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ORATORY AND DEBATE

Great Opportunity for New Men in These Lines

LOCAL CONTEST HELD SOON

Questions for Debate Being Submitted in Both Leagues

Now that football is over and the M. I. A. A. championship safely tucked away, it is time to direct your attention in another direction. Football is only one of many lines of activity that Alma students can lend their efforts for the glory of the college. Alma has for a number of years held her own with the other colleges of the state in oratory and debate but has not shone in that line as she has done this fall in football.

It is not that Alma students have not a chance to show their ability in that line, for Alma is a member of the M. I. O. A. thereby giving an opportunity for both men and women to enter the state contest. Then too in a debating way she is even better, having annual debates with M. A. C., Olivet, Ypsilanti and Hope Colleges. This gives an opportunity for twelve regulars and four alternates. Nine of last year's regulars are out of the list for the struggles of next spring, leaving only three and giving a golden opportunity for any young man who is willing to work and who has a little ability in that direction.

Don't forget that debating takes work and so does oratory, but remember that you are more than paid for your efforts in the training and experience that you receive. Professor Warner is an excellent instructor in both of these branches of work.

It has not been definitely decided when the local contests will be held to choose the orators for the state contests, but they will come off some time about the Christmas holidays. Either the week before or the week after. Now is the time to begin your work, there is no time for delay. Do not think that because you are a freshman you will be barred from the local contest. You are as welcome as is any senior, and what is more, you stand as good a chance of winning if you have the oration and the ability. You can't all win, but you stand a chance and you will be greatly helped by entering the struggle, even if you lose.

Questions have been submitted for the Hope-Olivet-Alma debates. Hope and Alma submitted the same question: Resolved, That a Federal board should be appointed to settle labor disputes. Olivet has submitted: Resolved, That the Federal government should buy and operate all the railroads in the United States.

Alma has submitted her question for the M. A. C.-M. S. N. C.-Alma debate: Resolved, That United States senators should be elected by a direct vote of the people.

The question for debate has not been chosen in either case but will be selected in the near future. Work on those submitted.

... Alma 28, Detroit 20 ...

For your hilarious admiration and unmitigated delectation is introduced to you—students, faculty, friends, alumni and public—the College Football Champions of Michigan for the season of 1912, which specifically means the Alma College team, conquerors of them all with the single exception of the Aggies who come under a loftier cognomen in educational circles. Last Saturday, with terrifying conclusiveness, the Maroon and Cream carried off the much coveted palm in the gridiron sport in the state.

Playing with invincible enthusiasm and scrap Alma defeated the University of Detroit by the score of 28 to 20 in the prettiest exhibition of football which the Detroit football public has witnessed for many a day. Captain Johnson and his wonderful band tossed into the discard the one remaining claimant to the state title. But the opposition was determined and strong and it required the best efforts of the Alma men to pull out a convincing victory after one hour of solid fight.

Captain Johnson won the toss and chose to defend the south goal. H. Schultz received the kick-off and returned seven yards to the 35-yard line. The Schultz outfit, Wood, Johnson and Henning, tore through the U. of D. line and around the end for such consistent gains that a touchdown was scored after but six minutes of play. Goal was not kicked. It is perfectly proper to call the next touchdown. "Child" Johnson, for the indomitable leader of the Maroon and Cream was its undoubted father. The University had been held for downs on their 30-yard line and Alma had returned the punt to the 40-yard marker. Vogt winked his roughish eye at Eph and set the play in motion with him as its especial sponsor. Hurling through the Detroit defense Eph only pulled up after a beautiful 25-yard amble. Again he was recruited into service and again he responded, this time with a paltry ten yards. From the 3-yard stripe the ball wended its way across the final stripe in spite of the menacing throng of Detroit players. Harry goaled. Detroit took a brace and began an onward march to Alma's goal. After long gains by the home team's backfield and ends, Kelly shot over the goal line with their first touchdown. It was a fine exhibition of aggressive football and sent the Detroit aggregation into paroxysms of joy. And they might well be happy, for they had scored on the best team they will meet for some time. Kelly kicked a commendable goal.

The half was called with the ball on the University's 30-yard line and in possession of Alma.

Alma's attack was irresistible and the wonderful playing of the two tackles and the backfield was commanding the enthusiastic approval of even a staid and hostile Detroit crowd. The Free Press says of Alma's performance in the first half: "It looked like there was no stopping the Presbyterians after the first quarter was well advanced, for they had amassed two touchdowns in the first twelve minutes of play, mainly through the great work of the two tackles, Edgerton and Captain Johnson, who were good for gains of from three to ten yards almost every

time they carried the ball."

