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## WE DEFEAT OLIVET

In a Listless Game Alma Shows Unquestionable Superiority

## M. A. C. NOSES US OUT

Wins From Maroon and Cream by Getting a Field Basket in Extra Time

In the final game of the season—Alma defeated Olivet 41-14 Saturday and incidentally became champions of the inter-collegiate.

The game was a great disappointment to the large crowd as all had expected to see the fastest and hardest fought game of the year, but instead it saw our men throw baskets at will, and in the last half three of our scrubs went in and contributed to the size of the score.

'Ox' Edgerton was back in the game for the first time since he was hurt at Ypsi. Although his ankle was still weak and painful, he stuck by the game until it was certain a championship was safely tucked away. His defensive work was the great factor in holding the Olivet score low. Kefgen and Fraker played their last games for Alma and starred with five baskets a peice, while Hooper shared equally in the honors with five more.

von Thurn's work on the defense was particularly strong, while Martin was the only Olivet man to show any class.

The summary:

Alma (41)		Olivet (14)
Kefgen	rf	Martin
Fraker, Ewing	lf	Sandridge
Edgerton, Chapel	c	Rider
Hooper	rg	Price
von Thurn, King	lg	Poyd

Score, first half—Alma, 17; Olivet, 8. Field baskets—Alma, Kefgen 5, Fraker 5, Hooper 5, King; Olivet, Martin, Sandridge, Price. Fouls—Fraker, 9 out of 17; Martin, 8 out of 18. Referee—Currier, Ypsi.

## M. A. C. -ALMA

The Maroon and Cream went down again to defeat before the men from M. A. C. Tuesday evening, but it was by only two points. Never in any game here did such intense excitement reign, as when during the last five minutes of play, our men came up from behind three times and tied the score. A minute before the end of the last half M.A.C. held a three point lead; Fraker cut it down two points by a long basket; M.A.C. took the ball near to her basket, it came back to Alma's basket. The referee called a foul on M.A.C., and in the next instant time was called. If Fraker should make the foul the score would be tied and we would have a chance at victory. The ball rose high above the basket, slowly it started downward and went directly through the ring. The score was tied.

Again the game continued and shortly Chamberlain, the Aggies' star center, from near the center of the floor threw

a basket and M.A.C. had even. M.A.C. sent up an aggregation of big men equal to the size of our team. The game opened the first half by splendid work and basket shooting. The superior weight and strength of our men opened the second half with a great display of skill. The first school for Alma was the best part of the game. He got three baskets and threw ten from the field. He was easily the Aggies' star man. von Thurn and Chapel, who early replaced Ewing,

## LELAND POWERS



DAVID GARRICK

By Robertson—Dramatis Personae

David Garrick—The great English actor  
 Mrs. Smith—His wife (mother of seven children)  
 Mr. Simon Ingot—A wealthy London merchant  
 M. Brown  
 Miss Ada Ingot—His daughter  
 Miss Araminta Brown—His old-maid sister  
 Mr. Richard Chivy—An empty-headed fop  
 Mr. Jones  
 Mr. Smith—Of Smith, Smith & Co.  
 Act 1—Ingot's drawing-room before dinner. Act 2—Ingot's drawing-room after dinner. Act 3—Garrick's study.

owing to the latter's injury, put up a powerful defence, while Hooper and Kefgen continually broke up plays and corralled two baskets apiece.

Alma		M. A. C.
Fraker	lf	Gruthrie
Ewing, Hooper	rf	Huff
Kefgen	c	Chamberlain
Hooper, Chapel	lg	Goss
von Thurn	rg	Duthrie

Field baskets, Fraker 3, Kefgen 2, Hooper 2, Chamberlain 5, Gruthrie 2, Duthrie 1, Huff 1, Goss 2. Fouls, Fraker 10 out of 14, Goss 2 out of 3. Referee, Stickles, Mt. Pleasant.

## HIGH SCHOOL SCRUBS

While waiting for the M.A.C. team

threw some pretty ones for the high school.

