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## DEATH CLAIMS

### DR. A. BRUSKE

Former President of Alma College Succumbs to Pneumonia March 27.

Rev. August F. Bruske, D. D., LL. D., for twenty-one years president of Alma College, and widely known through the state in educational and religious circles, died at his home in Ypsilanti, Saturday, after only a few days illness of pneumonia. Few of his many Alma friends were aware of his illness so news of his death came as a distinct shock to the community, in which much of the life work of Dr. Bruske had been done.

Rev. Bruske came to Alma as president of the college in 1891, succeeding George F. Hunting, who had been the president of the institution since inception, four years previous. Dr. Bruske found Alma College, a weak, straggling institution, the youngest of the state's sectarian colleges, struggling to grow and assume the position, which its location, and its backers felt that it was entitled to secure.



Dr. A. Bruske

Believing sincerely in the future of the institution, well qualified by previous experience and by education for the position, Dr. Bruske was in a position to accomplish much good for the small Presbyterian college, and during the twenty-one years that he was the executive head of the institution he was constantly talking and preaching Alma college, interesting hundreds of people in the small, but growing institution.

When money was needed for the advancement of the college, he secured it. When new buildings were badly needed, he bended his efforts in that direction with success. He gathered around him a strong faculty, such as is needed by any growing school, and gradually Alma College began to take a place in the front rank of the Michigan sectarian colleges.

In May of 1912, Dr. August F. Bruske gave up his work as the executive head of Alma College, being succeeded by Dr. Thomas C. Blaisdell of the M. A. C., who is now dean of men at Penn State College.

The work that he did during his 21 years of association with the college here, has been highly successful, and Alma College has a debt of gratitude to Dr. Bruske that can never be paid. He found the college small, weak, struggling. He left it growing rapidly, among the strongest in the state, and one that, while not rich by any means, was in fair financial circumstances.

Dr. Bruske had been almost a life long resident of Michigan. He came to Michigan in early childhood, when his parents settled near Wayne. The Civil war found him enrolled in the Union army, in which he served during all of that grim struggle, in the Twenty-fourth Michigan regiment.

He attended Adrian College graduating from that institution. He then studied at Drew Theological Seminary and was ordained as a minister. For a short time he was pastor of the First Presbyterian Church at Charlotte, and was then called to the pastorate of the First Presbyterian Church of Saginaw. For twelve years he was pastor of that church,

and in 1891 was called to the presidency of Alma College.

Following his work at Alma College, which closed in June of 1912, he filled a pastorate at Holland for a short time and then moved to Ypsilanti, where he has since made his home.

Dr. Bruske is survived by his wife, one daughter, Mrs. James Davidson, of Ypsilanti, and one son, Paul Hale Bruske, Detroit newspaper man and publicity agent.

The funeral services were held from his home in Ypsilanti on Monday afternoon.

Rev. C. H. Elliot, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Ypsilanti, spoke feelingly of the place which Dr. Bruske had established for himself as a pulpit supply and as a teacher of a large men's Bible class.

Dr. James E. Mitchell of Alma College, representing that institution, paid an eloquent tribute to Dr. Bruske as the chief founder of the college, the vital factor in gathering its endowment and equipment and an educator whom thousands of young men and women had learned to honor and to love.

Rev. James McDonald, pastor of the Highland Park Presbyterian Church of Detroit, spoke of Dr. Bruske's high rank as a pulpit orator, his crusade for Christian education throughout Michigan, and of the immense influence he had wielded in

## GLEE CLUB TAKES TOUR

Musical Society Makes Marked Hit Through State in Spring Trip.

The Alma College Glee club has just returned from one of the most successful tours ever taken by this college organization. For some weeks the men had looked forward to the trip as the resultant of the training received under Professor Royer. Starting from Alma on Friday, March 19, the club sang at Stanton on that evening and spent the following Saturday and Sunday in Greenville. On Monday we went to Belding where the concert was to be held in the Presbyterian church. During the day the High School and Belding Silk Mills were visited. Needless to say much interest was displayed in the workers as well as the workmanship at the mills. The ladies of the church had been boosting the concert and they had certainly done their work well for the club sang to a house full to overflowing.

