we showed that Alma has valuable material in her Freshmen class from which she can draw in the future. The support given to oratory and debate this year was not of the best but we hope that in the three years lying ahead of us we can aid materially in placing Alma first among the colleges of Michigan along forensic lines.

Now that spring is here indication points to the fact that some few seem to be growing restless and are fast becoming addicted to the strolling habit. Of course (as a class) we do not encourage this practice and wish to state our hearty disapproval.

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**A SUGGESTION**  
There is one improvement in the material equipment of the college which has been long neglected and which seems to us to be very important. Would it not be much better if we could have new recitation seats in some of the class rooms?

Perhaps this seems unimportant. We believe it is of vital importance because first it creates a better general impression and second it leads to far more efficient work and a higher degree of general order.

Of course one working continually in the college becomes used to the chairs. It is well to remember that next year we will have a hundred or more Freshmen coming here from the best high schools in the state. In the majority of these schools the classroom equipment is much better than that at Alma College. These poor facilities for seating cannot help but make a bad impression on these Freshmen who have been used to the best of class-room equipment. We want Alma College to create the best possible impression on her first year students. The return of the Freshmen in the second year is largely due to the impression they form of the college in their first days here.

It is unnecessary to state that recitation chairs with backs (and other seats are far more comfortable wise). If the faculty thinks that a student can give the best of attention to the recitation when it is necessary to be constantly seeking for a comfortable position they are badly mistaken.

In some of the classes there is now necessarily some disturbance. This noise is created to a large degree by the chairs which must be moved as occasion requires. New recitation seats would take care of this really unnecessary disturbance to a great extent.

For these above stated reasons we believe it is highly important that this proposition should receive immediate and careful consideration.

TO THE FRESHMEN

Each one of us have come for some particular purpose and with some particular end in view. We have chosen this college because, among other reasons, we believed its educational system was well adapted to our needs.

It has been noticeable other years that as soon as the Freshman year was completed students began to specialize and depart from the regular system of college instruction.

As a class let us do as little of this as possible. If we believed that Alma's curriculum was what we wanted let us, as we become upper class men, stick by the system as planned. The curriculum was planned according to educational standards that have been accepted all over the country. Courses laid out for the Freshman year are designed as foundation work for study in the upper classes. Let us take Sophomore work in the second year and Senior work in the fourth year and keep the horse before the cart. Think it over.

Miss Bertha Williams of the Kindergarten department left Tuesday morning to take a position as K. G. teacher in the Flint public schools. Miss Williams will return and receive her certificate in June. Before her departure she was honored by many "table spreads" among which was a "spread" given by the Froebel society at which time she was presented with a college seal pennant. That she will be missed in Wright hall was shown by the large number of girls who escorted her to the depot on her departure.

**AN IMPROVEMENT**  
Alma has probably, by nature, the most attractive campus of any small colleges in the state. As students we appreciate the advantages of these beautiful surroundings as may plainly be seen most any afternoon or evening. As I was going down town one evening last week I noticed a couple visiting together on the would-be foundation of Prexy's new house. Perhaps other circumstances make it soft enough, but, personally, I would consider it a mighty hard life if I had to hunt up a stone pile before I could comfortably visit with my lady friend. Is there any reason why the college could not place some rustic chairs on the campus? This would not be a big expense and we assure the faculty it would be a very serviceable and attractive addition to our campus. Signed,

**ROYAL ORDER OF FUSSERS.**  
(Having had some experience along this line Richards says that he can give the faculty valuable suggestions if they will call at his room in Pioneer Hall. He is to be found in his room any time between 1 a.m. and 8 a.m.)

She—"What are some of the world's greatest inventions."  
Herself—"My husband's reasons for coming home late."

"A hen can't lay the dust any more than a watering cart can lay an egg."

LOST—A key to a flat.—Velma Gilmore.

WANTED—A translation of French.—Betty Westover.

