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NEW PASTOR CHOSEN

Rev. H. L. Crain of Detroit Is Called to College Church.

POPULAR WITH THE STUDENTS

College Has Long Felt the Need of a Church Pastor.

In Rev. H. L. Crain who has been called and in fact has started his pastorate in the Presbyterian church of Alma, the college feels that they can claim a helper and a counselor. The Presbyterian church of Alma is the college church. While not all the students are Presbyterians by any means, nor all attend the Presbyterian church, yet the main church home of the student body is the Presbyterian. Hence the student body are more than glad that a minister has been chosen to fill the now, for some time vacant, pulpit and furthermore, judging from an enviable record in working with young people, the prediction is that we will also be more than glad that the one chosen is Rev. Mr. Crain. Coming so well recommended amounts to nothing compared with the impression he has already made. Mr. Crain is not so far removed from his own college days to be unsympathetic with college life. Of course his main work is in the city pastorate, but the college likes to feel that they have a part of his services as well as helping him, in part, in his work. From the student standpoint he is all that can be desired and we are glad that we have a pastor who will be a helper and adviser. There are many things a student often wishes to seek counsel upon, many things he wishes to discuss with some one older and better experienced than himself. Mr. Crain desires that the students feel free to approach him upon any subject they please. He wishes to meet and become well acquainted, personally, with all of the students. This requires time and you can help by making yourself known and assisting him to meet others.

Mr. Crain is from the Second Avenue Presbyterian church, Detroit, where his work among the young people was especially helpful. He is a graduate of Union College, New York and of Princeton Seminary. Hence he is well

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The First Presbyterian Church of Alma and the New Pastor



Bitter Grief.

The local five went bump Saturday afternoon when the red sweat-ered O men rolled up the score to something like forty-five, leaving Alma "twenty three" behind with twenty-two points. The game was an exciting one and hard fought from start to finish. Olivet taking the lead in the middle of the first half and maintaining it to the end. Their team work was excellent and resulted in baskets to their credit. Thomas and Nachtein, perhaps, starring with eight and seven field baskets respectively.

The Alma five played a hard game and need apologize for no part of the showing they made.

The team work was good and some spectacular plays were pulled off, that brought the crowd to their feet. Capt. Fraker, playing against Olivet's all around star, Thomas held his own when it came to getting down the field with the ball, but found himself more or less helpless in guarding, due to his handicap in height. Campbell and Koepfgen played together like old veterans while Hoben, though jumping like a kangaroo, met his equal in Dana. Phillips, as usual, played a consistant game and did some "breaking up" that was startling. The gymnasium was crowded to the limit, approximately two hundred people witnessing the

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PRESENTS TABLET

Alma Post, G. A. R., Donates Bronze Tablet to College.

LINGOLN'S PICTURE UNVEILED

And Given to the College By the Colored Citizens of Alma.

Friday morning classes were dispensed with and everything gave place to those who united in celebrating the beloved emancipator, Lincoln. By 10 o'clock the chapel was crowded and every available seat was taken, excepting the rows reserved for the venerable Grand Army veterans. And a proud moment it was for them, as the double column marched in, with aged step, the colors for which they had often fought, in the lead. Every one cheered, and well they might, for here were men who, in the prime of their youth, marched away from home and mother, sweetheart and wife, to struggle for the preservation of their country and the freedom of a race.

Patriotic songs were the order of the day and here the students, who were "fifty thousand strong" helped to "swell the breeze" with "Sweet Freedom Song." Soon every one caught the spirit of the occasion and when "Marching Through Georgia" was started a whirl of wild enthusiasm took the assembly fairly off its feet and the old chapel shook in reply to the roar of "Hurrah, Hurrah We'll Sing the Jubilee." President Roosevelt then delivered an address on Lincoln—that is, Dr. Bruske read, in an impressive manner, the address that President Roosevelt would be making that afternoon at the tomb of Abraham Lincoln, which, thanks to the freedom of the press and the kindness of Mr. King, advanced proof sheets were available for the ceremony. After more songs Prof. Mitchell was listened to attentively in an address upon "Lincoln—His Intellectual Greatness." Needless to say that the subject was exhaustively and entertainingly treated, the delivery given in an earnest and commanding manner, carrying conviction and compelling thought. Lincoln's gigantic intellectual qualities were clearly set forth and a respect for the wonderful mind of the great constitutional

