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FORTIETH YEAR IS CELEBRATED

Convocation Ceremony in Gymnasium Was A Very Impressive Affair

The program in the Memorial Gymnasium was opened with prayer by the Reverend Dr. James J. DeKraker, of Grand Haven, moderator of the Synod of Michigan. Dr. DeKraker is known at Alma, having been given the degree of doctor of divinity a year ago.

Dr. Williard K. Spencer, of Ionia, has been a member of Synod all the years of Alma's history. Few men are so competent to sketch the beginnings of the college. He called his paper "A Thumb Nail Sketch of the Beginnings of Alma College." His very interesting contribution is printed in full elsewhere in these columns.

The next speaker on the program was the Reverend Dr. John Wirt Dunning, of Kalamazoo, whose subject was "Alma College and the Ministry." In his interesting speech he met the argument that the college is not doing the service that it did in the "good old times," and quoted from a letter to General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in 1799, telling of the moral laxity and general decline of students of that time. He told of Alma's contribution to the service of God through the Presbyterian Church and its institutions. Over one hundred graduates, have become missionaries, active preachers, and in various other capacities. In closing he stated that the great need for the religious life of the country today is young leaders, to face the great problems with a dauntless spirit and courage. Dr. Dunning is a graduate of Alma College, having received his degree in 1904.

Russell H. Wilson, principal of the Manistique High School spoke for the younger generation of graduates. Mr. Wilson graduated in 1923 from this college. His speech was excellently delivered, full of novel ideas, which were sound and well worked out. He stated that the average college student, comes to college with entirely the wrong idea. The average student comes as a boy with a hollow tooth which he wants filled with as little pain as possible. His thirst for knowledge is easily satiated. He praised the efficiency of the smaller schools over the large institutions in actual work accomplished, saying that when a course became a pure lecture course, its value was nothing. He said that it was an entirely mistaken attitude which says the students think, but that they are accepting paths of least resistance. Modern youth is reading much of the modern philosophers, Mencken and the rest, but the fact that they are being accepted does not constitute thinking. Youth must construct its own philosophy, and the duty of Alma is to help construct it. Mr. Wilson gave three guide lines toward the forming of a philosophy—that there can be no complete break with the past; that thought must be based on fact; that all thought must be unselfish. The alumni of Mr. Wilson's generation were very much delighted to have so young a man rate so highly in comparison with the older men on the program.

Chancellor John Duncan Findlayson, of the University of Tulsa, was the last speaker. Dr. Findlayson was a member of the class of 1909 and later graduated from the University of Michigan. He traced the changes in forty years of collegiate progress in America, calling attention to the new demands made upon a college by its community. The new conceptions of education, the modern demand for well-equipped buildings and large endowments, the twentieth century refusal to accept the ancient classical traditions, the almost impossible burden placed upon the successful college president: all these were skilfully treated. He commented on the fact that Alma has had two presidencies that aggregate thirty three years, and has had in forty years but four chief

Vocal numbers by George D. Sutton, M. D., of Caro, delighted the audience. Dr. Sutton, a graduate of Alma in 1909, has a wide range and an unusually pleasant voice, with precise enunciation arrived at without apparent effort and a cultivated interpretation. Everyone hoped that he will be returned to Alma platforms frequently.

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DANCE HELD IN GYM SATURDAY

The Homecoming Dance held in Memorial Gymnasium Saturday night was the biggest affair of its kind ever held on the Alma Campus. The floor was crowded to capacity from eight to eleven. There were over one hundred couples present during the evening in spite of the chilly winds and driving snows between the gym and Wright Hall. The party was sponsored by the student council as an annual attraction on Homecoming.

There were more old students and alumni present than ever before, as well as a large number of the student body. The party was very informal, there being no decorations or programs, tuxes or floor favors. Indeed, in its character it was almost an all-college mixer, which is as it should be on Homecoming Day. Old grads, under grads, and guests mingled together and everyone had a wonderful time. Music was furnished by Bennett's Collegians, turning out real dance music.

It is too bad that there is only one Homecoming a year because it is so seldom that there is such a good party.

DEGREE GIVEN DEAN MITCHELL

Board of Trustees Bestow L. L. D. In Recognition Of Long Service

The big surprise of the Academic Convocation Friday night in Memorial Gymnasium came when the degree of Doctor of Laws was bestowed upon Dean James E. Mitchell, of Alma College, by the Board of Trustees and Faculty.

Quoting the recommendation read by Professor Hamilton to the President: "Mr. President: May I present to you an alumnus of Alma College who was present as a student when this Institution opened its doors forty years ago, in the fall of 1887; who received his degree of bachelor of Philosophy from Alma College in 1893, and after two years in public school service in our state, was granted the graduate degree of Master of Arts, at Columbia University in 1896. From 1897 to the present time, a period of thirty years, he has given himself wholeheartedly to the service of his college, as a loyal friend and councillor of students, as a devoted teacher in the fields of History and Economics, where his broad vision and scholarly investigation in Money and Banking has earned him a deserved tribute, and as a valued administrator of college affairs in this Institution.

"Mr. President: On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the Faculty of Alma College, I present to you for the degree of Doctor of Laws, Honoris Causa, James E. Mitchell, Dean of the Faculty of Alma College, our beloved colleague and friend."

And so it is no longer Mr. Mitchell, but Dr. Mitchell. But no matter whether his name is prefaced by Doctor or by Mister, he will continue to be called by graduates and underclassmen by the affectionate "Jimmy."

