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NEW DEBATING LEAGUE

Arrangements Are Practically Complete For Triangular Debate

MEN CHOSEN FOR ALL TEAMS

The New Arrangement Will Give Debaters More Opportunity

Things are materializing pretty rapidly in the line of debates. The M. A. C., M. S. N. C., Alma triangular league has been formed and with only one little point of difference to decide, the constitution is nearly settled. The agreement runs through a period of three years. This year Alma will have the affirmative against M. A. C. at Alma, the negative against Ypsilanti at Ypsilanti, and M. A. C. will meet the Normals on their home platform upholding the affirmative against them. The articles in the new constitution are similar to those in the constitution for the Hope, Olivet, Alma league. Each team shall consist of three regular college students of undergraduate rank, and an alternate of the same rank. This new league brings Alma into debate with the two largest educational institutions in the state outside of the university, and with the other league still standing intact will require four strong teams to uphold the maroon and cream. This gives every man with debating aspirations an excellent opportunity to make a team some time in his college course.

The question for debate in the new league has been decided and the debaters chosen. The question: "Resolved, That the federal government should impose a graduated income tax; constitutionality conceded." This was the question submitted by M. S. N. C. and was heartily accepted by both of the other institutions. The question for the Hope-Olivet-Alma debate was decided some time ago: "Resolved, That Michigan cities should own and operate public franchises." This question was submitted by Hope college.

The debaters for the new league were chosen in the following manner: The debating league, under whom the new constitution was formed, proposed that a committee from each of the men's societies meet with a committee from the faculty to decide the method of selecting the men. These committees met and a representative from each society presented a number of men from his society in about the order of their ability as debaters and by common consent of all concerned the following eight men were chosen to compose the two teams and the alternates: DeWitt Marks, Robert Cook, Ernest Sebring, Edward Brehm, H. V. Wilcox, Fred Johnson, Joseph Kennedy and E. A. Thompson.

The Hope-Olivet squad has also been chosen, four from each society as follows: Phi Phi Alpha, Lester Von Thurn, William Y. Pohly, Claude Satterlee and Albert Esseltyn; Zeta Sigma, Oral Misener, Leon Kolvoord, Josiah Buell and Frank Kolbe. In these sixteen men Alma certainly should have four strong teams, sev-

eral of them being experienced men. This is Mr. Thompson's third year at intercollegiate debating for Alma, while Messrs. Misener, Von Thurn, Pohly, Kolvoord and Marks are entering their second time, and many of the others have had much experience both in oratory and debate.

The Hope-Olivet debate will be held on the second Friday of April. At that time Alma will have the affirmative vs. Olivet on her home platform. Hope will be met at Holland. During the last three years Alma has won three and lost three of these debates, always winning the home contest. This year the maroon and cream is looking for a double victory and in so doing break the hoodoo of the visiting team.

Just one month later, the second Friday in May, the Michigan Agricultural college-Michigan State Normal college debate will be pulled off. This gives ample time for the coach to do some special work with both teams. Alma is after a double victory here and much interest will be manifest, because this will be Alma's first debate with the teachers, and in the only debate ever held between M. A. C. and Alma the State college was the winner in a two to one decision.

It is proposed that a room be secured in Pioneer Hall, to be used as a reading department for the members of these teams. All the debating material will be kept in these rooms and it will be so that the meetings of the teams can be held there and that they can have use of the material at night as well as during the day. This seems to be much desired by the debaters and a petition will be submitted to the faculty at their next meeting, requesting them to provide such a room.

The men are busy securing material and preparing for the long, hard grind that is before them. In the near future the men will be assigned to definite teams and there will be nothing to do then but grind-grind and try to uphold the honors of old Alma.

THESE ARE WELCOME

Marquette, Mich., Feb. 15, 1912
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Alma, Mich.,

Gentlemen:—

I am more than pleased to enclose you my personal check for \$1.25 in payment of 1911-1912 subscription. When I attended College in 1905 and '06, we had a monthly paper, but I most cheerfully attest that this (what we thought was a venture) successful College paper is in a class by itself. With best regards, I am

Yours very truly,

DIC. F. H. W. FRANK H. WITHEY.

