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## "GYM" EXHIBITION

Given in New High School Gymnasium

SAT. EVE., APRIL 19TH

Great Credit Due Miss Henrietta Bjorn, Physical Director.

A large audience greeted the girls at their gymnastic exhibition given in the new high school gymnasium Saturday evening, April 19.

Every girl put forth her greatest effort thus making each event a great success. The way in which they performed their parts showed the patient practicing they had done during the year and especially the last ten weeks.

Miss Bjorn certainly showed her ability as physical director by the manner in which the girls were trained. Each event plainly showed her thoroughness in training and much credit is due her.

The first number on the program was the Grand March, in which all the girls, attired in their regular gym suits, participated.

The dances given by the little people of the city were well received by all and added much to the evening's entertainment.

The "Four Dance," "Portland Fancy," and "Swedish Weaving," given by the Freshmen and Sophomores, was well performed by each member and was met with a hearty applause by the whole audience.

One of the special features of the entertainment was the solo dance, "Gambou" and "Irish Lilt," by Miss Bessie Fuller. The skillful manner in which she danced showed a great deal of practicing on her part.

The predominant feature of the evening was the "Minuet," by the Rhythm class. The costumes worn by the participants added much to its beauty. So well did the girls take the gentlemen's parts that their ladies almost forgot themselves and thought for once they were dancing with "real men."

It was a very well planned program and through the kindness of the city school board by allowing the class to use the High school gymnasium they were able to give it much more efficiently than in the college gymnasium. The kindness was much appreciated by Miss Bjorn and the class.

The receipts of the evening were about \$20.00. The entire program was as follows:

- Grand March.
- Calisthenics—In Rondel—Freshmen class.
- Waltz Caprice—Sophomore Rhythm class.
- Extension Drill—Freshmen class.
- Dutch Bells—Freshmen class.
- Krakovian Russian Dance, Two-step Glide, Ostend, Waltz Csebogor—Esther Rhodes, Lucile Gardner, Helen Melchers, Caroline Melchers, Woodburn Lamb, Wright Miller, Madeline Miller, Helen Sharrar, Kenneth Miller, Russell Miller.

Four Dance, Portland Fancy, Swedish Weaving—Freshmen and Sophomores.

Five minutes intermission.

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C. W. SIDEBOTHAM.

Madison, Mich., Apr. 24, 1913.

Your request for a letter to the Almanian takes my thoughts back to the time when the Almanian was first established as a monthly. The present paper is far superior to the monthly periodical and permit me to congratulate you and your staff upon the progress that has been made. But the monthly was far better than no paper at all, and I am sure that no college periodical was launched with greater efforts and heartburnings than was Volume 1, No. 1 of the Almanian.

Some of the Student body believed that the College should have a regular publication of some kind. We tried to do a little missionary work with the Faculty along that line but at that time a majority of the Faculty were Republicans of the "stand pat" variety, and they believed that the status quo was the best that could be desired by the College. One of the Faculty suggested that the students might run riot with a paper, and even dare to slip in an occasional joke or two upon some infallible member of the Faculty. It was soon seen that we did not could be expected from that quarter.

Then some of the students determined to make the bold venture to start a paper themselves. When this came to the attention of the Faculty, a committee was appointed which at first discouraged the project, but discovering that the promoters of the idea were a combination of Democrats and Republican "Insurgents" the Faculty committee became progressive itself, and dictated how the paper should be organized and launched. The students were to select the Editor and Business Manager, and the Editor was to appoint his assistant, but all of these had to be confirmed by the Chairman of the Faculty committee.