"Jimmy" is probably held in esteem by more graduates of Alma College than any other professor on the campus. Alma would cease to be Alma without him. During his thirty years on the faculty he has won the admiration and liking of every student who has come in contact with him. His knowledge and teaching ability in his chosen field has always been recognized as superlative. In the intimate contacts with students, which his position as Dean makes numerous, his advice has been highly valued and universally respected. In all generations of students he has been regarded as a real friend and comrade. In all respects he has ever been a fine example of the true gentleman. We're all strong for "Jimmy"—even if he did refuse to excuse our chapel cuts.

His friends everywhere will be glad of the honor and recognition of his years of service by the faculty of his Alma Mater.

Remember the All-College Party given by Alpha Theta in the Gym Saturday, November 19th, after the Kazoo Game.

FORRER SPEAKS TO STUDENTS

Address In Chapel Friday Morning Well Received By Students

Rev. Samuel H. Forrer, pastor of the East Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church of Detroit and chairman of the Board of Trustees of Alma College gave the opening Fortieth Anniversary address on Friday morning in the chapel. His subject was Mussolini and he gave the students one of the most enjoyable talks of the year. He recently returned from an extended European tour during which he spent some time in Italy and consequently his presentation was the first hand material of an eye witness.

At the outset of his address Dr. Forrer made it clear that he held no brief either for or against Mussolini. His first point was Mussolini's very praiseworthy success in cleaning up Italy. Every city in the land is as clean and sanitary as an American city. And Italy "is freer from filth and beggars than any country in the world not excepting our own United States." The natives are very poor yet nearly all of them have something to do. Then too, they are learning to look toward the future instead of living in the past. A point which apparently impressed Dr. Forrer was the fact that there was no tipping in Italy at all—tourist's paradise. Law and order have most decidedly been established and maintained in the land. The speaker might have said "Old Rome is reborn" and he would not have been far from the truth.

Dr. Forrer next outlined conditions prior to Mussolini's advent, showed conclusively that the country was fast going to the dogs—and corrupt officials—and thus brought out that a strong hand was the tonic that was needed—temporarily. He traced the development of Facism, originally the opposite and now the parallel of Bolshevism, from the origin in northern Italy to Mussolini's assumption of power and his subsequent administration. Mussolini was depicted to the college as a man looking like Napoleon—Mussolini's own weakness and he knows it—although of a somewhat larger stature, kinder nature and more radiating personality. Mussolini is a born leader of men who like Louis Quatorze "is the State." The puppet king, the total elimination of free speech, free press, and freedom of assemblage, Mussolini's personal assumption of seven cabinet portfolios, the utter absence of any shred of mass initiative, the faultless efficiency evident everywhere, are grating symbols of the statemen. In fact, Dr. Forrer failed to find a soul in Italy among the common people who would open their mouths against the Dictator.

What's the final issue? No living man knows. It is certain that Mussolini cannot live forever. It is equally certain that no man of even a fraction of Mussolini's ability has been yet uncovered in Italy. Does anarchy follow? Will Rome emulate Paris? It is a small accomplishment to establish and maintain law and order. Any despot can do that. Efficiency is the end of any absolute monarchy. The safety of Italy depends on Mussolini's recognition of the predicament into which his sudden death would precipitate his country.

The entire talk was a most unbiased treatment of Mussolini and his effect on Italy. The speaker held unwaveringly to his original purpose, to hold no brief for or against Mussolini. The result was a speech designed to appeal to the popular mind, a speech which the college without exception fully enjoyed.

CALENDAR

- November 11—Mt. Pleasant vs. Alma.
- November 14-17—Services by Dr. Ralph Marshall Davis of Chicago.
- November 19—Kalamazoo vs. Alma.
- November 19—Alpha Theta All-College Party.
- November 29—"Icebound," presented by the Drama Club at the Strand.
- December 3—Zeta Sigma Co-ed Banquet.

PRESIDENT'S HOME WAS NOT READY

It was hoped, when plans for Homecoming were first thought of, that the president's new house would be ready by November fifth, so that there might be a reception and housewarming held at that time. When it became apparent that the house would not be ready for occupancy at that time, it was thought that the new building could be thrown open to the alumni for their inspection. The college authorities wanted the returning graduates to look the place over and pass judgement on it, perhaps.

There was a hold-up or so on materials, however, so that neither of these designs could be accomplished. The work on the interior was at such a stage that the house could not be thrown open to the public at all, because the floors were being stained and finished and it was impossible to walk on them.

In a week or two the whole thing will be finished and ready to house the presidents of the institution for years any return of alumni the new house to come. By the next time there is will be waiting for you to see.

DAY FEATURED BY BIG PARADE

Old Times Are Theme For Floats In Parade Before Game

In place of the Hobo Parade, which was decided to be impracticable, the students held an old time parade before the game Saturday afternoon. The idea was peculiarly timely because of the celebration of the founding of the college. Each society and class on the campus entered a float of some sort in the parade, most of them depicting or bringing to mind the old days of the nineteenth century. The parade started at one-thirty and went down town through the business section and back up to the game on Davis Field. The regular Saturday throngs lined the streets for blocks, watching the odd sights as the floats went slowly along. Automobiles looked strangely out of place in the midst of buggies and false whiskers, but due to a dearth of available horses, one or two of the carriages had to be drawn ignominiously by gasoline power.

Led by the Maroon and Cream Band the parade left Wright Hall and started the long march down town. It was one of the biggest showings which ever made its way down the hill, stretching for blocks behind the leaders. Horse-drawn floats were holding back the line of automobiles. There were several floats worthy of special mention because of the clever and original ideas they carried. The froth float was a hay rack, on which were represented the various opponents who had been conquered by the Campbellites this season. Some of the victims supported themselves on crutches, one poor wreck was so badly shot that it reclined on the floor of the rack. All were plentifully bandaged and battered. The seniors used a similar idea. Their float was a horse drawn hearse, which contained the body of the day's opposition. On top of the hearse rode a fellow in cap and gown, emblematic of the wisdom of the seniors, I suppose. A covered wagon, the driver sitting ready with a trusty rifle in his lap, was the Junior's contribution to the old time parade. We were unable to see whether or not he had brought his family along, but they might easily have caught up to the equipage had they been left behind, so slow was the horse which furnished the motive power.