COACH ENTERTAINS.

A pleasant social event occurred Tuesday evening when Coach Dennis H. Grady entertained in his apartments in Pioneer Hall the wearers of the athletic "A" with his sister, Miss Katherine Grady of Lafayette, Indiana, as guest of honor. Miss Mullenbach acted as chaperon.

Progressive games were played in which plenty of rah, rah spirit was eminent. At a late hour the affair was brought to a close by the serving of excellent "eats."

ALPHA THETA PLAY.

"Laugh and the world laughs with you." That is the path to happiness. And what can bring the smiles more readily than a company of pretty girls on the stage in the role of actresses? Everything is in readiness for the finest presentation the Alpha Theta girls ever gave, and they are noted for their fine work on the stage in former years.

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SENIOR CLASS.

Well, those seniors were up and doing again. They are always doing something; parties in the wood, Christmas parties, and sleighrides but now they have added another to their list and that a Valentine party. This time Miss Laura Brown was the hostess.

As the gay and dignified ones entered the parlor they saw under one of the lights a curious heart-shaped red basket, from which hung little cards attached to red and white ribbons. After a few songs and a couple of instrumental pieces, the girls were told to pull on the red ribbons, and the boys on the white. Then it was that they learned their fate, for each was to perform the stunt that was assigned him on his card. There were moving pictures, proposals, ridiculous songs, original rhymes and funny stories. Each actor was awarded a bag of little candy hearts, which he was cautioned to carefully preserve. They were repaid for this care when the hostess permitted them to enter the dining room, which, in many respects was made to resemble a restaurant. The following are some of the signs that confronted the guests: "We are not responsible for parcels left here." "Positively no credit given here." But the most interesting sign was this:

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Lover's Delight—10 cents.
Maiden Heart—5 cents.

Each of the little hearts represented a cent, and with these they bought of all the good things. After all this amusement was over they posed for several flashlight pictures, and finally left with a hearty "Boom chick a rack chack" for the Browns, and feeling in the best of spirits.

GIRLS AT STEVIE'S.

On Monday evening the newly elected officers of Philomatheon and Froebel took their respective societies out on a little pleasure jaunt which consisted of a "bite" at Stevie's and "look-in" at the Vaudette, after which they made life merry for the inhabitants of Superior street with college songs and yells.

STAG BANQUET.

Extensive preparations are being made for the annual Stag banquet to be held by the Zeta Sigma literary society next Friday evening in the Wright House. Many of the alumni will be back to enjoy the evening. This is always a big event among the fellows, and this year will be no exception to the rule. John M. Dunham will act as toastmaster and knows how to keep the merriment going.

MINSTRELS A SUCCESS

A Lively Program Was Given In Three Scenes

COACH GRADY LEADS IN FUN

Monologues, Negro Dialect, Local Hits and Popular Songs Kept Things Merry

On Wednesday evening the students as well as the town's people were given an opportunity to chuck dull care and "grow merry with laughter," when Coach Grady's minstrels, made up of the best comic talent in college, let loose the funny stuff which they have been accumulating for the last two months.

The affair was a live wire from start to finish. Rollicking college songs, Negro dialect, the latest hits in popular music and jokes not taken from cold storage made up their interesting show, while the clever roasts which were pulled off on the students and faculty alike, served to keep the audience on the anxious seat.

The program was made up of three scenes. The opener displayed the stage decorated in harmony with "Oh, You Beautiful Doll!" The end men and Coach Grady as interlocutor were arranged in a reversed "V" shape. The background was of white linen fastened at an angle of about 70 degrees, and through holes were seen the heads of the end men and interlocutor. The interlocutor being at the top and in the center. This arrangement was very attractive and the scene went off exceptionally well.

The second showed a typical rah rah's room, and began with a little ditty on some of the members of the faculty; after this the end men entered all in a different manner and made much fun in their turn.

In the third scene the chorus boys were dressed as a football squad and ran a few catchy signals. Then the end men again entered and with Coach Grady leading them ended the entertainment with a few more good monologues, jokes and songs.

