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## COLLEGE DAY.

Friday was one of the most beautiful May days that has ever been witnessed. So things did not drag even if there were no classes before time for the program. At eight fifty the regular chapel exercises were held, after which Dr. Bruske called upon the Misses Jackson and Clark for solos. Both numbers were greatly appreciated by all present, but no further comment need be made here because every member of the college knows very well the splendid ability of both soloists.

This ended the musical part of the program, but one of the greatest treats that the faculty and students have had in many a day came when Dr. Bruske called upon Mrs. Francis King, who gave a splendid address on "The Gardens of England." After a brief and pleasant introduction, Mrs. King told of the beautiful wintery gardens of England, then began a history of the gardens of that beautiful country. She said that the gardens were begun there by the Romans way back in the early centuries. What was known as the ladies gardens followed those that were formerly mentioned. These were small walled in affairs each containing a cistern or a well. Later orchards began to be the leading gardening of England. At this point Mrs. King also told of some of the beautiful clipped trees of that fair country, and told the students of a garden near Middleton where some beautiful specimens could be seen and this is within a few miles of Alma. She continued the history of the gardens by next telling of the beautiful monastery gardens of that fair country, and said that they were among the most beautiful that England has ever had. At this point Mrs. King described briefly several particular gardens among which was the beautiful garden built by King Henry III known as the garden of Woodstock. She also very cleverly introduced some humor by reading a stanza from Scott, which she said was found at the head of the thirty-fourth chapter of **Woodstock**

Next came a description of the Dutch gardens and a more amplified description of the beautiful clipped trees. She also introduced a witty stanza from Pope that brought down the house with laughter. Then came the Elizabethan gardens, which on the whole are the most beautiful of all. But the French influence began to grow in England and the gardens began to be increased greatly in size, although they did not become as large as those of France.

About the middle of the nineteenth century Italian gardens had a great sweeping influence in England but because of the difference in climate they did not become very successful. She then mentioned a very beautiful garden in Michigan that has been patterned almost perfectly after the Italian style and which has just been completed. This is the garden of Mr. Russell A. Alger at Grosse Point.

Mrs. King then proceeded to show many beautiful plates of the most beautiful and famous gardens of England and Scotland. With each she gave a brief clear description that added much to the interestingness of the plates. She also showed a cut of Kipling's house and gar-

den, which is said to have been designed by himself.

Mrs. King then closed with a few words of encouragement to any who may desire to enter the work of landscape gardening or architecture. Mentioning the fact that there was a great field of opportunity. The address showed that Mrs. King is not only interested in landscape gardening, but that she has a splendid knowledge of the subject.

Dr. Bruske then in a few words paid high tribute to the garden of Mrs. King in Alma. This is one of the most if not the most beautiful garden in the state. Mrs. King then extended a hearty invitation to all to visit her garden at any time.

This ended the program, but at this juncture Dr. Notestein assigned each of the boys to a group,

which was presided over by a professor, also assigned them the place of duty.

All were then given ten minutes in which to get ready to start work and for two long hours they cut and trimmed trees, scraped up the vast amount of rubbish and leaves around Pioneer, also did work around Wright Hall and in the grove. In fact the whole campus was covered with busy workers. At noon all this hard work ended and the afternoon was given over to each person to enjoy as he chose. But didn't you see the canoes, and the strollers? Well this ended the best College Day in the history of the institution.

