

## ALMA MEETS DOUBLE

## DEFEAT IN DEBATE

## Affirmative Team Falls To Hope Men at Home, and Olivet Wins Over Negative.

The annual Alma-Hope-Olivet intercollegiate debating season has closed once again, but with the Alma teams at the shorter end of the list. Hope won two debates, defeating Olivet at Holland, and Alma at Alma; Olivet defeating Alma at Olivet, thus winning one debate, and Alma failing to come out successful in either one. However, there is no disgrace in defeats such as were those of Alma's last Friday night, for there is no doubt but that both teams made their opponents step right up to the mark in their work, and the result, altho unfavorable to Alma, was in both cases fair.

The Alma-Hope debate was held in the college chapel, before a fair crowd of people, many of the down-town people being among the audience. Dean Mitchell acted as chairman of the evening, and Mr. Clinton Seeley sang "Mother Machree" as a solo at the beginning of the evening's meeting. The question for debate was, "Resolved, That with respect to immigration the United States should accord to the citizens of China and Japan the same treatment that is accorded to the citizens of European nations." In every way the arguments were well met, but the Alma men seemed to show their superiority when it came to the rebuttal speeches. Hope had excellent set speeches for the debate proper, but when it came to the rebuttal they were weaker than was to be expected of them.

Captain Linton Melvin, who debated against Hope last year at Hope, opened the debate, by giving a brief history of the question, showing how the treaties of the United States with China and Japan were unjust, and that many of them had been broken. The issue of the question was discrimination, he stated. He endeavored to prove that the Japanese and Chinese people would assimilate if they were given a chance. The speaker closed with an appeal for the United States to hold fast to the principles of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the country in dealing fairly with all men. Mr. Melvin's speech was filled with fire and enthusiasm, and he seemed to have his speech well in hand.

Captain Brower led the work of the negotiation in an eloquent manner. With ease and fluency of language he painted pictures and outlined the policy of the negative. He claimed that the immigration of the Chinese and Japanese into this country would be disastrous economically and morally. Beverly next spoke, and started out by answering briefly the statements of his opponent. His contention was that Japs and Chinese would assimilate if they were but given the chance, but that the people of the United States would not give these people a fair treatment. He showed that the American government was not living up to its ideals and those of the Constitution when it is not giving to all men the chance to prove "that all men are created equal, and free in the sight of God." He then offered a plan for the betterment of the present system of immigration which would remedy the existing evils. Altho Mr. Beverly got his words mixed up a little thru the rapidity of his speaking, yet his work was good, and proved to be very effective. Mr. Van De Meer was the next speaker and he attempted to prove that the Mongolian stock was not assimilable. His arguments were very good, and by his pleasing voice he won the attention of the audience. However, he gave the appearance of not having his speech quite as well in hand as did his colleagues or opponents.

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## YPSI NORMALS

## Alma Will Cross Bats With Teachers Friday.

The Alma college baseball team will meet the strong Ypsi Normal team next Friday afternoon, and a great battle is expected to result with the Teachers.

The Green and White team whaled Olivet to beat, the cars last Friday in the opening game of the season, the tune reading something like 7 to 1, which proves that the Normals have a team that is some class. In Powers, the Teachers have a twirler who can kick the ball some, as the Olivet swat artists were able to garner only four hits during the entire game, and he may prove to be a puzzle for the cohorts of Coach Helmer.

Alma should have had a game before the coming struggle with the Green and White, but because of the Interior Department at Washington, believing that drill was a better thing for the Indians at the present time than baseball, asked that the Mt. Pleasant Redskins cancel their schedule, leaving the men of Helmer without a game before bucking up against such a swatting aggregation as the Normals showed themselves to be in the game with Olivet. The fact that the Normals have had one game, while Helmer's men will go against them with no game, will give the Teachers an edge on Alma, the advantage of having played together in even one game, being no small matter at this stage of the season.

It is rather expected that Coach Helmer will trot all of his three twirlers—Captain Depew, ex-Captain Johnston and Boyne—to the firing line against the invading army next Friday, in order to get a slight line on the way the three men are going. Boyne is one gentleman in particular that Coach Helmer desires to look over, as this lad has been showing great form in practice.

That the game will be a hard fought one, is not questioned and every college student who is a lover of good baseball and who has the good of the team at heart should be present to cheer on Coach Helmer's men, when Alma opens the season Friday.