Phi Phi Alpha represented the beginning of the college by showing a clergyman behind his pulpit, orating with many gesticulations to the crowds. A sign on the vehicle told of the "need for a Christian college in Michigan." Zeta Sigma entered an old red plush cushioned surrey, showing the hired man "Oley" driving Paw and Ma to church. The boys are to be congratulated on how old-fashioned they looked. It's a wise fellow who can act old-fashioned nowadays. There were many other floats in the parade, but it was at this point that the Almanian Scout Car ran out of gas, so that we missed the rest of the parade.

This was one of the best parades
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ALMA SWAMPS HOPE GRIDDERS

Game Ends At 39 To 0 Score Teams Play In Snow

Showing an unusually good brand of football the Alma College football team romped home with a Michigan Intercollegiate victory 39 to 0 over Hope College here Saturday before a small home-coming crowd, which shivered and shook before a cold wintery blast from the north and west which made conditions anything but ideal for the game. The cold wave rolled up within a very few hours and held down what otherwise might have been one of the biggest crowds that has seen a grid game here in some years.

A heavy rain the previous night made the field heavy, and the bitterly cold wind, driving stinging snowflakes before it, did not dampen or decrease the pep and fight of the Almates, more than two complete teams being used in the game in which Alma rolled up an impressive score, the highest rolled up this season on a Michigan Intercollegiate team. It was not done without battling, as Hope was playing a sturdy, fighting game and is deserving of considerable credit.

All of the Alma scoring came in the first and fourth periods of the game, when the Varsity aggregations was working. The first string was pulled when the second quarter got under way, and the reserve team preformed throughout the second and third quarters and it did do the job well, holding the Dutchmen away from the goal line, although twice the Wooden-shoes made strong threats to count. One the reserves held the visitors for three downs right in the shadow of the goal, but on the fourth down a pass over the goal was wide and the final scoring chance of the Hollanders had fled.

To start the game Hope kicked off to Alma and the ball was returned 18 yards to the Alma 47. Conlen hit the left side of the line at tackle and bored through for 5 yards. Hope was offside on the next play. Conlen got 4½ yards through the line and Gilbert made it first down. Hawthorne got one off right tackle and Conlen added 3 through the line and then lost 1. Conlen slapped through tackle, twisted away from several tacklers and ran to the goal 22 yards away for the first touchdown. Eddie Karpp goaled by placement. Score Alma 7, Hope 0.

Hawthorne took the kickoff on the 30 yard line, returning 10 to the 40 yard marker. Hawthorne passed to Bernd, 30 yards down the field. Alma got a fifteen yard penalty for illegal use of hands. Conlen made 4 and Hawthorne added 13 around Hope's right end. Conlen pranced down the field 21 yards for first down on the 12 yard line. Gilbert made 2 and then Hawthorne was stopped without a gain. On a second attempt he got 7 yards and Gilbert hit the line to make it first down, on the 1 yard line. Gilbert smashed again and it was over the goal. The attempt for the extra point failed. Score Alma 13, Hope 0.

Angell was downed on the next kickoff on the Alma 40 after a 7 yard return. A pass was wide, but on the next down Hawk shot a pass 15 yards to Simmons who ran 30 yards more before he was brought down. Conlen got a half yard and Gilbert added 4. Gilbert lost a few inches, but then Hawthorne slipped around end and planted the ball behind the Hope goal. Alma again missed out on the play for the extra point.

Almost immediately following the next kickoff to Alma Hawthorne shot a long pass to Bernd, who ran to the Hope goal. The pass and run was good for 52 yards, but Bernd was called back and Alma penalized, the backfield being in motion on the play. Alma punted to the Hope 35 and on the first play Hope lost 15 yards for holding, as the quarter ended.

Reserves Get Under Way
The second quarter found an entire new team on the field. Hope punted to Wagner on the Hope 47. Alma failed to get yardage and punted to Hope on the Dutch 30 white stripe. R. Japinga passed to H. Japinga for 10 yards and first down. Hope failed to get her yardage and punted to Alma
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EDITORIAL
Pledge Day

Tomorrow is pledge day for the men's societies on the campus. There are many advantages to be had in the membership in a society, but there are also a few disadvantages. It is generally agreed, though, that the advantages are far greater than the disadvantages.

The societies on the Alma campus are almost purely social in their functions. Their old names have become rather out of date, and though their titles are still "Literary Societies," they have ceased to pretend to live up to them. So the advantages become the fact that they promote a closer companionship between their own members, train fellows to get along with others (this in the close contact of fraternity house life,) train them to some extent in the leadership of groups, etc. The big thing is the companionship and intimacy of the society group. It is a little easier, probably, to have a wide acquaintance among all the societies if one does not belong to any one group, but in the past few years a saner attitude has been gaining in prevalence between the societies, until it is true that inter-society hatred and strife is reduced to a minimum.

Fraternity life has been invested by tradition with a good deal of romance, which makes every college man eager for it. This eagerness has caused many fellows to jump at the first opportunity to join a frat, without giving the proposition serious thought. Sometimes a fellow gets into a group only to find that they are not his type, and that he is not happy with them, thus ruining his chances for a natural enjoyable time in society life. It is a proposition which requires thought, and careful decision.

As we think, there is only one way to pick out one of the groups over another, and that is by settling the personal question: Which group will I fit into best? Think it out, disregarding such things as where the campus leaders are, or what your roommate said, the way the boy across the hall said he was going. Figure out where most of your friends are, where you are most likely to gain friends, and which group as a whole makes the biggest appeal to you. Make sure you would be happy with them. Get all that straight in your mind, and then when the envelopes are passed out you will know what you want to do.