Yerex and Brilmeyer handed out the laughing material of monologues. William Smith, who proved to be the black horse of the evening with his clogging and joke stunts, was busy every minute. Fraker and Cooper repeatedly brought down the house with their cross talk and negro dialect, while Burritt and Goodrich captured the audience with some real music. The end men were, Foster Fraker, Reginald Burritt, William Smith, Geo. Brilmeyer, LeRoy Yerex, and Thomas Cooper. The chorus—Ewing, Caldwell, Forrester, O. Anderson, F. Anderson, Hyde, Simenton, McCloy, Von Thurn, McAllister, and Carey. The quartette—Fraker, Goodrich, Cooper, and Burritt. Bope Butler presided at the piano.

The entertainment was a great credit to Coach Grady who bore the bulk of the work of thinking out and executing the plans, as well as taking a prominent part in such an excellent manner. It is over again and if you did not go, we offer you our sympathy.

Don't forget the fun to-night.

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CORNER ON DATES.

Tuesday, February 20—
Alpha Theta play.
Friday, February 23—
Zeta Sigma, Stag Banquet.
Friday, March 1—
State Oratorical Contest at Olivet.

DEBATES.

We note with pleasure the splendid progress that is being made along the line of debating. Alma students must stand back of her debaters, all the way through. These four contests mean a vast amount of study and work, a lot of midnight oil and perseverance that no one knows anything about except those that have been there. The men are taking hold of their big task in a proper spirit, the spirit that helps to win, so give them a word of encouragement when it comes convenient to you. They need your good cheer and your encouragement as well as do the athletes.

OUR MUSICAL ADVANTAGES.

One of the institutions that is a decided credit to Alma is the Music school. From a department, with a few students and little accommodation, it has grown to be one of the strongest departments outside of the college proper, with excellent accommodations, and a student enrollment of over one hundred and thirty.

The one thing that is needed to make the department complete is a building for its exclusive home. When this is forthcoming Alma will be able to offer musical inducements not excelled in the state. Great credit is due the head of the department for the high standard of excellence the school has attained.

REPORTERS.

The editor is compelled to contribute a large part of every issue. This makes the Almanian too much of a one-man sheet. Our college paper is for all, and it was established with this two-fold purpose in view: To keep the alumni in touch with the student body, and to quicken the literary life of the students themselves. The editor can do the first by correct management, but he cannot accomplish the second, without hearty support. Will you not, therefore, when asked for an article, try to comply with the request, and will you not bring to any of the editors whatever you think may be of interest to those who read the Almanian?

Mrs. Francis King has presented to the museum four insect cases for which we are especially grateful. It is expected to place in these collections to illustrate the life, histories and relations of insects of economic

importance. A considerable number of insects are now waiting a permanent place and additions are to be made as opportunity affords, that the collection may serve adequately its purpose.

We have noticed men wearing football sweaters and "A" who have never played a game for Alma. What about it?

M. A. C. 39—ALMA 15.

Last Friday evening the Alma quintette went down for the second time this season before the fast M. A. C. basketball team. The game was one of the roughest and most fiercely fought battles ever played on the local floor. The farmers were deadly on baskets, rarely ever failing to make a chance good, while Coach Grady's boys failed to locate the basket although they had about an equal number of chances to try for it.

The first half was played under the A. A. U. rules and was a pretty game to watch, although at that it was a little rough. The second half was played under the so-called Intercollegiate rules and was a good exhibition of football.

There was not much enthusiasm shown by the crowd, because they were compelled to wait about two hours for Coach Macklin and his men. The game was to be called at 7:30 and instead of that it was nearly 9:30 before the farmers entered the gymnasium. Their train was late thus causing the delay.

Every man played a good game for both sides but Vatz and Chamberlain were the main basket shooters for the State College men, while Wood, Edgerton and Captain Hooper worked the passes well for the locals.

Alma. M. A. C.
Hooper, Capt. R. F. Gauthier
Fraker, Wood, L. F. Vatz
Edgerton, C. Chamberlain
Capt.

Wood, Misener, R. G. Goss
Von Thurn, L. G. Spencer
Baskets from field—Vatz, 7; Chamberlain, 4; Gauthier, 3; Goss, 3; Spencer, Wood, 3; Hooper, 2; Edgerton.