Scrubs		High School
King	lf	Fishbeck
McAllister	rf	Wood, Kress
S. Cook	c	Kress, Hood
Lauderbach	lf	Spinney
Harwood		
Hyde	rg	Austin

Field baskets, Spinney 3, Fishbeck 3, Kress 1, Austin 1, Cook 2, Hyde 1, King 1. Fouls, Kress 7 out of 14, King 9 out of 9. Referee, Robert H. Cook.

Miss Edith Hewitt was in the audience Saturday.

Miss Margaret O'Sullivan was called to Bay City Thursday by the death of her grandfather.

## PUERTO RICAN WORK

Our Island Possessor Presents Strange Questions

## A MISSIONARY FIELD

The Protestant Church Has Developed Remarkably Since 1898

By Eric H. Casterlin, '07

(Mr. Casterlin is a professor in the University of Puerto Rico at Rio Piedras. The article following has been condensed.)

It is commonly thought that the islands of the West Indies are populated with negroes. More or less this is true, but there are a few of the islands which are decidedly white and Puerto Rico falls within this class. When the island was discovered by Columbus in 1493 it was populated by a branch of the race of American Indians. True to the Spanish colonial policy the natives were at once made slaves and under the system of slave distribution and the strenuous labor in the mines it was but a few years before the Indian was almost extinct. To supply the labor for further enterprise it was necessary to import slaves from Africa. This new element readily took up the new customs and language and intermarried with the remaining red men to the end that a new race was produced. This type was called "mestizo." In this class we find all complexions ranging from the pure black of the African to the red and lighter shade of the Indian. The old Spanish settlers, adventurers and sailors of the 16th century intermarried with the other races. This produced a new class of people which through the years has rapidly increased until today it is the predominating element in the island. The majority of this class, together with the Spanish, forms the population of the interior and the better element of the cities.

These people are a race whose educational institutions are in some ways older than yours, a race which has for centuries sent its young people to the continental universities for education, a race which has had for 400 years the Christian church but under whose influence the church has declined until it needs a reformation in the sense that the church needed a reformation in the period of Huss, Jerome and Luther. Do not expect to find at once in Puerto Rico a counterpart of Africa. You will not see it. As the visitor to New York City sees nothing of the "newspaper" New York nor of the low life so the visitor will see nothing of Africa here until he finds the paths down by the jagons where the low blacks live in their huts in the center of a swampy grove. There you will find the African song and on a Sunday night the "bumba" dance. Puerto Rico is an island in which you can have your home—the present of the long dead (continued on page three)

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Friday, March 17  
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Friday, April 2  
Alpha Theta Play

ON ECONOMY

It may seem like undue advertising to discuss an entertainment which is yet to come in these editorial columns, but it is not for the purpose of advertising at all that this paragraph is written. It is simply because this opportunity offers a convenient time to mention one of our failings, that of false economy. True economy does not consist simply in saving money, but in using it to the best advantage. In our efforts to be as sparing as possible we are very apt to fall into the detrimental habit of doing without what is cultural for the sake of having mere amusement or midnight spreads. Practical economy in college life is almost entirely a matter of elimination. We do not have to seek about for chances to invest what surplus cash is left after we get Prof. A. P. Cook's receipts, but there is a constant demand for money. It is only by wise choosing that we can make the most of what we have, and our choice in every case is too apt to be made with a view to mere temporary pleasure. "David Garrick" to be given tomorrow evening by Leland Powers will be something of infinitely more cultural value than a few pies, yet how likely we are to forget that when we are asked to purchase a ticket! Practice true, not false economy.

MINSTRELS SUCCESSFUL

The college minstrels given Thursday evening in the Realty opera house by the men of the college for the benefit of the Athletic association were a decided success in every way. A fairly good sized audience paddled their ways through the muddy streets to listen to the cheery patter of the end men and the singing of the soloists and chorus. The curtain arose on a banquet scene. In the toastmaster's chair sat Robert Cook. The other banqueters were Thompson, Pratt, O. Anderson, Ewing, Potter, Caldwell, Wilson, B. McCloy, Voegeli, Harwood and Dakin. The

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toastmaster was about to ask for toasts when a coon made a noisy intrusion. He was asked to give a show and complying with the request he gathered five compatriots out of the wings of the stage and the audience in the auditorium and began. Kefgen and Frost were the end men, Brilmyer and Burritt were the bones, King was a nondescript coon and Fraker was a heathen Chinese. From the time that the troupe were all brought together until the curtain fell after the college song had been sung somebody was busy every minute making foolishness or singing songs.

