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## THE ALMA REUNION

Held at Grand Rapids, Friday Evening, November 1

### FRANK HURST, TOASTMASTER

About Sixty Present to Enjoy the Toasts and Hilarity

About sixty alumni, faculty, football men and friends gathered at the Westminster Presbyterian church, Grand Rapids, last Friday, at five o'clock for the annual reunion and luncheon given in connection with the meeting of the State Teachers' association. The commodious and beautiful parlors of the church were draped on all sides with Alma banners and blankets, the tables glistened in their linen and silver, their beauty doubled by the flowers so generously provided by Mrs. Dr. Thomas, and the guests were all smiles and laughter as they greeted each other and recalled college pleasures and triumphs. Never was Alma spirit more in evidence. The football team played a winning game as they mingled with alumni and former students. Their songs made a half dozen touchdowns, and Captain Johnson's post prandial was as good as an eighty-yard run. Hurst enlivened the evening as master of ceremonies—he said that next year he was going to sit quiet and enjoy himself; just imagine Hurst sitting quiet!—and called on Prof. Ewing, Prof. Veatch, Miss Robinson, Coach Bleamaster and President Blaisdell of the faculty, and on Prof. Brooks '97 of Mt. Pleasant, Miss Rowland '12 of Farwell, Mr. Wylie of Grand Rapids, who for many years was a member of the Board of Trustees, Fred S. Johnson '14, Dr. Thomas, pastor of the Westminster church, and various others to respond to toasts. The Alma song—the best college song in the country—was never sung better than at the beginning of the supper. Its "Glory and love to our college dear" was the theme of every speech. Alma's future looked bright to each speaker. All seems to promise a splendid continuation of her twenty-five years of glorious building.

No one was ready to go when the summons to leave was given; but all went feeling that "long will tarry in our hearts the glow of youth and ties that bind us evermore."

### NEW PASTOR IN COLLEGE CHURCH.

Rev. W. H. Mason, of Xenia, Ohio, has been called to the pastorate of the Alma Presbyterian church. He began his work last Sunday and has made a splendid impression on the members of his congregation. He is a graduate of Park College, Mo., where he also received his Master's degree. Also a graduate of Auburn Theological Seminary and has been in the ministry for about fourteen years. He comes to Alma with splendid recommendations as a strong and able preacher, and a man of deep sympathy and consecration. He has been chairman of the committee on education in the Synod of Ohio for several years. The students are indeed fortunate in having such a man as their pastor.

## ... Alma 54, Kazoo 0 ...

By the overwhelming score of 54 to 0 the football team snowed under Kalamazoo in the first meeting of these two colleges on the gridiron for eight years and incidentally climbed one step higher in the quest for the championship rag of the Intercollegiate. Over confidence and weariness after the long trip to the southern college cut the score in half, for the wearers of the Maroon and Cream might easily have run up a hundred points had they been playing their usual game.

Kalamazoo won the toss and chose to receive. Ole booted the ball to the fullback who ran it back for ten yards. Alma line held Kazoo for downs. Bramble punted to Vogt. And the visitors took up the task of advancing the ball. The backfield was willing but the line hadn't found itself yet and consequently little ground was gained by the plunging backs. Throughout the first half the Kazoo line put up a splendid fight and held the invader at bay for almost the entire period. But as the game progressed Alma gained more pep and the gains became longer and more consistent. Receiving a punt in the middle of the field, Vogt returned fifteen yards; with great interference Harry Schultz circled the left end for fifteen plus. Bill plunged through the line for ten more and Wood scored the first touchdown of the day through a vacancy which Austin had, with foresight, made possible by simply eliminating the obstacle. The goal kick went wide with the high wind.

Alma again kicked off but the half was called just as the two teams were lining up. Breaking a long established custom of coaches, Alma's football mentor made his instructions short and concise. "That was a rotten exhibition, go over there in the corner and talk it over among yourselves." The fellows did. And their mutual confidences must have wrought a wonderful change, for in the last half Alma scored just eight times as many points as in the first.

Following down the kickoff with every man yelling at the top of his voice, it was apparent to the vast crowd that a new spirit had taken hold of the men. Kazoo was thrown for a loss in all three downs and Vogt carried the punt back for thirty yards. Harry Schultz tore around the end leaving a winnow of would-be tacklers in his path and was only brought low on the last chalk mark. Wood shot through the line and dove over the final chalk mark with the second touchdown. Harry goaled. Score 13 to 0.