## SPRING SONG

Sing a song of spring-time,  
A college full of brains  
And dusty, dry, old volumes,  
Even when it rains.  
When the days grow warmer  
The Pine begins to lure,  
While crusty, old professors  
Seek vainly for a cure.  
They soak us with long lessons,  
They lay down law and rule,  
But Honeyoye and Prexy's woods  
Draw us away from school.  
A Social Life Committee  
Must needs be up on deck,  
Watching every movement  
And craning its poor neck!  
Composed of staunch law-givers  
"Jimmie" and the like,  
Prof. West who meets you in his  
Ford  
When you're off on a hike,  
Miss Conyne too, who'd a thank it,  
And she with a beau all her own!  
Takes part in this horrid committee  
'Tis enough to make stones groan.  
Dean Roberts of course is on the  
spot,  
But what else could she do?  
With all the cares and worries  
Of the woman who lived in a shoe.  
So sing a song of spring-time,  
The merriest of the year.  
About fussy profs we should worry,  
Let's just be glad we are here!  
My brain is fuzzy,  
My poor head is weak,  
An attempt of poetry  
Mayes my radiator squeek!  
Good night!

You should have seen "Cawkey" attending to conjugate "reservoir," under the remarkable impression that it was a French verb.

No man can be as tough as a week's growth of beard makes him look.

If you eat young onions don't breathe it to a soul.—Ex.

New Fables  
in Names

## A STORYLETTE

Yas, yas, now just you lay right back there agin and rest yo little head. Of course I se a gwine to tell yer a story. Hush now. Now ready. Yas.

Well, once upon a time, a long, long time ago, in de early spring dis was, when the earth had been Brown, but now de Green grass Rose in all its glory; we Ried of Howe LaReine fell upon De Roussie. De peoples everywhere was at der labers and bime by a nice day come along and der peoples think "Ardis de day to McKay when de sun shines," for the sun was so hot it was like to Burnett up. Now den de peoples have to have chop for to feed to der stock, so de Blackman Tuck Jackson to der Milligan. De Gates were opened and den dat little Goodwillie sez, "Gosch" en hofer in. Now der was a stream near by in front of der mill where it crossed behind and de fishes were all so playful. I ain't neber bin told but I has sneaky suspishuns jest like all us colored white folks has at times. Don't you jest Bet-ty Wales and sez, "I Waniger fishin?" Well, that's jest perackly what de did, my chile. But Josephine(d) the Batie he used was no good, so they Dunham up and dey Boer him across de Ward and Tatroe him over de fence to de Cooper.

De next day de sky was a Dyer Ballou and dey find it berry necessary to go to de town. De Genelman got out dat he might Foote it to de Hall to meet wit der council. During his absence and before he had returned some peoples come along. Pauline(d) against der Mitchell car while I rested Mashin on de fender and sez, "Whats de matter ob der injun? Did you Kellar?" Den de man came out agin and mit the Beck of his head in our direction he took us to another place where dey put several ob der heads together and dey Hatch up a plot whereby dey is a gwine to arsk de Parsons to a swell high bumptuous dinner.

So de berry next day at noon when de solemnified preachers has gathered themselves to gather to partake of meat, de decon (Y)Ellsworth than a berry bad chile dat he is hungry and ef dey don't eat now de Egg'll be ston(e) cold so Muriel(ed) Vi(o)let him Dewitt now. Dey hang der coats and hats and mittens on de Pegs and der Deacon sez, "Jennings, serve up de food." Den dey up and Vogt to let der oldest and most presumshuous of dat all assembly fer to preside at de head of de bored. Dey all took der places, and chile, to dis day I can't explain but dey all ebry last one of dem personages rolled dey eyeballs and foled dere hands across front of them as though de sight of them air victuals had a affected their centers of gravity already. Well, in a minute or two dey puts Bibbs around der necks all 'cept one high and mighty flown rascal who was as I sed presidin elder at the partition of de food. He raised hisself up and sez, "I'll hab Nunn of dis yere tomfoolery." Well, all thru the eatin proceshun he acted ornery like and kept a watchful eye de whole length and Bretz of de room. He acted jest like he was in the Layer of some wild beasts till all to once he bent Low (and) pick(ed) something from off de floor. Den he gits 'up and walked hisself over to der pinanner an' sez, "lets sing de Stein song." Jest as he was about to set down he jumps up and sez, "Watkin be der matter with dese Yer-kes?" Den his face gits red like and at last his Irish blood began to git the best of him and Eugene of seen him holler.

