

# The Weekly Almanian

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## MAY FESTIVAL CONCERTS

MAY 24TH AND 25TH

Annual Affairs Promises to be Exceptionally Good This Year.

On Thursday evening, in the chapel, under the auspices of Alma Music club, will occur the violin recital by Mr. Roderick; while on Friday evening will be the concert by the Alma college girls' glee club, assisted by Mrs. Bonnie Baird Replogle, pianist, and Reese F. Veatch, baritone, given. The "Mikado," which was to have been presented, has been abandoned on account of unsettled and distracting conditions at the college, caused by the war. Some of the principals and choruses have enlisted and expect to be called to the colors, and others have left school to go on farms.

Roderick White, violinist, has a strong hold on the popular interest and imagination in that he is a younger brother of Stewart Edward White, the famous author of "The Blazed Trail," "The Silent Places" and other works that have been widely read, and of Gilbert White, who twice exhibited in the grand salon while a Latin quarter student under Julien and Whistler and whose mural paintings for the New Haven Court House and the Kentucky State Capitol have recently won for him a decoration from the French government.

But Roderick White has successfully demonstrated that his talent and ability are of such an order that he needs no borrowed laurels wherewith to bolster up his claim to greatness. He is fairly entitled to recognition in his own right for, as the New York Herald has said in connection with his American debut, "Apart from identifying him in private life he does not stand in need of any such introduction as 'brother of a novelist' since his playing alone entitles him to earnest consideration."

Mr. White brings his own accompanist with him to Alma.

These concerts are open to the general public. Admission, 35 cents.

## FACULTY IN THE "JUNGLE"

Talking about spreads being contagious! On last Monday evening, members of the faculty and their wives (if they had 'em) laid aside the weighty cares of the college and wandered over to the Jungle just about eating time. Enticing odors and sights urged them from afar. When the fire had burned sufficiently low, each one proceeded to roast his piece of bacon (in most cases it was plural). When all felt sufficiently filled, word was passed around that there was "heavenly slush." Of course, one could not resist that, so the groans of pain and pleasure were soon muffled in the "slush." The hostesses of the evening were Misses Conyne and Foote. Later in the evening, Dr. MacCurdy gave an interesting talk on the "Birds Found in This Region," illustrating it with charts and specimens from the museum.

## MEMORIAL DAY

Work is under way on the program for Memorial Day, and it is certain that the program this year will be one of the finest that has been given here in years.

The program is still far from completed, and will not be ready for announcement until next week. It is certain, however, that President H. M. Crooks of Alma college will deliver the address.

## HIGH SCHOOL WON GAME

One of the finest games ever seen on Davis field was won by the local high school team last Friday, when the orange and black nosed Owos won high by a score of 2 to 1 in the ninth inning of a great pitchers battle.

The Husband—You never kiss me except when you want money.

The Wife—Well, isn't that often enough?—Ex.

## Alma College May Festival

THURSDAY, MAY 24

FRIDAY, MAY 25

### RHODERICK WHITE

Famous Violinist and Accompanist

Admission. - 35 cents

### WOMEN'S GLEE CLUB

REESE FARRINGTON VEACH Baritone

BONNIE BAIRD REPLOGLE Pianist

Admission, - 25 cents

Both Concerts to be Held in College Chapel

## BACK TO THE FARM

Eighteen College Men Enlist for Farm Work.

Eighteen students at Alma college have enlisted for farm work this summer and have already left school, with the assurance that they will receive their credit for the year.

Among the number are some of whom recently passed the officers' training camp examination, but who will not be called until the second camp in August.

The men who will make up the farm work this summer are Linton Melvin, Fred Holt, Alton Ciser, E. A. Beverly, C. M. Street, Hugo Diezel, W. M. Blair, Lester Doerr, E. M. Ardis, Morton Ault, Stanley Warner, Melvin Anderson, Frank Saffman, Melvin Vender, Charles Cole, Howard Purth and Edwin Boyne.

Among this list are young men studying for the ministry, star athletes, orators and debaters.

## GOOD HITTING

College Team Got Both First Rate Batting and Twirling.

That the Alma college baseball team was a winner this season, if the title series had been played out and a title awarded is evidenced from both the hitting and the pitching given this season.