From then on the Alma elements simply rained touchdowns. Kazoo kicked to Ox who carried the ball fifteen yards to the center of the field. Vogt threw a pass to Henning for twelve more. Wood jogged over the prone body of the Orange and Black guard for fifteen yards. Bill advanced the ball to the six-inch line (if such it might be named) and Wood carried it across.

Ole lifted a long one on the ten-yard line and Bramble downed after a short gain. Kazoo immediately punted out a temporary danger to Bill who ran untouched for twenty yards. Capt. Johnson was given the all on his play 'round tackle and

with thirty-five yards between him and the goal. This he spanned in one of the prettiest runs of the day. Twice he was all but down, but both times he put on a little more effort and shook off the opponent. Harry goaled. Von Thurn received the kickoff and returned it twenty yards. Bill Schultz smashed through the scrimmage line for ten more. Here was pulled off the best play of the whole game. In a neat little trick play, Hyde shot a long forward pass to Von Thurn, who jumped in the air and speared it with a coterie of four Kazoo players trying to do the same thing. Ball in hand he ran forty yards for a touchdown through a scattering field. Harry kicked a pretty goal and the third quarter was called with the score 40 to 0.

The Alma men had recovered from their lethargy and were playing such a game as they played against the Aggies earlier in the season. The line was breaking through on every play in defense and opening holes big enough for a subway when on the offense. The backfield were hitting the line even harder than dur-

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### FIRST OF THE FIVE RECITALS

The first of the series of five recitals, which is to be given by Miss Esther May Plumb, the distinguished American contralto, will take place



Miss Plumb is one of the greatest contraltos before the public today; she has a voice of great beauty and power. It will be a pleasure to hear an artist who has such a sense of beauty and a voice with such emotional endowments, and technical acquirements to interpret them. Miss Plumb has appeared with much favor in several of the larger cities of Michigan, and this recital is one which should be attended by all in Alma who are in the least interested in music. Your attendance will support the School of Music and help bring other artists of note to the city.

It might be mentioned that negotiations are under way which it is hoped will bring one of the greatest pianists to Alma also—a man who has just come to America from Finland, and who won great success in his first recital in Chicago.

## VACATION IN EUROPE

Miss Helen B. Cook and Mrs. J. W. Robinson Take Pleasant Trip

### GONE OVER TWO MONTHS

Visit Many Places of Interest and Historical Note

The following is an interesting account of the visit of Miss Helen B. Cook, '08, and Mrs. J. W. Robinson to Europe during the summer vacation. Miss Cook kindly consented to give to the readers of the Almanian a brief account of their pleasant journey.

"Our party sailed from New York the latter part of June on the S. S. America of the Navigazione Generale Italiana line. After a somewhat rough voyage of twelve days we landed in Naples, a most interesting Italian city. Several days were spent in and about the neighboring towns of Pompeii, Paestum, La Cava, Amalfi and Sorrento. The drive from La Cava to Sorrento was a most enjoyable one. The road passes over the mountains and through narrow ravines along the beautiful bay of Salerno. Before leaving for Rome we went to the Island of Capri, famed far and wide for its coral fisheries. Natives in small row boats took us into the Blue Grotto, a cave partly filled with azure sea water and lighted only by the small aperture through which the boats enter.

We spent over a week in Rome visiting the ruins, famous churches, art galleries and riding about the modern part of the city.

The next week or so of our stay in Italy was spent in that most delightful of Italian cities, Florence. There was so much to be seen there that we could choose only the most important, leaving the rest for some other time. Visits were made to the Duomo, from the tower of which we had a bird's-eye view of the city; the famous tower of Giotto, Uffizi Gallery, Pitti Palace, Bargello, Ponte Vecchio, S. Marco, etc. The city contains some of the best works of Michael Angelo, memorials of Savonarola and has furnished the setting for some of George Eliot's best books.

We had the romantic experience of entering Venice by moonlight and gliding down the Grand Canal past buildings which failed to reveal the ruin and decay into which they had fallen, to our hotel which was on one of the smaller canals. In the days following, many pleasant hours were whiled away riding in the gondolas. Venice has the unique distinction of being a horseless city; the last one died of lonesomeness so we learned. However, the four bronze horses on S. Marco will serve to remind the people that such an animal still exists.