LOCAL ITEMS

Harry Van Louder has been appointed by the class in Parliamentary Law, to wind the sun dial every eight days.

Wade Frost, '12, who is attending McCormack, was a campus visitor on Monday.

Lee Harris proved that a spark of love still burned when the city fire department was called out.

Robert Durkee and Zellard Snift, two St. Louis boys, passed through Alma en route to the Panama exposition Tuesday. They started out to walk and were "dead broke."

Zella Comber, Emil Slocum and Edna Campbell had the misfortune of being thrown out of a carriage while driving Thursday. Zella was seriously injured but is now rapidly recovering. The rest of the party escaped with only the experience.

The Seniors attended chapel Friday, dressed in their caps and gowns.

Miss Hilda Rupp of Saginaw was the guest of Miss Martha Voiz.

Miss Lillian Blue of Detroit was the guest of Miss Mary De Rosie.

Miss Christina Bromley visited her home in Mecosta.

Miss Velma Ross visited her home in Beaverton.

Miss Neva Johnson visited her home in West Saginaw.

Miss Eva Merrill, who has been ill at her home in Breckenridge, returned to classes Monday.

Miss Gladys Dershem, '15, of Owosso spent Sunday in Alma.

Miss Bertha Williams of Flint was on the campus Saturday.

Mr. Chester Dewitt of Spring Lake was the guest of his sister, Miss Amo Dewitt.

Miss Ruth Robins of Lapeer and Miss Dorothy Baker of Midland visited friends on the campus.

Miss Madeline Reynolds of Lansing and Miss Florence Henderson of Detroit visited friends here.

Miss Frances Yerkes of Northville is spending several days as the guest of Miss Margaret Yerkes and Miss Louise Thayer.

Mrs. S. B. Rupert of Howell was the guest of her daughters, Miss Mary and Miss Hazel Rupert.

Miss Helen Harding of Cadillac was the guest of Miss Marion Westover.

Miss Faye Wight was the guest of Miss Norma Wight.

Miss Irene Harrington of Yale was the guest of Mr. Harry Sayles.

Mr. and Mrs. George Coleman of Hastings were the guests of Miss Annawave and Mr. Earl Coleman for several days.

Miss Eva Ackley was called to her home in Howell by the illness of her father.

Miss Lillian Goll visited her home in Breckenridge. While there she took part in the Breckenridge May Festival.

Miss Janet Green and the Misses Freida and Martha Voiz spent the week-end at their home in Saginaw.

Miss Bess Brown of Farwell visited her home during the week.

Miss Lena Beverly, who has been living down town, has moved into Wright hall.

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FROM THE FRESHMEN VIEW  
POINT

This closing school year has been to the majority of Freshmen the richest in their life. Several of the Alumni returning to the Campus during the past year have given their testimony to the effect that the four years spent in Alma College have been the richest in their life. We as Freshmen can gladly share the joy of that statement for the one year in which it has been our privilege to walk under a red and white hat. Many students upon leaving home for college looked forward to a cold, dreary, spacious paneled hall, lined with portraits of old worthies—judges; and an atmosphere which would encourage the development of nicknacks; and faculty made up of narrow-minded men, case-hardened, smoke-dried, devoid of passions and prejudices, with a little dreary space to traverse before they sink into the tomb. Instead of this, we we found men pathetically anxious to guide young men right, and to guard them from evil. Good-humored, and sensible men, whose greatest joy is to create an atmosphere of benevolence and kindness, and where a small investment of trouble (on the part of the student) pays a large percentage of profit and happiness.

Prominent among the many reasons for our confidence is the nature of the of fellowship with our classmates. There has been no repulsive get-behind-me-Satan attitude on the part of our dignified upper classmen. The Sophomores have not tried to count our Zebra stripes except on the field of honor; and on those occasions it was in a manly way. It is true that the year has been filled with vigorous life. But it has been with a happy tide of brisk, confident, cheerful young men and women, friendly, sensible, amenable.