Taking the six games played, including the M. A. C. game in which fourteen hits were secured by the Aggies, the Alma pitchers yielded only thirty-five hits in all, or an average of six hits to the game, or pitching effective enough to win the usual game. Johnston pitched two four and one five hit games. Depew twirled one three hit game, and both he and Johnston were patted at M. A. C. for fourteen hits together. Boyne pitched a five hit game against Ypsi.

The hitting strength of the locals was also good, in spite of the fine twirling that Alma went up against.

Following are the averages:

Name	A.B.	H.	Av.
Fitch	27	11	.407
Hoolihan	23	9	.391
Johnston	21	7	.333
Hebert	25	7	.280
Boyne	22	5	.227
M. Smith	22	4	.181
Depew	7	1	.143
Simenton	2	3	.136
Vender	9	1	.111
N. Smith	20	2	.100

The above averages are of those playing at least one full game during the season just brought to a close, and they indicate a team batting average of .252.

## PHILOMATHEAN

The topic for the program was "Picturesque America." Each one responded to roll call by describing a picturesque spot she had visited.

The program consisted of a mentor talk on "Natural Wonders of America" by Blanche Mashin, and a talk on "America, the Land of Best" by Adelaide Ballou. Both talks were exceptionally good and brought before us the wonders and beauties of our land very vividly.

## BASEBALL SEASON ONLY

A FAIR SUCCESS

Large Number of Cancellations Ruined Schedule—Alma Topped M.I.A.A. Teams.

The baseball season just closed can hardly be called a "most successful" season, even though the Alma college nine for the entire season of the M. I. A. A. is the wife. The foremost reason for this being so is due to the fact that Alma did not have the chance to play a couple of the Michigan intercollegiate colleges which the Maroon and Cream had been hoping to jump, and the added reason that occasionally we have no time to call the 1917 baseball team, the Michigan intercollegiate colleges, although in spirit it must be conceded that Alma is a title holder.

Aside from the Michigan intercollegiate games with Hillsdale the season in point of winning games, was more or less a failure, due to the hardness of the schedule, more than anything else.

Starting out the year Coach Helmer had a nice select bunch of recruits, although this bunch was small. These together with ten old men gave promise for one of the best teams in the history of the college, once the team got well organized. Simenton, Boyne and Hoolihan were the glittering stars that Coach Helmer uncovered, the three being as promising baseball men as ever came out for a college team in a single year, and all of them made places easily.

After a couple weeks of practice the season started, with a schedule that called for a fine list of games, but just at that time cancellations started also and wrecked one of the finest looking schedules of years. Kalamazoo, Olivet and Albion each cancelled two games and Adrian and the Mt. Pleasant Normal, one each; these costing eight games in all, leaving just six to be played.

Alma opened the season with the strong Ypsi Normals and lost to even innings three to two. The game should have been won by Alma in the nine innings, but cold weather did a first game brought out a couple of plays that proved costly. The pitching was given by Johnston and the Ypsi hurler. Ypsi had one of the best teams that has been on Davis field in a long while and the defeat was far from a disgrace.

Next, Hillsdale was taken on for one of the two M. I. A. A. games, and with "Eddie" hurling, Alma won over the team which had been conceded by everyone to be the coming title holder of the M. I. A. A., which served as an indication that Coach Harry Helmer was capable in that he had brought a team from four places to a to-notcher in a year. The Mt. Pleasant Normals proved easy picking, Helmer's men winning by a score of 6 to 2. Captain "Bottles" Depew won this game with three hits, and the team behind him clouted the pill hard.

Alma went overland to M. A. C. on (Continued on page four.)

## HAS MADE GOOD

Helmer Has Proven Capable Coach For His Alma Mater.

Last year, when it was announced that Coach Helmer would succeed Bleamaster as coach at Alma college, a few wondered if Helmer would make good. Today no one questions the fact, as Coach Helmer made good right from the first on.

In football, he brought Alma up from a team that everyone looked the year before, to a team which finished third in the M. I. A. A., and a team that would fight until the goal whistle. In basketball, he brought Alma through the season in fine shape and Alma finished the runner up for the championship in the great winter sport. Coach Helmer had lost a few stars who had been on the team the previous season, but he drilled his men hard, and made a remarkable showing, defeating every M. I. A. A. team excepting Kalamazoo.