The following night the club sang at the South High School auditorium in Grand Rapids. To be sure we were all on our nerves edge a little for we knew that we had a critical audience and the large auditorium was none too thickly populated on that particular evening. However, the sight of Miss Robinson and Persis cheered us all up and by the time they stood up for the college Song we had quite regained our usual pep. In order that the club might get in Battle Creek early, since that concert had been substituted for Ionia at the last moment and consequently was not widely advertised, it was proposed to leave Grand Rapids at seven fifteen Wednesday morning. However, it seemed to be a physical impossibility for some to shake off the spell of Morpheus at that unheard of hour so the trip to Battle Creek had to be made in relays. The quartette had preceeded the club by a couple of hours so we found an invitation awaiting us to be the guests of Harold Millard's uncle for lunch at the Post Plant. Seldom if ever does one find such kindly and generous hospitality as was extended to us there. We were made quite at home in the luxuriously furnished reception rooms and even enjoyed a pleasant half hour dancing with an attractive corps of young ladies in the main office. Knowles is certainly fond of the sur-name Helen. For particulars regarding the other Helen and a certain little party which was to have been held that night in Battle Creek ask Ozzie.

Battle Creek to St. Johns was quite a jump and again the trip was made in relays, according to the ambition of the different members of the club. Some debaters in the club took advantage of the opportunity to spend a few hours in the State Library in Lansing in securing material for the coming intercollegiate debate. One thing stands out prominently in all our minds in regard to St. Johns. It is our candid belief that no town in Michigan of equal size possesses so many good looking high school girls. They were not only good looking but what is more they were appreciative and a delightful audience to sing to. The fact that there was only one connection possible between St. Johns and Lapeer proved to be sufficient stimulus to get everyone to the train on time the next morning and jump to the latter city was made without incident. Lapeer has quite a goodly number of Alma people and they evidently had been working for the club for there was a goodly crowd at the evening concert. Never again, however will

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## RECITAL

On Wednesday, March 18, the music department of Alma College gave a recital in the college chapel. The numbers were very well given and were evidence of the good work being done by the department.

The program follows:  
Barcarolle (Rubenstein)—Miss Doty  
"The Swallows" (Cowen)—Miss Cushing.

Waltz (Schutt) - Miss Gerow  
"Calm As the Night" (Bohm)—Mr. Amos.

Nocturne (Leschetizky) — Miss Spinney.

"The Japanese Maiden" (Gaynor)—Miss Paul.

Sonata, Opus 10 No. 1 (Beethoven) —Miss Huff).

"One Fleeting Hour" (Lee)—Miss Slater.

Violin Obligato—Miss Miller  
Waltz (Chopin) - Miss Moore

"The Lark" (Glinka-Balakirew)—Miss Purdy.

## COLLEGE NINE STARTS WORK

Coach Wood Lines Up the Maroon and Cream Baseball Aggregation.

Alma College has some rosy prospects for baseball this spring, and it is more than possible—indeed almost a certainty—that the Maroon and Cream fighting aggregation will be up there making a strong bid for the Michigan Intercollegiate championship this year, and some of the more enthused supporters of the Presbyterian aggregation are expecting that Coach Wood's lads will walk off with their third M. I. A. A. title in baseball in four years.

This would be more than a pleasure to the veterans of last year, to whom the season was a sore disappointment, as a deluge of rain at the baseball finals at Albion last June prevented Alma from playing her games and handed Coach Young's nine, the title on a platter, as every school of the association well knows. The men who were on that team desire to show, as near as it can be done, that it was not by superior playing that Kalamazoo won her baseball title, and they feel that this can be done in some small measure if Wood's aggregation of diamond material can come through with the rag this season.

A good bunch of men have turned out for the college aggregation and hopes are high in the college circle for a third championship baseball team in four years. Included in the list of men who have turned out are ten veterans of previous seasons.

Wood will have what is expected to be the strongest pitching staff in the entire M. I. A. A., in Captain Eddie Boyne, the Marlette star, and in Crittenden, who proved to be the sensation of the M. I. A. A. last year. He will also have another fairly capable hurler in Cash of Alma. All three are veterans.