Contributed

We heard someone say the other day that they handed something in to the Almanian and it wasn't published. The implication seemed to be that it was a closed paper to anyone outside the little group of people whose names appear under the masthead. So we started thinking back, trying to figure out when there had been any thing handed to us without our asking for it. Beyond a couple of articles which found their way into the columns, we were unable to recall an instance. There have been many times when we wished that someone would hand in several columns of cleverly written stuff, so that we would not have to burn the midnight oil, but as yet our wish has been void of fulfillment.

We have not, as yet, definitely solicited contributions, but we thought it was understood that every student in college is a potential contributor. If he has a thought and expresses it well enough to get by the editorial scrutiny, he shall have his work printed. So, if you have a happy thought some evening, why write it up, hand it to the editor, and await results. It is good enough, we might even cut an ad to find space enough to print it. (Never mind, I hear you little rascals snickering). And if you get one article printed, don't stop. Keep on writing and perhaps you will be an editor someday, and then you will be able to wear a pencil and an eyeshade and get your hands all dirty with printer's ink.

Who will be the first to crash these columns?

Miss Ruth Richard, of last year's senior class, is teaching Latin and English in the Stanton High School, teaching two classes in Latin and three in English. She asked one of her English classes to bring a description of a person to class. On inquiring as to the source of three identical descriptions she found they had all been copied from the same "Wanted" poster in the village post office.

BAND CONCERT IS EXCELLENT

The Alma College Band presented a program in Memorial Gymnasium at seven-thirty Friday evening, opening the ceremonies of the evening in most approved fashion. They played for a little over half an hour, presenting a varied program of exceptional merit.

Our Band plays martial music so well at the game, on the march, and at mass meetings that we are a little inclined to think of them only as an accessory to a football or basketball season, but their performance in the gymnasium Friday evening establishes them as a concert feature as well. They proved themselves the masters of the really difficult numbers which might be found on the program of the best concert band in the country. Professor Ewer is to be congratulated on his success in training such a fine organization.

The numbers which were played by the organization are as follows:

1. Princess of India Overture..... K. L. King.
2. Master of Ceremonies (March)..... A. H. Smith.
- Fond Hearts (Serenade)..... K. L. King.
3. Wild Rose (Schottische)..... K. L. King.
- Flower Song..... K. L. King.
4. Scorpio Overture..... R. B. Eisenberg.
- Alma Mater..... Roy W. Hamilton.

It has been said before and we wish to repeat the statement with emphasis; the Alma College Band is the best small college band in the state. We feel perfectly safe in that statement.

Special mention should be made of the manner in which the Band executed the Alma Mater, which was written for this school by Professor Hamilton. It is most praiseworthy.

40th YEAR IS CELEBRATED
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The popular response showed that the students and friends of the college approved the board's action in conferring the degree of Doctor of Laws upon Dean Mitchell. After the dean had presented the other candidates for honorary degrees, Professor Hamilton came forward and reminded the president and the audience that Dean Mitchell had been connected with the college for all but four years of its existence, and that he entered the college forty years ago.

Dr. William Bryant, of Detroit, has long been prominent in the Presbyterian Church in Michigan. He long ago was given the degree of doctor of divinity from Coe College. Alma took pleasure in acknowledging the worth of the stated clerk of the Synod that gave it birth by granting the degree of D. D.

Superintendent L. A. Butler, of the public schools of Grand Rapids, is one of the leading school executives in Michigan. He has earned degrees in two great universities, has served in normal school and university as well as in all grades of the public schools. The degree of Doctor of Laws was fittingly conferred upon him, with the reminder that he is an elder in the Westminster church in Grand Rapids, in which church the resolution establishing the college was passed.

The degree of Doctor of Laws was also conferred upon Chancellor Findlayson, already the possessor of the degrees of M. A., M. Th., and Th. D., the last from Harvard.

President Crooks was considerate of the audience, the program having run past ten o'clock, and did not read a sheaf of congratulatory messages which he had in hand for that purpose. There were present many persons whose earlier connection with the college was notable. There were present Dr. J. M. Gelston and George E. Ellis, members of the notable Synod that met in Grand Rapids. Old students were delighted at the presence of Miss Mary Gelston, "lady principal" in 1887, the only surviving member of the original faculty.

MRS. BROKENSHERE BURIED WEDNESDAY

The funeral services for Mrs. Brokenshere, mother of Dr. Charles Brokenshere, professor of Bible at Alma College, who died Monday, October 31, after a short illness, were held at the Presbyterian Church in Alma on Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock. The Reverend Willis Gelston, of Alma, and Reverend John Roberts, of St. Louis, officiated at the service. After the service at the church, the body was taken to Riverside Cemetery, where it was temporarily interred. Mrs. Brokenshere will latter be buried in the cemetery at Cincinnati, Ohio.

The student body extends its heartfelt sympathy to Dr. Brokenshere and members of the family in this recent bereavement. Mrs. Brokenshere was a wonderful Christian woman, and was loved by all who knew her.

Remember the All-College Party given by Alpha Theta in the Gym Saturday, November 19th, after the Kazoo Game.

JOURNEY SPEAKS TO BUSINESS MEN

Professor R. C. Journey of Alma College, head of the economics department, was the speaker Wednesday noon, giving an unusually good address on the subject, "Budgeting in Business."

In opening his address Mr. Journey called attention to the budgeting that is now being done by the National government in the effort to keep congressional appropriations within bounds, a matter that is a new thing, having been adopted only a few years ago. He also spoke of the appropriations previous to that time when they were made with no regard to national income with the result that usually the government faced a deficit at the end of the year.

