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FROEBELS ENTERTAIN

Give Japanese Program in Kindergarten Room.

SERVE TEA ON THE LAWN

Every Girl Carried Her Part in a Most Charming Manner.

It was a large and enthusiastic audience that gathered in the kindergarten room last Saturday evening to enjoy a real Japanese evening.

First, they drank tea beneath the subdued light of Japanese lanterns on the lawn. This was served by maidens who had come from far Japan for the occasion.

At 8:30, strains of music called them indoors where they scarcely recognized the kindergarten room on account of its resemblance to a Japanese bower. Apple and cherry blossoms were profusely scattered about and Japanese lanterns cast a soft light over the scene.

Soon the curtains were drawn disclosing a beautiful garden, where the thrilling events of a Japanese celebration took place. A quaint little house, over which morning glories were climbing, stood at one side of the stage. Artistic green fences enclosed the entire space, which was a complete mass of flowers.

A very pretty sight met the eyes of all when the girls appeared from the house busily plying their fans and walking in a manner characteristic to the Japanese people.

A greeting, sung to Hann San, the leading lady, at the close of which she appeared on the stage, was very bright and lively.

Bess Bishop as Olansan, captivated the audience with her clear soprano voice and sweet, gracious manner. Her farewell song to her friends was well rendered and full of feeling and the "Bird Song," in which she begs to hear good news from her father, was charming.

The Misses Helena Gilray and Joyce Fairweather, as cousins of O Han San, were very attentive to their cousin and added much to the pleasure of the festivities.

The part of Chayo, the maid, taken by Rosalie Metsorg, was most amusing. Her song, in which she sang of her numerous duties on the occasion, was ably rendered and caused much merriment.

Miss Purl Moreland interpreted the part of Miss Knowall, the stately American governess, to the satisfaction of all. She was kept busy looking after her two proteges, Nora and Dora Twin. These parts were taken by the Misses Eva McBain and Neva Jenkins. These young ladies were typical American girls and amused the audience with the song in which they told of their education. The whole operetta was much enhanced by the graceful movements and sweet voices of the chorus girls, who enjoyed themselves immensely at the expense of Miss Knowall.

Hurrah for Froebel.

Miss Ruth Rea is visiting at Wright Hall.

ALMA'S DEBATING TEAMS



Top Row—E. A. Thompson, D. R. Marks, R. H. Cook. Bottom Row—H. W. Brehm, H. V. Wilcox and E. W. Sebring.

The cuts of the debaters that represented Alma in the recent debates with M. A. C. and Ypsilanti were not secured in time for last week's issue, so they appear this week with a short statement about the new debaters. Five of the six men represented Alma for the first time in debates, Thompson being the only old debater on either team. R. H. Cook and D. R. Marks, the two men on the affirmative team with Thompson proved themselves to be exceptionally strong in every department of debating. Never have two debaters appeared for the first time on the local floor with greater force and persuasion. These men are not only debaters but are all around college men. Cook was a star in both football and basket-ball, being captain of both teams during his college course. He was last year picked as M. I. A. A. full-back. Marks is a star in football and track, being one of the best half-backs that has ever represented Alma and is now the fastest track man in the intercollegiate.

All three of the men who went to Ypsilanti were new at debating, but

handled themselves like veterans. While these men have no athletic tendencies they are very strong in other lines of college work. E. W. Sebring, a senior, has been a leader in the work of Zeta Sigma literary society and was president during the fall term of 1911. He is prominent as a leader in the life of the college. H. V. Wilcox has a great deal of ability along the line of oratory. He represented Alma for the last two years in the State Oratorical contest. His oratorical ability helped him greatly in delivery when it came to debating.

Mr. Wilcox was also managing editor of the Almanian during the first semester of the present year, and proved his ability in this line.

E. W. Brehm is reported to have appeared exceptionally strong on the platform in the recent debate with the Normals. His fire and power of persuasion are exceptional. Mr. Brehm won a close second in the local oratorical contest this year and has been business manager of the Almanian during the present year.

ZETA SIGMA.