Four men are available for infield jobs of the veterans, these being Ex-captain Hebert, short and third sacker; Gaffney, second sacker; Tomion, third sacker and catcher; and Dunning, shortstop and second sacker.

Three veterans, Richards, Williams and Vender are available for the outfield.

Practice was started out of doors immediately after the close of the spring vacation, but it is still too early to pick out any real material stars in the bunch of new men who have turned out. Scott shows some flashes of ability, and it is hoped that he will settle down into a capable first sacker. In such a case the job that confronts Coach Wood will be lessened to a big extent, as this one big worry will be taken from his shoulders.

It should not be greatly surprising either, if some of the other new men should show stuff enough before the opening game of the season to make things interesting for some of the veterans that Coach Wood has in the Maroon and Cream camp. Such a thing would serve to make a stronger aggregation, as it would keep the vets stepping every second to retain their places on the nine, insuring a more peppery aggregation than Alma has had in some years past, in spite of the fact that two of the past three teams have been title holding aggregations.

One thing is certain this year and that is the team that wins the Michigan Intercollegiate championship will have harder sledding than is usually the case. Albion is loud in her claims of a particularly strong team this year. Kalamazoo retains nearly her entire team of last year, while Hillsdale's coach stated some time ago that the Blue and White would have a mighty strong nine this year.

"Prices Soar."—Head-line. So are we.—Columbia (S. C.) Record.



J. THOMAS DASEF,

Who represented Alma in the State Oratorical contest held at Adrian March 1. His oration, "The Marks of a Man," appears on page four of this issue.

## FIRST CAMPUS DANCE

Enjoyable Affair Held at Wright Hall Before Spring Recess.

Some one has said "Good things come by waiting." How true it seemed to all those who attended the first college dancing party, held Thursday night of March 18. What could have been more of a surprise than to walk into the Wright Hall dining room and behold such a change? The tables and chairs had disappeared and as one gazed around and saw all the comfortable looking seats covered with Indian blankets and pillows and the orchestra seated on the West side of the room they began to awaken and find their dreams of old really true.

Every one was given a program and by 8:15 all the programs were filled out and every one looked very ready for what remained. Within a minute after the Music had begun, all couples had started tripping the light fantastic toe in every direction. The "robbers two step" and the "circle onestep" were scarcely necessary to invite every one to take an active part and to act as a social mixer. However they added greatly to the enjoyment and informality of the party. Each dance just called for more, and more was given until the music whispered "Home Sweet Home." With the joy and pleasure of such a delightful evening, each and every one departed with satisfaction in Alma's first college dancing party.

The party was under the direction of the Student Council and was very well arranged. Such informal and all college affairs are what Alma needs. Every one felt at the height of good nature and when the hat was passed during the course of the evening such generosity poured forth that more than sufficient funds were subscribed for a secretary's book. All who were present are eagerly looking forward to the next party.

## DEBATE TEAMS CHOSEN

Five Letter Men on Teams Picked for Triangle Debates.

The personnel of the teams that will represent Alma in the coming debates with Kalamazoo and Hope colleges has been announced. A different method of picking the teams was used this year. The argumentation classes of the first and second semesters cast ballots for the members of the teams. The eight receiving the highest number of votes in these polls were those placing on the teams. Be cause the work in argumentation classes has been largely actual debating a fair choice was easy to make. Hence the result has been very satisfactory.

The debates will take place on April 16. Almas affirmative team will remain at home and debate Kalamazoo's negative team. The negative team will journey to Holland, there to clash with the affirmative Hope College trio. The subject chosen for the debate is: Resolved that the U. S. should adopt a system of

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**A LIFE WORTH WHILE**

"A holy man is a whole man," said someone, and they could have had no better example in mind than Dr. Bruske when they said it. Those who knew him know, and those who have read the account of his life given elsewhere, can see, that he was indeed "a holy man," and "a whole man." A patriot, a soldier, a minister of the gospel, a great educator, he was indeed a man among men. His was indeed a "life worth while." It is not our intention here to attempt any eulogy of him. Our pen lacks both the agility and the knowledge necessary. Moreover it has already been done by those better fitted for such a task. But we do wish to call the attention of Alma College to his life for the many lessons which it teaches.