That budgeting in business is a new thing he called attention of his audience to, and stated that only the bigger business of the country was now doing this, but pointed to the day when the smaller retail business institutions would need to adopt budgeting in the face of keener competition.

Budgeting in business is simply the co-ordinating of the expenses of the various departments with the expectant income, he told his audience, and is something that most of us are now unconsciously doing. This method of handling business as compared with the slipshod method was brought to the attention of his audience by a sketch of a retailer who told how much his total business turnover was, and yet went broke in three years because he never knew whether or not he was making a profit.

MT. PLEASANT NEXT ON ALMA SCHEDULE

The stage is all set for Armistice Day. The biggest non-associated fray of the season is rapidly nearing.

The Campbellmen are just aching to go. Alma's aim is naturally the Michigan Intercollegiate championship, but her secondary aim is Central Normal. The title is not yet won and must be, but before Alma meets Kalamazoo College in what is now certain to be the titular struggle, Mt. Pleasant must be encountered.

It will not be a sadly battered and crippled Alma team that will meet Central this year, as has been the case so many seasons when Alma has battled the Teachers after the close of a gruelling M. I. A. A. season.

No indeed! This year it will be a bunch of fighting, battling, dashing Presbyterians that will stack up against the Parkermen in the Friday game and the chances are that the entire squad will be in good shape for the game. And it will be a squad with men who remember a Mt. Pleasant team skidding its way through the mud to a 13 to 2 victory last year, and men who at that time determined that it wouldn't happen this year.

Naturally Mt. Pleasant will have an aggregation out there that is going to fight to do it again, but this year it will be meeting a team that is in physical shape to put up an argument over the question.

Certainly Alma looks forward to a hot struggle from start to finish, but that "never say die Alma spirit" is regarded as certain to carry the Michigan Intercollegiate Champions through to a well earned victory.

TEAM HAS CHANCE FOR MANY RECORDS

Several records are waiting just around the corner for the 1927 football team, which, if achieved, promise to make the 1927 aggregations stand out as one of the best in years.

It has the chance to win the M. I. A. A. honors.

It has a chance for a clean record of five straight M. I. A. A. victories.

It has a chance to win the M. I. A. A. honors without a single M. I. A. A. team crossing the Alma goal for a touchdown.

If it wins the M. I. A. A. honors it will have achieved an aim that all M. I. A. A. teams have had for years and will establish a record, no M. I. A. A. team having won two successive football titles in over fifteen years.

By winning from Mt. Pleasant and Kalamazoo, and keeping them from crossing the Alma goal line other records are to be achieved.

A defeatless season for 1927, is possible.

The highest scoring team in Michigan can be the lot of the Alma Collegians, who now have a record of 168 points to her opponents 10.

A season in which no college team has crossed Alma's goal line is possible.

The championship of Michigan's minor college is also just ahead for the Campbellmen.

Those are the records that are available for the Almaites this season. There may be more than can be established, but we already know of these.

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REV. SPENCER GIVES BRIEF SKETCH OF BEGINNINGS OF ALMA COLLEGE

Gives Intimate Details of Synodical Committees Which Led To Establishment of Institution

All living things begin to be before they have any visible organization. This was the case with Alma College. In the mind of God it existed from all eternity. But from a human point of view its origin was strangely joined to the history of the Presbyterian Church. To understand the reason of its founding, we must go back to 1837, when by the exciting of certain Synods and Presbyteries, that had been charged with heresy the Church was divided into the Old School and New School branches. Each body accepted the same Confession of Faith and administered the same Form of Government. But the New School body, especially in New York and Michigan, permitted Congregational Churches, that so desired, to ally themselves with it, and gave them representation in its Presbyteries. It carried on its benevolent work through the American Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions and the American Home Missionary Society. The Synod of Michigan was a New School Synod. Many of its churches had been aided by the American Missionary Society. Some of the churches on its roll were what now would be called Federated Churches, but then were popularly termed "Presby-gational" Churches. They sent committee men, who might or might not be ordained elders, to represent them in Presbytery and Synod. So during the period that ended with 1870, the educational work of the Synod of Michigan was naturally carried on at Olivet College, a Congregational institution, with certain Presbyterian members of its Board of Trustees. As a matter of course much Presbyterian money was given to Olivet College, instead of being used to build and sustain a strictly Presbyterian institution.

In the year 1870 the Presbyterian Church made history. Then the Old School and the New School branches of the Church were united in one General Assembly; and the division which has lasted for a third of a century was healed. From that time on the leaders of the Church in Michigan began to think of the necessity of establishing a Presbyterian College in the State, for the purpose of providing educated ministers for the churches of the Synod. It was argued with reason that Synod should provide at least in part its own ministers, instead of relying on other sections of the Church to furnish them. After the failure of the attempt to establish a college at Marshall, this feeling became more intense and insistent.

The Synod had been in the habit of appointing yearly a committee to visit Olivet College. The reports made by such committees were largely formal and perfunctory. But in 1881 a Visiting Committee was appointed of Rev. Willard K. Spencer, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Lansing, and Rev. Edward P. Johnson, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Marshall; with unofficial instructions to especially investigate the value of Olivet College to the Synod as an agency for educating Presbyterian Ministers. With this thought in mind the committee visited Olivet College. They held numerous conversations with students, members of the Faculty and the President; and without any comment of their own, they presented the information thus obtained to the Synod at its meeting in Saginaw in 1882. The information gathered was in substance this:—

The natural trend of prospective students for the Ministry was toward Congregational Theological Seminaries.

If a Presbyterian student was not especially concerned about the seminary he would attend, the influence of classmates and favorite professors would send him to Andover or Yale rather than Princeton, Auburn or McCormick.