Zeta Sigma literary society held her election of officers last Monday evening and placed the following men in office for the first term next year:

President—E. A. Thompson, '13.
Vice-president—A. C. Edgerton, '13.
Secretary—Addison Wilson, '15.
Treasurer—Clifford Carey, '15.

First critic—Leon Kolvoord, '13.
Second critic—J. L. D. B. Landon, '13.
Janitor—Dallas Brock, '15.
These are house cleaning days among the members of the society. Whenever a fellow has a few spare moments he is sent to the society room to do work of some kind in the way of repairing the room and getting it in nice shape for commencement week.

ALMA 8 VS. ALBION 0

Another M. I. A. A. Game Tucked Away.

MARKS STARS IN TRACK MEET

Chisholm, Wilson, Hyde and Omans Show Good Form.

Albion college proved to be an easy mark for the Maroon Sox last Friday on the local lot, Alma pulling up eight runs and not allowing the Methodists to complete the circuit once. Albion was unexpectedly weak in every stage of the game, the hitting line especially, while Alma found Emmons at will and also ran wild on the bases. The locals started the ball rolling in the first inning and tucked the game nicely away when she crossed the rubber for four runs. Albion never got a look in during the entire seven innings of play.

"Blondy" Myers, Alma's spit ball twirler, occupied the mound for the Presbyterians and, as usual, was a big stumbling block for the visitors. With perfect control and with speed to spare, "Freddy" had the downstate aggregation in a panic. Albion wasn't in his class, so there was no hope for them. If it hadn't been for a little luck in the seventh on the part of Luce, when he dropped a pop-up over second for Albion's only hit, Myers would have walked off with a no hit game.

In the first, when Alma landed on Emmons for three hot ones thus being able to trot around the bases for four credit marks, it was certain that if Alma didn't gather in a big score game it wouldn't be Mr. Emmons' fault. In other words, the local men were there with the stick and were to be depended upon in the tight places. With two on in the first Wood, as curtain raiser, connected with a bender for two sacks scoring Simenton and Rogers. Vogt got the habit and pounded out a single, allowed Wood to reach the plate, stole two clever bases with Catcher Reed doing his best to stop him, and finally wobbled across the plate for run number four. The fans went wild.

Albion's stage fright seemed to abate and for the next two innings it was the one, two, three order. After two innings of this steady grind Alma didn't like the pace, so took a fall out of Albion's heaver to the extent of four runs which was, on this particular occasion, the minimum number of runs per inning when the locals got the fever for run making. Albion got awful serious in the seventh and the clouds for a little time seemed to break. With half the Albion contingent hurrying to the train Luce connected for a hit. Things looked dark for a minute with two on and one down. The locals.

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Carrie Rowland was at Farwell for their high school commencement exercises last Friday evening.

E. W. Brehm was in Detroit Saturday.

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CORNER ON DATES.

Tuesday, May 28, Baseball, M. A. U.
at Alma.

Public Recital in College Chapel.

Saturday, June 1, Baseball, Albion at
Albion.

Friday and Saturday, June 7-8, Inter-
collegiate Field Meet at Albion.

Sunday, June 9, Baccalaureate.

Tuesday, June 11, Annual Concert.

Thursday, June 13, Commencement.

ABILITY MEASURES DUTY.

When soliloquizing about our success in the world who is there, when the road seems a trifle hard, that has not thought how nice it would be to live the life of the recluse in some secluded place away from all turmoil and strife. Did you ever stop to consider just what sort of cowardly philosophy you were giving attention to? It means the shirking all responsibilities and attempting to find the easiest method of existence which would in time become no existence at all. For it is by the performance of the difficult and the unpleasant things that we grow in mental efficiency.

COMMENCEMENT CONCERT.