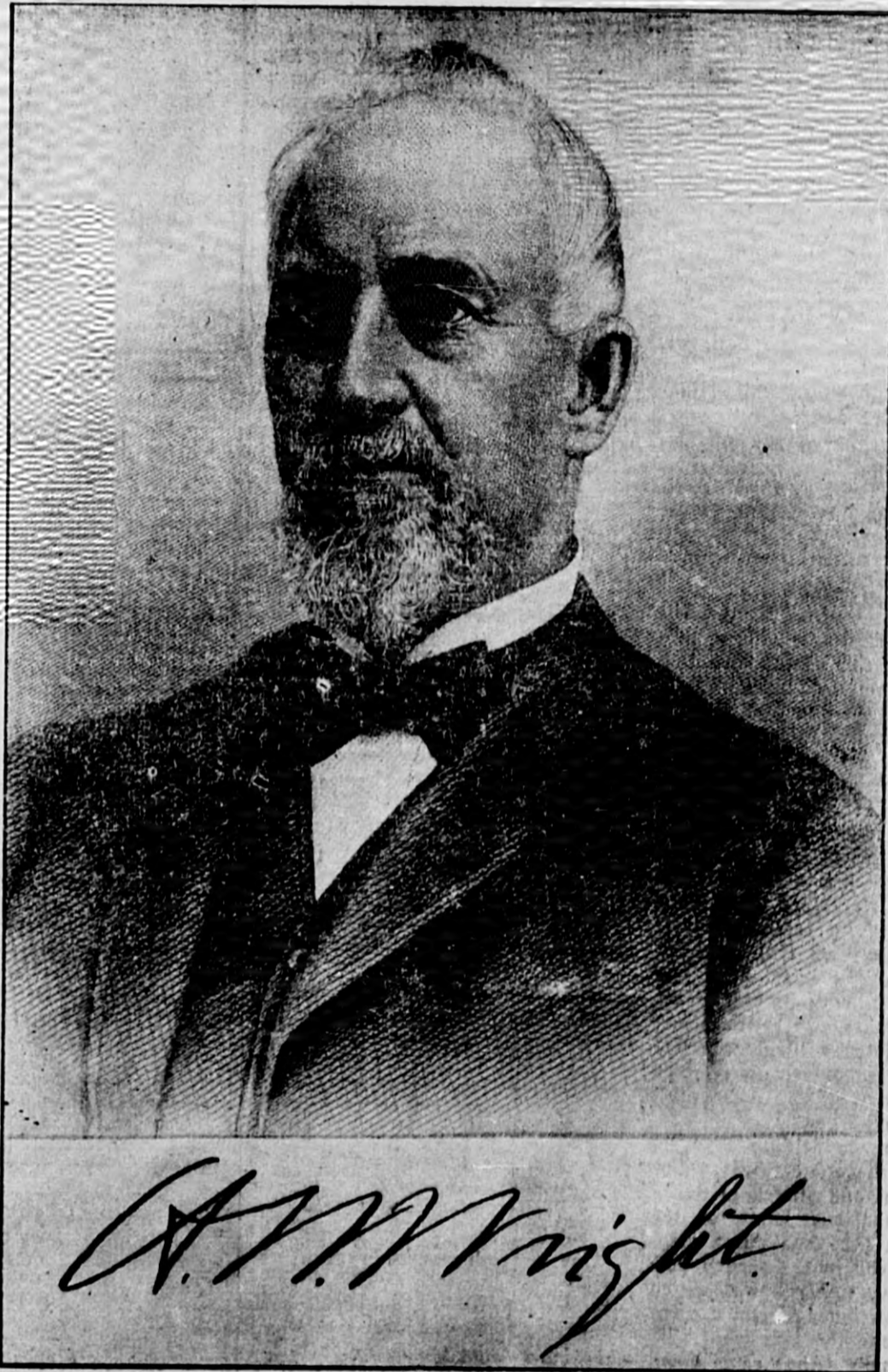
## SENIOR HONORED.

Mrs. Laura Sebring is the valedictorian of the class of 1912. She was chosen at the last meeting of

the faculty to deliver the valedictory Commencement day. Great credit is due Mrs. Sebring because of the fact that she easily obtained the highest grades for her four years in college of any member of the class. Besides carrying a heavy schedule Mrs. Sebring represented Alma during her sophomore year in the Ladies State Oratorical Contest. She has also been prominent in the Alpha Theta literary society.

Her selection as valedictorian for the big twenty-fifth anniversary and Commencement, as well as being a member of the largest class that has ever been graduated from the institution is a particular honor. One that Mrs. Sebring rightly deserves and can be justly proud of.

The other members to deliver orations on Commencement day have not yet been chosen, but will be announced soon.



College mourns the loss of A. W. Wright, her greatest donor who died Sunday afternoon. Story of his life in connection with Alma College will appear in next weeks issue of the Almanian.

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## CORNER ON DATES.

Wednesday, May 8—Base Ball, Mt. Pleasant at Alma.  
Friday, May 10—Base Ball, Hillsdale at Hillsdale.  
Saturday, May 11—Base Ball, M. A. C. at Lansing.  
Friday, May 17—M. A. C., M. S. N. C., Alma Debates. Base Ball, Olivet at Alma.

## BASE BALL.

Reports from U. of M. say that the game with Alma was the best seen on Ferry Field this season, and that the fans were on tip to every second. Myers in the box and McCloy at bat were the big features for Alma. The Detroit News for May 4th gave the following account of the game.