In baseball, Helmer started the biggest comeback that the college has had in years. Properly speaking, he started it, as he reached the team that came back. Three new men were added to last year's team and Alma came up from a team that finished fourth in the M. I. A. A., a year ago to a team which finished at the top, without an M. I. A. A. defeat. Possibly that may not mean much in that Helmer's team played only two M. I. A. A. games. It must be remembered, however, that Hillsdale, the team that Alma defeated, had been accorded the inside track for the championship race, and had already defeated Adrian and Albion by large scores. Olivet college which also started the season, did not have a team that could begin to compare with the pets of Helmer, based on their showing against either Ypsi or M. A. C. The Kalamazoo team which did not start the season, would have been the only team which might have proved troublesome.

In track, Coach Helmer did not have a chance, but the opinion can be given that Alma would have fared far better than a year ago, when the Maroon and Cream made the poorest showing in the M. I. A. A. meet that she has ever made.

Helmer has proven himself as a coach, and in the opinion of the Alma Mentor for an example.

## ALPHA THETA

The regular meeting of the Alpha Theta Literary society was held on Monday evening, May 14, 1917. Roll call was responded to by anecdotes. Muriel Netzorg, Mary De Rousie and Hazel Tuck gave impromptus on "The Most Amusing Incidents That Ever Happened to Me." Iva Nunn told in a most interesting manner a fairy story which she had composed herself. "The Lotus Flower," by Schumann, was sung by Ruth Boer. The society was adjourned after a business meeting.

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## WRIGHT HALL INSPECTED BY PIONEER'S RESIDENTS

Pleasant Evening Spent by Men Last Friday in Girls' Dormitory.

A cheerful "Fall-in" from the lips of "Chet" Robinson mustered the boys of Pioneer into ranks of two, preparatory to our visit to the homes of the Wright Hall girls. A sedate "quick-time" took us to our hostesses' parlors, but there, overcome by exuberance of his feelings, our worthy commander ordered "double-quick," and we speedily made our way into the reception room. There we were again drawn up, duly inspected by Miss Hodgson, and ordered to "dismiss."

No one going in that general direction seemed able to overcome the allurements of "Stub" Vogt's welcoming smile, and soon that blushing maiden had cornered, by her charms, a goodly number of our rank and file. However, as it required, the expenditure of a "happy thought" to regain our freedom, we soon gave place to others, and made our way to "heaven." Don't be alarmed—you of the uninitiated, for "heaven" is fourth floor—the furthest point to which our martial spirits could attain. But do not think our entrance was unadvisedly challenged, for, at the very gate, "Saintress Pateria" allowed to pass only such as could prove a perfect record. Is the number of fiction games offered to be wondered? Cozy tucked were the homes of the lovely "angels" who lived in this celestial atmosphere—and only when an unoccupied leg-steam came was given us with the promise of its fulfillment below, did we depart. True to the promise, when we reached third floor, our cones were filled to overflowing. Here again, our course lay from one pleasant room to another—each a model of neatness, coziness and comfort. It is true, however, that we were "staggered" by the number of "lams" which everywhere abounded, but "Blucy" has come to remember one in particular—"Emu Inn." Now, about your cones, Miss Jackson.

Incongruous as it may seem, our "descent from paradise" over-earned us on a level plane of happiness, in second we were duly presented with a splinter, doubtless from the proverbial cherry tree, carrying proudly the "red, white and blue," floating gradually above a sweet cherry. It was on first, however, that the acme of revelry was reached, for here our faltering footsteps were rendered yet more uncertain by the cheerful imbibing of sparkling punch—the best that ever passed over lips.

But, at last, our visit was over—we departed impressed by the knowledge that our belief in the womanly charm and neatness of the occupants of the Wright Hall had not been misplaced.

## PHI PHI ALPHA

Many of our members have enlisted for the army and also for farm work and for this cause it was necessary to elect a new secretary in Ross Shermerhorn to take the place of Morton Ault.

Roll call was answered by each person, giving a quotation from "Brown-ing," and then Melvin Vender gave us a very interesting and spicy talk on this wonderful poet. Hartzell Lyons read a paper on "Prussianism and Napoleon," which showed much research, and gave us a good idea of that part of Europe in the nineteenth century. Carl Titus then brought in the more tragical side of life by reading two poems by Robert W. Service, entitled "The Cremation of Sam McGee," and "The Shorting of Dan McGren."

Humoristical impromptus were given by Charles Cole and Carroll Wenger.