Detroit kicked-off to Vogt, who returned to the middle of the field leaving a double row of despondent Detroiters who had missed their aim and slid off the elusive quarter-back after various sundry tackles. With several of the team contributing substantial gains Alma made a steady march to the University's goal. Wood, the Schultz brothers, Vogt, and the two tackles taking turns in advancing the ball. From the ten-yard line Captain Johnson shot over the line with touch-down number three, and Harry kicked a goal. Score: Alma, 20; U. of D., 7.

Throwing all caution to the winds, Detroit made one long dying gasp for victory. Abandoning their former army game they put their sole reliance on the forward pass. And they were signally successful. With Kelly tossing the forward flings the enemy were morally certain of gaining. His hurling was the finest the Alma men have looked on this year. Like a shot from a gatling gun he threw to the waiting end or half, who was good for from five to twenty-five yards. Two touch-downs they scored in quick succession. But in their more or less brilliant display of open football they indulged in tactics which will be passed over in haste and distaste.

With gathering gloom, Alma shot to the front with a rush that took the Detroiters off their feet. The crowd was already imagining a tie score with the one best bet in the state—and Mr. Goodrich entered the scene. Harry Schultz had dampened their ardor somewhat by throwing Kelly for a safety, but still their perception was dimmed and fond hopes were cherished. Receiving a punt on

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MISS SMITH.

One of the most popular numbers on the college course will be Miss Alice Genevieve Smith, harpiste. Miss Smith will appear in Grecian costume giving her famous lecture recital, "The Story of the Harp." The harp is one of the most popular instruments and Miss Smith plays it in a very artistic manner.



The ticket sale is going well. About one hundred more subscribers are necessary to make the course a success. It is hoped they will be forthcoming this week.

LITERARY SOCIETIES

All in the Midst of the Heavy Work of the Year

PHILOMATHEANS ENTERTAINED

At the Home of Ruth Cook—Iffe Wyatt Guest of Honor

Miss Ruth Cook entertained the Philomathean girls at her home last Wednesday evening. During the first part of the evening they worked on things for the Christmas Fair, which is to be given in a few weeks. Then followed the real fun and the splendid refreshments. After a few jokes and games the girls sang songs for Philo in the "good old Philo spirit." Finally with a rousing yell for Miss Wyatt, the guest of honor and a former member of the society, and another for the hostess, they departed saying that they had had one of the best times of their lives.

ALPHA THETA.

That a girl should be up-to-date and conversant with present day problems morally, politically and socially, as well as being acquainted with literature and art is the idea of the Alpha Theta Society. The girls of that society claim that unadorned book-knowledge without its practical applications is little more than valueless. Now that the women of Michigan have the right to vote, Alpha Theta will have more opportunity than ever to develop along these lines. The girls are taking hold of their work this year with more enthusiasm than ever.

ZETA SIGMA.

With the big annual banquet in the past, and social activities at low ebb, debating, oratory and real literary work are holding the center of action in Zeta Sigma Literary society. The questions for intercollegiate debates will be the principal topics of discussion for the next few weeks.

EUTERPE.

The Euterpe society has been studying different chapters in "Songs of Writers before and after Schubert," until the new magazine "Masters in Music" arrived. The meetings have been profitable and interesting giving all a clearer idea of the development of songs.

PHI PHI ALPHA.

The attention of the members at present is centered largely upon debates and oratory in anticipation of the approaching contests. Last Monday evening the meeting was given over entirely to the freshmen who expect to enter the freshman oratorical contest. The results were very pleasing and show a great deal of conscientious work on the part of the participants.

At the meeting one week previous the questions which Alma has submitted to the two debating leagues were the subjects of impromptu debates.

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at Lansing.
Friday, Dec. 6—"The Rose Maid-
en," by the Choral club.
Thursday, Dec. 12—Lecture by
Brooks Fletcher.

ASSOCIATION MEETINGS.

Mrs. Dwight Potter, Presbyterian
college secretary of the Y. W. C. A.
will speak at the Wednesday night
prayer meeting.
Y. M. C. A. Sunday at 6:00 p. m.
"Fellowship," Arthur Siminton, lead-
er.
Y. W. C. A. Sunday afternoon.
Miss Maude Raymond, a traveling
secretary, will speak.

OLIVET AND ALMA.

Heretofore Olivet college has taken
great pleasure in boasting of her su-
perior football ability over Alma.
How does this look for the last five
years now?

	Alma.	Olivet.
1908.....	(No game)	
1909.....	0	30
1910.....	14	3
1911.....	6	9
1912.....	58	0
Total.....	78	42

The figures show that Alma se-
cured more points in the game a
week ago than Olivet has secured in
the last five years, against Alma.

THANKSGIVING RECESS.