Ann Arbor, Mich., May 3.—Fighting an uphill battle on the home grounds for the first time this season, Michigan triumphed over Alma this afternoon in a ten-inning contest. With the score tied at three, all at the end of the ninth, Alma scored a brace of runs in its half of the tenth. As darkness was settling over the field, a triple by Blackmore tied the count, and an overthrow of third by Catcher Vogt, of the Alma nine, let in the winning run.

Both sides made fielding slips repeatedly, but the contest was a live one throughout and stirred up more enthusiasm than any game of the season. From the time Alma stepped into the lead in the second period until the winning run was scored in the tenth, Michigan fought a game uphill battle, and the fans went wild under the tension. Alma came down to Michigan counting on winning through the box work of the star pitcher, "Freddie" Meyers while Michigan, ranking under the lead that Alma had acquired when the opening home game of the season was rained off, was out for revenge.

## Meyers is Strong.

Meyers, the clever pitcher who is sought by Boyne City in the Michigan State league, Jackson and Lansing in the South Michigan, was in great form, and during the early innings of the game the Wolverine batsman failed to solve his delivery consistently, and though Michigan slipped three runs across the plate previous to the tenth, the maize and blue hitters failed to connect in bunches until that frame.

## Alma Takes Lead.

Alma took the lead in the second frame when doubles by McCloy and Vogt accounted for a tally. Michigan came back in the fourth when Bell made the circuit on an error by Vogt, a stolen base, Mitchell's sacrifice and Munson's clean single. In the sixth Alma annexed two out of a walk to Simeton, errors by Blackmore, Pontius and Rogers and a single by Rogers of the Alma team. Then Michigan took another tally in the same period through Bell's

hit, his steal of second and Mitchell's single, while in the eighth the Wolverines evened the count when Munson got a life on Goodrich's error, stole second, took third on a fielder's choice and scored on Roger's error.

Michigan's hopes sank in the first of the tenth when Smith walked Simeton, and Blackmore made a wild heave of Rogers' intended sacrifice, putting men on second and third. Smith fanned Wood, but McCloy singled and the two runs scampered across the pan. Smith settled and retired the side, however, and Michigan came up.

## Blackmore's Triple Wins.

Mitchell opened by beating an in-field hit, and while Munson was fanning he stole second and third. Catcher Rogers also beat a slow grounder to the bag, which scored Mitchell, and then, after he had stolen second, Blackmore uncorked his triple over second to deep center. In an effort to catch Blackmore off the bag, Vogt overthrew the mark and Blackmore ran home with the winning tally.

The contest was filled with thrills from start to finish, and chief among the features was a running circus catch by Mitchell in deep right field. The Michigan captain ran back into right from his position in center and grabbed Woods' long drive with his gloved hand, preventing a sure triple. Bell and Mitchell ran the bases wild, securing seven stolen sacks between them. Meyers' effective box work was also a feature, as 14 of Michigan's batsmen retired by the strike-out route.

Michigan	AB	R	H	O	A
Snad Jr., 2.....	5	0	0	3	2
Bell, 1f.....	5	2	2	0	0
Mitchell, m.....	4	1	2	1	0
Munson, r.....	5	1	1	0	0
Rogers, c.....	4	1	1	12	1
Blackmore, 2.....	5	1	2	0	2
Scully, ss.....	4	0	0	4	3
Pontius, l.....	4	0	0	10	1
Smith, p.....	3	0	0	0	4

Totals .....39 6 8 30 13

Alma	AB	R	H	O	A
Simeton, 3.....	2	2	1	0	0
Rogers, 2b.....	4	2	2	0	4
Wood, m.....	5	0	0	1	0
McCloy, rf.....	5	1	3	0	0
Goodrich, s.....	5	0	0	1	2
Vogt, c.....	4	0	1	14	1
Meyers, p.....	4	0	0	0	4
Pohly, lf.....	3	0	0	0	0
Prilneyer, l.....	4	0	1	12	0

Totals .....36 5 8 28 11

\*One out when winning run was scored.

Errors—Snad Jr., Mitchell, Rogers, Blackmore 2, Pontius, Rogers, Wood, Goodrich 2, Vogt 2.