It is impossible for the Freshman Class to pay a worthy tribute to Wright Hall and its associates. It has been well said, "If woman lost us Eden, such as she must restore it." We are unanimous in our praise of the success of Wright Hall in promulgating and sustaining such an excellent spirit. Too much praise can not be bestowed upon our distinguished Dean of Women.

Nor can we forget the worthy efforts on the part of faculty members and upper classmen residing in Wright Hall, for their worthy efforts in making our social visits to Wright Hall such delightful occasions. Many happy memories remain with us because of happy hours spent in the receptions, annual banquets, and get-together sings. The impressions made on our lives by the Easter Morning Breakfast service will long remain with us. Three times each day the student body gathers in the large beautiful dining room and social rooms, under the highest type of cultural surroundings. These are always pleasant hours. Before the meal is over, individuals have matched up for games in the social rooms, and strolls over the smiling lawns, thus enjoying the seven-thirty privilege to the fullest extent.

There are perhaps no ways in which we students come closer together than in the occasional trips to the Jungle or Pine River. No matter whether we go by classes or smaller groups, for picnics or for an afternoon's paddle up the river. It refreshes the mind and body and deepens the sense of things vital in life.

We are glad to be able to say that this intimacy of relationship in Alma is not limited to the members of the student-body. There is the same spirit between the members of the faculty and the students. We can all honestly say that every member of the faculty in a personal way has made a definite contribution to our life during our freshman year. This intimacy has come in various ways. Both through the class room and the advisory committees, on which the faculty members have given such kind personal service. The freshmen have found that the interest and experience of a friend is at his disposal and ready to meet him even more than half way.

There is probably no one side of our life that has received as much care and nourishment as the religious side. This past year has, to many of us, marked a new era in our life. The daily communion of the chapel period, the quiet meditation of Wednesday evening prayer meeting, and the fellowship of the Sunday afternoon Y. M. C. A. meetings are adding measures to our stature to the end that we may become full grown men.

A tribute of praise is due to the literary societies which are contributing so much to our welfare. Here we have a more intimate relationship with our upper classmen. There is real effort here on the part of all to combine the work of the class with the themes of the outside world; and also that we may here acquire a better knowledge of our mother tongue. The work of the literary societies has added no small measure to the rounding out of the product of the Freshman year. Some of our most intimate and dearest friendships

are the result of our society work. Now as we look from beneath the shadows of the closing year, having drunk deep from its many happy hours, we would not fail to take counsel of our mistakes. With their counsel to guide us and happy memories to cheer us, we stand four square, ready to march to the world's music for the few ensuing months; until the time when we may gather again around the associations that are so dear to us. Then we will lend willing hearts and ready hands to make prosperous and happy the Freshman class of 1915.

OUR OLDEST FRIEND

I give you the health of the oldest friend  
That, short of eternity, earth cannot lend.—  
A friend as faithful and tried and true  
That nothing can wean him from me and you.

When first we screeched in the sudden blaze  
Of the daylight's blinding and lasting rays,  
And gulped at the gaseous groggy air,  
This old, old friend stood waiting there.

And when, with a kind of mortal strife,  
We had gasped and choked into breathing life,  
He watched by the cradle, day and night,  
And held our hands till we stood upright.

From gristle and pulp our frames have grown  
To stringy muscle and solid bone;  
While we were changing, he altered not;  
We might forget, but he never forgot.

He came with us in the college class,—  
Little cared he for the steward's pass!  
All the rest must pay their fee,  
But the grim old deadhead entered free.

He stayed with us while we counted o'er  
Fourtines each of the seasons four;  
And with every season from year to year,  
The dear name Classmate he made more dear.

He never leaves us,—he never will,  
Till our hands are cold and our hearts are still,  
On birthdays, and Christmas, and New Years too,  
He always remembers both me and you.

Every year this faithful friend  
His little presents is sure to send;  
Every year, wheresoe'er we be,  
He wants a keep sake from you and me.