Although the present generation of students did not have the opportunity to know Dr. Bruske personally most know something of his life and of the work he has done for their Alma Mater. Few will lose quickly the impression that Dr. Bruske's talk in chapel last fall made upon them. In a new and striking way a comprehension of Alma's greatness in the past and her mission for the future was forced home to every one. Before the unwavering faith, the unswerving loyalty, the sincere, conviction-carrying, simplicity of the man we experienced a revulsion against the petty, selfish, sentiments which we had heretofore harbored, and felt a warm wave of loyalty for our school, and the things for which it stands, surge through us. That is one lesson that Dr. Bruske's life can teach us. If it was worth while for a man of Dr. Bruske's caliber to spend twenty-one years, yes a lifetime, for he never lost his interest in the school, working for Alma College; if he should do that, how much more should we, who have partaken of the benefits of our college, hold true to its traditions and keep firm our loyalty for it.

Yes, too, his life can teach us the value of standard virtues. The lessons of industry, sobriety, unlimited energy, physical and mental vigor, and firm, Christian faith, are all verified in the history of his career. But those lessons will come home perhaps, most strongly to those who knew him well. We all have a way of saying little or nothing of a man's good points until after his death when it is too late for those who learn of them to become acquainted with their owner. Yet because he was so long connected with the school, and because he did so much for the school, Alma students will ever cherish his memory and seek to learn more of him.

It is a fine thing to reflect that Dr. Bruske's spirit still hovers over this place, that the results of his labors here will still be felt by students and by all who come in contact with this institution in the years to come. We can do no less at this time than to pay this tribute to him, to call the attention of all to the fact that his was a "life worth while."

**THINGS AHEAD**

- April 10—Wright Hall Open House.
- April 11—Y. M. C. A.
- April 14—Preliminary Debate, College Chapel.
- April 16—Triangle Debate, Kazoo here.
- April 17—Baseball at Ypsilanti.
- April 24—Pioneer Open House.
- April 24—Adrian at Alma.
- April 27—M. A. C. at East Lansing.

**AYERS-DEAN**

The following clipping, which will be of interest to a great many Almanian readers, was taken from "The Lansing State Journal."

"One of the prettiest events of the season took place Tuesday, March 23, at the Central Methodist church, when Miss Hazel Ayres of this city was united in marriage to Mr. Ralph M. Dean of Charlotte. The wedding occurred at high noon. Just as the chimes of the city hall pealed forth twelve bells, the bride descended from the choir loft, leaning on the arm of her father, Mr. H. B. Ayres, to the strains of Hurriupalitski's Wedding March, which was rendered in a delightful fashion by Miss Lena Ginster, an intimate friend of the bride. By the time the last chords died away, the minister had arrived and was ready to go on with the service. The double ring ceremony was used and the groom showed remarkably steady nerves in that he managed to transfer the ring to his lady's finger without dropping it.

The bride was charmingly gowned in a beautiful robe de noce of peau de cygne made after the latest mode a la mayonnaise de Paris. Her wedding veil of peau de soie net, embroidered au gratin, was held in place by a wreath of lemon blossoms arranged a la pate de foie gras. She carried an enormous bouquet of bleeding hearts, bachelor buttons, and smilax tied with an exquisite bow de vol au vent. The bridesmaid, Miss Mary Ayres, a sister of the bride wore a dress of pink net over nell rose organdie en surprise, and a huge picture hat to match. The flower girl, little Miss Dorothy DeWitt, a niece of the bride, looked very sweet in a blue tulle a la demitasse and carried the rings in a large sunflower.

The groom wore the conventional black with a button-hole bouquet of red geraniums. The best man, Mr. William Jennings Bryan Hicks of St. Louis and a life long friend of Mr. Dean, also wore the conventional black. The ushers were Mr. Arthur Mometer, Mr. Warren Europe, Mr. Owen A. Lott, and Mr. Ammi A. Hogg.

After the ceremony a bountiful twelve course wedding lunch was served. Immediately afterward the happy couple chartered a road louse and amid a shower of old shoes and rice drove away to the Dean home-sead where they spent their honeymoon. Ralph's visit home came at a fortunate time as he was able to help his father sow the oats.