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## HIGH SCHOOL TO OPEN

## Baseball Season Will Be Opened With Ithaca High.

On Friday of this week, Coach Vender Zlam will lead Alma high school baseball team against the Ithaca high school team at Ithaca in the opening game of the 1917 season. With only four veterans back for the team this year Coach Vender Zlam has a hard proposition on his hands to pound out a team that will win games, but he is slowly rounding a bunch of men together and the prospects are beginning to look bright for a good team.

The opening game of the season will not be a good test as to what the season will be, owing to the numerous new men that the coach must break in, and it will probably take two or three games to get into good shape. Just what the lineup of the high school team will be for the opening game is a question, as it will depend upon the ability that a number of the new men will show.

## Y. M. AND Y. W. CABINETS

Last Thursday night, the Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A. cabinets met to discuss the different phases of their work for the next year, in an attempt to join their forces and work for the best results together.

Melvin Vender, as president of the Y. M. C. A., presided over the meeting. He reviewed the past work of the two associations, outlined the work of the Y. M. C. A. so that the members of Y. W. might understand better the actual workings of the society, and mentioned several things that the two associations might do together in the furtherance of Christian work in the college. Vernie Green talked especially about the girls' method of carrying on the association and their ideals for the future. Clinton Seeley talked about membership in Y. M. and brought up the idea of prayer meetings. The interest in the prayer meetings has diminished, and plans were suggested for arousing more interest in them. It was suggested that more pains be taken in the selection of attractive and unusual subjects, so that every one might get some new ideas and inspirations from attending the meetings, and that musical programs might occasionally be given. Rowena Rose talked about membership in Y. W. She mentioned some of the things that the association does for new students in the beginning of the year, and expressed the hope that next year all the girls in the Hall and many of them outside might be counted members. Myrddyn Davies gave some more ideas in regard to membership and prayer meetings.

After the business part of the meeting, wafers, slush and coffee were served, and a general good time was enjoyed. The gathering broke up with the determination to have more such meetings in the future, so that the two societies may enlarge their fields, and become even more vital factors in the college than they have been.

## THE THIRD FLOOR LULLABY

Keep low, keep low,  
Maids of the thirdly floor;  
Low, low, Breathe? O no!  
Maids of the thirdly floor.  
Gut in the corridor now don't go,  
Wait till she passes down below.  
Don't slam that door,  
You crazy nut! Wait till the dean gets by.

Laugh and sing, laugh and sing,  
Surely she's passed by now.  
Siam, bang! Make the house ring!  
There will soon be another row,  
Up she will come to the third again,  
Under the bed the dishes fling,  
No beam of light allow—  
Now rest and sleep, rest and sleep,  
no one's awake on third.

Peg Crawford—Just because you like a Lot, Louise, is no sign that I do.

## ZETA SIGMA AND ALPHA

## THETA WERE ENTERTAINED

## The Affiliated Societies Have Happy Party at Mrs. Gaffney's.

Saturday evening, as the town clock shrouded in gloom, murmured that the hour was eight, sixty young people emerged gaily from the extremities of the town, all going in the general direction of the hospital, whose fame had so recently spread abroad, to a house from which windows much welcoming light streamed.

We were greeted, and saw, in the distance, the smiling countenance of one for whose welcome we were gathered. But we must prepare for a nearer view. After much primping by both fraternal groups, attended by an exchange of confidences and powder puffs, we descended to greet our gracious hostess and host, whose place in our ranks has been waiting since he left us for warmer climes, last year. There have been many recruits called to join us during his sojourn and "Russ" spent a large share of the evening getting acquainted with them—especially those in Alpha Theta.

To start the evening right, we rehearsed for "Russ" benefit (at the tops of our voices) the college song. The usual stunts were tried with such excellent spirits that even the after-effects of the river trips were forgotten.

Then into our midst small tables were spirited, around which four chairs were placed, dedicated to two Miss Alpha Thetas and their accompanying Mr. Zeta Sigmas. There were roses for all and dainties to tempt the most critical of epicurian tastes. A fruit cocktail, in which some of "Alma's largest grocery's" choicest strawberries gleamed, was followed by creamed chicken and its host of attendants, olives and radishes were plentiful and the extras were dealt out by lot. Someone said that the upper classmen being used to such affairs, ate even the garnishings to show their approval. Next came ice cream and many cakes that melted in ones mouth and "beautiful" coffee.

The consumation of the sumptuous repast consumed much time, so that before we knew it the limits of our permission were stretched and we must leave, trying in our weak human way, to express to our hostess and hosts our appreciation of the evening.

We, Alpha Theta and Zeta Sigma, welcome "Russ" into our midst, most heartily, and thank Mrs. Gaffney for a most enjoyable evening.