The election took place and it was discovered that both the Editor and Business Manager were of the group of students that had labored hard and long for the establishment of a paper. Then there did go up a howl. There was imminent danger of the election being set aside by the Faculty committee, who thought the offices should not be given as reward to those who had worked for the establishment of the paper, but should be more in the nature of gifts to entice those who had set down to wait while others were working. But a compromise was effected. The Faculty committee feared that I was to be appointed Assistant Editor, but I promised not to accept, because I had been one who had agitated the founding of the paper. The first issue was dedicated to the Freshman class, and I was permitted to compose a short verse of dedication, provided that it should be published anonymously. So the paper was launched, and has had a vigorous existence ever since. The Almanian of to-day would do credit to any college with a student body twice the size of Alma.

Sometimes students would like to know what lines of work the older students found most beneficial. So far as mental discipline is concerned I received the best training from foot ball. This was due partly to the fact

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MISS JANE MULLENBACH.

The following article is taken from the Madison Herald. Miss Mullenbach's friends in Alma are glad to know that she still retains that progressive spirit which she always manifested while in Alma.

At the home of Miss Cara Mullen last Monday evening, Miss Jane Mullenbach, of Chicago, at present teaching German in the city high school, gave a delightful talk before the ladies of the Current Event club on art and sociology, two of the studies taken up by this club. Miss Mullenbach selected for her subject the Briux plays, at present so much talked about, one of which was given for the first time in New York last month, and this week will be presented before President Woodrow Wilson and Congress, hoping thereby to interest them in enacting better laws on the subject dealt with in the plays, and which promises to be one of the greatest educational movements brought forward in America.

Miss Mullenbach not only studied art but the social condition of Europe for several years and since then has continued the work in Chicago and the Michigan University. Monday night she proved herself a student and deep thinker in reviewing the Briux plays, first from an artistic and then a social standpoint. She thinks the plays better reading than acting and not pleasant dramas, not at all dramatic in the proper sense of the word, but from an educator's standpoint more constructive than destructive, though portraying a part of life in a bold, broad way on the stage that many critics think belongs entirely to the medical clinics.

Miss Mullenbach held the attention of her audience for an hour and a half, after which Mrs. Elizabeth Tron proposed a vote of thanks to her for one of the most instructive and pleasant evenings in the history of the club, and through the President, Mrs. Will Clements, Miss Mullenbach was invited to become an honorary member of the club during her stay in Madison.

The school board is to be congratulated in securing the services of so highly educated and talented a teacher to serve on their already excellent staff that Madison has already been proud of, believing that there are none better in the state.

### STUDENTS RESOLUTIONS.

The students are thoroughly aroused over the question of Sunday baseball. Last Wednesday the fellows discussed it for several hours and drew up a few resolutions stating their opposition to it. Wednesday evening a mass meeting of all the students was held in the college chapel. They voted unanimously to adopt the resolutions drawn up in the morning—that hereafter no student who has played Sunday ball will be allowed to represent Alma college in any athletic contest whether it is M. I. A. A. or not. The faculty heartily endorsed this action by the students, realizing that it was a great step on the part of the students toward clean athletics.

Miss Bertha Bielby of Lake City is visiting her sister, Margaret, at Wright Hall.

## ALMA WINS THREE

Takes Fast Game from Albion by the Score of 2 to 0

FERRIS AGAIN BEATEN

Win Opening Game on Davis Field from Mt. Pleasant.

With nonchalant humor, "Lefty" McCloy showed discriminating taste in a baseball game, which Alma won from Albion Thursday afternoon by the score of 2 to 0, and opened up his heart to the extent of allowing his hosts two measly hits in the first intercollegiate game of the season. The initial baseball contest looked none of the pugacity usually attendant upon these affairs with Albion and ripping baseball characterized the whole two hours of play. Emmons was in right good form, beseating but four safe singles, but his competitor, McCloy, was just half as liberal. In addition to his parsimony with the bats, Alma's premier southpaw struck out nine opponents.

All of the rousing was confined to the fourth inning. Wood strilled with a base on balls and was followed by Brümmer who reached first through the oversight of a nervous catcher. At this juncture a Presbyterian rookier spilled some nitro into the Methodist camp. The offender was Bahke, who lobbed a long single to centerfield and allowed both of his predecessors to score. Nothing further was accomplished along the scoring line.