If he went to Olivet with the seminary question already settled, he would probably attend a Presbyterian Seminary and enter the ministry of the Presbyterian Church.

In the report there was no suggestion that any improper influence was exerted on the students by their professors, the condition being simply the out-working of the laws of friendship and association. The presentation of this report was a matter of much interest in the Synod. By some it was strongly approved; by others as strongly disapproved. It was received on Thursday afternoon, and instead of being acted on at once was placed upon the docket for discussion, as the order of the day for Friday morning. Meanwhile the friends of Olivet College sent a telegram to the President of the College, urging his attendance at the Synod to defend the College. He appeared on Friday, and with the Financial Agent of the Institution, participated in the discussion of the report. On Saturday afternoon the discussion ended by the adoption of the following resolution,—Resolved that a committee of five members be appointed, who shall take into consideration the whole question of our relation to the College, confer with the officers of the institution, and report at the next meeting of Synod.

Rev. W. A. McCorkle, Rev. J. Mills Gelston, Rev. J. T. Oxtoby, Rev. A. S. Badger and Rev. Evert VanderHart were appointed as such committee. Of this committee Rev. J. Mills Gelston still remains a member of the Synod. For obvious reasons the report of the Visiting Committee in 1881 was not printed in the Minutes of the Synod.

The Special Committee of Five did its work and presented its report to the Synod at its meeting in Ann Arbor in 1883. This report was received and discussed; but again for obvious reasons was not printed in the Minutes of the Synod.

But the feeling that a Presbyterian College in Michigan was needed by the Synod was steadily growing. This is evidenced by the fact that the next year the following resolution was adopted,—Resolved that a special committee of an equal number of ministers and elders be appointed to visit the seminary at Kalamazoo, for the purpose of investigating our relations to that institution, and considering what, if anything, may be done to make a college of it.

Resolved that it shall be the privilege of this committee in its report at the next meeting of Synod to make any suggestion which they may deem important with reference to the institution.

This committee was composed as follows:—Ministers—August F. Bruske, George F. Hunting, William A. McCorkle. Elders—George S. Frost, John L. Dolson, Theodore F. Richards.

None of this committee are now alive. Two of them were the first and second Presidents of Alma College. The committee's report was given to the Synod at its meeting in Detroit in 1885. It is printed in the Minutes of that year; but is too long to quote in this short paper. In substance it declared Kalamazoo Female Seminary could not be made a college for both men and women on account of its endowments. Then very carefully and tactfully it considered the question of the founding of a College in the State. Perhaps its opinion was more influential because it was largely a matter of influence. Yet the fact that it presented to the Synod an Overture from the Presbytery of Lansing asking for the establishing of a Presbyterian College in the State was a plain indication of the Committee's opinion. The reported ended with these words,

We only beg you to give this subject a most thorough discussion, a most patient investigation. We pray you be slow to decide, but having decided, be swift to act.

As a result of the discussion of this report, the following resolution was adopted,

Resolved that a committee of nine be appointed, who shall consider the subject of the establishment of a Presbyterian college in this state.

Resolved that the said committee shall be instructed to learn what funds can be secured toward the establishment of such an institution, and such committee to report at the next meeting of Synod.

The committee named was as follows:—Ministers—William A. McCorkle, J. Ambrose Wight, David M. Cooper, Theodore D. Marsh. Elders—W. O. Hughart, H. P. Christy, L. H. Trask, George S. Frost, Reuben Kimball.

This was a remarkable committee, both for the prominence and wisdom of the men composing it. Dr. McCorkle was the well-known pastor of the Church in Ypsilanti. Dr. Wight was the scholarly and witty pastor of the First Church of Bay City, a man known through the whole church because of his contributions to the New York Evangelist, under the name of Ambrose. Dr. Marsh was Synodical Missionary for Home Missions in Michigan. And Dr. Cooper was the very, very rare person, a minister who had inherited wealth without being made useless. He built Memorial Church in Detroit, as a token of his filial love for his father, long a successful business man of the city.

Elder Hughart, President of the G. R. and I. R. R., was the leading elder in Westminister Church, Grand Rapids, and indeed the most prominent Presbyterian layman in Western Michigan.

Elder Christy was of equal prominence in Flint. Elder Trask was one of the pillars of the First Church of Kalamazoo. Dr. Wight was so impressed with the need of a Presbyterian College, that he went home and at an EVENING SERVICE preached a sermon on the subject, which caused Mr. Alexander Folsom of Bay City to say to him at the close of the service, that he would give the Synod \$50,000 for the establishing of such an institution. That was an evening service well worth while, for it made ALMA COLLEGE a reality.

The committee very wisely persuaded Dr. August F. Bruske, then the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Saginaw, to approach Mr. Ammi W. Wright, the well-known millionaire of Alma, with the result that Mr. Wright soon made the proposition to the committee, that if the Synod would establish a College at Alma, he would give to the Synod the grounds and buildings of a Normal School that he had built in Alma. This property was valued at \$40,000. The buildings were what are now known as Pioneer Hall

and the Administration Building. This gift was but the beginning of Mr. Wright's benefactions to the College.

With these gifts in hand the committee came to the Synod, in Westminister Church, Grand Rapids, in 1886. They recommended that the Synod adopt the following resolution,

Resolved that in view of all the facts brought before us, we will, with God's help, establish and endow a College within our bounds.

The resolution was adopted; and Rev. Herrick Johnson, D. D., President of the newly organized Board of Aid for Colleges, offered prayer, "for the Divine blessing and guidance in the work now undertaken of establishing a College within the bounds of Synod."

