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ALMA LOSES OPENER

Alma Outhits and Outfields Orchard Lake but Loses

UNIVERSITY WINS

Hardest Game Ever Played on Ferry Field. Alma Plays Good Ball

Impenetrable gloom measured by the distressing dimensions of 14 and 8 shrouded the official opening of the 1913 baseball season for Alma college and spiked the fond hopes of a spotless record for this year. In a mix-up, rich in hitting and variegated fielding, the team representing the Orchard Lake seminary administered a rather emphatic defeat on Captain Myers' proteges by the above-mentioned tally. Little importance need be attached to this summary punishment, for the Poles would hardly be classified collegiate baseball players. Their scope of activity is much wider than Alma's and the varsity put a really very creditable battle; in view of the fact that but two weeks had been allotted them by the weatherman to get in shape for the initial contest. Brilmyer, who pitched the game against the seminary was facing a prepossessing array of right handed hitters and could not pitch very effectively against them. But in spite of the fact that the score refuses to indicate it as such, the invaders from the northern school outhit Orchard Lake and out-fielded them. Fate decided that Presbyterian hits and bobbles should come at most inauspicious moments; which accounts for the unusual score.

Rogers met the first ball pitched by S. Orlemanski with a vigorous wallop and put Alma in the run column the first thing. A combination of hits and errors sent Phillips across the platter with one more. The Poles responded quite cordially and within a few moments had amassed nine runs. This array of points which the seminary lads gained was much influenced by two healthy home runs which Zielezinski effected. A pond bordering the playing field was the receptacle for these long hits which would otherwise have been trapped by Alma's vigilant outfielders.

Goodrich and Simenton held down their stations during the cannonading in a highly approved manner though the team as a whole showed the effects of too little practice. Rogers with four hits and two pilfered bases and Bartol with much the same record stood out prominently.

The two best college pitchers in the state, met last Wednesday afternoon in the hardest baseball battle that the University of Michigan has engaged in for some moons and the representative mound artist from Alma college was beaten after nine airtight innings by the score of 4 to 1. Sisler and "Our Freddie" were the opponents in the historic struggle, the former a left hander and the latter claiming right side delivery.

A long southern trip during which the best colleges and universities in Dixie were met and vanquished had put the University baseball machine

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PRESIDENT BLAISDELL'S EASTERN TRIP.

President Blaisdell recently returned from a trip to New York and other eastern points. He was "seeking information that might help Alma," as he phrased it.

At Detroit on Wednesday evening, April 2, he attended the annual reunion of the Detroit alumni. Present, 32 loyal supporters, as follows: Carrie Neilson, Arthur B. Henderson, Stanley A. Graves, Edna M. Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Tomes, Madam Tomes, Roy R. Campbell, Dr. A. R. Moon, Nellie Franklin, Frank R. Hurst, Frances Stevens Sanderson, Mary Mitchell Wagner, Fred R. Perry, Prof. J. T. Ewing, Prof. A. P. Cook, Frances Mitchell, T. B. Stitt, Marian A. Paddock, Selma O. Hahn, H. O. Whittemore, C. Therry, C. A. Snyder, Norman E. Coan, Wm. Born, J. E. Webber, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Webber, Wm. Chamberlin, Beatrice B. Jackson, Lillian M. Jackson, Prof. J. E. Mitchell, Ira M. Hatch of Chicago, Alice R. Marsh, and the President.

The toasts were alive; the interest was boiling; the evening was all enjoyable. The Detroit alumni were more closely cemented than ever before to their alma mater by a motion, unanimously passed, to contribute a scholarship to the college next year.

On April 4, the New York alumni, eleven strong, banquetted at the Hotel Marseille. Not a large number, but filled with enthusiasm. They too voted a scholarship. Present: William Winton and Mrs. Winton, Donna Irene Hill, Frederick J. Souie, John T. Marchmont, Israel Himelhoch, Hermann N. Morse, E. Blake MacDonald, John Y. Broek, and Ira M. Hatch, besides the President. Other alumni met in New York by President Blaisdell were E. C. Marsh, holding down an official chair in the great MacMillan publishing house, C. E. Blanchard, chief of the business office of the "Continent," and W. B. Robinson, "court man" of his law firm on Wall street.