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**THE LAST EDITION**

Owing to the lack of funds in the Almanian treasury, it is with great regret that the present staff announces that it will be impossible to publish another issue of the college paper this year, unless some unlooked for "something happens." It was thought that the last issue would have been last week, but when the students realized if they paid up their subscriptions the paper would be able to continue for one more week, they "came across." So rather than go into debt, the staff has felt that it will be wise to finish the year out of debt, even at the expense of two issues, rather than go into a debt which will not be paid off. The editors wish to express their appreciation to all who have helped to make the paper the success which it has been. It is hoped that under the new board of control, the editors will be able to work with confidence and thus be able to furnish a much better paper to the students and friends of the college.

**FOR WAR PREPAREDNESS**

Lansing, Mich., May 9.—With every newspaper heralding the achievement of flyers in action on the continent, it is not surprising that fully eighty per cent of those who offer themselves to the colors entertain ambitions to sign with the aviation corps.

Few persons have any idea of the strict examinations to be passed before a recruit can be accepted as a student in the aviation section. Citizens of the United States, between twenty-one years and thirty may make application to the chief signal officer of the army, at Washington, to be examined at Chicago for the aviation section signal officers' reserve corps. The physical test is the same as required for officers in the aviation section. In the mental test, the applicant will be required to establish the fact that he has the equivalent of a college education. The applicant must establish his reliability and good habits. The applicant will be required to state in writing that, if he successfully passes his aviation tests, he will become an officer in the aviation section, signal officers' reserve corps.

If the candidate passes these tests he becomes an aviation student. If he desires to enlist in the aviation section of the enlisted reserve corps, he will be made a non-commissioned officer and placed on active duty up till the time his course is completed and he is discharged to accept a commission in the aviation section, signal officers' reserve corps. The course requires about five months. If he fails in his course he may apply for and receive his discharge. If an applicant does not desire to enlist, he may take the course of instruction at his own expense. He will then be assigned to an aviation school, either an army or private school and upon his passing the military aviations' test, he will receive a commission as an officer in the aviation section; signal officers' reserve corps.

The physical examination is the most rigid in the service. Because the applicant will be dependent upon the perfect synchronization of his faculties, must be proof against dizziness and of a temperament in which "nerves" are unknown, special tests are applied before which many find themselves lacking who would be splendid material for any less exacting arm of the service.

Teacher—I'm surprised at you, Sammy Wicks, that you cannot tell me when Christopher Columbus discovered America! What does the chapter heading of the week's lesson read?

Sammy—Columbus—1492.

Teacher—Well, isn't that plain enough? Did you ever see it before?

Sammy—Yes'm, yes'm; but I always thought it was his telephone number.—Ex.

**ASK YOURSELF THESE QUESTIONS**

Am I as a personality:  
selfish or unselfish  
tolerant or intolerant  
appreciative or unappreciative  
openminded or completely informed  
seeking truth or advancing my ideas

Courteous or rude  
kind or harsh  
sympathetic or unsympathetic  
trustful or suspicious  
respectful or disrespectful

reverent or irreverent  
tactful or blundering  
a leader or a driver  
companionable or unsociable  
co-operative or a fighter

even-tempered or explosive  
"booster" or gossip  
"good listener" or not  
talkative or taciturn  
poised or rattled

quiet or noisy  
humble or conceited  
democratic or ostentatious  
open or underhanded  
forgiving or unforgiving

public-spirited or self-centered  
optimistic or pessimistic  
hopeful or discouraged  
cheerful or grouchy  
courageous or cowardly

generous or greedy  
benevolent or miserly  
saver or spendthrift  
strong willed or weak willed  
deliberate or impulsive

pure or impure  
religious or irreligious  
temperate or intemperate  
a producer or a sponge  
a good influence or a bad one

Am I in my work:  
careful or careless  
thoughtful or thoughtless  
long-headed or short-sighted  
dependable or forgetful  
prompt or procrastinating

quick or slow  
practical or dreamy  
accurate or "ever repeating"  
steady or "spurdy"  
systematic or "slipshod"

orderly or jumbled  
progressive "standpat"  
open-minded or closed to improvement  
open to suggestion or not  
resent criticism or not

obedient or disobedient  
"on the job" or half asleep  
"a live wire" or a mediocre  
industrious or lazy  
energetic or indifferent

enthusiastic or mechanical  
happy or unhappy  
cheery or grouchy  
for principle or personal advantage  
honest or "shady"

truthful or not quite so  
self-confident or self-distrustful  
self-reliant or timid, diffident  
efficient or inefficient  
needing more steam or more brains

Form 30—Student self-rating sheets.