Kefgen led in the comedial work and sang "Come after Breakfast and Bring your Lunch" and "Hypnotize Me." Frost assisted Kefgen cleverly and pulled off a number of stunts of his own, besides telling in song and dance how "Heinie Waltzed 'round on his Hic-Hic-Hickory Limb." His solo "On the Mighty Deep" with the chorus by a quartet composed of Messrs. Frost, Harwood, Kefgen and Dakin was much enjoyed. Brilmyer surprised everybody by coming out of his usual quietude and getting away with a bunch of laughs in matter and singing "Dixie Dan." Burritt made himself very much in evidence to the amusement of the audience and sang very well "Sugar Moon" and "Stop, Stop, Stop." King cut some cute capers, showed Wilcox up as an orator in a vociferous exaggeration and snare, "You're going to get something what you don't expect." Fraker was a funny little Chinaman who tickled his hearers with the "Chinatown Rag." Interlocutor Cook called twice upon Dwight Harwood for some real music and he supplied the demand with two solos, "Only the Ghost of Your Smile" and "Dream Girl." Carlyle Walker was the "Hungarian Orchestra."

The entertainment was a great credit to Coach Grady who bore the bulk of the work of thinking out and executing the plans. Kefgen and King gathered the jokes and music. The jokes were well applied and well distributed. The serious music was excellently rendered and the comic stuff was good, which was as it should have been. The musical show which we had here promised for so long is gone. If you doubt it we offer you our sympathy.

OPENING RECEPTION

The annual second semester opening reception was given by the social committees of the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. in Wright hall Friday evening. The reception room was very prettily decorated with banners, pennants and pillows. Partners were secured for the first number of the program by matching broken hearts. The usual grand march, two sits, walks and Virginia reels were used. A short musical program added much to the enjoyment of the evening. Misses Clark and DuVries and Mr. Dwight Harwood rendering delightful solos. Refreshments of heart-shaped cookies and ice cream were served.

CLASSICAL CLUB

The Classical club held its regular bi-weekly meeting Saturday evening. The following program was given. Report from Classical Journal, Miss Randall; Horace's View of Life, by Drake;

Juvenal and his Satires, Miss Seaver. Letters were read from Rev. C. W. Sidebotham of Brooklyn and Miss Carolyn R. Butler of Chicago. The club decided to assist financially in placing a bust of Professor Mau in Rome. This is being done by the classical students of the United States, the head of the movement being Professor Kelsey of Ann Arbor.

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# PUERTO RICAN WORK

(Continued from page one)

There is no room in Puerto Rico for the past.

And the opportunity for work? man with a John Brown spirit. We must remember that for four hundred years these people have been baptized in the Catholic church; that their children have been born into that church and christened by it; that their confidence has rested in it to the extent that thousands have found comfort at dying in calling upon the priest for extreme unction; that while a portion of the people ridicule the practices of the church it is with much the same spirit that a boy of six or seven ridicules the idea of Santa Claus. The opportunity to work as a missionary calling the people to the Christian religion is quite lacking. But there is great opportunity to call people to a truer and nobler living in the church. The demand is for reformers not for revolutionists; for wide minded liberal men who will go slowly and instead of flaunting the red flag live the life together with the people which will restore the original church.