## KRESS ENLISTED

Star Athlete of A. H. S. Joined Army Last Week.

Theodore Kress, better known as "Ted," former Alma high school athlete, and just recently elected captain of the Ithaca high school track team, last week took an examination at the local recruiting office and passed favorably. He will leave this week for Grand Rapids for the final examination.

Kress expects to join the aviation corps, when he has gained sufficient experience. He will enter the signal corps first. Kress not being eighteen was forced to obtain the consent of his parents, which was given.

Until going to Ithaca last fall, Kress was one of the star athletes in Alma high school, and was a member of the football, basket ball and track teams, in all of which he was a star. He was elected to lead the high school track team this spring, but was prevented when his parents moved to Ithaca and he entered Ithaca high school. He was recently elected to lead the track team at the high school because of his known track ability.

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**LOVERS OF THE HYPOTENUSE**

It was proved many years ago that the sum of the squares on the two sides of a right triangle is equal to the square on the hypotenuse. Apparently there are a few with us who are not aware of the fact of the well-established theorem, and are endeavoring to make themselves famous thru it. For their benefit, and incidentally that of the grass, we would suggest that they choose another means of earning a place in the hall of fame. It would be much better for a few to have sore feet from using the walks than the rest to have sore eyes from looking at the sorry sight of the numerous well beaten paths connecting various twos of our campus buildings. Freshmen should not be allowed on the grass and upper classmen should know better.

**FRESHMEN RULES**

Once upon a time, there was in Alma college a class of students called Freshman. Do they still exist? You hesitate to express your opinion, and rightly. It is indeed a debatable question. It may be that in Pioneer Hall the species still exists, but in Wright Hall it has undoubtedly decided to reform its statutes and the only name it can be recognized by now is "Fresh." At the beginning of the school year, it was possible to recognize a Freshman dweller in Wright Hall by slight peculiarities of attire and a humility of demeanor, but the only clue to recognition at present is a "cock-sure-ness" of manner and an all-pervasive selfishness of action that proclaims so proudly that the species delights to be "fresh." It is undoubtedly desirable that some means should be taken to preserve the species intact for the inspection of future generations, that the means they are taking at present forebodes the destruction of the race unless other classes assist in the reformation that is so sorely needed.

In the good old days there used to be what were called Freshman rules, but it seems that the book of rules has been lost, and aside from the men wearing green caps and the girls being decorated for the first week, who can tell of a single rule that has been even partially obeyed?

How many Alma Freshmen have you seen who, when about to pass through a door, stopped to look around and see whether there was an upper classman behind him? Or did any one ever see a group of Freshmen make room for a Junior or a Senior to pass if they happened to be occupying the whole sidewalk or blocking the stairway? We should like to remind the Freshmen that it has been customary to allow the faculty and upper class girls to pass into the dining-room first and that in the absence of the head of the table it is the duty of a Junior or a Sophomore to serve, and on leaving the dining-room to allow the upper classmen precedence. We could enumerate many other offices but we should just like to remind the Freshmen that upper classmen have acquired some wisdom, though it may not appear visible at first sight, and that they do not need advice from Freshmen.

In many colleges there are real rules and it is about time that in Alma rules were formulated and put into print and then enforced, the penalty for disobedience being the loss to the offender of some of his greatly cherished privileges. At Pennsylvania State college, for example, the Freshmen must wear black ties and black socks and are not allowed to wear cuffs on their trousers, are not permitted to use the front entrance of the main building and must not talk to a girl on the campus. At Wooster the Freshmen girls must wear something green in a conspicuous place, all the year, and must be in at 9:45, while upper class girls are allowed 10:00 permission. The wearing of class pins and athletic emblems is strictly against rules. This applies

both to men and women. There are also some rules in regard to library conduct that might be of interest. Any infringement upon the rules as protecting the rights of upper classmen is promptly taken care of by them, and the duties and penalties following are humiliating to say the least.

It is to be regretted that it has been found necessary at this season of the year to speak of rules and regulations, but it is very evident that something must be done to secure for the upper classmen a life that bears some semblance to peace and quiet. For it must be remembered that Wright Hall is not a Freshman dormitory, even if it so impresses the casual observer, on account of the prestige these members seem to take. Respect for upper classmen should be a part of a Freshman's education. Judging by appearances, this element of instruction has been neglected of late, but there is time for them to sadly recall from the dim and distant past, the faint memories of former instruction before it is brought to their minds by some more unpleasant methods.