Mrs. Dean is one of the most popular ladies in the younger set and is a sophomore at M. A. C. Mr. Dean is a junior at Alma College. Both Mr. and Mrs. Dean intend to go on with their school work this year.

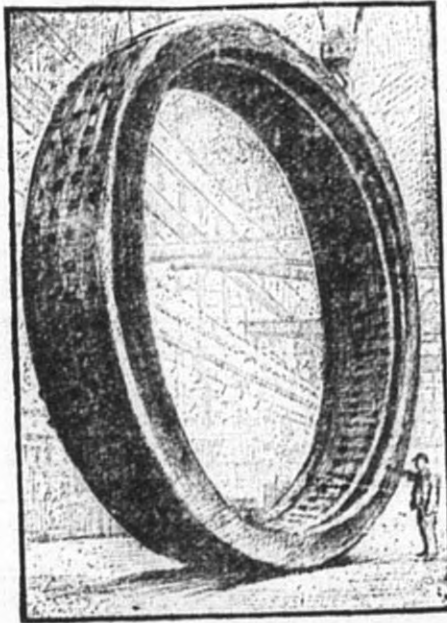
The Almanian extends the heartiest congratulations to "Cheesy" and wishes him every success.

**ZETA SIGMA**

Zeta Sigma held a short and impressive meeting Wednesday evening for the purpose of confirming a report which had been agitating the campus since Monday. Mac Donald, the silver-tongued announcer, being absent, President Kreuger rose and imparted to us in tearful accents the dreadful truth. The report was but too true. Ralph Dean, who is a mere junior, has taken unto himself a wife during vacation and has returned smilingly into our midst. It appears that for many years the fortunate lady's name was Miss Hazel Ayres and that her native habitat was Lansing. Although she has changed her name, she clings to her environment and Dean is forced to rustle carefare to Lansing each week-end.

The society descended upon Dean and gave him a demonstration of their hearty good-wishes. Mr. Kern became enthusiastic and rose to discourse upon various subjects suitable to the occasion, even answering the numerous questions of the elongated Morse until the loss of Morse's pin was discovered whereat the latter subsided. The society adjourned to the De Luxe and partook of ice-cream and the cigars which befit such an event. The night being young, they returned to the campus and Wright Hall enjoyed a real old-time serenade. Zeta Sigma's pride in apparently having the only married student on the campus, could not be suppressed.

Letta B. Burns, graduate of the class of 1897, is seriously ill at Lake Side Hospital in Cleveland. Miss Burns has had a number of years experience teaching in distinguished positions in New York.



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**Y. W. C. A.**

Miss Louise Osgood led the Y. W. C. A. prayer meeting, Thursday evening, April 1. After a piano solo by Miss Stevens, Miss Osgood announced as her topic the "Parable of the Fishermen," which she developed in a most interesting way. She said that we were like the fishermen whom Christ told to launch out into the deeps and cast their nets. We must launch out into the deeps, use our talents as nets, and fish for men. The shore waters are overfished, but in the deeps of life, as in the deep waters, we may find greater possibilities of filling our nets. Miss Osgood not only told us of how Christ commanded us to launch out into the deeps, but also showed us how He Himself, through his sacrifice, went out into the deepest deeps for us.

**WRIGHT HALL NEWS**

Miss Mildred McConkey of Coldwater visited friends in Alma the first of the week.

Miss Rowena Rose visited friends in Wright Hall over the week-end.

Miss Margaret Ardis was a guest of friends over the week end.

Misses Nina Cunningham and Blanche King visited friends in the college this week end.

Miss Abeline Smith of Flint has entered the music department of the college.

Misses Louise Bacon and Laura Tenny of St. Louis called on friends at Wright Hall Friday afternoon.

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GLEE CLUB

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 The club sing to a crowd where the whole front row is composed of unchaperoned youngsters of the kindergarten age for, although Eddie seemed to be having a fine time amusing them, it was almost impossible to sing over their heads. We may be funny but there is no pleasure in being reminded of that fact by a crowd of youngsters while we are trying to render that solemn and dignified "Hear'st Thou."

It seemed mighty good to see Kathryn Wanninger who is doing an excellent work at the Michigan Home and Training School and Alma may well be proud of both Miss Wanninger and her work.