**Personal Appearance**

Am I fat, medium, thin?  
Tall, medium, short?  
Graceful, average, awkward?  
Is my hair combed, semi or towled?  
Are my teeth, nails, linen, shoes, clothing, neat, clean, well looked after or.....?  
How do I stand—erect or lolling? One or two feet?  
How do I sit—erect or lolling?  
Is every chair a Morris chair?  
How do I walk—erect or otherwise? Head up or hanging?  
How do I move—quickly or slowly? easily or awkwardly? too much or too little?

**Manners**

Am I cordial, gushing or reserved?  
Am I a good mixer or a short hemit?  
Do I smile? How? When? To whom? Why?  
Is my smile microscopic or do the chandlers tremble?  
In shaking hands am I like a steam pump? A vice? A refrigerator?  
A statue? or what?  
Can I sit down or stand or talk with someone without cracking my knuckles or beating tattoos on the chair or table, or dancing a jig—in other words, have I a QUIET POISE?  
Is my manner friendly or mistrustful? courteous or indifferent? considerate or selfish?  
Is my voice quiet and poised? forceful or loud? grating, harsh?

**FITCH IS CAPTAIN**

**Marlette Man Will Head Alma College Baseball Team in 1918.**

George Leland Fitch of Marlette, a junior in Alma college, was elected this week to captain the Alma college baseball team for next year.

Fitch has been doing the catching on the college team for the past three seasons and has proven a capable receiver. He is also a good football man and his election to captaincy is being well greeted by the students of the college.

This season Fitch proved to be the heaviest hitter on the entire team with an average of .407, he having eleven hits in twenty-seven times at bat. This is a remarkable batting average in that Alma had been constantly getting against hard pitching during the entire season.

Fitch will have all except three of this year's team back next year, according to the present outlook, and if conditions are so that an M. I. A. A. championship can be staged, it is fairly certain that Captain Fitch will lead the Maroon and Cream to the title.

The undertaker arose and said to the mourners assembled:

"If anyone present wishes to say a few words of tribute of the deceased, now is the time when the family will be glad to hear such."

A stillness prevailed, and after a few moments of silence it was broken by a young man, who arose and asked:

"Do you understand that no one wishes to make any remarks?"

"It would appear so," replied the undertaker.

"Then," asked the young man as a light came into his eye, "may I be permitted to make a few remarks about Southern California and its wonderful climate?"—Ladies' Home Journal.

A new story is being told about a certain London club, famed internationally for both its exclusiveness and its dullness.

In one of the rooms a rule of silence is stringently enforced. The other day occupants of the room were startled to see a member press a bell button with evident annoyance, and when the waiter appeared to hear him exclaim, pointing to a neighbor in a chair:

"Waiter, remove that member."  
The man in the chair had been dead three days.—New York Times.

At a colored folks' party in Mobile the youngsters were playing a game which consisted of everybody in the room making a face, the one making the worse face to receive a prize. They all did their level best. The boy acting as master of ceremonies went up to one of the most diminutive pickaninnies present and said:

"Well, Martha Jones, I think yo' has won de prize."

"What yo' talkin' 'bout?" asked Martha, "I ain't been a playin'!"—New York Times.

They were homeward-bound from church.

"According to the minister's sermon this morning," said Mrs. Enpeck, "there is to be no marrying or giving in marriage in heaven. Do you believe that?"

"Well, I have no reason to doubt it," answered Enpeck. "There must be some way to distinguish it from the other place."—Ex.

A man down in Missouri put his hand in a mule's mouth to see how many teeth the mule had. The mule closed his mouth to see how many fingers the man had, and the curiosity of both man and mule was satisfied.—The Kodak Salesman.

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## Alumni Round Table

Where we are and what  
we are doing

A LETTER FROM SARVIS  
Ex-Editor of Almanian Writes From  
Ft. Sheridan.

May 12, 1917.

Dear M——:  
Here we are, rookies all; but an  
encouraging looking crowd—all look-  
ing for the best, but taking whatever  
comes.

Everything looks encouraging, the  
camp is beautifully situated and well  
equipped. The commander looks as  
stately as an oak, but congenial in  
attitude. I noticed, by the Chicago  
Daily Tribune, that the command-  
ing officers are pleased with the looks  
of the material arriving in camps.