In the efforts of the various departments to make the celebration of the twentieth-fifth anniversary of the founding of Alma college an occasion that will never be forgotten, the School of Music has been far from idle. In contemplation of this event, it was long ago decided that for once the patrons of good music in Alma should have a grand concert, a concert which should go down as a musical achievement of the institution, a concert at which the students and residents of the city should have an opportunity of hearing the choicest and best music rendered by the most finished artists procurable. The time for the concert is near at hand and it is with congratulations to themselves and to the people of Alma as well that the Music Department announce the appearance of the Detroit String Quartette and Miss Dora Alexander, soprano soloist, for the annual commencement concert to be held Tuesday evening, June 11, in the college chapel. The Detroit String Quartette with Madame Elsa Reuger, the world-famous celloist as soloist, is a musical organization such as Alma very seldom if ever has the pleasure of listening to and as this is to be their last tour in this section of the country, music-lovers should not fail to make the most of this occasion. College students of recent years will all remember the wonderfully pleasing appearance of Miss Dora Alexander, who graduated from the Music department in 1909, and has since been studying at the Royal Conservatory in Dresden. At

her recital, given at the Palm Garden upon her completion of the course, she was forced to respond to repeated encores, an unusual honor seldom accorded to American girls by the conservative German people. She comes to us a finished artist and without doubt a crowded house will welcome her appearance. Complete program will be given in the next issue.

PRESIDENT AND MRS. BRUSKE ENTERTAIN.

During their four years in college, the class of 1912 has had many occasions on meeting President and Mrs. Bruske. They met Dr. Bruske first, when, as terrified Freshmen, they entered the college office to register and received the "blue book." Next they learned to know him as he appeared before them in the chapel exercises, and the last two years they have formed a closer acquaintance in his class room, where they have dispelled most of that awful fear, and where they have learned to honor and respect him and to look upon him as a kind friend and a most efficient adviser.

But on the evening of May 23rd, they met both Dr. and Mrs. Bruske in a new and an exceedingly pleasant way. They had heard great stories of that occasion when the seniors go to Prexy's, but the real experience proved to be by far the most satisfactory. Dr. and Mrs. Bruske are ideal entertainers, for they possess the special talent of making people feel at home and comfortable in their presence.

Very soon the guests were invited to find their places at the tables, and this was done with eagerness. Who can wonder that the Romans spent so much time at and took so much pleasure in their banquets! It is always good to gather around a table with friends and so happy was the time spent thus.

But that moment soon arrived when the highest ambition of every senior was attained. Everyone knows that, when Prexy entertains, he calls for speeches. So no one was at all surprised when Dr. Bruske arose and in his mysteriously artful way called on each senior in their turn, suggesting as the main thot of the toasts, "How Alma has Helped You." Alma has certainly been very busy the past four years, for, from the responses, every senior is a wonderfully different person today and the changes are all for the better.

The seniors certainly do feel that they owe much to their Alma Mater, and every one will go out into the wide, wide world with a feeling of deep gratitude to Alma College and with a debt on his shoulders, on which it will be a task to pay even the interest.

LIBRARY ENLARGED.

One of the great needs of Alma college for the past year or so has been a new library building or an addition to the present one. So rapidly has the library increased that all available space in the stack room has been filled to its utmost capacity.

Realizing this great need, efforts have been made in different directions to secure an addition. Through the earnest endeavors of Mr. John W. S. Pierson, a member of the Board of Trustees, funds were secured room space.

One room on the second floor which extends the entire length of the building has been nicely finished off. Sufficient light was secured by enlarging the windows on the north side of the room. The stacks, at present placed against the wall on opposite sides of the roof will probably accommodate from ten to fifteen thousand volumes. These will be books which are seldom if ever called for. They will be within easy reach but will not take up room which is needed for the regular working library.

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however, looked the situation over and tightened up. Myers expectorated on the spheroid, two Albionites smote the atmosphere and the remaining Methodists hastened to the train.

Alma.	AB	R	H	O	A
Simenton, 3.....	3	1	1	1	3
Rogers, 2.....	4	1	2	2	1
Wood, cf.....	4	1	1	0	0
McCloy, rf.....	4	0	0	1	0
Vogt, c.....	4	0	0	12	0
Myers, p.....	4	1	1	0	12
Goodrich, ss.....	3	1	0	0	1
Brilmyer, l.....	3	1	0	7	0
Pohly.....	3	1	2	0	0
	32	8	9	23*	18

*Hit by batted ball.