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Detroit Pastors for Alma

In the neighborhood of twenty years ago when the establishment of Alma college was under consideration in a synod meeting held at Detroit two prophecies were made by two prominent pastors in the synod. One that in twenty years the college would be a dead man on the hands of the synod, which would have the pleasure of paying the funeral expenses. The other declared that in twenty years the college would be supplying our Michigan pulpits, besides sending the gospel to the ends of the earth. One of these prophecies came true, the other can scarcely, in view of Alma college at present, at the end of twenty years be said to have come to pass.

It so happened that the one prophesying a funeral in twenty years, last year needed an assistant in his church. He had the greatest difficulty in procuring one, but finally did so in the person of J. Norman King, '05 — an Alma graduate, who assisted in his church at Washington, D. C., during the summer of '07.

The point is this. Detroit pastors have been more or less interested in Alma from the start—but the question is—have they been enough? This interest, perhaps, has been more universal the last few years and has culminated in Alma securing a Detroit pastor in the person of Rev. Mr. Crain. This will undoubtedly place Alma more directly under the observation of the Detroit Presbyter, since one of their number has left them for Alma. The Detroit pastors are for Alma then—but not enough so—could each pastor induce one student from his congregation to

go to Alma—which is a small number to be sure—the result would be sixteen students from Detroit. Many Detroit churches should send more, some should have at least five or six enrolled here, and they would have too, did their pastors but interest themselves in Alma's behalf—the college of their own church—the only logical college they should support.

True, the graduates of the Detroit High schools, come forth with their diplomas, in the very shadow of the university, its influence cannot help but be felt—yet any pastor knows that for a general college course the small college is far ahead of the university and that the best method of procedure, even for special students, is at least two years in a small college to put him on the right track. Detroit pastors are for Alma—true—but we need more students from there to prove it.

Lest You Forget.

Lest you forget we remind you of the fact that the midweek prayer occurs Wednesday evening. Special effort has been made to make this meeting a happy success. The subject for discussion: "The True Greatness of Christ." (Matt. VII-1-3) is a theme at once interesting and practical. The Tecumseh quartette will sing. Also various topics of vital interest will be discussed upon, to-wit: "The Universal Sympathy of Christ," "Christianity and Its Meaning to the Heathen," "The Divinity of Christ and its Meaning to Mankind," "What the Teachings of Christ Mean to the Dinner Pail Man," and "Christianity vs. Buddhism."

Alternating Study and Work.

An alternative course in technical education started in the university of Cincinnati two years ago is likely to result in changing methods which have been in vogue in the principal universities of the United States for years being adopted in many universities.

The student in the mechanical department works one week at the university and spends the next week in a factory, putting into practice the theories he has studied the week before. He is paid a nominal price for his work in the factory, which is enough to pay his educational expenses.

The first year of this new method of education was put into effect, sixty students applied for admission. This year two thousand applicants were booked. The membership is now limited to the number of openings which can be secured for the students in various factories. The students work in pairs. They alternate weekly between university and factory. The result of

putting theories into practice has led to the discovery that textbooks will have to be revised and that many antiquated ideas have been disproved. — Popular Mechanics.

Bitter Grief

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game. The best of spirit was shown throughout, the Olivet five getting their full share of the cheering. Umpire Vondette of the M. A. C. kept the game moving at a rapid clip and his decisions were quick, correct and satisfactory to all concerned. The line up:

Olivet	Alma
Thomas	R. F. Koepfgen
Nachtein	L. F. Campbell
Dana	C. Hoben
Hunt	R. G. Fraker
Edie	L. G. Phillips

Field Goals Olivet—Thomas 8, Nachtein 7, Dana 4, Hunt 1. Alma—Koepfgen 3, Campbell 2, Hoben 2, Phillips 2. Fouls—Thomas 5 out of 8; Campbell 4 out of 9.

Final Score—Olivet 45; Alma—22. Umpire—Vondette, M. A. C.