Ft. Sheridan is located on the  
North Western and Milwaukee rail-  
roads, twenty-five miles north of Chi-  
cago. The excellent train service  
takes us out to the fort in forty-eight  
minutes (a happy contrast with Mich-  
igan railroads.)

There is nothing much here, except  
the camp, and the folder I sent you  
will impress its beauty.

Registration was soon over and I  
was assigned to Company D, made up  
of Michigan and Wisconsin men. The  
first disagreeable duty came in the  
long wait outside of the company's  
quartermaster's office. Here we were  
measured for uniforms—shirt No. 2,  
breeches No. 3, coat No. 5 1/4, leggings,  
etc.—and we were shot then in order,  
the last stand being made before the  
company captain (a regular army  
product). He is a typical type—  
short, gray-haired, intensive, and one  
that impresses his experience on you  
in a pleasant manner. Having been  
presented with three new blankets  
and assigned a temporary bed—much  
like the ones in Pioneer Hall—it was  
time for mess. Military language is  
vivid and explicit, mess was right.  
Wood tables in rows and tin dishes,  
but the service was prompt, the food  
clean and wholesome, and plenty of  
it. The start was excellent—lamb  
stew, creamed potatoes with onions  
and butter—but I assure the  
"swipes" are typical for the butter  
has been missing since.

There are about fifty men bunked  
in the same big room, and all were in  
the blankets before taps, which were  
sounded at nine-thirty.

My next state of consciousness  
came at 5:15 a. m., mess didn't come  
until 7:00 a. m. The army coffee here  
will soon make all candidates adores  
of Postum. Up to date I had learned  
to drink coffee—starting last night—I  
will soon be able to chew it. I col-  
lected the residue off the top of mine  
and expect to treat the company to  
a gallon each before bed-time.

It is a new experience to slip into  
the big, loose army breeches, I now  
appreciate why government boats are  
designed in the navy department—  
a soldier with breeches, without the  
usual anchorage, in a wind-storm  
would be nothing more than an epiled  
aeroplane. I could camp in mine and  
still have room for the ordinary army  
non-official, transient (I hope)  
company.

"Mac" did not arrive until last  
night, so I first saw him this morn-  
ing. He is in the same company and  
mess. We are sticking together in  
Pioneer Hall style, and have decided  
that nothing less than a "German  
regiment" will part us, of course, we  
might consider a battalion, if they  
fought hard enough. If all the Amer-  
ican soldiers are the same type as  
those I see around this camp, the  
Kaiser had better save his heavy ar-  
tillery for the last round.

A number of the men bought uni-  
forms down town, and paid twice as  
much. I only bought a hat, and in-  
tend the next time I get stung it will  
be by a bumble bee. Thus, you see,  
my addition of soldiery is centered  
around the head, not even setting up  
exercises.

We received our first shot this  
morning (in the arm against typhoid  
fever.) One doctor treats 125 men  
an hour. "Mac" and I were in the  
first file when the hospital opened,  
and have been qualified for one-arm-  
ed restaurants since. It is interesting  
to see a few thousand men with sore  
arms. One young chap suggested  
baseball to me—he doesn't know that

I swing on the left abutment.  
The temperature here is the same  
as in Alma, and there has been  
enough breeze without the usual  
"breeze stoves."

The uniforms for the first three  
months will be the regular service  
outfit.

After Monday, we will be under  
military discipline. Today I passed  
at least ten officers without saluting,  
and have not been shot yet. But one  
can't tell yet, for there are a number  
of "would-be officers," who, tempo-  
rarily, will have to shed their grandeur.

While I write this letter, I am forced  
to take cognizance of a lot of  
military gas, less illuminating than  
the ordinary civilian hand, only more  
highly colored and padded.

It is interesting to note what some  
men have brought with them—even  
books, but they have disappointed in  
shame, the only proved accessories  
are pipes, cards, etc. There are two  
books, but they are disappointed in  
one "Pilgrims' Progress" and the other  
"Soldiers' Progress"—I hope to  
write or feel the latter.

There is a lot of lawyers in camps,  
and their usual ability to charge will  
be tested. There is every variety of  
professional and business life repre-  
sented, and they all seem to be proud  
of their profession, one so much so  
that he drinks cold coffee and leaves  
the table hungry.

"Mac" and I regret that there  
haven't been more men from Alma,  
but we are surely proud to represent  
her.