Yogi caught a pretty game and was a valuable helpmate to McCloy. Simonson and Phillips pulled off some fine plays which did much to wreck Albion's hopes. Apparently Brümmer couldn't stoop to petty larceny for he only pilfered three bases. Wood and Simonson also gained extra legs by the stolen base route. Captain Dockie played a good holding game with a perfect record in ten chances.

Political differences and friendships did not enter into oblivion Friday afternoon when Captain Myers ushered Alma's diamond crew to a clean victory over the Governor's baseballers at Big Rapids. A ratio of 4 to 3 decorated the scoreboard at the end of the festival with the visitors from Alma town possessing the long end of the result.

Three fine, opportune and aptly placed, gave Ferris Institute the lead immediately after the dedicatory services and made the contest look ominous from the start. However, the heavy artillery on the Presbyterian roster rushed post haste to the rescue and speedily knit the game safely away. Rogers, as usual, exercised his bloodgrain with pleasing frequency and tapped three safe hits; Yetex, and Phillips abetted the Alma cause with two safe blows apiece.

For a team which has had the advantages of little coaching the Ferris Institute representatives put up a scrappy fight, and had the visitors going at top speed throughout the fracas. Though not pitching the sort of game that nearly rocked Ann Arbor, "Our Freddie" was in good form

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May 8—Albion at Alma.  
May 16—Lecture by Dr. Notestein at Presbyterian church.  
May 17—Olivet at Alma.

**Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. DATES.**

Y. M. C. A., Sunday, May 4, 8:45 a. m. Leader, Bryson McCloy.  
Union Prayer Meeting, April 30, 6:45 p. m. Missionary meeting—Leader, Earle Woodruff.

**PROHIBITION CONTEST.**

The Michigan Intercollegiate Prohibition association held its annual convention and contest at Albion, April 18 and 19, the contest being held the evening of the 18th. There were five schools in the contest, as follows:

The Decree of the Century—Henry Jacobs, Hope.  
The Strength and Strategy of the Liquor Traffic—Guy Fox, Albion.  
Make Michigan Dry—Ward I. Lyons, Adrian.  
The Reward for Service—Grant L. Cook, Alma.  
The Saloon in Society—Frank Lee, Spring Arbor.

The first prize of \$25 and the honor of representing Michigan in the Eastern Inter-state contest was won by Henry Jacobs of Hope. The second prize of \$15 went to Guy Fox of Albion, while Grant L. Cook of Alma won third place. While decisions of the judges were being counted the National President, D. L. Colvin, gave a brief outline of the work of the Intercollegiate Prohibition association.

The convention was called to order shortly after two p. m., Friday, by President McIlvenna of Albion. After an opening prayer by Secretary-Treasurer Kingsley of Adrian, President McIlvenna made the opening address, setting forth the purpose of the Intercollegiate prohibition association. He discussed the political position of the liquor interests concluding with the statement that the distinct purpose of the I. P. A. was to stimulate an interest in the prohibition movement among the colleges of America.

The reports of delegates showed the attendance of delegates from all the schools represented in the contest. Later in the session Dr. Demorest of Albion gave an address touching upon the reasons why college

students of America should study the liquor question. He emphasized the fact that prohibition was a live issue, stating that "The last word has not yet been said." He brought out the fact that the settlement of the many other problems before the American public will help to settle the liquor problem. The remainder of the session was taken up in discussing next year's work.

The association convened in a business session at 9:00 Saturday. After the regular business and election of officers, National President Colvin gave an address emphasizing the importance of the study class and the practical service of getting into local option campaign work. This was followed by an informal discussion of methods for more efficient work in the future. The meeting closed by a second address by Mr. Colvin on The Political Situation.