Do Alma men make good? Any one attending these two re-unions can give only one answer. They do. Alma is turning out an efficient product.

A visit to the General Education Board brought out the criticism that Michigan seems to have too many colleges, and that Alma is not in the student-furnishing part of the state, but they stand ready to consider carefully any request made of them by our trustees. The Carnegie Foundation feels that Alma pays its professors and instructors too small salaries to secure first-class men and women. They forget the missionary spirit; but their criticism is just. Alma does pay salaries disgracefully

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PIONEER OPEN HOUSE.

The annual open house at Pioneer Hall was held Saturday evening, Apr. 12, thus again "Old Pioneer" took on its yearly polish. It is cleaned up this often, regardless of whether it is needful or not. But, by the way, the fellows went at it, especially the Freshmen. It seemed slightly needful.

The invitation was issued to the faculty and students and a goodly number of both were present and again the Hall was livened by the merry laugh of the Co-ed, as some kind admirer led her about to inspect the rooms and partake of the refreshments. Occasionally some Freshman girl would exclaim, "Oh, how perfectly clean! How much more homelike it would be if the girls would only keep their rooms like these."

A special program for the evening was arranged by the fellows, consisting of take-offs on Mr. Bleamaster's class in physical education and on the students and faculty, in the nature of lantern slides, made by Landon and Goodrich, which were as big as life and twice as natural. The company was especially favored by a few readings and jokes by Mr. Bendell.

When the proper time for dispersion came the Co-eds were led safely home, declaring themselves overjoyed in being able to participate in this annual festivity.

TENNIS CLUB.

Last Thursday a number of students and some of the faculty met in the college chapel and organized a Tennis club with the following officers, viz:

President—Allen Hooper.
Vice-President—Ruth M. Cook.
Secretary-Treasurer, Business Manager and a few other things—Lester von Thurn.

This is something new for Alma college, but much interest has already been manifested and great results are to be expected. Tournaments are to be arranged for soon with other colleges. Much is being done for the improvement of the tennis courts. Prof. Warner and Mr. Barton spent Friday afternoon on them, thus adding much to the appearance of the courts.

Mr. Algier Wood called on Miss Jackson in Detroit last week.

Foster Peaker was a welcome visitor about the college last week.

Alma defeated Ferris Institute Friday afternoon by the score of 8 to 3. Story of game in next edition.

Grant Cook, accompanied by J. L. D. B. Landon, attended the Prohibition oratorical contest at Albion Friday evening, April 19. Mr. Cook represented Alma college. A full account of the contest will appear in the next issue.

LECTURE ON BIRDS

Prof. Walter Bradfield Barrows of M. A. C. Speaks in Chapel

LARGE AUDIENCE

Hears Interesting Address Given Under Auspices of Science Club

A large and appreciative audience greeted Professor Walter Bradford Barrows, of Michigan Agricultural College at the college chapel on last Monday evening. Professor Barrows lectured on Michigan birds and illustrated his "talk" with a fine series of lantern slides. Dr. Blaisdell introduced the speaker in a happy manner, congratulating the Science Club on its former lecture by Dr. MacCurdy, of Yale University, and assured the audience that the lecture for the evening would be equally enjoyable.

In his introduction, Professor Barrows said that he proposed to "talk" to his hearers about birds and show them illustrations first of winter birds and then some spring migrants followed by later arrivals, and finally give some examples of protective coloration as shown by some of our birds. The winter birds are permanent residents, but are more often seen in winter because other birds are not present then. Some of these birds are, Nuthatchers, Downy Wood-pecker, Brown Creeper, Chickadee, Free Sparrow, Blue Jay, Crow, Great Horned Owl, and others. All of these were described in a most interesting manner and appeared as much at home on the slide and screen as they do in their winter quarters. The Crow and the Great Horned Owl were not highly complimented for their habits. The Crow may be taken at any time of the year by sportsmen.