Summary: Stolen bases—Bell 4; Mitchell 3; Munson, Rogers, McCloy. Sacrifice hits—Mitchell, Rogers, Pohly. Two-base hits—McCloy, Vogt. Three-base hit—Blackmore. First base on errors—Michigan 3; Alma 3. Left on bases—Michigan 3; Alma 7. Double play—Snad Jr. to Pontius. First base on balls—Off Smith 3; off Meyers 2. Struck out—By Smith 9; by Meyers 14. Hit by pitcher—Vogt by Smith. Wild pitch—Smith. Passed ball—Vogt.

Time, 2:30.

Umpire, Pattison, M. A. C.

In a slow and uninteresting game Alma took the Mt. Pleasant Normals into camp last Tuesday defeating them on their own grounds by a 9-2 score. McCloy started the pitching end of the game but Wood and Myers were also sent to the mound during the last four innings. Wood was placed at the catching job in the last part of the game and showed up well with the big mitt.

Mt. Pleasant, while particularly poor in the field, were there with the stick, seven hits being placed to their credit. Alma was noticeably weak in this line and were only able to connect with the Normalites for three lone drives, Wood landing two and

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Vogt	.144
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Leon Landerbeck visited in Ithaca on Sunday.

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### PHILOMATHEON

At the last meeting of Philomatheon Society the girls debated; Resolved the the United States wants the Parcels Post.

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Also Miss Andrews and Miss ...

The debate was won by the affirmative. After the question was considered the negative team did good work the freshmen girls on both teams doing especially well.

C. H.

### NEWS ITEMS.

Lead Johnson went to Elsie Friday where he had a bunch of high school boys on a hike into the country, where boys from Ovid, St. Johns and other towns were met. They all spent the night by camp fires. On Saturday they had a base ball game and a track meet. Then returned in the afternoon so that "Ephie" was able to get home on the late

on the team are A. C. Edgerton, L. vonThurn, A. R. Maybee, C. Hyde, F. C. Johnson, Bope Butler and E. A. Thompson.

E. W. Brehm spent the week end at his home in Cadillac.

Dorothy Baker, Jean McGill, Gladys Gorton and Bertha Bielby spent College Day and Sunday at their homes.

Helen Gilray visited in Ithaca on Friday.

Miss Weis and Miss Roberts visited at Crystal Lake over Sunday.

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### THE WAR A FEW

With the hope of reviving a tradition inaugurated by the present seniors, the spirited class of '14 last Thursday morning, divided in four groups and had a long tug-of-war on the river, and it was on Friday afternoon. After much discussion, pro and con, the rope pulling was finally arranged for Saturday afternoon, the hour four or five or thereabouts. An enthusiastic crowd of townspeople and students, gathered for the anticipated "baptism," shortly after four. The combatants came struggling in, and, encouraged by the enthusiastic "screams" of the rival coeds, dug their marks, took their places, and promptly at five o'clock referee Misenar fired the "opening shot." The Freshman gave an awful heave but the men of '14 defied their end doggedly, seemingly aiming at a waiting game. After some minutes of pulling, vanguard Baker's feet slipped, and the expectant spectators had their first thrill. The remainder of the pulling was one steady grind, and promptly at 5:15 the battle was declared a draw. Aside from the bruised heads of the opposing "longshoremen," and the few "scrap" of the officials with the mere interested spectators, the contest was pulled off with great success. To those who know, it was another exhibition of the Alma spirit, and while it would have given more satisfaction, to the spectators at least, to have seen "baptisms", yet the enterprising longshoremen of both the underclasses are deserving of our thanks in helping to make permanent a desirable test of strength.

### JUNIORS.

The Juniors have taken to early rising. At any rate it looked like it Friday May 3. Before sup up they met on Wright Hall porch and then, the gang being all rounded up, they took a hike for the woods. Need we tell of the eats, the coffee and bacon, etc., of the frolic and fun around the

... Mr. Johnson ... dates have been made as yet. Men

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## How He Did It.

Kolbe—"Say Hooper! When you were a sophomore how did you manage to kiss a girl when her chaperon was right near by?"

Hooper—"Why I kissed the chaperon first."

## He Liked Her.

Miss Cook—"It is too bad that Miss Muhlenbach will not be back next year, I like her."

Papworth—"Yes I like her best of any one in school.—O I mean among the faculty."

## Satan.

Professor—(Shaking pupil by the collar)—"Sir, I believe Satan himself has got hold of you."

Pupil—"I believe he has."—Bagology.

## A Barking Dog Don't Bite...

"Come right on in, Sambo," the farmer called out. "He won't hurt you. You know a barking dog never bites."