How he loves us! he pats our heads;  
And lo! they are gleaming with silver threads;  
And he's always begging one lock of hair  
Till our shining Crowns have nothing to wear.

At length he will tell us, one by one,  
"My child, your labor of earth is done;  
And now you must journey afar to see  
My elder brother,—"Eternity."

And so, when long, long years have passed,  
Some dear old fellow will be the last,—  
Never a boy alive but he  
Of all our goodby company.

When he lies down, but not till then,  
Our kind Class-Angel will drop the pen  
That writes in the day-book kept above,  
Our lifelong record of faith and love.

So herb's a health in homely rhyme  
To our oldest Classmate, Father Time!  
May our last survivor live to be  
As bald and as wise and as tough as he!

—Oliver Wendall Holmes.

Hadn't Killed Him.

There is a certain young man who used to be notoriously egotistical. Some of his acquaintances were one day speaking of him before an old lady who was not up in the slang of the day. The next time she met him on the street she put out a congratulating hand.

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**PHILOMATHEAN**

Roll call in the Philomathean Society Monday evening, May 3 was responded to by "Suggestions for Next Year's Program." The responses were very unique and interesting. After a short business meeting the following impromptu program was given:

"Why Woman Suffrage Should be Granted?"—Jean Eggleston.  
"Why Woman Suffrage Should not be Granted?"—Mildred Allen.  
"Benefits of Co-Education."—Marcia Carl.  
"Advantages of Dormitory Life."—Mary Stitt.  
Reading: "Sambo's Prayer."—Merle McKay.

### ALMA DEFEATS NORTHERN

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Score by innings:  
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9—R  
Ohio 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—2  
Alma 1 0 4 0 2 0 1 0 4\*—12  
Summary: Two base hits; Dancer, DePew. Three base hits; Wood 2, Johnston, Goodrich, Dancer. Stolen bases; Stimpson 2, Dancer, Goodrich, Wood, Hyde. Sacrifice hits; Stimpson, Simenton. Bases on balls; off DePew, 4; of Stemm, 9. Struck out by DePew, 8; by Stemm, 4. Double plays Smith to Stany to Murphy; Reheneck to Stany; Stimpson to Staggle. Umpire: Zimmerman.

### TENNIS TOURNAMENT

In the Alma-Mt. Pleasant tennis tournament, held on the local courts Saturday at 9 o'clock, Alma easily captured the singles and doubles. This was the first tournament held this year and in spite of the wind, the matches were very interesting although a little one-sided.

Alma, with Maurice Cole and Don Smith, was well represented in the singles and doubles. Both of these men will fight for the tennis honors at Albion next month.

Mt. Pleasant was represented by Beddow and Freman, who lacked much of the class shown by "Hi" and Don. Nevertheless they fought hard and made the matches very exciting at times.

In the singles Maurice and Don played safe and steady throughout the matches, their serves worked fine and the way they covered the courts at times was equally commendable. The greatest fault of the Mt. Pleasant men was in serving for doubles seemed to be very prominent with them.

The match of doubles was easily won by the Maroon and Cream fighters and better team work could not be wished for, so early in the season. The net work of the locals was very sensational, which at many periods of the match resulted in screams from the side lines.

With Maurice and Don as representatives at Albion this spring, we can feel a tennis championship in our bones for both are experienced men and hard fighters.

Maurice, a Senior, represented Alma last spring on the local courts and put up some hard games, while Don, an '18 man, represented Alma High School last year and won the county championship in tennis.

Let's have a tennis championship this year.

Rudolph Beyers and Thomas Blaisdell also played a match with Buchan and Brandy of Mt. Pleasant. Both "Rudie" and "Tom" were in fine form and easily won their match—6-4; 6-4. Scores:

Beddow vs. Cole—3-6; 1-6.  
Freeman vs. Smith—1-6; 5-7.  
Cole and Smith vs. Freeman and Beddow—6-1; 6-0.  
Referees—Prof. Wildemouth and Chester Robinson.