The early spring migrants include many of our most interesting birds, bringing with them the promise of spring and a message from the southland. The Grackle, the Song Sparrow, the Golden Crowned Kinglet, the Jingo, the Phoebe, the House Wren, the Purple Martin, the King Fisher, the Horned Lark, the Gold Finch, the Meadow Lark, the Brown Thrasher, and others in procession through the advancing spring. The nesting habits, feeding grounds and home life of the birds were interestingly described. The Purple Martin should be encouraged by having suitable homes in sufficient numbers to accommodate the whole colony. They will then take up their summer quarters together.

Among the latest arrivals are the Wood Warblers, the Fly Catchers, the Thrushes—Wood Thrush and Wilson's Thrush or Veery—the Rose-Breasted Grosbeak, and the Veery. The Wood Warblers are small birds which move actively about among the small branches of trees eating all manner of insect materials. They are with us but a few days and are then off for a summer home farther north. The Rose-Breasted Grosbeak, whose song is one of the sweetest and varied in all the woods, is to be seen about the middle of May. The Wood Thrush and the Veery are famous

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Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. DATES.
 Wednesday evening, Apr. 23, Union prayer meeting at chapel. Miss G. McCracken, leader.
 Sunday, April 24, Y. W. C. A. Miss Alice Kennedy, leader. Topic: "God's Ways."

ALMA LOSES OPENER.
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In grand shape for the opening game on Ferry Field and the best battle front attainable was presented the Presbyterians. A crowd of major league size was present to see the locals in action; no less than four thousand were cheering the Yellow and Blue to victory and it was a crowd that was well aware of the fact that the least relaxation of fight on the part of their favorites meant victory for the smaller school. The intensity of feeling in the stands permeated the spirits of the players and the exhibition of the national pastime which they furnished will remain a landmark in college baseball annals.

The weatherman put his stamp of approval on the game by providing ideal baseball weather. This did much to enliven the game.

Michigan scored in the opening frame after Bell had slammed a hit for two cushions and Sisler had encoored with added emphasis; only pulling up at third base. But he expired there when Freddie began to put on the brakes. Rogers of Michigan added another point in the second inning after he had singled and had been sent on the rest of his journey to the home plate by two sacrifice hits. Bell tolled again in the next inning. A missed third strike gave him accession to first base. An unlucky error permitted him to enjoy the privileges of third base and a well executed squeeze play allowed him to score a moment later.

The energetic Bell scored again after he had reached first on an error, scored on a mix-up after Freddie had captured Sisler's pop fly and tossed the ball to the unoccupied first base, and a hit by Lavans to right garden.

In the same inning with two down and Alma's hopes still farther down, Myers stroled to the initial corner of the diamond after receiving a donation of four balls. Rogers immediately injected the only Alma hit of the day into play and sent Myers to third. With a catching error of

Myers gave the midget invited a chance to catch him napping and the midget, a player of like name, accepted the challenge. So anxious was the ball sacker to catch Rogers doing that he juggled the ball long enough to allow Myers to skip home with the lone tally for the Presbyterians.

The curtain was drawn on further score making, but for six more innings the hottest struggle imaginable was going on between the rival teams, with Myers and Sisler leading the way. The latter was in beautiful form and with the exception of Rogers' interruption in the third he was enormously strong with hits and was absolute master of the situation. Twelve times Alma men strode up to the plate and strolled back again after beating out the umpire's three severe checks. The Michigan men also retired by the strike-out rule. Nine of their pitchers took part in their efforts to solve the riddle of Rogers' twisters.

Vogt was favored with a hit in the leg line, and he took it to the plate of the home team. He was nearly annihilated by the latter essay, and he was sent from the realm of the living to the manufacturer's plant, though the crowd added somewhat to his stature during the first inning of the contest.