In Milan we visited that most magnificent of Gothic cathedrals which is second only to St. Peter's and Seville cathedrals in size. In the old abbey church of S. Maria delle Grazie we stood in awe before the greatest of all frescoes, Leonardo da Vinci's "The Last Supper."

Our stay in Italy ended with a day's ride thru the beautiful Italian lake country.

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## CORNER ON DATES.

Friday, Nov. 8—Foot-ball—Olivet  
at Alma. Zeta Sigma Banquet.

Saturday, Nov. 16—Foot-ball—Alma  
at Detroit College.

## UNION PRAYER MEETING.

Wednesday evening at 6:45, "Unity  
and Diversity our Ideal." Miss  
Strudwick, leader.

## AT MASONIC HOME, SUNDAY.

As was done last year, the Y. M.  
and Y. W. C. A.'s will meet in the  
chapel Sunday at 2:45 p. m. and  
march to the Masonic Home where  
special song services will be held.  
Every student and member of the  
faculty is expected to be there. The  
work of last year was a pleasure to  
all who attended and much appreciated  
by all at the Home. Prof.  
Veatch will have charge of the music.

## EVERYBODY PUSH.

Students! Do you realize that  
Alma's two hardest football games  
are still before us? Upon these two  
games will hinge the M. I. A. A.  
championship. If Alma wins both  
of these contests she will have the  
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leges of the State. The team can't  
win of themselves, they need our  
support. So it is up to us to root  
and pull for the team and the glory  
of Alma every minute. Get ready  
to show your spirit Friday after-  
noon on Davis Field.

## WRIGHT HALL GOVERNMENT.

The girls of Wright Hall have  
taken unto themselves the privilege  
of self-government, with the end in  
view of making it a complete success  
—a system for the building up of  
character and stamina in the young  
women. The constitution has not  
been entirely drawn up, although  
order has been fairly well established  
in the dormitory, and the officers  
have been elected and assigned to  
their various tasks. The president,  
vice-president, secretary and treas-  
urer of the co-ed self-government  
are, respectively, Beryl Broderick,  
Clara Hanel, Ruth Robbins and Otha  
McCracken.

## ALLEN'S BIRTHDAY.

He thought he would evade them—  
Allen Hooper did—by retiring early  
and thus avoiding the attending con-  
sequences, pleasant and otherwise,  
of a twenty-third birthday. Not so,  
however, for the seniors, about twenty  
strong, arrayed themselves in the  
choicest bits from the rag-bag, added  
a few beautifying touches to their  
faces, and set out in the direction of  
Hooper's to help Allen celebrate.

A good rousing yell under his  
window brought him back from the  
land of dreams and in a few minutes  
he joined the crowd, looking just like  
himself again. It seems that every-

one in the Hooper household except  
Allen himself knew about his birth-  
day party, so that preparations were  
all made for the jolliest of Hallow-  
e'en parties. There they learned that  
Mr. Misener is doomed to live a life  
of single blessedness along with  
some other unsuspecting members.  
They had some funny peanuts con-  
taining questions answerable only by  
a member of the opposite sex, and  
these were veritable laugh-producers.  
After the traditional Hallowe'en  
refreshments, flash-lights were taken,  
and then the seniors tip-toed to their  
respective lodgings, fairly beaming  
with self-satisfaction.

## SCRUBS WIN TWICE.

In a hard fought game the Re-  
serves took the local High school  
into camp by the score of six to no-  
thing, for the second time this sea-  
son, Tuesday afternoon on Davis  
Field. The attack of the second  
string men was strong and fast and  
but for a few unfortunate fumbles  
they should have tripled their score.  
Hooper was a big factor in the game  
and was always good for substan-  
tial gains when called upon. His  
speed made possible the only touch-  
down of the contest, when, after a  
series of long runs, he carried the  
ball within striking distance of the  
High school goal. A blocked punt  
was recovered by Cole who secured  
the lone score.

The work of the "Scrubs" has  
been one of the principal reasons for  
the unusual success of the varsity in  
their games so far this season. Their  
ceaseless plugging has put the first  
team men in the best possible con-  
dition and has materially developed  
their game. Several of the members  
of this season's Reserves will without  
a doubt be on the varsity next year;  
lack of weight alone keeping them  
from making it. McIntyre, Cole,  
Rushmore and Blaisdell are con-  
sistent performers and will make  
strong bids for positions on the first  
team.