**THE ORIGIN**

Way, way back in olden times there lived some cruel ogres who despised all youths and maidens.

"Let us kill them, let us destroy them," they would say. And straightway they would kill and destroy and great would be the suffering of all poor lads and lassies. But at length there arose in the land a mighty king who strove to right all wrong. And as he looked over his kingdom and saw all the cruel crimes of these terrible ogres, his heart was filled with sorrow, and he had great compassion for those who suffered. So therefore he wrote a mighty decree which, with a great blare of silver trumpets, he published thruout the whole land.

"Thou shalt not kill or destroy the fair youths and maidens of this, my kingdom," read the decree. And thereupon loud and joyful was the rejoicing of the youths and maids, but awful and bitter was the anger of the ogres.

Now, no sooner had this mighty decree been heard thruout the kingdom than the chief of the ogres, the most wicked of them all, summoned a great assembly. To this assembly came every ogre, and for weeks and weeks they debated. The howls of their rage resounded thruout the whole world, and every youth in the land trembled.

"If we cannot destroy, let us torture," cried the chief. And forthwith they began to debate as to what was the greatest torture in the whole wide world. And when they had debated for many months there arose in the assembly the oldest, most grizzled, and most cunning of them all. "Let us," he shouted, "find an institution that shall be called an 'Institution of Learning,' to which let us persuade foolish parents to send their youth. There we shall have those whom we hate within our power; there we shall torture them by causing them to learn of things about which no one ever knew. Let us make this institution beautiful. Let us build it of brick and place it among green trees and fields and near to a stream that shall be blue and tempting. Let us have smooth glistening floors and many instruments of music. Then let us gather into this institution great numbers of youths and maids, and let us rule them. Let us make them to study most zealously; let us torture them with flunks and conditions. Let us pass rules that shall forbid them to dance, and to sail, and to walk, and even to converse together. O, my friends," finished the old ogre, "to torture is better than to destroy."

And thereupon great was the applause.

Now it so happened that a good little fairy had slipped unto this assembly in disguise and, when the uproar had died away, she then arose and speaking in her loudest voice cried out:

"And why not build a great house and fill it with books, and there make these youths and maids to study two nights out of every week?"

Louder and louder did the ogres applaud.

"That we will do," shouted they, and again did they applaud. And in the mist of this applause the good little fairy, happy in the thought that in the library the youths and maids could whisper if not speak, slipped away. But she was not missed, for, thereupon, the assembly arose and chuckling maliciously, the ogres went away and founded Alma college.

**"LIBRARY METHODS"**

A well-known man from Pioneer One Tuesday night last week Went to the library with his book Expecting his fate to meet. (He met it.)

Now this young man so the saying goes,

Was goaded to desperation; Dame Rumor, 'tis said, had spread the report

That his game was a futile flirtation.

(It wasn't.)

So he stopped to watch with an eager eye,

For all the bright young faces. He sized them up, and he sized them down

As he took in all their graces. (He did.)

But any person with observing eye, Could see the hidden intent

In the glance that was cast upon the lass

Whose head was in studious labor bent.

(Which wasn't.)

The maid arose and crossed the room, Her mind was far from labor;

A glance at the clock, then a glance at the desk,

Oh, now she could surely escape her.

(But she didn't.)

The door was closed, they chuckled with glee,

Because they two were together. She sighted at the night, she must go in,

But he, the rogue, wouldn't let her. (He wouldn't.)

And so these two as they walked about

On the street which seemed deserted,

Had thoughts of work, had thoughts of play,

And things which could not be averted.

(They couldn't.)

The K. G. steps was a resting place

For minds so sorely troubled; As I've said before the night was bright,

Then why should these spirits have grumbled?

(They shouldn't.)

But rules are strict and rules are severe,

Why shouldn't we try to break them?

If the faculty insists, and will not desist

What right have they to blame them?

(They haven't.)

The lights are out, it must be nine,

And to the Hall they hasten; Oh heavens, how calm, how tranquil it is

And yet we see them racing. (We do.)

The steps are reached, they gaze within,

Oh, where is that august lady?

The door goes "tweak," she slips clear thru,

But her safety is still quite shady. (It is.)

Quite disarranged and out of breath

She rushes madly onward; She hears a step, she sees a friendly portal,

To this retreat she plunges madly forward.

(She does.)

So oh ye men of Pioneer,

We hope in perusing this column

You'll see what means of strategy

Are required to successfully fool 'em. (We do.)