Several other players were injured. An error by the Michigan pitcher, Rogers, in the eighth inning, sent the Yellow and Blue to the front of the home plate. Rogers, who had been in the game since the first inning, he said, "The old heads are looking after the game and we are unafraid in the conclusion that we did some things of our own that will bring us still there." Most complimentary to Alma is the fact that Michigan recognizes this by giving Alma the only place occupied on her schedule by a small college of Michigan.

The score:

ALMA.		AB	R	H	O	A
Rogers, 2	.....	4	0	1	2	2
Phillips, 1	.....	3	0	0	10	0
Vogt, c	.....	4	0	0	8	2
McCloy, r	.....	4	0	0	1	1
Wood, m	.....	4	0	0	1	0
Goodrich, s	.....	2	0	0	0	1
Siminton, 3	.....	3	0	0	1	2
Schultz, 1	.....	3	0	0	0	0
Myers, p	.....	1	1	2	2	0
Totals	.....	30	1	2	36	13

MICHIGAN

Saier, 1	.....	4	2	3	0	0
Cory, r	.....	3	2	2	0	0
Bell, m	.....	4	1	0	1	1
Sisler, p	.....	4	1	1	1	1
Lavans, s	.....	4	1	1	1	1
Rogers, c	.....	4	1	1	1	1
Baker, 3	.....	4	1	1	1	1
McQueen, 2	.....	4	1	1	1	1
Howard, 1	.....	4	1	1	1	1
Hughit, 2	.....	4	1	1	1	1
Weber, r	.....	4	1	1	1	1
Totals	.....	31	4	6	27	12

Errors—Cory, Lavans, 2; Rogers, Vogt, Goodrich, Siminton, Myers, 2.
 Two-base hits—Bell, Lavans.
 Three-base hits—Sisler. Sacrifice hits—Lavans, Howard, Phillips.
 Double plays—McQueen to Howard; McCloy, Goodrich and Rogers. Left on bases—Michigan, 5; Alma, 3. First base on balls—Sisler, 3. First base on errors—Michigan, 4; Alma, 2. Hit by pitcher—Goodrich. Struck out—By Sisler, 12; by Myers, 9. Passed ball—Vogt. Time—1:45. Umpire—York.

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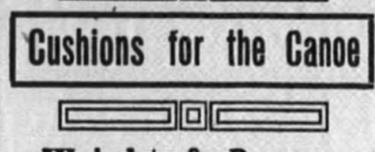


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PRESIDENT BLAISDELL'S
EASTERN TRIP
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low. They must be raised, is President Blaisdell's assertion. A widely known philanthropist concluded his advice to President Blaisdell with the dictum, "You must not expect strangers to show enthusiasm for Alma until your home folks, Michigan's wealthy men, show their interest and confidence by giving liberally to the institution." That sounds reasonable. What can Alma alumni and friends do about it?

President Blaisdell brought back as the strongest impression of his trip the necessity of efficiency if a man or woman would succeed. The college must give this, must develop it, if the college is to do its duty.

ALMA LOSES DEBATES.

Two very hard fought debates were put up by Alma debating teams Friday evening, April 11. The negative went to Olivet and Hope came here to compete with Alma's affirmative.

From the opening speech to the end of the last rebuttal intense was the enthusiasm of each speaker having the perfect attention of the audience through the whole debate.

A rousing mass meeting was held in the chapel Friday noon which served as a great stimulus to the debaters.

Cole opened the debate for the affirmative with a very strong speech. Following him came Mr. Dame, who opened the negative for Hope. Next came Misenar, who was at his best and showed well his ability as a debater. He was followed by Debour.

Lester von Thurn replied for the affirmative. Mr. Denotts closed the constructive argument.

In the rebuttals, Dame for Hope and von Thurn for Alma closed the debate.

This part of the debate was very exciting. Von Thurn was wide-awake on the subject, also was Mr. Dame. Von Thurn was Alma's main strength. Hope won by a unanimous decision. Though Alma had a strong team and debated well, she feels that Hope fairly defeated her.

The negative team journeyed to Olivet last Friday, the 11th, and was defeated, as was the affirmative at home, by a unanimous decision.