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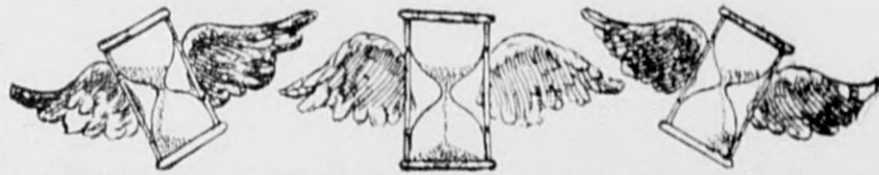
lawyer instilled in the minds of the listeners. Then, after more rousing songs, came the unveiling of the large picture of Lincoln, the gift of the colored citizens of Alma. Mr. Davis performed the ceremony in his characteristic manner, his speech reflecting the love his people had in their hearts for the great man their savior from the curse of slavery. Dr. Bruske replied for the college, accepting the gift in gracious terms. This led up to a most enthusiastic address by Mr. H. I. Winchell on, "The Secret of Lincoln's Greatness. He showed that, although there were many reasons for Lincoln's greatness, the best was his large heartedness, his sympathy for the down trodden and oppressed, his love for the widow and his concern for the orphan. In concluding Mr. Winchell presented to the college the large bronze tablet, bearing the wonderful Gettysburg address of President Lincoln. Again Dr. Bruske responded, thanking his comrades for their generosity and thoughtfulness. After a special anthem, "Lincoln," the impressive service was dismissed in benediction by Rev. Mr. Crain. Both picture and tablet have taken their assigned places upon the walls of the chapel, where they will remain to remind students yet to come of the generosity of the citizens of Alma and of the greatest of the great—Abraham Lincoln.

Ilee Haw.

A donkey one day was quietly munching thistles when he heard the screaming whistle of a locomotive. Pricking up his ears, he started into a gallop and raced across lots, with his tail high in the air, thus proving that he was nothing but an ass after all.—Ex.

Euterpe Public.

Although the youngest society in the college, the Euterpe is the first of all the societies to put on a public, and judging by the display of talent no one would ever dream



ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

It may be that some other in his place
Might have accomplished all he did or
more;
Some other might with all his strength
and grace
Have borne the mighty cares he brave-
ly bore.
Perhaps if chance had doomed him to re-
main
In deep obscurity through all his days
Some other might have had the heart to
gain
A nation's gratitude, a people's praise.

It may be that some wiser man than he
Was left uncalled while Lincoln rose
to lead,
Some other may have had the wish to be
The glorious doer of the splendid deed.
But Lincoln faced the danger, bore the
care,
Nor was it chance that raised him to
his height;
Because his heart was dauntless he was
there
And ready, when the moment came, to
smite.
—B. E. Kiser.

that it was of recent organization. Including, as it does, the majority of the music students it affords at once a home for those entering the department and gives them an opportunity of public performances—so vital to a musical education—as well as being a source of social enjoyment for all members.

The program, consisting of ten numbers was most excellently rendered and most heartily appreciated.

The other societies of the college attended in a body and made the old chapel ring with their cordial yells for each other, "A Jolly Good Song," by the entire society began the entertainment while "Heidelberg" with an Alma wording, concluded. Piano solos by Miss Allen, Miss Amsbury and Miss Kirby were decidedly artistic and caused much praise. The individual vocal numbers were given by Miss Messenger and Miss Alexander. They both have been heard by Alma students so often that mention of them will tell the whole story of the hit they made. An artistic trio number delightfully rendered by Misses Johnston, Bahlke and Goll, together with two papers, "Music in the College," by Miss Goll and "Music in America," by Miss Cook completed the program. The society as a whole certainly deserves much credit in giving such a thoroughly artistic and classy public.

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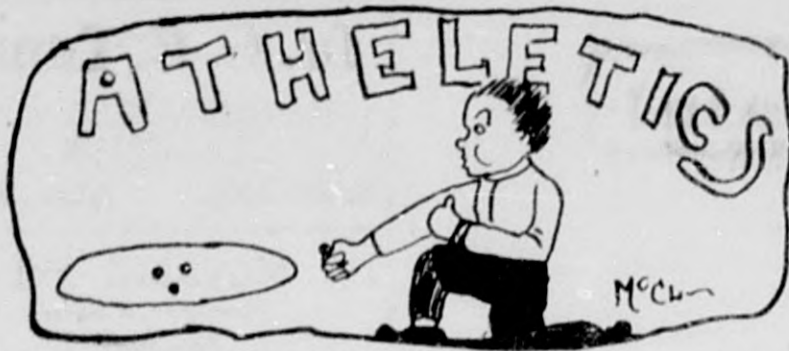
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Alma will be a strong contestant for the Intercollegiate "migg" contest this spring. Arden Johnson and Babe Smith are already "working out." "Knuckle down," you Colleges.