**LITTLE BOYS.**

I like ruffled little boys, With collars up standing

And buttons missing; Little boys with rough red cheeks

And freckled noses, And restless hands

That are never still.

I like neat little boys, In Norfolk suits

With white collars and dotted Windsor ties;

Little boys with shining, soapy faces

And slicked back hair, still wet,

And restless hands That are never still.

I like little boys, I love little roomies,

Her coat is so warm; If she don't know I have it, She'll do me no harm.

A Voice—Gladys! what are you doing out there?

Gladys—I'm just looking at the moon, Professor Veatch.

Voice—Well, tell the Moon to go home and come in off that porch. It's half past eleven!

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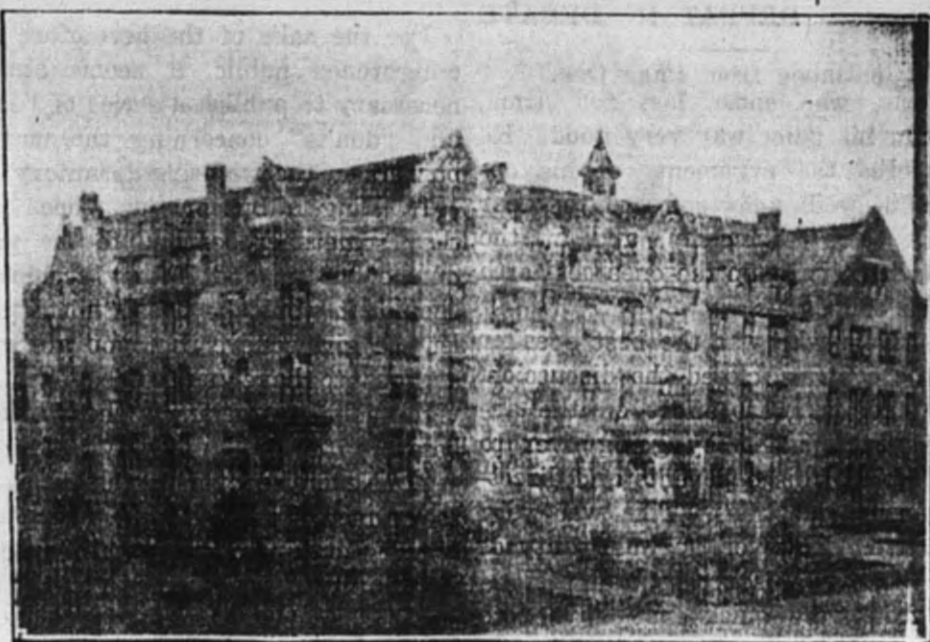
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**ALMA IN RHYME**

They call this street "Superior," and we are walking west;  
The view you get of the setting sun, I think is about the best.  
These railroad tracks that we're crossing, you never will forget;  
The one they call Ann Arbor, and the other "Appear—not yet."  
This man that is coming towards us, is the oldest man on the job;  
He rings the bell for classes, and all of us call him "Bob."  
Do you see those buildings we're nearing—on both sides of the street?  
Well, they belong to Alma—the college that's hard to beat.  
That first building there is the boys' hall,—the name is Pioneer;  
The boys that love that old building are scattered far and near.  
The one right next—the "Ad" building ("Ad" stands for administration)  
Is where they go to their classes, filling Profs with admiration.  
The next building there is a mixture—a Kindergarten and Gym;  
With a studio off in one corner,—the lack of space is a sin.  
The Library building's the next one,—full of books and students too;  
Where they read and write and cram and dig, their classes to get through.  
The Museum stands there so silent, and if it could only tell  
The things that it's heard on this campus of joys and sorrows,—oh well,  
Let's look at the field over yonder,—oh the games that are lost and won;  
But when you think of the field as a whole—Rah! Rah! its fun.  
That house on the corner is Prexy's; I tell you he is a prince;  
And he's got a wife—I met her—I've been for her ever since.  
They've got four boys, and they're fine ones, healthy and happy young  
chaps;  
If we have time and we'd care to,—we might call on them perhaps.  
Now look at our biggest building—our dormitory for girls;  
It houses our precious maidens, lovelier by far than pearls.  
I'll take you in for a minute, and tell you as best I can,  
Why the warmth of the old reception hall is sought by many a man.  
These are two small rooms of reception,—one on each side of the door;  
One has a piano in it—the other newspapers galore.  
Sometimes if the weather's quite chilly, and many seem to call  
Some couples sit in front of the fire, out in the big main hall.  
The Dean has her office yonder, and from what the people say,  
She keeps things pretty level, in her "ever-stick-at-it" way.  
Perhaps you'd like to meet her; we might go in and call,  
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riscale in "The Payment." Also  
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Grant in "The Daughter of Mc-  
Gregor." Also Paramount Pic-  
tograph, "Submarine Gardens."