The officers for next year are as follows:

President—O. J. McIlvenna, Albion.  
Vice-President—Fred Johnson, Alma  
Secretary-Treasurer—H. C. Jacobs, Hope.  
Reporter—H. O. Tefft, Spring Arbor.

Alma has reasons to be very proud of Mr. Cook. He stood first in the contest in delivery. Mr. Cook is in his freshman year and has time to develop into a splendid orator before finishing his college course.

This is Alma's first attempt to take part in this great movement and she was honored by election of Fred S. Johnson as vice-president of the association.

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and except for the initial inning was not greatly embarrassed by the gubernatorial hitters.

In a parody on America's premier sport the varsity, with three regulars out of their places, defeated the Mt Pleasant Normal baseballers Saturday afternoon by the score of 14 to 10. A lusty gale in its 'teens made merry about the field and nearly froze the spectators; besides being the direct cause of numerous errors. Extremely good and bad baseball were prominent features of the afternoon's pastime with the former growing more popular as the game progressed.

The Normals had fond hopes of snuffing out the memory of a few reverses which they have received at the hands of Alma athletic teams, by a glorious walloping in baseball and for five innings it looked as if their mental attitude would be realized; but that was for five or six frames only. Slips and unlucky pitching teased them along until the score stood at ten all. And then McCloy did the Blucher stunt and shut them out for the remaining four innings without the semblance of a hit. Meanwhile eight other players were smashing the offerings of two Normal pitchers all over the Presbyterian green sward. Fourteen clear-cut hits were garnered off the invading hurlers and an equal number of runs were scored by the fleet Alma men.

Acceding to the request from the Normal coach that Myers refrain from participating in the contest. Coach Bleamaster sent Goodrich to the mound. A raw wind spoiled most of the curves which he proffered the pedagogues and they enjoyed a festival of run making. Errors contributed dolefully to the Normals' count and little snap was exhibited until the game was at the prime of life. But the showing made during the closing innings was quite creditable.

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of the high intellectual attainments of our coaches. So far as educational training was concerned, C. W. Allen, who was the coach my senior year, was, I believe, the best trained man in Gratiot county. And he was a genius in intellectual resourcefulness. It was a rare mental stimulus to be privileged to work with him.

Next in importance to foot ball, came the literary society. The clashing of wits in debate, the preparation of orations, and the society "scraps" forced me to exert myself from a mental standpoint as was never necessary in any of the class rooms.

It is a pleasure to notice the improvements that have been made at Alma since my day. I am always interested in all that pertains to Alma's progress. In fact all her old students are. Old memories are dear, but they are not so dear, by far, as the dreams we have of Alma's future. And I believe that the dreams are visions, and are to become real.

With best wishes,  
C. W. SIDEBOTHAM.

**NEWS ITEMS.**

Louis S. Brooke, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Howell for the past twelve years and alumni and trustee of Alma college, has steadily advanced the work in his congregation and now is preparing to erect a new and modern edifice. Sixty members have been added to the church in the past year.

Rev. David Howell, D. D., a trustee of Alma college, after serving the Synod of Michigan for twenty years as Synodical Superintendent of Home Missions, has resigned his position. He is now pastor of the Dimondale church, and is conducting an adult Bible class of fifty members who thoroughly enjoy the results of his experience.

Mr. M. O. Robinson, cashier of the People's Savings bank of Traverse City, visited his daughters, Miss Robinson and Ruth, last week.

Harry Schultz, Carol Hyde, Lester von Thurn and John Landon compose the Gospel team which is working at Belding this week.

Grant Cook spent the week end with his people at Brant, Michigan.

Miss Clara Hanel was out of town on business a few days this week.

Miss Marion Rounsifer has been engaged to teach science and mathematics in the Eaton Rapids schools for the coming year.

Mr. William A. Ewing has accepted a position in the Charlevoix high school as history and civics instructor and coach.

Book Agent (approaching the administration building)—"Say, stranger, what's all that black and green paint around on these buildings and sidewalks for?"

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