"Sure, boss. Ah knows dat," replied the cautious colored man, "but Ah don't know how soon he's going to stop barkin'."

Dr. Krufstein—"One divided by zero is infinity."

Austin—"Then I suppose two divided by nothing is affinity."

## Strang.

She sat on the steps at a party, wrapped in an absent air. Hands met over with greetings hearty. She gave him a vacant stare.

## The Reason.

"Mayn't I kiss a little girl of her age?" the young man ever go to the mother, "why don't you let me kiss her?" "No," said the mother, "they have to wait until they are sixteen."—Ex.

## How Could They Do It?

"Chakey, Chakey," called the big sister as she stood in the doorway and looked down the street toward the group of small boys. "Chakey, come in, play, and eat yourselves. May they on the table and Paw has had it?"

## Bessie Wasn't That Kind.

"I wouldn't drink out of that cup," said little Lorraine to the well-dressed young stranger. "That's Bessie's cup. All she's very particular who drinks out of it."

"Ah!" said the young man as he drank the cup. "I'll feel honored to drink out of Bessie's cup. Bessie is your youngest sister, isn't she?" "Not much! Bessie is my dog."—Ex.

## His Eyes.

Inquisitive "Prep." "Why is the door on room 12 scratched around the key hole?"

French Student. "Why you know Dr. Randall has sharp eyes."

## Embarrassed.

Miss Boag in short story class

## LOYAL ALMAITE.

No one is more interested in College Day and the beautifying of the campus, than Mr. Fredericks, better known as "Bob" the janitor. During the last week "Bob" has been spending his spare moments in fixing the drive in front of the Administration building. He now points to it with pride, because it now looks better than it ever did. This is a busy time for Mr. Fredericks, keeping the students off the lawn, and fixing up everything so that it will

be in the best of shape before school closes. "Bob" is popular among the students and has the real "Alma Spirit." When Alma wins her game you can see his smile clear across the campus, and hear his cheering words of congratulations.

## MEETING AT MASONIC HOME.

Last Sunday afternoon the members of the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. held a song service at the new Masonic Home. Every member appreciated the opportunity of holding the service in the home and will be glad to do it again. This is the first time that these associations have held a meeting outside of the college buildings for some time and it seemed like a good treat. Besides they were received with the greatest welcome. Mr. Montague and his people know how to do things.

The students met in the chapel at 2:45 and journeyed from there to the home, where the following service was given: Two hymns by all. Word of greeting and reading by Mr. Edgerton, who had charge of the meeting. Solo by Miss DeVries, prayer by Miss Hartness, president of the Y. W. C. A. Another hymn and Miss Gray gave a beautiful history of the origin of two old and familiar hymns, these were sung, one by the chorus and one by the quartette. Miss Rowland then led in prayer. Then came a solo by Miss Clark and another hymn, a duet by the Misses DeVries and Miller and the closing hymn. Before leaving the students had an opportunity to meet many of the pleasant people of the Home. Much appreciation was expressed by many of those who attended the service.

## A. J. HELMER, DEAD.

Word has been received of the death of Arthur J. Helmer '03 at Grand Junction, Colorado on April 10. This news will be received with sadness by all those associated with Helmer during his college days and by those who have come in contact with him in school work in Michigan in the past eight years. In the winter of 1911, while principal of Pontiac high school, Mr. Helmer was notified by his physician that he had symptoms of tuberculosis and at once entered the University Hospital at Ann Arbor for treatment, and a few months later he with Mrs. Helmer and the little son Hugh went to Grand Junction to obtain the benefit of the Colorado air. For several months his health appeared to improve, but a few weeks ago he began to show signs of failing and after that his passing away was just a question of weeks or days.

The funeral was held in Parma, Mr. Helmer's old home Sunday afternoon at 2:30. A more detailed account of the services and an appreciation of Mr. Helmer's life will be published in the Almanian of next week.

## THE PICNIC CLUB.

This is something new in Alma College but so far meets with the approval of every member. The Club had its first meeting Thursday on the bleachers in Davis Field. Its meetings are not to be confined to any one place, nor is there any set day, but the meetings are to be called frequently and always at some meal time. The main object of this union is to meet often and to have plenty to eat.

There are now eight members and Laura Brown is the efficient president. Miss Muhlenbach acts as critic, Ruth Hovey as secretary and Carrie Neilson as the trusted treasurer.

Hazel Crosby of Merrill was the guest of friends at Wright Hall on Thursday.

Frank Anderson entertained his brother Friday.

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