CAMPUS NOTES

Why does Professor Adams wear the smile that won't come off? Easy. Didn't you know that Mr. Seely of Cairo had given the Oratorical Association a check for twenty-five.

Oh! yes, to be sure, almost forgot it—if you went to the K. G. stunt party some time ago and paid your little ten cents, you are entitled to three minutes of look at the new curtains purchased with the proceeds. Cutest little ducks and wind mills and Dutch lads painted all over them you ever saw. Dew Drop Inn.

Valentine day was celebrated in a fitting manner by a special half hour of grace at Wright Hall, Saturday evening, which was spent in distributing and reading the valentines deposited in the large box in the dining room during the day. Everybody got one, of course, the most sentimental ones being read for the amusement of the crowd. All hail—Cupid.

Friday evening, Feb. 19, will occur the regular second semester reception, postponed from last week. An informal reception for the new pastor, Rev. Mr. Crain and his wife, will be held at this time. Every one is expected to put in an appearance at Wright Hall in anticipation of a good time, the faculty not excepted.

Neuman Cobb, ex-'09, has been visiting upon the campus for a few days. Neuman says, says he, that there's nothing changed but the faces.

A quarter well placed will bring good returns. One invested in the purchase of a ticket to the minstrel show to be given in the chapel next Saturday evening, Feb. 20th, will bring large returns of frolicsome fun, riotous laughter and genuine wit. A first class minstrel show with a budding chorus of sixteen voices, including several stars of local and long distance reputation, will be offered. Jammed full of good jokes and good music, every kind of instrument from the bones to the trombones. Come and see for yourself.

To the uninitiated, matriculation week would seem like one grand fight, for all you can hear is conflict, conflict, conflict.

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the second full moon, after the date of publication, kindly call x291R 3 rings. Long distance phone Q 185 Mich.

Fraker—Ever have Psychology? Koepfgen—No. But I've had "neurology."

Caged At Last.

(By kind permission of J. W. Robinson, Howard Richardson and W. A. Bahlke).

The base ball boys are jubilant over the prospect of a batting cage—a much needed gymnasium equipment. Every year the problem has been how to get a sufficient amount of indoor practice so as to begin the work on Davis Field in the spring with some knowledge of the game. The problem has now been solved, and we are indebted to J. W. Robinson, Howard Richardson and W. A. Bahlke for its solution.

It is doubtful if any college athletic association in the state has the generous business men behind it that ours has, and, for that reason, we are never in serious financial trouble. Whenever anything is wanted, it is the same thing over. Prof. Mitchell goes down and tells the story and the business men do the rest. Well, we appreciate it anyway; and we'll repay it in the only way we can—by putting up the best article of base ball that's in us. So say we all of us.

BASE BALL BOYS.

Y. M. C. A.

The annual election of officers for 1909, '10—was held in the Y. M. C. A. room Monday. The new officers will take charge of the work of the Y. M. C. A. immediately after the spring vacation. They are:

President—Roy Campbell, '10.
Vice President—Stanley Graves, '10.
Secretary—Adrian Graham, '12.
Treasurer—Wade Frost, '12.
Almanian Reporter—D'Royal Blaske, '12.

A new idea. Saturday evening, Feb. 20th, in the college chapel will be given the first annual benefit for the student fund. An array of local student talent such as would dazzle the manager of a first class vaudeville has been provided for. Plan to come.

NEW PASTOR CHOSEN.

Continued from first page. acquainted with student life, student problems and understands and appreciates what sort of counsel a student needs.

Many of us have already met him, many of us have not. The regular second semester reception which has been postponed till next Friday evening will be made a faculty and student reception in honor of Mr. Crain, to give him a better chance of meeting the student body.



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