When it comes to a consideration of the lower classes the case is radically different. This class has been without a church so long a time that the field is open and new. The Catholic church in years past has been open to all but the price of the service was so great that it deprived the poor of any benefits. And again it is different with the colored people who have come from an island where there is no considerable white element. These latter are decidedly loyal to their church without being bound by any of the moral precepts of the bible. These colored people generally unite for religious purposes and the work amongst them is of a two fold character. One calls for reclamation, the other for reformation. Despite the fact that the Catholic church has always had a monopoly upon the island, the recent religious toleration offered by the American government has not produced anything but a friendly relation between the clergy of the two churches. The rise of the Protestant church dates from 1898. The first church to be started upon the island was a Lutheran church opened in San Juan, January 1, 1899 by Gustof S. Swensson. From that time to this the growth has been as follows: Eighty-five ministers, 106 workers and teachers in religious schools, 500 preaching stations, 9,042 communicants, 198 Sunday schools with an attendance of 12,166, over 40 day schools registering 2,500 pupils, 88 church buildings not counting chapels and about 42 other buildings as hospitals, rest homes etc.

If I have aided or bettered your understanding of Puerto Rico I am well paid. The best way to get an absolutely impartial idea is to come to Puerto Rico for the winter. You will find it in many ways an ideal place.

## ALUMNI NOTES

Miss Laura Soule '03 who is teaching in the Little Pine School at Marshall, N. C. will close her school work in April and return to home in Alma for the summer. Little Pine is a Mission school under the care of the Presbyterian church and has enrolled in its classes ninety-seven children under the care of Miss Soule and another lady teacher. Miss Soule writes that the book she has enjoyed above all others this year is "A Blue Stocking in India," by Dr. Winnifred Heston '96.

A. R. Moon ex '09, who is Physical Director of the Hebrew Institute in De-

troit, made a trip to Mt. Pleasant the 10th for a game with Helmer's boys. Moon's team is very fast and stands well among the city teams of Detroit. On his way back from Mt. Pleasant Ray stopped off in Alma to renew old acquaintances.

Julio Morales, who studied in the Commercial department in '04 and '05 holds a responsible position with the Burroughs Adding Machine Company of Detroit. For two years past he has been in charge of the Spanish correspondence of the company.

Roden Hooper, who has been for several years with the Marshall Wells Hardware Company of Portland, Oregon, is home for a few days visit with his parents. At present Mr. Hooper is manager of the branch office of the company in Seattle, Washington. While in Portland his work was in the same department with two other Alma men, Fred D. Frost, and Caven Ronald. Mr. Ronald is still with the Portland offices of the firm, while Mr. Frost is at present visiting at his old home in Tecumseh.

Miss Alice Thompson '03, and Miss Annabelle Chisholm '01 are both teaching in the high school of Globe, Montana. At Miami, nine miles from Globe, Eugene Tinker occupies a position as mining engineer for a large mining company.

## OPHIDIA OF UNITED STATES

Prof. Notes on the most interesting discussion before the Snake Club on Thursday on the snakes of the United States. Concerning the poisonous snakes an account of the manner in which the venom is secreted and the methods of the snakes in attacking and planting the poison was given while the general characteristics and manner of imitation among the non-poisonous was considered. Then followed a discussion of the snakes found in Michigan, after which the club was given the opportunity to examine closely a great number of specimens. At the next meeting on Saturday evening, Feb. 25 Prof. MacCurdy will discuss the Mendelian Laws of Heredity. Everyone is invited to attend.



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**CLASS IN CHILD STUDY—**

Theron Chapel, Dad Sebring, Della Struthers, Kathleen Gillard, Bessie Seaver, et al. Miss Robin on, Instructor Resident Lecturer, Prof. James Mitchell.

**FAMOUS GAITS—**

That of Kolvoord, who fears to bend his knees—broomstick effect.  
That of Blaske, who steps just a little farther each time than nature intended him to—sea wave effect.  
That of Miss Gilray, who seems to go faster than she does—duck effect.  
That of Miss King, who wants to get there before her feet will let her—kangaroo effect.

That of Monteith, who doesn't care whether he gets there or not—Pun Graves effect.  
That of Bagley, who thinks he is in the army—corset effect.  
That of Miss Mullenbach, who is afraid she'll be late—chicken-crossing-the-road-in-front-of-an-automobile effect.  
That of Ole, who is afraid he won't—floating scow effect.

That of Miss Ray, whose arms help her hurry—side-wheeler effect.  
That of Yerex—whose hands were made for puddles—Oi Oi effect.  
That of Satterlee, upon whose shoulders rest the problems of the universe—Isaac Newton effect.

