

FOOTBALL 1918.

OUR football season was short and sweet. Due to numerous "flu" vacations, the majority of our games were cancelled; however, the team deserves great credit for sticking to practice and working hard to win the few games played.

Under the leadership of Mr. Kinney, we started our practice with seven regulars back from last years team, who with several promising candidates were to form the football team of 1918.

We journeyed to Ithaca and with the noble work of Messrs. Beddow, Kennedy and Egbert, we turned the tide, winning 13-6, although Ithaca won the first half 6-0. Ithaca has not won an athletic contest from us in four years so our victory had a big meaning.

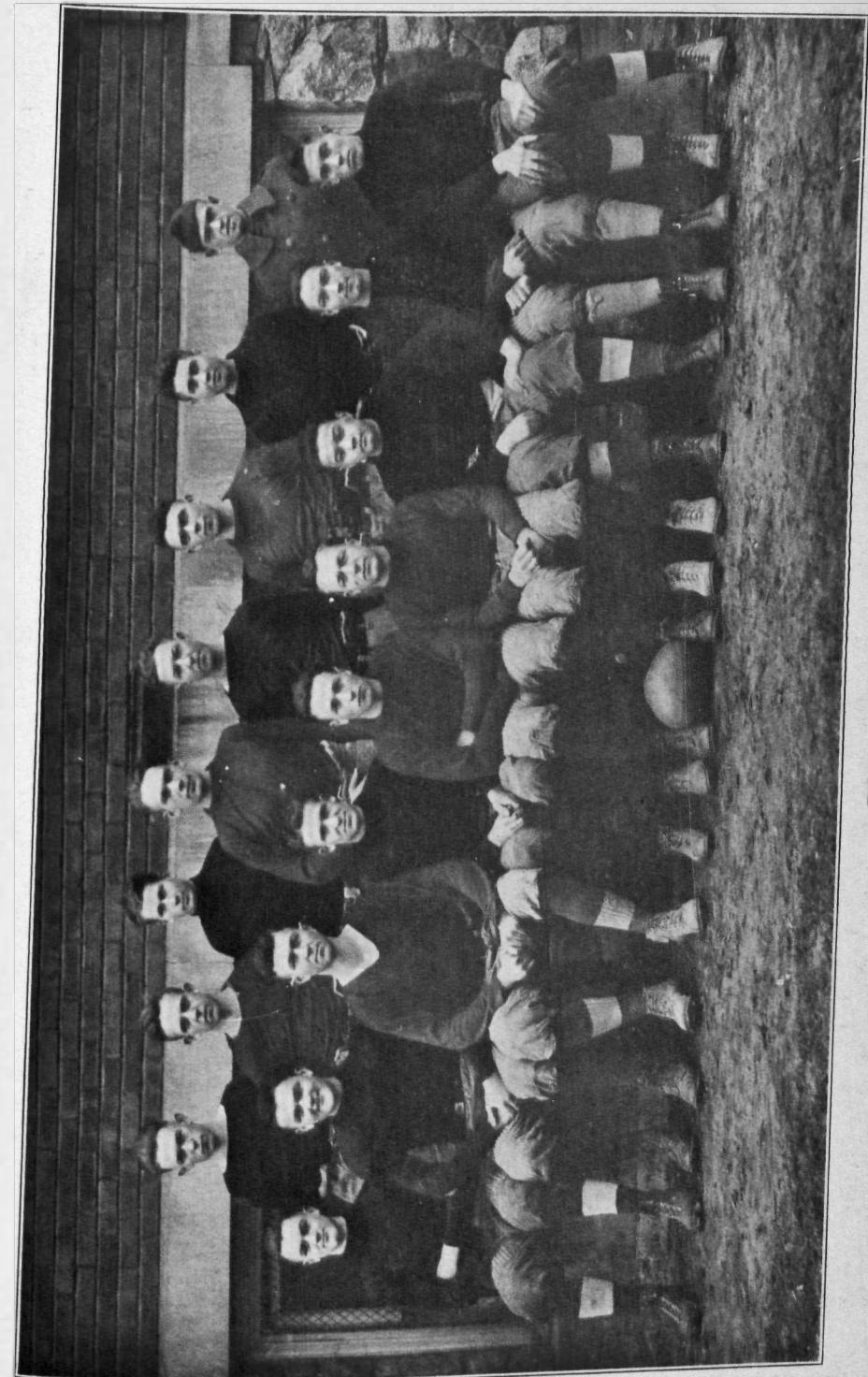
After the Ithaca game our captain, Fred Beddow, enlisted, and we elected Charlie Egbert to succeed him.

Our next rival on the gridiron was the much abused Alma team. With an ideal day on which to play the game, we went at it tooth and nail, our revised but not weakened backfield picking the holes opened by our line with uncanny ability. When the time was up the score stood 34 to 6, with old M. P. H. S. on the long end. Egbert's line plunging featured.

A long "flu" vacation interfered in our schedule and when we came back to school we found only the return game with Alma left. The Alma paper came out with a long tale about Alma high school's wonderful comeback, under the tutelage of Mr. Helmer, Alma College coach, because of a 13-0 win over the crippled Ithaca team. We dispelled the press dope by a 7 to 0 win on the Alma College field, Lake Davis. The water soaked field slowed up both teams so that the scoring was next to impossible. After four periods filled with beautiful intricate acrobatic stunts, we left the field with the last game of the season to our credit. The ability of Pease, Egbert and Kennedy to make submarine dives made them the stars of the game.

The steady dependable work of McMacken at Center, Sage, Priest, Wiles, and Larzelere in the other line positions, and Oliver in the backfield, contributed a great deal to the success of the team; a team which could have played a larger schedule and earned the same amount of credit.

With as able coaching as we have had in the past, next year's team under Captain Egbert should be a winner.



FOOT BALL TEAM