Arriving in Flint on Saturday afternoon we found Clit Seeley and Burr Thompson waiting for us. The concert in the First Presbyterian church of which Rev. George Barnes is pastor and the reception in the church reception rooms that evening will remain in all our memories for some time. One of the most appreciative audiences of the tour listened to the concert held in the high school room in Vassar the following night. Nor were they more appreciative than we of the little party given in the gym after the concert. Tuesday found us headed back for Alma and although it had been in many respects a successful and pleasant trip we were all glad to be back in Alma on the Pine.

Just a word might be said about the program. Finding that as originally laid out it was a trifle long a solo and one club number were omitted throughout the trip. The quartet composed of Messrs. Hopkins, Perigo, Lyons and Ellett showed rare talent and have earned for themselves a place among the best quartettes ever produced by the college. Together with the work on the regular program they sang sacred numbers in Greenville, Flint and Vassar and were well received in these places. Hartzell Lyons sang solos at these sacred concerts also at which time the pleasing quality of his voice was shown at its best. The "Honey Boys" as they came to be known on the Club, composed of Messrs. Sharrar, Amos, Boyne and Handley, have worked up quite a reputation for themselves with their line of minstrel parlance and without a doubt they add the necessary popular touch to the program. Professor Royer never failed to receive encores to his solos which well displayed his ability. As to the rest of the program, well—it is better nothing more were said until after the home concert which will be held in the near future. Watch for the date and turn out in support of the Club, your college organization. Although the Club has been fairly successful financially the unusually high traveling expenses have made it necessary that we have your financial as well as moral support in this our home concert. Let's go Alma! All Out!

During the "Siesta de los Estudiantes" (Students' Day) in Santiago, Chile, an injunction was secured by the students forbidding the sale of liquor on Santa Lucia, a public park. Students then patrolled the hill and dealt summarily with the few efforts to sell liquor there.

The filament in MAZDA lamps is only half the diameter of a human hair and is as strong, in proportion, as steel piano wire.

LIBRARY NOTES

The following new books have been received at the library lately.  
 Candee, H. C. Jacobean furniture and English styles in oak and walnut.  
 Coerne, L. A. Evolution of modern orchestration. 1918.

Cronyn, G. W. Path on the rainbow; an anthology of songs and chants from the Indians of North America, with introduction by Mary Martin. 1918.

Foshay, F. E. Bibliography of English, Irish and American dramas, 1900-1917. 1917

Grenell, Judson. What Michigan women should know about voting. 1920.

Hawley, E. J. Literary geography; a bibliography of books and articles relating to places of literary interest. 1917.

Heinrich, Max. Correct principles of classical singing. 1910.

Henderson, W. J. Some forerunners of Italian opera. 1911.

Ibsen, H. John Gabriel Borkman, tr. by Archer. 1906.

Pearce, C. W. Art of the piano teacher. 4th ed. 1920.

Reed, L. A. Astronomy and the Bible. 1919.

Strindberg, A. Creditors. Pariah. tr. by Borkman. 1912.

Upton, G. R. P. The song; its birth, evolution, and functions. 1915.

BASE BALL SCHEDULE

April 17—Ypsilanti at Ypsilanti.  
 April 24—Adrian at Alma.  
 April 27—M. A. C. at East Lansing.

April 30—Hillsdale at Hillsdale.  
 May 1—Adrian at Adrian.  
 May 4—C. S. N. at Alma.  
 May 7—Kalamazoo at Alma.  
 May 14—Ypsilanti at Alma.  
 May 15—Albion at Alma.

May 1—C. S. N. at Mt. Pleasant.  
 May 21—Kalamazoo at Kalamazoo.  
 May 22—Albion at Albion.  
 May 28—Hillsdale at Alma.  
 June 4 and 5 —M. I. A. A. Field Day at Albion. tf

ALPHA THETA

A special meeting of the Alpha Theta Literary society was held on Thursday, March 18. After a short business meeting the following officers were elected for the ensuing term:

President—Charlotte Hawes.  
 Vice President—Marie Louise Boissot.

Secretary—Alberta Bowman.  
 Corresponding Sec.—Margaret Moore.