Albion.	AB	R	H	O	A
Wilmington, 2.....	4	0	0	2	1
Carr, lf.....	4	0	0	4	
Layher, 3.....	3	0	0	2	1
Emmons, p.....	3	0	0	1	6
Field, 1.....	3	0	0	3	0
Posluszny, ss.....	2	0	0	1	0
Luce, cf.....	3	0	1	2	0
Lutz, rf.....	3	0	0	0	0
Reed, c.....	2	0	0	6	0
	27	0	1	21	8

Errors: Wilmington, Emmons, Posluszny, Simenton, Brilmyer.

Bases on balls: Off Myers, 1; off Emmons, 1.

Hit by pitched ball: Goodrich.

Sacrifice hits: Posluszny.

Struck out: By Emmons, 4; by Myers, 11.

Two-base hit: Wood.

Umpire: Ellsworth. Time: 1:40.

M. A. C. won the annual triangular meet at Lansing Saturday, with 61 points, Olivet taking second with 41 points and Alma a close third, counting 88 points.

The day was ideal for a track meet, and excellent time was made in nearly every event.

Alma, with an inexperienced team made a fine showing and much credit is due the new men for the way they performed in the first meet.

Not counting on copping the meet, the Alma team, led by Marks, the only old varsity man, made a splendid showing. With more men out for the team and a little encouragement the youngsters should do great things for the maroon and cream in the coming meets.

Marks held up to his reputation as the fastest sprinter in the state by winning the 100 and 220 yd. dashes, and winning first in the relay. Both races were close, and were pretty contests for the spectators. The excellent form and grit displayed by Marks in both races, places him as one of the greatest sprinters in the West and Alma students have a right to be proud of him. With a bad start in the century dash he pulled up from behind and won in 10:1.

Next to Marks Chisholm did the best work for Alma. The midget sprinter surprised everyone when he entered the quarter mile with very little practice on that event and landed second. He ran a game race and had he had any experience in the 440 he would have won. He was beaten out for first by less than a foot. Besides the 440 he took thirds in the 100 and 220 and ran on the relay team.

In this race he gave Wood a lead of ten yards which won the race for Alma. Chisholm is a new man and with more experience promises to be a star.

Wilson, running his first race in a track meet ran a pretty race in the

two-mile. Running against M. A. C.'s and Olivet's best men, he pulled down second, and showed that at last, Alma has a long distance runner. Next year should see Wilson leading the state's best long distance runners.

Hyde did good work on the hurdles, grabbing second in the lows and third in the highs. Wood threw the discus 104 feet, 5 inches and helped Alma win the relay. "Ole" Anderson, Omans and Caldwell all did good work in their events and show signs of making Alma a well rounded track team.

Had Misener and Edgerton been along to help out in the weights, Alma would undoubtedly have won second place in the meet.

Beatty of M. A. C. was a great point winner for the farmers, winning first in the low hurdles, second in the broad jump, first in the high hurdles, third in the pole vault and running on the relay team. Powers was Olivet's best man, winning the half and mile in good time. He ran a pretty race in the mile and won in 4:36. Rider, of Olivet, won firsts in the shot, hammer and discus, thus tying for the individual honors of the meet with Marks.

DAN DUNCANSON.

Many a student and alumnus of Alma college remembers the name of Duncanson. Those two brothers, Dan and "Sandy," were the big men of the first M. I. A. A. championship baseball team that Alma ever turned out. They were both on the team that defeated the U. of M. by the score of 4-1. One of these brothers has been breaking all records this year on the Michigan team. Dan leads in base stealing, number of runs scored and in fielding average. He also stands third on the batting list with over 300. He is surely an all-round star and we are proud to say that he got some of his baseball training while wearing a maroon and cream uniform.

These two brothers expect to be back for commencement and be against the strong regular team when they line up for the alumni game June 12th. This will be an excellent opportunity for the present student body to see the much talked of Duncansons in action.

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Maybe.

Miss Booth—"I should think maybe—maybe—"

Prexy—"We don't want any May bees, they're worse than dandelions."

Profanity in Ethics.

Prexy—"That is right! and I can stand before God's throne on it! If I am damned for it, why, I'll be damned!"

In Ethics Class.

Dr. Bruske—"What you want to do is to vote just like the men do, eh?"

Mrs. Sebring—"Certainly not, if we couldn't do any better than that there would be no use of our voting."