The score:  
College Reserves. High School.  
Hodge ..... R. E. .... Blaisdell  
McIntyre ..... R. T. .... Banghart  
Johnson ..... R. G. .... Cummins  
Maybee ..... C. .... Dutt  
Brilmyer ..... L. G. .... Von Thurn  
Van Duzen ..... L. T. .... Beverly  
Blaisdell ..... L. E. .... Hughes  
Anderson ..... Q. .... Miner, Smith  
Hooper ..... R. H. .... Jessup  
Cole ..... L. H. .... Burgiss  
Rushmore ..... F. .... Mahr  
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ing the first of the game. Their advance could not be stopped though a veritable army of Kazoo substitutes were being rushed to the slaughter.

The fourth quarter opened with the ball on Kazoo's thirty-yard line and in Alma's possession. Ox plowed 'round the line for fifteen yards. Eph added ten more on a similar play, and Harry Schultz went over for the touchdown and to cap the climax kicked a beautiful goal from a difficult angle.

Bill received the next kick and ran it back to the middle of the field. Again and again he was called upon to carry the ball and as often he contributed gains varying from the conventional ten to a paltry twenty yards, until the ball was planted on the enemies' twenty-yard line. Vogt circled the end for the intervening distance and scored the last touchdown of the day.

The whole backfield played a star game and showed the natives the best brand of the football that they have seen for many a day.

The line waited until the second half to show their skill and when they did open up in the second period it was the grandest exhibition of blocking, charging and interfering that they have shown for some time.

### FACULTY RECITAL.

The Faculty recital in the college chapel Wednesday evening was one of the most enjoyable musical events which have occurred in Alma in some time.

Mr. Anderson sang "Mona" (Adams), and "A Bowl of Roses" (Clark). Both numbers were finely sung, the pathos and fervor of "Mona" were especially well brought out by Mr. Anderson.

Miss Roberts played three Schumann numbers, "Nachtsluecke," "Arabesque," and "Scherzino." She showed herself to be a true interpreter of Schumann music, bringing out all of the weirdness and changing moods exhibited in these compositions.

Miss Fuller sang "Japanese Cradle Song" (Salter) and "Weary Now to Rest I Go" (Fox), ideally singing these sweet lullabies.

The "Berceuse" (Jarnfelt) and "Menuet in G" (Beethoven) were splendidly played by Mr. Barton.

Miss Amsbury played the Rubinstein "Etude in C major." The audience highly appreciated this piano classic.

Mr. Veatch sang "Arm, Arm, Ye Brave" (Handel) from "Judas Macabaeus," and "You'd Better Ask Me" (Locher). He was equally fine in the majestic oratorio selection and the funny coyness of the second selection.

### NEWS ITEMS.

Mrs. H. J. Broderick of Detroit visited her daughter, Miss Broderick, a few days this week.

Miss Carrie Rowland, of last year's graduating class stopped off at Alma on her way to Grand Rapids.

Many old Alma students are expected back for the Olivet game and the Zeta Sigma banquet.

Dr. Blaisdell, Prof. Ewing and Miss Robinson attended the teachers' association at Grand Rapids, Thursday and Friday.

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The Almaniac has been resting for some time, but will be on the job for the rest of the year. When you have some good jokes or local hits, hand them in and help out the Poor Old Fellow.

**Barber Scene.**

Archie, shaving "Ox"—"Does the razor hurt?"  
"Ox"—"Can't say, but my face does."

**Why?**

Edgerton—"Here! What do you mean by waking me out of a sound sleep?"  
Oscar—"Because the sound was too distressing."

**Paul Wrong.**

"If people are made of dust, why is Paul Aus-tin?"

**They Both Thought.**

Kolvoord—"I once thought seriously of marrying for money."  
Montieth—"Why didn't you, then?"  
Kolvoord—"The girl in the case was a thinker, too."

**How It Is Done.**

Frost—"How are you going to make Miss Bjoin think you are the best fellow on earth?"

Von Thurn—"I am going to send her twenty beautiful roses on her thirty-second birthday."

**The Green Freshman.**

(With apologies to "The Green Linnet" of Wordsworth.)

One have I marked, the happiest guest  
In all the covert of the blest (Pioneer Hall);

Hail to thee, far above the rest  
In joy of voice, opinion!  
Thou, Freshman! in thy greenish way,  
Presiding spirit here today,  
Dost lead the revels of Beta Sigma;  
And this is thy dominion.