Thanksgiving recess begins on
Wednesday evening, November 27,
and continues until the following
Monday noon. This was the an-
nouncement made by President
Blaisdell Tuesday morning. Students
had been trying to adjust themselves
to the fact that there would be school
on the day after Thanksgiving, and
when this announcement came it was
greeted with great joy from the
many who were wanting to go home
for that big dinner. Classes that
meet regularly Monday morning will
be held on the following Saturday
morning, so that no time will be lost
except Friday.

Hope.

Hope college has been unable to
win a single game of football this
season, although they have played
the weakest teams in the state. The
High school of that city defeated
them by a score of 60-5. But watch
out for them in basket-ball. The
Dutchmen are not all-round athletes
but specialize in the basket-ball hand-
ling.

"BOB" COOK MAKES GOOD.

His Work as Referee in Some of the
Leading Games this Season has
Won for Him an Enviably
Reputation.

Below are a couple of clippings
from Detroit papers concerning the
work of Robert H. Cook '12 as ref-
eree in some of the football games
in which he has officiated this year.
It might further be said that he has
been busy every Saturday and that he
has had some of the best games in
the state this season.

"Before closing this more or less
interesting rave it might be well to
say a kind word for the officials.
They were the best Central has
looked at this year. Referee Cook
was emphatically on the job at all
times, as was Umpire Borleske. Head
Linesman Biss also performed every-
thing asked of him."—Detroit Free
Press, Nov. 10.

"Robert H. Cook (Alma '12) has
been chosen to referee the Detroit
Central-Grand Rapids Central foot-
ball game at Grand Rapids, Nov. 9.
Cook is a recent addition to the
ranks of football officials in the
state, but he has already been rec-
ognized as one of the most competent
men in the state.

Two seasons ago Bob was con-
sidered the greatest college fullback
in the state. His punting especially
was an important factor in the win-
ning of games for the Presbyterians.
Just before the football season of
1911 he submitted to an operation for
appendicitis which kept him out of
the game during his senior year in
college.

Cook was captain of his basket-
ball team at Alma one year."—De-
troit Times, Nov. 7.

MR. MOORE ENTERTAINED S.
S. CLASS.

Mr. H. C. Moore entertained the
boys of his Sunday school class at
his home on State street Thursday
evening. Among those present were
about twenty of the young men of
the college. The first part of the
evening was given over to games
and a short program, after that came
the self-served supper which was
much enjoyed by the guests. With a
few real college yells the boys de-
parted declaring Mr. Moore a fine
entertainer.

Miss Hazel Crosby visited with
friends in Wright Hall.

F. R. Hurst, '04 and R. H. Cook, '12
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ALMA 28—DETROIT 20

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the 50-yard line, Goodrich ran through the whole University eleven and skirted across the goal line, coyly flirting with the side lines to the chagrin of the hostile force. Time was called at this point. Final score: Alma, 28; Detroit University, 20.

The Detroit adherents received the result with ill-contained disfavor which showed itself in the conduct of the crowd. This is regrettable, for the Alma team played fast, clean football, and according to the newspaper critics completely outclassed their opponents.

In a blaze of glory, the Alma team finished their season of 1912 with a record of which everyone is proud. They have upheld the honor of the college on the gridiron and their own deeds speak for them. To the three Seniors and Captain Johnson is due the highest praise for work and play which they have done for their alma mater. With the possible exception of the captain this was their last game and they lived up to their reputations with copsumating thoroughness.

The line-up:

U. of D.	Alma.
Barton	R. E. Von Thurn
Fitzgerald	R. T. Johnson
Hunt	R. G. Anderson
Rosscup	C. Misener
Flattery	L. G. Austin
Martz	L. T. Edgerton
Kellar	L. E. Henning
Purcell	Q. Vogt
Harbrecht	R. H. H. Schultz
Haigh	L. H. W. Schultz
Kelly	F. Wood

Touch-downs: Capt. Johnson, 2; H. Schultz, 1; Goodrich, 1; Kelly, 2; Kellar, 1. Referee: Thomas, Coe College. Umpire: Marshall, Heralds.

ORATORICAL LEAGUE.

After several weeks of slumbering, the oratorical league was revived during the week. Officers were elected and plans started to get as many students as possible to enter the contests.

President—Wade L. Frost.
Vice-president—Joe Kennedy.
Secretary—Marian Hartness.
Treasurer—Lester Von Thurn.

NEWS ITEMS.

Miss Purl Moreland of last year's kindergarten class, now teaching in Lapeer, attended the Olivet game and the Zeta Sigma banquet last week.

Miss Anna Cowles of Lansing visited Miss Mary Blaisdell last week. Mr. and Mrs. Nesbit of Tawas City visited their son the first part of the week.