FRIDAY—Pauline Frederick  
in "The Moment Before." Mrs.  
Vernon Castle in Chapter 7 of  
"Patria."

SATURDAY—Mae Marsh in  
"The Marriage of Molly-O." Al-  
so Keystone Comedy.

SUNDAY—Big special pro-  
duction in 8 reels. "God's Coun-  
try and the Woman." Also  
Chapter 4 of "The Secret King-  
dom."



**PHILOMATHEAN**

Since everyone is showing a new  
interest in America and is feeling a  
desire to know more about our coun-  
try, this semester we have been tak-  
ing up at each meeting the study of  
some particular phase of American  
life. At the regular meeting of Philo-  
mathean Literary society Monday  
evening, April 9th, an interesting pro-  
gram was given on "American Art."  
Roll call was responded to by the  
name of an American artist and  
something about his work. Ellen Do-  
ty gave a very interesting Mentor  
talk on "The Makers of American  
Art." An exceptionally well pre-  
pared and comprehensive paper on  
"America in the World of Art" was  
read by Edith Layer. This program  
was given instead of the expected de-  
bate which was postponed on account  
of the illness of one of the captains,  
but in spite of the short notice, the  
program was very well given.

**WRIGHT HALL GOSSIP**

Josephine Hall went home to Grand  
Ledge for over Sunday. What's the  
news, Jo?  
Adelaide Ballou was in Detroit,  
Pontiac, Howell and Owosso last  
week. She saw many former Alma  
students.  
Nellie Milligan was in the city of  
Breckenridge for over Sunday.  
Margaret Hall was called to Owos-  
so Sunday on account of illness in  
the home of her sister.  
Florence Howe was in Howell over  
the week end visiting Mary and Hazel  
Rubert and her sister, Mary Howe,  
who are spending their spring vaca-  
tion there.  
Bess Brown visited Betty Westover

in Mt. Pleasant this week.

Murrel Netzorg has been absent  
from college all week on account of  
illness.

Lydia and Midge Ressenguie are  
coming back to Wright Hall to live.  
Houses are scarce in Alma, but how  
will they acustom themselves to our  
rules and board?

**GIRLS' GYM**

Miss Hodgson's Sophomore and  
Freshman gymnasium classes will  
give an exhibition on Davis' field as  
soon in May as the weather permits.  
The girls have been working hard  
getting their drills and dances ready.  
They will swing Indian clubs, do the  
ward drill, dances and different  
marching and breathing exercises.  
They will also wind the May pole in  
maroon and cream. The date will be  
given later.

**Glee Club  
Concert**

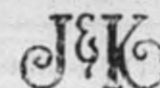
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**ALMA MEETS DOUBLE DEFEAT IN DEBATE**

(Continued from Page One.) Titus, who spoke last for Alma, was in his quiet way very good. He answered the arguments of his opponents well, and sought to tear down their arguments, and at the same time built up the ones set forth by his colleagues.

Gumser, who was the best speaker of the evening, closed the discussion. He made a great effect on the audience and judges by going over to the table of his opponents and directly asking questions. This was very effective. However, he was guilty of the crime of misquoting, and the Alma men were quick enough to note it too. He strongly supported the contentions which his colleagues had advanced.

The rebuttal was very lively, and prove quite exciting at times. With all fairness, Alma was far superior to her opponents in the rebuttal speeches.

After the debate a reception was held in Wright Hall for the Hope men. The men who acted as judges were Attorney John T. Mathews, of Ithaca; Superintendent Holmes, of Lansing; and Professor Miller, of Mt. Pleasant. And so ended the debate of another year. Alma is not kicking on results, but is more determined to work harder and more conscientious than ever before, to win back the laurels in the next debate.