Fouls—Vatz, 1 in 4; Hooper 3 in 5.
Time of halves—20 minutes.
Referee—Cook.

In the preliminary game with the city team the scrubs again took them in hand to the tune of 31 to 19. The game was slow at times and a little rough but occasionally flashes of speed were shown by both sides. Cook and Pohly showed up well for the second team while Dewey and Goodrich were the leaders for the town team.

Scrubs. City.
Pohly, R. F. Goodrich
Vogt, Austin, L. F. Omens
Cook, C. Dewey
Hyde, R. G. G. Berry
Austin, Misener, L. G. Berry
Time of halves—20 minutes.
Referee—Cook.

CLASSICAL CLUB.

An unusually attractive program was given before the Classical Club last Saturday evening. The roll call was responded to by answering questions relative to Latin authors, which had been given to the members at a previous meeting.

In accordance with the general plan which the Club is following this year, the Greek and Roman theatre was the topic under consideration in the various papers, while an able translation of a scene from Phormio served to bring the matter of the play before the members.

Program.

Roll Call—Latin authors.
Paper—"The Greek Theatre," Milo Hogan.

Paper—"The Roman Theatre," Oren Osborn.

Translation of Act II, Scene 3 of Phormio.

Paper—"The Influence of the Theatre in Roman Politics," Lester Von Thurn.

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OTHER COLLEGES.

M. A. C.

A new organization known as "The Schoolmasters' Club," has been organized by the M. A. C. students. Which organization is under the supervision of Prof. W. H. French. Prof. W. N. Ferris of Big Rapids has already been secured for the initial address before the association on the 21st of February.

Hillsdale.

Hillsdale has chosen her orators for the state contest. Nelson Hunter will represent them in the men's contest with an oration on "When Civilization Civilizes," and Miss Marian Green will enter the ladies contest.

U. of M.

The faculty adopted a new system of marking for the literary department of the University. Hereafter there will be no "cons," if a student does not pass he will flunk. There will also be grades sent to each student so that he may know whether he just barely passed or whether he had a good margin. Heretofore there were just three marks given—pass, condition or flunk.

Olivet.

The Olivet Echo is still running a history of different departments of the college each week. The last issue contained the twelfth in the series.

BROWN

Brown University has settled its summer base ball question for good, and will allow students to play for compensation, provided they do not lie about it.

ALUMNI NOTES.

Miss Grace Kramer, Kg. '09, who has taught in the kindergarten schools of Saginaw since graduation has accepted the position in the Alma schools left vacant by the resignation of Miss Lena Drake, Kg. '10. For the past two years Miss Kramer has been in charge of one of the kindergarten schools with an assistant, and comes with an experience that will make her a valuable addition to the force of Alma teachers.

Herbert Hoadley Johnson is the name of the young son born to Rev. and Mrs. Weston T. Johnson of Sapporo, Japan, November 19. Herbert H. is one of five foreign children in the Japanese city, three of the entire number being boys in the Johnson family.

The papers of Holland, Mich., published a good story on Supt. E. E. Fell a few weeks ago. The story goes that one evening Mr. Fell was making a call upon several of his teachers, who live in the same house. During the superintendent's visit the conversation was constantly interrupted by the tapping of a tic-tac on the parlor window. One of the young ladies complained that they were annoyed every evening by this performance on the part of some thoughtless school-boy. The portly Mr. Fell, who now weighs well over 200, said he was glad to be present and that he would put a stop to it once for all. He quietly stepped out through the back kitchen door and tip-toed around the corner of the house. Sure enough, there in the shadows, was a young ruffian vigorously manipulating the soul-harrowing noise producer. Fell made a charge such as he was wont to make in the fall of 1901 when he was helping to rout the forces of M. A. C., and in an instant was upon the helpless culprit.