Archie Maybee—"At Miss Roberts' table they talk hog-Latin. What do thy talk at your tables?"

Doc. Frost—"At Miss Haldeger's table they gossip in Dutch, but at Miss Robinson's table they murder the King's English."

**"DON'TS" RECOMMENDED BY SWIPES.**

Don't move your dishes out of the way for the waiter to set down the meat, potatoes, etc. He loves to stand and fondle hot earthenware, for it warms his hands and incidentally a spot under the collar.

Don't offer to hand him your dishes or move them so he can reach them. On the other hand, set them far out in the middle of the table. He can easily balance a tray-load of dishes in one hand and climb up the back of your chair, deftly grabbing the dishes with his other hand.

Don't let go your glass when the waiter wishes to pour the water, but cling to it until he gets hold of it, for it is an elusive thing and perchance may flee.

Don't lie down on the table. You came here to eat not to sleep. Besides, we need a little room in which to set your desert or breakfast food or coffee.

Don't [girls] hurry about coming in to the dining room after the door is open. We don't mind eating cold potatoes; nor do we mind stampeding into classes, society meetings, etc., a half hour late. Do take your time and wear your hats, if you wish.

DO be sure to come to meals on time, for beginning Sunday morning, November 10, those who are late will miss breakfast food in morning and soup at night.

"SWIPES."

**VACATION IN EUROPE**

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The first night in Switzerland was spent in Lucerne following a ride of several hours on Lake Lucerne. It would be impossible, without seeming to exaggerate, to express our feelings while we were up among the Alps. The sun shining upon the snow-clad Jungfrau made a sight never to be forgotten.

Leaving Switzerland we rode down the Rhine to Heidelberg where a day or so was spent visiting the university and old castle. Continuing the Rhine trip we passed Bingen, the Mouse tower, the picturesque old castle Rheinstein and Lorelei Rock, all made famous by German legend. Some time was also spent in the two German cities of Coblenz and Cologne. The latter is famous especially for its cathedral and eau-de-cologne shops all of which advertise to sell the "real" article.

The ride from Cologne to Paris was a hard twelve-hour trip which brought us into Paris about midnight. The time spent in Paris was taken up with visits to the Louvre, Luxembourg gallery and gardens, La Madeleine, rides through the Bois de Boulogne, Champs Elysees, and, of course, the inevitable shopping trip. Two afternoons were spent in visiting the porcelain factory at Sevres and the palace and gardens at Versailles.

On leaving Paris we went to Havre where we made the night passage of the English channel arriving at Southampton the following morning. After a ride of a couple of hours thru picturesque English country we arrived in London. The few days spent here were merely a tantalization and especially so, as it rained nearly all the time we were there. However, many pleasant hours were spent in Westminster Abbey, National Gallery, British Museum, St. Paul's Cathedral and other places of equal interest. After leaving London a day was spent in visiting the colleges at Oxford. Many of the older colleges are nearly over-grown with ivy making very picturesque structures.

We arrived in Stratford in time to attend one of Shakespeare's plays (Anthony and Cleopatra) which was given in the Shakespeare Memorial theatre. A disbeliever in Shakespeare should visit Stratford and I doubt not but what he would change his opinion before he left the town. We had the pleasure of going thru the house where he was born, the Anne Hathaway cottage, the Guild Hall where he attended school for some time and Trinity church where he lies buried. Above the grave is the well known bust of the poet.

While at Stratford we drove to the nearby castles of Warwick and Kenilworth. The ride was an ideal one and we were all sorry when it was ended. The Warwick family were away for the summer so we had the privilege of seeing nearly all of the structure. The entrance to the castle is by a road cut deep thru the rocky cliffs which are now covered with vines and over-hanging trees. After lunch in a quaint little inn at Warwick we proceeded to Kenilworth. The old castle which Scott made famous in his book, "Kenilworth," is now in ruins. Still we could see the remains of the banquet room, Mervyn's Tower and the quaint foot bridge which Lord Leicester built for Queen Elizabeth.

Returning to Stratford we spent the night there, leaving the next noon for Chester. This quaint old town, which lay in ruins for so many years, is the usual stopping place for travellers landing in Liverpool. Some of the old city walls still remain together with the many-gabled houses of an early date, which still retain their beautifully carved panels.

The ride from Chester to Liverpool was a short one. From here we sailed for Boston, landing there the early part of September.

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