**ALMA-OLIVET DEBATE**

The debate between Olivet and Alma was held in the Chapel at Olivet. Here the entire student body was gathered. The affirmative team was made up of Mr. Buck, Mr. Hoyt and Mr. Keese, while the negative was composed of Mr. Krueger, Mr. Butch and Mr. Wright. Mr. Buck opened the argument with an exhaustive history of the question, which read, "Resolved, That with respect to immigration the United States should accord to the citizens of China and Japan the same treatment that is accorded to the citizens of the European nations." His main point rested on the fact that the same treatment was not extended to all and that inequality was the only ground for discrimination. Mr. Krueger took up the defence of the present policy showing the right and the expedient of such a policy. Mr. Hoyt, the third speaker, was easily the best man of the affirmative. His argument rested on the present need of labor in the United States and the possibilities of the Chinese and Japanese to fill this need. The following speaker of the negative, Mr. Burtch, answered a great share of the labor question and demonstrated the necessity of the present policy because of the racial differences involved. The affirmative ceased to present constructive material, but took to clouding the issue and questioning the authority of the negative. This was attempted by Mr. Keese who also held that the people under question were equal to the Americans. Mr. Wright, the last speaker, was admittedly the best of the evening. Presenting the need of pure blood for the work of our republic, he held that the people of China and Japan could do little to advance the civilization of America and might do a great deal to hinder it. He answered the charge of selfishness and injustice and showed how the future of our country would be effected by an "open door" policy.

The rebuttal took the form of a sharp discussion over the points in question and the authority brought forth. The affirmative re-work on the part of the affirmative and their failure to solve the question was shown. The affirmative replied with a set of questions on the present policy. The debate ended with a sharp clash between Mr. Keese and Mr. Wright, both having used the same authority for opposite statements. After a short intermission of music, the judges returned a decision of two to one in favor of the affirmative. A reception was held later for the team, and all had an enjoyable time.

**NEW FABLES IN NAMES**

(Continued from page one) in' and shoutin', "Somebody Lind me a towel or somethin' for de love of Mike and he started shoutin' and jumpin' louder and harder den ever and den quick like a tire a blowin' out on a Ford he collapsed and we see'd as how a Bea had stung him. Is yoha sleep honey chile? Ah yas I knew de little sandman had took you for his own.

**THE "BUZZERS"**

For the sake of the heretofore un-enlightened public, it seems almost necessary to publish a series of "do's" and "don'ts" concerning the use of buzzers in the women's dormitory:

1. Ring a buzzer just once for they sometimes respond to the push of the button, and if they accidentally should, it would be a sad mistake to let the girl believe that you are over anxious to have her come down, by vigorously attacking the buzzer board.

2. Never be over-particular as to the number that you ring. Just sort o' side-step up to the place of discussion and with your one eye on the assembled public, carelessly give a buzzer a jab, being confident that there is something at the other end, which will respond. If, however, that something should prove to be an undesirable specimen, pray do not take the time or have the consideration to explain that you are one at fault, but simply call up to the dizzy heights in a mis-used and much bored tone, that you are not "buzzing" her, and that who in the world could do such a dirty trick.

3. After having "buzzed" a room, immediately leave the place and seat yourself comfortably in the far end of the reception hall, before you receive the answer from above, because it is altogether fitting and proper that you be comfortable, regardless of the existing conditions. There is, however, such a thing as a vacant room in Wright Hall, and if by chance you should "buzz" such a room, and the occupant happened to be out, but out of consideration for your feelings and taking you at your word, she should happen to come down any way, to view the prospects, do not, O gentle Buzzer, read a general riot act to the young lady, for your own carelessness. It adds so to the manliness of man to so demean and squelch these of the fairer sex and make them realize more than ever, the kind of metal that is used in the "arm that rules the world."

4. We might aptly add at this point of the discussion that the Hall telephone is generally in order, and that if at any time you should fail to be answered when calling a room, you might try the telephone for we assure you that service is the thing we want, and so we generally give that or a good substitute. Try and see.

5. If at any time one should be so musically inclined that he must play a tune on the "buzzers," let it be a short one, for it is horribly monotonous and not even clever enough to get a rise any more. And, besides, it may result in sad complications. A committee has been organized to provide articles of amusement so that those who wait will have something for their otherwise wasted time.

6. If you have "buzzed" a number, and then some one inquires, "Who is wanted?" don't for anything call up held that the desired information, but persist in making yourself scarce. It is so much fun to fool 'em.

**ALPHA THETA**

On Monday evening, April 9, 1917, the Alpha Theta Literary society enjoyed a very interesting program on "The Life and Works of Jack London." The roll call was answered by various well-chosen spring quotations. LaReine McKinney read a very well prepared paper on "The Life of Jack London and the Characteristics of His Works." Bea Koepfgen read aloud to the society "The Sun Dog Trail" in such a way that each girl present obtained a vivid idea of Jack London's works. Ellen Lynd played a piano solo, "Chopin's Polonaise C. Minor," which was greatly enjoyed by all. A short business meeting followed the program, after which the society adjourned.

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