It was but the work of a moment (copyright, 1912) to drag the villain into the presence of the angry school teachers. They saw the superintendent advancing with the militant youth, a closely cropped auburn head protruding from underneath his arm. The ladies began to relent and feel sad when they heard the boy sobbing into the depths of the large man's sleeve. He brought the youngster forward purposing to shame him into the extremest humility by the glare of the light and the reproving glances of a dozen female pedagogues. But just as they were preparing their

sharpest and most indignant looks with which to quell the disturber of their peace they received a shock which they still feel as they call the incident to mind. The boy's face came to view and he was not sobbing. He was laughing and it was Fell's own son.

CHARLES DICKENS PROGRAM.

One of the finest morning programs given in the chapel this year was the entertainment given in honor of the 100th anniversary of Charles Dickens. Dr. Bruske in a very brief introduction told of the splendid services of Mr. Dickens, mentioning two qualities in particular; that he was a friend to the poor and a friend to children.

President Bruske first called on Miss Emily Beach who read a paper on "Dickens, the Man." She showed by quotations from his works that the beautiful life of the great writer stood out pre-eminently in his writings. She emphasized particularly the qualities mentioned by President Bruske: love for children and his kindness toward the poor, sick and distressed. This paper was exceptionally well written, and Miss Beach read it in such a delightful manner as to keep the audience interested every minute.

A paper on "Dickens, an Actor and Interpreter of His Own Works," was read by Miss Clara Hanel. She paid a glowing tribute to Dickens as an actor, by designating him as one of the best actors of his age in every line. In comedy and tragedy alike. Miss Hanel showed much ability in weaving bits of the best humor with her description to break any seeming monotony. She was perfectly self-composed and seemed at home on the platform.

Part of chapter 10 of Pickwick Papers was read by Robert Hume. He opened interpreting the character of Sam Weller as Sam was blacking boots. His interpretation of this character brought down the house, and he kept his audience all the time. Nothing need be said with regard to Mr. Hume's ability as a reader. He is always welcomed by the student body for they have heard him often enough to know that there is something good coming. And that this was no exception to the rule was shown by the great applause given him as he left the stage.

The last number was a reading from "David Copperfield" by Joseph Kennedy. In this he gave some of the serious side of the great master's writings. This was the conversation between two characters. Mr. Kennedy was just the man for the part. His interpretations of the characters were excellent and he interested the audience from beginning to end. This was his first appearance before the student body as a reader and his work showed them that they have another entertainer of no mean ability.

FROEBELS.

During the first semester the Froebel literary society spent most of the

time at their meetings in discussing mythology and sculpture. Their work this semester is a continuation of the work of last semester but more emphasis will be put on the study of mythology alone.

They are making preparations to give a Japanese Tea party. Japanese costumes will be used and a splendid party is expected.

We are pleased to announce that Lester McAllister, who has been very ill is much better to-day.

Alpha Theta play at chapel to-night.

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Shakespeare in College.

Freshman—"A Comedy of Errors."
Sophomore—"Much Ado about Nothing."

Junior—"As You Like It."
Senior—"All's Well That Ends Well."—Ex.

Answered.

He—"Why do you put the hair of another woman on your head?"

She—"Why do you put the skin of another calf on your feet?"

At Leap Year Reception.

Miss Clark—"May I have you for refreshments?"

Mr. Wilson—"Well, if you do, it will only be a soup-bone."

The Proper Term.

Little Chicagoan—"You're bug house."

Little Bostonian—"Such terrible, deplorable vulgarity! You should say, 'insect garage.'"—Ex.

Caught.

"You look warm."

"I have been chasing a hat."

"Did your hat blow off?"

"It wasn't my hat, it belonged to somebody else, and it had a pretty girl under it."

"Did you catch it?"

"Yes. My wife saw me chasing it."—

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"Prof. Notestein says that everything is of some use in the world, but we would like to know what use the letter 'p' is on the front of pneumonia."

He Knew.

Teacher—"What does B. C. stand for?"

Willie—"Before Christ."

Teacher—"And what does A. D. stand for?"

Willie—"After the devil."

Leap Year.