The Synod also elected certain Trustees of the College and authorized them to elect five others, making the whole number twenty, which were to be divided into four classes, one class to retire every year. Th following persons constituted the first Board of Trustees. Rev. W. A. McCorkle, Rev. August F. Bruske, Rev. Henry M. Curtis, Mr. Theodore F. Richards, Hon. F. W. Wheeler.

Hon. N. B. Bradley, Mr. H. P. Christy, Mr. Ammi W. Wright, Mr. Alexander Folsom, Rev. Theodore D. Marsh.

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Mr. W. O. Hughart, Mr. Thomas Merrill, Mr. Charles Stinchfield, Rev. J. Ambrose Wight, Rev. David M. Cooper.

A stronger body of men are seldom found associated together. Particularly was this true of the laymen on the Board. In addition to Mr. A. W. Wright, Messrs Merrill, Folsom, Richards, Plum and Stinchfield had amassed wealth by long and successful business careers. Trustee Russel A. Alger was afterwards known as Governor of Michigan and Secretary of War during the Spanish War. Trustee Wheeler was a large ship builder in West Bay City. Trustee Longyear was an iron magnate in the upper peninsula, who became well known by taking down his house of stone at Marquette, marking each block, loading them on flat cars, and removing to Massachusetts, where he set the house up again in one of the suburbs of Boston.

Trustee Wylie was the leading banker of Grand Rapids. Trustee Hughart was President of the G. R. and I. railroad.

It is no disparagement to the present Trustees to say that the first Board of Trustees of Alma College has never been surpassed in ability and statesmanship in all these forty years.

This paper has been fitly called a Thumb-Nail Sketch. There has been no attempt to write a finished history. The purpose has been rather to tell the story certain conditions and events that entered into the beginning of the College. The story may be considered dull and uninteresting, if thought of simply as a series of ecclesiastical resolutions. But when we clothe their dry bones with the flesh of sacrificial deeds, and give them the pulsating life of aspirations, hopes, fears, failure, achievements and final success, the story takes on an absorbing interest and is worthy of being handed down to future generations.

With a fine, although unconscious instinct, the students of Alma College have chosen and adapted the music of Faust's Soldiers' Chorus to the words of their College Song. As we look back over the past tonight we can sing the original words of that stirring chorus with heart and soul.

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**HALLOWE'EN PRANKS
PLAYED ON CAMPUS**

This year the "Ad" building caught it again on Hallowe'en. For several years there has been almost no molestation of property, due to other events of interest happening on the one night of the year when pranks are supposed to be in order. Last Tuesday morning, however, the interior of the main building presented many interesting spectacles.

The chapel platform was littered with many things. Classroom seats were stacked high on the faculty platform. The sundial had been moved from its historic resting place on the campus to the spot ordinarily occupied by the pulpit, and the pulpit had found a resting place on the foundation set for the sun dial. Statues of Shakespeare and the busts of those unidentified thinkers from the philosophy room looked strangely out of place in strategic points around the chapel interior. Various maps and blackboards were strewn over the tumbled mass. After the wreckage had been cleared from the platform, it was found that all the hymnals had disappeared, but these, too, were recovered in time for the service Wednesday.

Several of the professors classrooms were stacked with a devastating completeness. In Dean Mitchell's room all the seats were removed from their foundations. The rooms in the basement were so completely blocked that it was no mean task to enter the doorways. But the confusion was short-lived. The efficient corps of janitors demonstrated their usefulness and brought order out of the chaos so that there was very little loss of time and effort. Contrary to all the expressed hopes on the campus, classes went on as usual.

The faculty does not seem to be making any effort to find the persons who worked so hard to make Hallowe'en a success on the campus. The perpetrators of the deeds consider this a breach of etiquette, because there will be no fun in the thing at all if the faculty show no resentment against this interruption of the established routine.

**SUGGESTIONS ASKED
FOR LIBRARY USE**

By a vote of the Library Committee the undergraduates are invited to make suggestions to the committee for the purchase of books for the library. The purpose of this move is partly to create a greater interest among the students in current publications, and partly to aid the purchasing agents in the selection of books. The suggested lists should be signed. They will of course be subject to the approval of the Library Committee.

CAMPUSOLOGY

No wonder that we need a new athletic field, they are having conflicts on the old one. There are not even enough bleachers to handle the crowds on Wednesday and Friday nights. Tederington and Leipham had to go over at about seven o'clock the other night to get seats on the fifty yard line. They claim they are going to change their schedule, but as yet they haven't missed a game. However, Russ Neuman has contributed \$5 to have the field fenced in. Al Knapp was late for a date the other night and was found with a lantern frantically searching the field for his date, but he didn't intercept any. Bret Heartt bought a season ticket and is handshaking the weather man. We used to say, "Meet the gang at Pat's," but now it is, "Look for me at the field." We used to ask, "How did you like the show?" Now we say, "How did you like the game?" Zimmies worries about pep and attendance at games have ceased some of the girls are haunting the place. "Bea" and Emily haven't missed a game, because it's oh! so thrilling. But here is a tragic though, what if some of the girls forget their places at the Hope game? It'll be homecoming, home going, and what have you, then.

Mann and Holdship are sorry that they didn't go to the game after that argument with the farmer. Holdship claims that he never had any trouble with the farmers around Uby. Death Leichty also favors the new idea better than up river. There is a rumor that the next mass meeting will be held in the field. Statistics prove that it will pay to have it there. The only trouble will be to get them all in one group.

No, We do not know why "Pete" Baetz went to Cadillac.

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Alma Swamps Hope Gridders
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on the Alma 46. On the first play DeGroot intercepted an Alma pass on the 50 yard line and ran to the Alma 34 before he was thrown. R. Japinga's pass to Fikkema gave 8 yards. Two more first downs with an Alma offside put the ball on the Alma 12 yard line. DeGroot made 4, but on the next play Hope held and lost 15 yards. Alma interfered on a pass and it was ruled complete on the Alma 14. Wagner lost three yards and then Alma was penalized to her own 1 yard line. Alma punted to Hope on the Alma 23, and before the half was over Hope had made a first down and carried the ball to the Alma 10 yard line. Here the half ended.