Where He Shines.

McNabb—"Say, I'm going into business this summer, what's the secret of success? Selling the people what they want?"

Brehm—"No, not exactly; educating them into wanting the things you have to sell."

Truth Will Out.

"Ox"—"I underwent a severe thrashing when I was a boy for telling the truth."

Oscar—"I guess it's cured you for good."

Discussing Woman Suffrage.

Ruth—"Where would man be today if it were not for woman?"

Foster—"In the Garden of Eden eating strawberries."

Her View.

Miss van Amster—"Can you imagine anything worse than a man without a country?"

Miss Gilray—"Yes, a country without a man."

What Had Mamma Arranged?

It was at Christmas, and he had been calling on her twice a week for six months, but had not proposed.

"Ethel," he said, "I—er—am going to ask you an important question."

"Oh, George," she exclaimed, "this is so sudden! Why, I—"

"No, excuse me," he interrupted; "what I want to ask is this: What date have you and your mother decided upon for our wedding?"

At Wright Hall.

Miss Boag—"Why, Mr. Baker, how do you manage to eat so much?"

Baker—"Don't know; it's just good luck."

The Beaten Path.

Sergeant—"Why do you think this dog was stolen from a lady?"

Policeman—"Because as I walked down the street with it, it stopped in front of all the department store windows."—Bagology.

Yerex—"Gee! Lester, but I am lucky; I fell off a thirty-foot ladder yesterday."

Lester—"And what saved you?"

Yerex—"Well, you see, I fell off the bottom round."

The Lazy Way.

Paul (sitting on other end of sofa)—"If I were to throw you a kiss, what would you think?"

Bernice—"I'd think you were the laziest man I ever met."

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If a body see a body

Flunking in a quiz,

And a body help a body

Is it professor's biz?—Ex.

ALMANIAN ELECTION.

Last Thursday at 12:40 was the time set for the Almanian election, and when the time came the chapel was well filled with enthusiastic electors. But the election was pulled off in shorter time and with more harmony than has existed in such an

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election for some time. Every member of the staff was chosen without any opposition whatever. The staff is E. A. Thompson, managing editor; Beryl Broderick, associate editor; Sidney P. Cook, athletic editor; Margarete Allen, news editor; Frank Hurst, alumni editor; Allen Hooper, business manager; Alfred Papworth, mailing clerk. The staff is composed of entirely new members, except the alumni editor and managing editor. The election was held about a week earlier than last year that the new members might get acquainted with their work before the year ends, and be ready to begin work with more ease next September.

"OUR FREDDIE."

On the eve of the M. A. C. game, the hopes of Alma again center about our blonde-haired pitching marvel, "Freddie" Myers. Never before has Alma depended so much upon the services of a pitcher as they now do upon their unassuming boy from Charlotte.

The relative strength of the two teams is best reached by a comparison of their games with the University of Michigan. M. A. C. defeated Michigan twice, while Alma had them headed 6-2 in the first game; a short contest which was stopped by rain; and in the second, it required ten innings of the hardest kind of playing by Michigan to win the long end of a 6-5 score in a game in which Alma had led all the way to the ninth and in which Myers had retired fourteen of the Michigan batsmen via the strike-out route. It was generally conceded in the University town after the game that he was the best pitcher that Michigan had faced this year.

"Freddie" entered college last year and as a freshman showed some remarkable pitching ability, especially against Michigan and M. A. C., and finals for the State Championship. This year he has shown a wonderful improvement and has made a record equalled by very few college pitchers. He has pitched seven games only losing one, and that an extra inning contest with the university. His best records in inter-collegiate games were made against Kazoo and Albion. In the Kazoo game allowing only one hit and in the Albion game last Friday pitching one of the finest games ever seen on a local field, allowing but one hit and striking out eleven men in eight innings, a record of which any college pitcher might well be proud.

To say that Alma is proud of "Blondie" would be expressing it very mildly and her predictions on any games are largely predictions as to whether or not he will be in the best of form. For in Fred Alma is convinced that she has a pitcher equal to any collegiate pitcher in the West and absolutely the best mound artist that ever worked for a state college in Michigan.

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