Olivet speakers were Messrs. Cobb, Cowles and Howe. Each one gave a good, convincing speech, but it is conceded that the result of the debate was determined by the fine rebuttal speech of Mr. Howe. Alma, was represented by Messrs. Kennedy, Kolvoord and Hyde; Kolvoord having the rebuttal. Professor Miller, who acted as chairman, declared that it was the most dignified debate ever held in Olivet. A reception was held in the college library after the debate and Alma's men report that they were treated royally. The judges were Professors Johnston and Ryder of M. A. C., and Mr. Hatch, a lawyer of Marshall.

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A Call From the Wilds.

Miss Allen (at the dinner table)—
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do you like best?"

Miss Bjoin—"Football, my dear,
most certainly."

Margaret's Lamentations.

I can not wear the old hair
I wore some months gone by.
I've laid it on the topmost shelf
With many a weary sigh.
No longer are they wearing puffs,
And rats are quite de trop;
I cannot wear the old hair—
Oh, what a cruel blow!

I can not wear the old hair,
For which good gold I paid.
Red hair is so expensive when
One gets the proper shade.
I felt so dreadful when it was coiffed,
All little puffs and curls;
But I can't wear the old hair,
Alas for Fashion's whirls!

I can not wear the old hair,
Four switches I must buy
And wind them round and round my
head
As flat as they will lie.
My face is far too spare for this;
My nose is much too long;
But I can't wear the old hair,
It's altogether wrong.

Regarding Chickens.

Biff—"John, what breed of chick-
ens do you like best?"

J. L. D. B. L.—"Well now all kinds
seemingly have their merits. The
white one are the easiest to find, but
I find the black one are easiest to
hide after you get them."

Adamant.

Leon—"Jack, do you know that
there are a lot of girls who don't
never intend to get married?"

Frost—"Why, no, Leon; how did
you find out?"

Leon—"I've proposed to several."

When the Hobble's on the Help.

Mrs. Fancher—"What does this
mean, Miss Hanel? You know you
should be back at ten o'clock."

Clara—"I am very sorry. It's the
fault of my new skirt. I had to take
such short steps that it took longer
than I expected to get home."

A large number of the students at-
tended the lectures by Mr. W. S. Hall
on Sex, at the Methodist church, Sun-
day afternoon, given under the aus-
pices of the Y. M. C. A. These lec-
tures by Mr. Hall were rare treats to
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song birds and most of them go
somewhat farther north, but many
still find suitable nesting grounds in
this part of the state. The Warbling
Vireo's song is with us throughout
the early summer and can be heard
in the trees along the streets.

As an example of protective color-
ation, the Plumiger and the Grouse
are noted instances and only a trained
eye can locate them when in favor-
able surroundings.

In closing, Professor Barrows said
that while the birds are of great value
from an economic point of view, their
greatest service is that they are his
companions through the seasons ren-
dering an aesthetic and cultured ser-
vice of immeasurable value.

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gether several complete sets of its
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and friends to search their archives
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these is wanted to fill out sets which
are complete except for them. If
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mensely.

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expect to sail from New York, May
10, arriving in New York again July
21st.

With my best wishes and hopes for
your continued success, I am,

Cordially yours,
DAVID A. JOHNSON.

NEWS ITEMS.

Owing to the fire in Mr. Water-
man's store Thursday evening, the
Glee club postponed their entertain-
ment for an indefinite time. Next
Monday and Tuesday evenings the
club gives entertainments in Bay City
and Caro.

Harold V. Wilcox made a business
trip to Chicago over Sunday.

Messrs. Joe Kennedy and Charles
Button gave an excellent entertain-
ment in Ashley last Wednesday even-
ing. The opera house was well filled.
Mr. Kennedy is winning great fame
as a reader. Mr. Button has an ex-
cellent tenor voice and sings in a
pleasing manner.

President Blaisdell is daily receiv-
ing letters of commendation for the
Glee club on their fine work while on
their ten days' tour.

The Almanian staff received a card
stating that Miss Grace Ellis who
was graduated from the Academy of
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