Finally, M——, in my observa-  
tions, they have machines in this  
camp to dig the trenches.

Sincerely yours,

"LEW."

Ft. Sheridan, Ill., Company D.

P. S.—I have to write on a pillow,  
so please excuse same, also spelling.  
L.

It was while they were building  
the Panama Canal. An excited Chi-  
nese laborer dashed into one of the  
foremen's tents.

"Oh, Mistler Boss!" cried the Mon-  
golian, "Chung Lo, him stuck in mud  
up to him ankles!"

"In the mud up to his ankles?"  
roared the boss. "Why the deuce  
don't he get out?"

"Oh, Mistler Boss, him upside  
down!"—Picklings.

Uncle (to Tommy, aged seven, play-  
ing at war games with another small  
boy)—If you take the fortress within  
a quarter of an hour I'll give you six-  
pence.

Tommy (a minute later)—I've  
taken it. Give me the sixpence.

Uncle (producing the coin)—How  
did you manage it so quickly?

Tommy (ingenuously)—I gave Bil-  
ly threepence, and he surrendered.—  
Tit-Bits.

Three or four tawny spots appear-  
ed here and there on the little boy's  
blue knickerbockers. Attracted by  
his cheery smile, two kindly old ladies  
stopped to talk to him and "wonder-  
ed why his mother did not patch with  
a color to match." The little boy  
blushed deeply and then burst out:  
"That ain't no patch; that's me.—  
Ladies' Home Journal.

"When I was a boy," said the gray-  
haired physician, who happened to be  
in a reminiscent mood, "I wanted to  
be a soldier; but my parents persuad-  
ed me to study medicine."

"Oh, well," rejoined the sympa-  
thetic druggist, "such is life. Many a  
man with wholesale aspirations has  
to content himself with a retail busi-  
ness."—Tit-Bits.

Irate Father (to young man whom  
he has detected in the act of kissing  
the daughter of the house)—See here,  
what are you doing?

Young Man—Merely saluting the  
solors, sir.

The man from Arizona paused be-  
fore a sign reading, "Children in arms  
not admitted."

"Gee!" he mused. "Do even the  
kids carry guns here in the East?"—  
Ex.

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Written for Jollification Meeting at Lakeside Conference.

F. R. Hurst, '04.  
Vat schtate it iss dat's best of all?  
Die schtate dot plays die best foot-  
ball?  
Die schtate dot ve all lofe to call  
Oldt Michigan.

Dots vere you findt die lofty pine,  
Die mineral spring and copper mine,  
But aber nicht Catawba vein,  
In Michigan.

Ve're up to all die latest schtyles;  
Die girls dey hafe die schweetest  
smiles  
As can be seen for half a miles,  
In Michigan.

Die apples dere iss over-grown,  
Die trees mit loads of peaches moan,  
But ach! dem prunes dey iss unknown  
In Michigan.

Ve know it iss not by mishaps  
Ve crowdt die oders of die maps,  
Ve do it 'cause ve are die chaps  
Von Michigan.

Some folks sings of Otterben,  
Oders sings "Die Wachtam Rhein."  
But ve shust toast midt Rhennish  
vein,  
Oldt Michigan.

Now beoples ve don't vant to blow,  
But ve're ahead and ve all know  
Dot oder schtates don't hafe no show  
Mit Michigan.

Und ven dot final day shall come,  
Die schtates dey come up one by one.  
All oder schtates vill hafe to run  
Von Michigan.

Dey'll say, "Ohio, get dee hence;"  
"Go pack and sit down by der fence,"  
"You schtates all look like tirty  
cents."  
Mit Michigan.

—Almanian, Oct., 1903.

EXCHANGES

At the last meeting of the faculty at Davidson college, Davidson, N. C., it was decided to change the schedule from the regular one of five days to a new one of six. Classes will start at 11 o'clock on Monday, and will continue until 1:30, as usual.

This new schedule will lighten the work considerably for those taking five and six hours, as it will spread the classes, cover more time, and will have better opportunity to prepare them thoroughly.

According to reports from the University of Kansas, women are determined that they shall no longer be on a different footing from men. They have decided to attend the football banquet and all other stag functions from this time on.

A movement is on foot at the University of Washington to form the members of the faculty ineligible for active army service into a reserve squad and home guard, which would be, according to Dr. Stuart, "capable of efficient service in many ways."