Reserves Turn 'Em Back Again

In the third quarter the reserves started in with plenty of dash and fight and apparently were headed down the field for a touchdown, but on the Hope 13 the ball was lost on downs. H. Jepinga heaved a long pass to Van Lente that netted 40 yards. Japinga made another first down by inches. Two plays failed to gain and R. Japinga heaved a pass to Van Lente that was good for 20 yards. R. Japinga made it first down on the Alma 5. Three downs failed to gain more than 3 yards and on the fourth R. Japinga's pass over the goal was batted down and Hope's best scoring chance had gone. It was Alma's ball on her own 20. After one play the quarter ended.

First String Goes Back

Alma failed to gain in two plays and then was penalized 15 yards for holding. The first string went back into the game. Alma punted to Hope on the Hope 40. A pass Japinga to Winter made it first down. Two passes were grounded and Hope was penalized. Hope punted to Hawthorne who returned 10 yards to the Alma 45 yard mark. Karpp sneaked through for 2 yards. Hawthorne went off end for 15 yards and first down on the Hope 38. Hawthorne got 2 and Gilbert 4. Conlen made it first down on the Hope 22. A pass to Bernd missed by inches. Gilbert crooked the line for 7 yards. Hawthorne made it first down on the Hope 12. Simmons added 3 and Hawthorne skirted the end for a touchdown. An attempted pass for the point failed. Score Alma 26, Hope 0.

Alma kicked to Hope, who tried desperately with the air game to advance the ball, but Bernd muffed things up for the Dutch when he recovered a fumble on the Hope 34. Hawthorne went off end for 7 yards. Alma was offside and lost five, but Conlen got it back. Hawthorne passed to Pezet, who dragged two men over the goal with him 27 yards away. Alma got the extra point when Hope was off side. Score Alma 33, Hope 0.

The next one also came quickly. Pezet kicked off over the goal and it was Hope's ball on her 20. Three plays and a penalty found Hope on her 15 yard mark and she punted to Karpp on the Hope 27. Holdship passed to Simmons for a 22 yard gain. Holdship made 4 and then carried it over. Goal was missed. Score Alma 39, Hope 0.

Soon after the next kickoff the fray ended.

The entire Alma team played good football, but standing out over the balance of the lineup in the victory were Bernd, Hawthorne, Conlen, Gilbert, Kittendorf, playing at center for Frazer, and several others. R. Jap-

inga, DeGoot and Van Lente featured for the Dutchmen.

Lineup and summary:

Alma-39	pos.	Hope-0
Simmons	L.E.	Kilkkena
Pezet	L.T.	DeYoung
Angell	L.G.	Martin
Kittendorf	C.	Steffens
Erickson	R.G.	Vanderbush
Arozian	R.T.	Klay
Bernd	R.E.	Winters
Karpp	Q.	H. Japinga
Hawthorne (C.)	L.H.	Van Raalte
Conlen	R.H.	DeGroot
Gilbert	F.B.	R. Japinga (C.)

Periods	1	2	3	4—Final
Hope College	0	0	0	0
Alma College	20	0	19	39

Touchdowns—Hawthorne 2, Conlen, Pezet, Holdship. Points after touchdowns—Karpp 2, Simmons 1.

Substitutions—Leahy for Simmons, Gobel for Pezet, D. MacGregor for Angell, Van Deventer for Kittendorf, Mueller for Erickson, Hogan for Arozian, Morrow for Bernd, Wagner for Karpp, Lamb for Hawthorne, Holdship for Conlen, K. MacGregor for Gilbert, Golden for Holdship, Hobart for Van Deventer, Simmons for Morrow, Bernd for Simmons, Simmons for Leahy, Pezet for Gobel, Angell for D. MacGregor, Kittendorf for Hobart, Erickson for Mueller, Arozian for Hogan, Karpp for Wagner, Hawthorne for Lamb, Conlen for Golden, Gilbert for K. MacGregor, Mann for Karpp, Albaugh for Bernd, Logan for Flikkena, Den Harder for De Young, De Cook for DeGroot.

Referee—Jerpe, Kenyon. Umpire—Donnelly, Michigan. Headlinesman—Dalrymple, Knox.

DAY FEATURED BY BIG PARADE

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before a football game that the town has ever seen. The fellows who engineered the thing are to be congratulated on their success. The various organizations on the campus deserve credit for responding to the appeal for cooperation so efficiently. The college wishes to thank the business men who decorated their stores and offices for the homecoming celebration, and the student body wishes to express their appreciation also. They were several floats in the parade which were made possible by downtown cooperation, and for these we are truly grateful. Windows especially attractive were displayed by Sawkins, the Post Office, Glass and Mayes, and others.

The prize of five dollars was awarded to Alpha Theta for the best float entered. Bert Thompson and Clinton Tromater, both from Alma, received the prize for the best costumes in the parade. The Student Council has paid the prize money to the winners.

DEAN MITCHELL ENTERTAINS

Dean Mitchell entertained some of the members of the faculty at dinner on Wednesday evening. The dinner party was given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Kaufman, new members of the faculty here. The party drove to Vestaburg, where the dinner was served. After the most delicious chicken dinner, the party came back to Dean Mitchell's home, spending the rest of the evening in conversation and entertainment.

The guests were, Mr. and Mrs. Kaufman, Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Crooks, Miss Banta, Miss Foley, Miss Steward, and Miss Hardy. The dinner was a charming affair, as they are always when Dean Mitchell entertains.

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