Treasurer—Leona Weber.  
 1st Critic—Helen Grimm.  
 2nd Critic—Esther Friedrichs.  
 Guide—Elsa Struble.  
 Sentinel—Lucille Le Venseler.

DEBATE TEAMS CHOSEN

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 compulsory arbitration for labor disputes in basic industries."

This is a subject of great pertinence and moment at this time and should draw a large crowd. The problem of settling our industrial disputes is a vital one and undoubtedly those who hear these debates will derive much instruction from them.

The affirmative team consists of Lee Sharrar, captain; Edwin Boyne, George Olmstead, and Stanton Ellet, alternate. The negative team consists of Paul Cash, captain; Lyle Barnhart, Frank Vreeland, and Geo. Hebert, alternate.

It may be significant to note that five of the six men on the teams are letter men.

There were 4,681 women college students in England and 1,882 in Scotland in 1913-14. The highest percentage of women at any British university was 41 per cent at St. Andrews University in Scotland.

Cambridge University, England, has one teacher to each ten undergraduates.

CAMPUS NOTES

"Aunt Euphemia" McConkey and "Finis" Nunn, of last year's class were welcome visitors on the campus last week.

Professor MacCurdy read a paper at the meeting of the Michigan Academy of Science in Ann Arbor.

"Tac" Giles and Bill Murphy, who are attending Ferris Institute, visited the campus last week, long enough to be seen and heard.

Howdy says that he has plucked up a little more courage since the First Triumvirate of Alma College has lost one of its members. He says that two for one is better than three for one.

Coldwater Bill has lost his pin,—an explanation is wanted. No excuses that a Freshman is wearing it will be accepted.

O. P. Guerra, '18, now an instructor in the East Side high school of Saginaw, was a campus visitor last week.

Professor West was in Ann Arbor this week at the meeting of the Michigan Schoolmasters' Club.

Rumor hath it that Fluey Jackson lost a ring and that Miss Margaret Ardis has gained one. We would fear the worst were it not that history of the two makes it too improbable.

The Applied Physics class was treated to a most interesting and instructive lecture when Mr. Parker, agent for the Wise-McClung Mfg. Co. delivered a lecture on the vacuum cleaner. The America vacuum cleaner is the machine which Mr. Parker sells and he explained the principles underlying the machine in a lucid, helpful manner. One of the cleaners was taken apart and examined by the students and thus the construction clearly understood. The difference between, and the advantages of, the different types of machines on the market was also brought out.

It is reported that Dr. Randels intends to reside on his "farm" this spring and commute each day. We wish him success in the venture, although we should enjoy seeing him when he comes trudging in some morning, after a heavy rain.

The Michigan Christian Advocate for March had an article by Prof. West with the title "Shall it be a Doctor of Divinity or Mechanical Engineer?"

Verne E. Rogers of Mt. Pleasant, former Alma resident, spent the week end here, visiting with friends.

Solitude.

What period do you think I recall most frequently and most willingly in my dreams? Not the pleasures of my youth; they are too rare, too much mingled with bitterness and now too distant. I recall the period of my seclusion, of my solitary walks, of the fleeting but delicious days that I have passed entirely by myself, with my beloved dog, my old cat, with the birds of the field, the birds of the forest, with all nature and her inconceivable Author.—Rousseau.

Proof of Biblical Truth.

Perhaps the most impressive fact of record concerning disease in ancient times is found in the Bible, in the First Book of Samuel, where we are told that the land where the Philistines were was overrun with a plague of rats or mice and that thereupon the people were smitten with bubonic plague to punish them for their seizure of the Ark of the Covenant. Thousands of years later our modern science discovered that rats are the chief disseminators of that pestilence.—New York Herald

Paste for Brown Leather.

An excellent paste for brown leather is made of two ounces of soft soap, four ounces of beeswax, two ounces of turpentine and half an ounce of neat's foot oil. Melt soap, wax and oil together, then remove from fire and add the turpentine. Stir well. When cold apply with a brush.

Linen From Nettle Fibre.

A company has been formed in Denmark for the manufacture of linen from the fibre of nettles. At a recent exhibition every one was struck by the whiteness and suppleness of the table cloths and napkins made of this nettle fibre.

Ineffective Hollering.