Lawrence Seniors will listen to a man of national fame when Dr. F. W. Gunsaulus, president of Armour Institute of Technology and pastor of the People's church in the Auditorium, Chicago, gives the commencement address here June 13, in the Methodist church.—Lawrentian.

Led by Serg. McCall, the men who are taking instructions in military training marched to a swamp about a mile and a half from Olivet last Thursday afternoon and obtained a tree about seventy feet in length which is to be used as a flag pole and will be erected on the campus within a short time.—Ex.

Prof. Scott Nearing, whose express views on the present situation with Germany have been the subject of much hostile comment, has resigned his chair of Economics at Toledo University.—Tulane Weekly.

New laws have been passed by the student government body of the University of Utah, forbidding Freshmen to wear High school jewelry and loud hosiery. This rule is to apply to girls as well as men.

Three parties are now on the list to be discarded for the spring season. The Sorosis and the Alpha Xi Deltas followed the example of the Delta Gamma sorority and cancelled their party dates. The money will be used for patriotic purposes. It is expected that if many more enlistments occur

in the fraternities, that the men, too, will cancel many of their social functions.—Plead.

Dr. Nathaniel Butler of the University of Chicago has been retained to give the commencement address at Western Tuesday morning, June 19th. Dr. Butler's address will conclude the week of festivities attendant on the turning out of more than 450 new teachers. As yet the subject of the talk has not been announced.—Western Normal Herald.

"PARIS AND HELEN"

You have all heard the tale of "Paris and Helen," that fair Helen of Troy. Paris picked her up and carried her off. Our fair Helen had also two lovers, but neither was large enough nor strong enough to carry her away and so they all remained.

They all sat upon a cold stone, looking up at the "pale moon." "I love you," whispered the wise and crafty, also bold and dignified Upper Classman.

"So do I," cried the glowingly ardent Freshman. She took a slant up at the pale, cold moon and whispered, "so do I." Things went this way for days and at last the Freshman and the Upper Classman held a conference between themselves.

The Upper Classman spoke, saying "This fifty-fifty love affair getteth my gat."

But the Freshman only smiled and grasped his swollen heart.

The nightfall found the girl and the Upper Classman alone.

"I think more of you every day," he smiled.

"There's more of me to think of every day," she answered coolly; "I'm gaining weight."

The next day the girl and the Freshman were found alone.

"I like you," he stated frankly.

"Mamma likes me too," she smiled.

Time passed as usual and the Upper Classman and the Freshman went to war to fight for democracy against autocracy. They fought side by side in the trenches, both ate the same food, smoked the same pills and wore the same picture of the same girl.

Sometimes they talked of her and held each other's hands, for it reminded them of the girl.

One day the fatal word came. Dead? No, worse; married. Helen had dropped out of their lives.

Thereupon, the Upper Classman admonished the Freshman to kick his foolishness violently, and the Freshman obeyed.

The Fresman thereupon spoke to the Upper Classman, saying, "Kick me anywhere, I'm the same all over."

"Somewhere in France" they will be found this day, each satisfied with his French damsel whom he selected in the dark.

BASEBALL SEASON ONLY  
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(Continued from page one.)  
a cold day, and then out on the Aggie bench froze, while the Farmers kept warm with a bonfire, and Alma went to a 12 to 1 defeat. Less said the better.

Alma then went to Hillsdale for the second game with the veterans who were to win the title, so the boys read. Alma did things in startling fashion once the tenth inning had arrived. Four runs in the tenth indicated that Alma was a little better than what Albion reporters thought was the best. Boyne got his first workout in this game and struck out four men in the tenth, holding Hillsdale at bay. Ringle, said to have been the best pitcher to break into the M. I. A. A. in years, was touched up for seventeen hits by Alma.

The following day Boyne worked at Ypsi and in spite of a 2 to 0 defeat served up a fine game. The Ypsi pitching baffled the Alma hitters, the locals getting only three hits. Boyne allowed just five, and ordinarily would have won his game. This was the final game of the season.

Alma loses "Eddie" Johnston, Hoolihan and probably Depew this year. Others may possibly be lost, but a gang of good veterans is expected back next year, which will place Alma in the leadership of the M. I. A. A. again, and it is hoped that then no technicality will keep Alma from having the champions to crow over. The indications are that Alma will be in better shape than any of the M. I. A. A. schools in regard to veterans.

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(73-1y) I. N. BRAINERD, M. D.