### THE LETTER "E."

Someone has advanced the opinion that the letter "E" is the most unfortunate character in the English alphabet, because it is always out of cast, forever in debt, never out of danger and in hell all the time. For some reason he overlooked the fortunes of the letter, so we will call his attention to the fact that "E" is never in war and always in peace. It is the beginning of existence, the commencement of ease and the end of trouble. Without it there would be no meat, no life and no heaven. It is the center of honesty, makes love perfect and without it there would be no editors, no devils nor news. (There also would be no colleges and no Freshmen).—Charleston, W. Va. Gazette.

### HIGHEST CLASS HONORS AWARD BY HONOR POINTS

The faculty in its monthly meeting last Tuesday, May 4th, determined the two highest averages for the class of 1915. Miss Gladys Dershem with 186 honor points received the vote as valedictorian of the class. Mr. Maurice Cole, with a total of 165 points, was voted as salutatorian of the class.

So the members of the class of 1915 and the student body wish to express their congratulations to these people in receiving this honor for their most efficient work.

The faculty also voted the fellowship prizes of the University at Ann Arbor to Miss Bessie Seaver of the class of 1911 or to Mrs. Laura E. Sebring as alternate. Everyone was pleased at this selection and feel certain that the college will be well represented by Miss Seaver.

"Howard, last night in your sleep you spoke several times of Marguerite. Who is she?"

"Why, Peaches, that was my sister's name."

"Howard, your sister's name was Maude."

"Yes, Peaches; but we called her Marguerite for short."

"Bohemian Girl at the May Festival.

### FRESHMEN TRIUMPHS

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for we have already discovered that it leads to strained diplomatic situations.

In baseball we will without question hold up our reputation as well, or better than in either football or basketball. Of course as yet we do not know how the team will stand at the end of the season but it is safe to say that at least five of the nine men will be picked from Freshmen. Charlie Depew and French are both doing well in the box this year and we expect big things from them another year. Dancer at short, Stimmie, at second and Steggal at first are all playing like college veterans.

In track and tennis work we have done exceptionally well. Although we have no contestants in the tennis tournament yet some of our men promise to take places next year on the team. We have been particularly successful so far in track work. Before the snow was off coach had us out training. Ever since then the work has been going on very well. At the interclass meet a couple of weeks ago it became evident that Freshmen were to play a big part in track work. We managed to score more points than all the other classes put together. At the meet in Lansing Freshmen scored twenty-one out of a total of twenty-seven points. In track work we are ably represented by Marx, Gallagher, Garlock, Sales, Schultz, Richards, Coleman and Chapel.

On account of the numbers in the Freshmen class that are interested in medical work the Altroix Society was organized. This society is composed entirely of Freshmen. During the year they discuss questions and problems that are coming up in the medical profession in these days. Their work has been very good this year and will probably be even more successful next year.

Aside from minor troubles the class of '18 has succeeded in establishing a record in all lines of college activity. Next year we expect to come back and help make Alma the biggest and best small college in the middle west.

### Twixt Devil and Deep.

It was a bright morning in Savannah when two ladies of color met at the corner of Broad and Oglethorpe. Said one: "Mandy, Ah heah yo' all was out in a skiff ridin' wif Mistah Jackson las' evenin'."

"Yassum," said Mandy, "Ah suttinly was out ridin' wif Mistah Jackson las' evenin'; an' Ah wants to tell yo' Ah's powuhful disconfustered in that gen'man—powuhful!"

"Why, Mandy! Whut all's de matter wif Mistah Jackson? Ah heahs he's a puffect gen'man, Ah do."

"Puffect gen'man!" exploded Mandy. "Puffect Gen'man huh! Yo' know what that low-down niggah do? That scoun'el done git me out in that ah boat, right plumb in de middle ob de ribber. Then that amiferous coon he low he gwine kiss me; yassum, jes lak Ah's tellin' yo'. Cos Ah 'low he aint gwine do no sech thing. Then that niggah 'low he gwine kiss me and If Ah 'jects, he gwine upot the boat an' drown us bofe. Yassum, he he say that ve'y thing."