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## The Marks of the Man

To view a large landscape, we must stand at a distance; to properly judge historical events we must look back at them through a space of years; and to correctly measure the greatness of a man, we must see him from a vantage point of time, for nearness is apt to cause underestimation.

Theodore Roosevelt is so near to us that we cannot hope to gauge correctly the greatness that will be his in the years to come; we cannot know what place posterity will give him in the history of our country; but we do know that his place will by no means be insignificant, for his works have raised him to a higher level than any other man of his time has attained. Wherein lies this greatness?

Roosevelt was not a genius; indeed, he was never a brilliant scholar. In his class at Harvard he graduated twenty-second. His rise from Assemblyman of New York to President of the United States did not come through any special gifts; rather it came without special gifts, through the utilization of what common ability he possessed.

The keynote of Roosevelt's whole life was work, tireless and unceasing work. Whether as a ranchman, hunter, soldier, or public servant, his whole energies were bent on doing the job before him, and doing it well. No matter how distasteful or unremunerative it might seem, nothing deterred him from giving his best to the work at hand, and accomplishing fully the things he had to do. And in this lies the secret of the man's greatness. He did not seek fame through the easiest means, I doubt if he sought fame at all. What he sought was to find a great task, and to do that task well.

Largely on account of his strenuous qualities, the popular picture of Roosevelt is that of an impetuous, rash tempered, strong headed man, who made hasty decisions and pushed them through, regardless of advice or opposition; but the popular picture is wrong. Those who knew the governor and president realized that he was one of the most careful and moderate men in the nation. They knew that he never turned a deaf ear to advice, that he rather sought counsel from all who were in a position to give it. Many a speech was never delivered, many a measure was never broached, because someone pointed out to Roosevelt an error, or a better course. His reputation for rashness came from his wonderful foresight, which enabled him to see a crisis approaching, and to prepare for it, so that he was ready to act before others realized that action was necessary.

There is an old adage which says, "Speak softly, and carry a big stick, you will go far." The big stick has become famous as an attribute of Roosevelt, but there are those who forget the first part of the adage "speak softly." Leave it out, and you have a bully. Roosevelt spoke softly, and went far. Throughout his whole life he was constantly fighting with the bosses and the boss controlled, and defeating them. It is significant that when he came to power he did not throw out the bosses who opposed him, neither did he submit to their rule, but instead, gained his ends with their unwilling cooperation. Roosevelt was able to control the bosses because he carried the big stick of public opinion. He was not one to keep his motives and actions a secret. He realized the power of the people, and turned to them for support when the politicians were opposing him. And because his principles were right, the people gave him their support, and used their influence to force into line the unruly elements.

These are measures of political eminence, but the true test of greatness is the ability to rise above failures. Roosevelt did that. Defeated in every election in which he took part for eight years, time and again pronounced politically dead by the politicians, he rose again, until at the time of his death he was the acknowledged leader of his party, and the foremost citizen of his country. Could the nation help honoring such a man?

But perhaps Roosevelt gained greatest love and admiration for the true patriotism he preached in the months before and during the war. Up and down the land he went, spreading everywhere the doctrine of Americanism. It is only fitting that his last message should be such a one. "There can be no divided allegiance here. We have room for but one flag, the American flag, and that excludes the red flag. We have room for but one language, and that is the American language; and we have room for but one soul loyalty, and that is loyalty to the American people."

Strength, truth, and patriotism, these are the marks of the man, and because of them, Roosevelt stands as a guide pointing the way for the nation. In his life, by his official acts, and through his writings and speeches, he has shown us the course we must take. Following that course, we cannot go wrong. And to the youth of the nation, Roosevelt sets a splendid example of achievement. Those who will lead the strenuous life as he has pictured it, who will toil hard and long, who will work unceasingly for the right, who will not shrink from dangers that confront them, can gain, in a measure at least, that greatness that he who points the way has won. Roosevelt's life is a challenge to the nation and to individuals, to strive for the goal of greater achievement, to reach higher grounds. He has shown the way, we must follow.

And because of all his qualities, because of the life he lead, America has written for Roosevelt an epitaph, sterling in its simplicity, fraught with meaning; from out of the heart of the American people have come the words, "Theodore Roosevelt, American."

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