'Tis leap year, girls and don't forget
The privilege of the suffragette.
With bashful, hesitating beaux,
Pluck up your courage and propose.
Untie old Precedent's red tape
And let no guilty man escape.
She who hesitates is lost,
So land your man at any cost.
If you have youth as well as beauty
The leap year cry is, "Do your duty."
Say, "Horace dear, will you be mine?
Of all mankind for you I pine."
If he a happy year should wish you,
And slyly try to dodge the issue,
Just get a grip upon his coat
And put the question to a vote.
If he votes "No," and you vote "Yes,"
Throw out no signal of distress,
"Hip hip hurrah, it is a tie—
Bless be the tie that binds, "you cry."

NEWS ITEMS.

Mrs. McCollum was the guest of Miss Carrie Rowland at Wright Hall during the first part of the week.

Oral Misenar is again back at work and reports that his wife is well.

Miss Mabel Northern of East Jordan, a sister of Miss Ethel Northern ex-'12 and daughter of Joseph T. Northern '96, died suddenly a week ago. Miss Northern was a senior at the Ypsilanti Normal and making a splendid record in the English department. She was suddenly taken with an attack of scarlet fever, which became violent, and after an illness of

but a week died. The funeral services were held at Clare where the corpse was buried. The Almanian joins in deepest sympathy with the mourners.

William Y. Pohly made a midweek trip to Breckenridge.

Coach Grady entertained his sister from Lafayette last week.

What about the "Rainbow Kimona" in the college chapel tonight?

We are sorry to hear of the misfortune that came to Miss Haughwout last week, when the Knox school where she is an instructor was burned to the ground. All she was able to save of her belongings was a pillowcase and a basket full. Nevertheless we are glad to hear that she escaped in safety. The girls of Wright Hall have been telling of how many nice things Miss Haughwout had what a loss it must be.

Miss Lottie Davis of Port Austin called on Eva McBain as she was on her way home from Mt. Pleasant.

See the Kimona Club tonight.

Mrs. John Pierson visited her son last Thursday.

Last Monday evening, Miss Mullenbach very delightfully entertained the senior and junior girls in her room in honor of Miss Grady.

You can't afford to miss seeing the little colored girl in the Alpha Theta play tonight.

Miss Mildred Burns, ex-'11, and Miss Florence Hood, '11, of St. Charles were entertained at Wright Hall over Sunday.

Veda Churchill of Grand Rapids is visiting on the campus.

Beryl Broderick spent Friday and Saturday in Ann Arbor.

Miss Lela Duff, ex-'12, of St. Louis was the guest of Laura Brown last Tuesday evening.

Miss Margaret Allen was at her home in Ithaca over Sunday.

Miss Margarete Bielby is spending a few days at Wright Hall.

THE AMERICAN OF TOMORROW.

The students and citizens of Alma were given a rare treat last Monday evening in the way of a Lincoln program. It was given in the Presbyterian church. Rev. W. T. Jaquess, D. D., of Detroit, gave a splendid lecture on "The American of Tomorrow." Dr. Jaquess is one of the most prominent clergymen in Michigan, having held several positions of prominence both in the Synod of Michigan and in the General Assembly. Alma college is particularly interested in him and have been for some time, for it conferred upon him the Doctor's degree.

After a short preliminary program of music, he was fittingly introduced by Rev. Crain, and began by saying that the American was hard to define because America is properly called "The Melting Pot of the Nations." He discussed the immigration problem and the city problems to some length, but in an original and pleasing manner. He was a marvel at handling statistics, weaving them in and using them to prove his point. It is a rare thing to find a man that can use statistics so advantageously and make them as interesting as did Dr. Jaquess. In closing he paid a glowing tribute to Lincoln, for his courage and manly example. He said that this is the greatest day of opportunity in human history, and made a splendid appeal to young men to do their duty in making the American of tomorrow what he can and should be. The lecture was appreciated by the students who availed

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SCIENCE CLUB.

[Crowded out last week.]

The usual meeting of the Science Club, on Saturday evening, February 10th, was called at seven o'clock so as not to interfere with the mid-winter reception given at Wright Hall by the Young Women's and Young Men's Christian Associations.

The ordinary business preliminaries of the Club were followed by a paper on "Solar Energy," by Ernest Sebring, and one on "Germ-Plasm," by Milo Hogan.

Because of the lack of time, the usual discussion of the topics was omitted.

Prof. MacCurdy will give an address at the next meeting.



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