That of Patter, who walks with his feet at right angles—if you don't like my style—you know what you can do effect.

**OF COURSE NOT—**  
Speaking of Bagley's gait, of corset isn't true.

**PAW SAYS—**  
Courtship and scholarship seldom sail the same seas; in other words, ease in courtship mean O's in scholarship.

**SEVEN STAGES—**  
(With the usual to friend William; may he rest in peace.)  
At first we're the preparatory kids A-rushing girls and wearing little R's. What matters cold? Our heart is warm and nice.  
If it should freeze we'd simply Rushmore, eh?  
And then we're Freshmen green, with four inch cuffs,  
Not on our sleeves but on our trousers'

**TO HIS VALENTINE—**  
Roy to Mandy—My purse is flat. I send one line.  
Let me be your valentine.  
Mandy to Roy—I like your spirit economic,  
But really don't prefer a comic.

**A STUDY IN AFFINITIES**

Gage

**Y.M.C.A. OFFICERS**

The Y. M. C. A. officers for the year 1911-12 chosen last week are: President, Wade Frost; Vice-president, D. Royal Blaske; treasurer, Clifford Edgerton; Secretary, Lester McAllister, Adelbert Lindley, the retiring president, and the executive committee were chosen to arrange for a Y. M. C. A. banquet to be held in the near future.

Miss Isabel Stevens spent the week end at her home in Saginaw.

Dr. Bruske was called to Ann Arbor, Tuesday to act as a member of the committee to chose the Michigan man who should be awarded the Rhodes Oxford scholarship for this year.

Former students attending the Olivet-Alma game Saturday were Carrie Rowland of Wooster, Ohio; Irene Pealy and Nina Martin of Saginaw; Resa Knox of Grand Rapids; Elsie Bond of Reed City; Frank McComb of Durand; and Edgar DeVol of Old Mission.

legs.  
We make the candy dates with Miss Gilray  
And all these candidates are sure, we know,  
Of having certainly at least one Vought.  
And then we are the rah-rah Sophomores,  
Still somewhat of a ladies' man, we're still  
Inclined to Hooper up on Friday eve.  
And then we are the Junior boy, but changed!  
No ladies' man, for we're quite coy and shy.  
Our voice is low. They tell us true,  
"To win  
Fair maid you must talk Lauderbach."  
And then we are a Senior man, with much  
Domestic trouble; coal to carry in,  
And wood to split. But ne'er the less, true el-  
quence we knew not till we  
Hurd A. Drake.  
And then we are a learned graduate,  
And back to Alma we perambulate,  
We talk in chapel while the studes,  
Cram psych for their next class to J.E.M.  
And last we are professors wise and sage,  
With us bald heads and specs are all the rage.  
Reservoir! Tanks!

**INDIVIDUAL BRIEFS—**

It is wicked to wear rats, because  
Miss Mullenbach—One's head should not be puffed up.

Miss Waring—Hair should be dressed simply in curl papers or other light garments. What sticks out can be frizzed.

Miss Booth—The average girl violates the aesthetic by allowing a mouse colored rat to peek through a light brown screen of her natural glory, by allowing the covering over the wire tubes to open giving the tunnel effect, by hanging a mattress on the back of her head or by binding a rope of velvet about her cranium to keep everything in place.  
Therefore it is wicked to wear rats.

**TO HIS VALENTINE—**

Roy to Mandy—My purse is flat. I send one line.  
Let me be your valentine.  
Mandy to Roy—I like your spirit economic,  
But really don't prefer a comic.

**A STUDY IN AFFINITIES**

**IN HONOR OF MISS INGLIS**

Mr. and Mrs. Bruske entertained at their home Saturday afternoon in honor of Miss Katherine Inglis of Levering who has been visiting her nephew David Inglis, a few days. Miss Inglis several years ago was professor of French and German in the college.

Twenty-five members of Miss Farley's Bible Study class enjoyed a delicious luncheon at the home of Mrs. John Murphy on College avenue Saturday.

Miss Lora Kirby, a former student of Alma, is assistant to Frederick Tower Galpin, pastor of the First Baptist church of Detroit.

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