Mandy paused and seemed loath to continue the narrative. Her listener waited impatiently and then burst forth:

"An whut Yo'all do then, Mandy when he act so scan'lous?"

"Whut Ah do! Huh! Whut Ah do!"

And Mandy moved scornfully down the street. "Well, Yo'all aint heah ob any niggahs bein' drowned, has yo'?"

### PHILOMATHEAN

The regular meeting of the Philomathean society on April 26 was called to order with Vice-President Esther Smith presiding.

Roll call was responded to by current events.

After a short business meeting the program of the evening followed. This consisted of a debate, which proved to be very exciting, both sides being well prepared and very enthusiastic in their opinions. The question was: "Resolved, That the Language Requirement in College is Unjust."

On the affirmative side were Mary Rubert, Mildred Allen and Olive Bates. On the negative side were Adelaide Ballou, Jean Eggleston and Helen Baker. The arguments put forth on each side were very good and the decision of the judges close, being 2 to 1 in favor of the affirmative.

Because of the interest shown by the society the question was thrown open to all and a lively discussion concluded the program.

Wright Hall would be a good old spot, It certainly would improve a lot, Were the Soph but half as good as she

Advices her Freshman friends to be.

Hodge—"I want to see my girl the worst way."

Tac—"See her about 6:45 in the morning."

### TWO AND—

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OLIVET

	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Butler, m	5	0	2	1	0	0
Nelthorpe, 3	5	0	2	1	0	0
Riley, 1	5	0	1	7	0	0
Hamilton, lf	5	1	1	3	0	0
Miller, c	5	1	2	12	1	0
Meyers, rf	4	0	1	1	0	0
Hicks, ss	4	0	0	2	2	0
Cunningham, 2	4	0	0	2	2	0
Loomis, p	4	0	1	0	2	0
Totals	41	2	9	30	7	0

Score by innings:  
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10—R  
OLIVET 0 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 0—2  
ALMA 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0—2

The summary: Two base hit, Nelthorpe. Three base hit, Hamilton. Stolen bases, Stimpson 2, Wood 3, Staggle 2, Dancer, Riley. Bases on balls; off Loomis, 2. Double plays, Stimpson to Dancer to Staggle; Dancer to Stimpson to Staggle. Struck out by Johnston, 10; Loomis, 10. Umpire Balmer, Mt. Pleasant.

### ZETA SIGMA HAS FINE MEETING

The following very interesting and highly instructive program was given before Zeta Sigma Monday evening:

Paper—"Possibilities of Student Evangelism"—Elder Wilson.

Serial Story—By Beyers, Siminton, Chapel, Fitch, Dancer, Anderson, McIntyre, Patterson, Marks and Goodrich.

Impromptu Debate—"Resolved, That Girls Would Make Better 'Swipes' Than Junior Boys." Affirmative, McFarlane, Anderson and C. Robinson; negative, Boyle, Marks and Geis.

The society acting as judge decided unanimously in favor of the negative. "Secret of Efficient Giving"—Linton Melvin.

"Law of the Cossacks"—Earl Coleman.

"Hopkinson Smith"—Harvey Sayles.

### PHI PHI ALPHA

Four very interesting papers were given at the regular meeting of the society on May 3. The following papers were read:

"Blast Furnaces"—Walter Dow.

"The Chickory Industry"—Ross Schermerhorn.

"The Crystal Palace"—Milton Jackson.

"Calumet and the Foreigners"—J. MacAuley.

The time usually allowed for impromptu was given over to a parliamentary drill in which Gates, Friedman and Van Duzen took leading roles.

Velma—"Chester, dear, would you love me just as much if father should lose his money?"

Chet—"He hasn't lost it, has he?"

Velma—"No."

Chet—"Why, of course I would, you silly girl."

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