Misses Jean McGill and Irene Warner spent Saturday in Saginaw. Miss Ruth Ellis spent Saturday and Sunday at her home in Holly.

It was with much regret that the students learned that George Shepherd had decided to give up his college work. Mr. Shepherd has accepted a position in a bank at Lansing.

Rev. E. H. Bradfield of Lapeer called on E. A. Thompson Monday.

The students gave the football boys a big send-off Saturday morning when they left for the Detroit game.

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Not So Slow.

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Miss Hanel: "You have lots of peaches at Wright Hall, haven't you?"

Harry: "Yes, and mighty green ones, too."

The Freshman.

The Freshman went to Hades To see what he could learn. The devil sent him back again, he was too green to burn.

The Reason.

"Ox": "Why is my right arm so strong this morning?"

"Doc." Frost: "Why you ate those onions."

Only One.

Goody: "It isn't right to accuse him of taking one of those books. Why didn't you accuse me?"

Baldy: "Because they weren't both taken."

Rebuked.

Teacher: "What dirty hands you have Johnny! What would you say if I came to school that way?"

Johnny: "I wouldn't say nothin', I'd be too polite."—Ex.

In Psychology.

Dr. Randels: "When a person gives special attention to something, the blood all goes to his head."

Von: "Is that why students always get cold feet when they stiddy?"

True Kindness.

Daughter: "Papa, Jack is coming up tonight to ask your consent to our marriage. Be kind to him, won't you?"

Father: "Very well, Vinnie. I'll say, No."

His Ideal.

Della: "I just read of a case where a man married a girl on his deathbed so she could have his millions when he was gone. Could you love a girl like that?"

Allen: "That's just the kind of a girl I could love. What's her address?"

Didn't Ask For It.

Miss Schultz: "I'd like to have some weather strips put on my window."

Prof. Cook: "Why, it would cost \$400.00 to have weather strips put all over Wright Hall."

Miss Schultz: "I don't want them all over the hall. Just want them put on my window."

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CROSS COUNTRY RUN.

Fighting gamely from start to finish the cross country team went down to defeat before the speedy M. A. C. quintet by a score of 31 to 24 in a most gruelling run of three and one-half miles over the course at The Agricultural college. But in the defeat are crumbs of solid joy; for Cooper, taking the lead at the mile post and running in the teeth of a baby gale followed a course of which he was totally ignorant and beat Rosen, the Agies' track luminary, to the tape by a healthy two hundred yards and carried off for the Maroon and Cream the premier honors of the day. It was a beautiful exhibition of running and brought forth a thunder of applause from the large crowd which was on hand to watch the Wabash game and the run. Team honors went to the home bunch by a good margin. Holding together like a perfect machine they marched to victory, capturing almost all the places after first.

An eleventh hour change in the time of running off the dual event, without the knowledge of the Alma men, which necessitated starting the cross country jog directly after lunch, handicapped the Alma runners a great deal, though it would not have materially changed the allotment of points.

One regrettable fact taken from this affair is that it was found necessary one week previous to the M. A. C. run to accept volunteers from the football squad to complement the five man team. Systematic training and running would have developed a team which could have easily defeated the Farmers. College loyalty which under even torrid climatic conditions would congeal an iceberg, will not win a cross country run, but it is concentric effort. As to the three football men who offered their services—their gameness in such a heart-breaking run was admirable and might well be emulated. They put everything they had into their work and all honor to them is due.

1. Cooper, Alma.
2. Rosen, M. A. C.
3. S. Cook, Alma.
4. Greene, M. A. C.
5. Herr, M. A. C.
6. Ketcham, M. A. C.
7. Mooney, M. A. C.
8. McIntyre, Alma.
9. Rushmore, Alma.
10. Letts, Alma.

SCIENCE CLUB.

The Science club met Saturday for the first meeting of the year. The program was given over to a paper by Albert Esselstyne on "The Hookworm and Civilization," an exceedingly interesting essay giving a good idea of one of the great problems which the South has to meet. Mr. Peacock gave a report on the "International Congress of Hygiene," which explained some of the problems that are being met by physicians in all parts of the world.

The club has planned many interesting programs for the year and there are also plans on foot to obtain outside talent.

This club meets every two weeks in the biological laboratory. All students are cordially invited.

FROEBEL.

The work of the Froebel society this year is directed along literary lines. "Modern Men and Modern Movements," might sum up the trend of the subjects used. The papers and discussions have been most interesting and helpful to its members. Never before did a bunch of new members take hold of things with such enthusiasm as the twenty new members this year. Everything in the society is moving along progressive lines. The new initiation ceremony is surely much in advance of the old and is an indication of the progressiveness of the society.

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