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## MEN'S MEETING

Sunday Afternoon March 13, in College Chapel

### MR. A. B. PARSONS

Of Providence, R. I. Speaks to a Very Appreciative Audience

Sunday afternoon Mr. A. B. Parson of Providence, R. I., spoke to the men of the college and city. Mr. Parson's circuit includes the colleges of several states among them being Maine, New Jersey, Michigan and West Virginia. In 1904-05 he was general secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at the University of Michigan. A college man himself, (he is a graduate of Harvard the Alma Mater of our only ex-president); a man whose work since graduation has been chiefly among college men. He came with a message for college men. It might be stated in this connection that Mr. Parson's work is primarily with the Y. M. C. A. cabinets of the colleges that he visits. He simply comes to consult with the cabinets; to learn wherein the various associations have failed to do what they might and to discover what methods have been most successfully employed. Mr. Parson makes no pretensions at being an eloquent speaker, but speaks in an intense manner straight from the shoulders in the way that college men admire.

The theme of his talk was "this one thing I do" the phrase being interpreted in the sense of decision and intense activity, whole souled aggressive work. "Our four years of college life are four years of golden opportunity. College men do determine what they are going to be in life while in college. This is true despite the fact that many men of college training do not and will not believe it. Nearly twenty per cent of the men that go staggering into the Bowery Mission in New York City are men of college training or rather men who had the opportunity of college training. These poor fellows when asked what brought them to their pitiable conditions invariably complained of lack of decision, whatever way the crowd went they went. But a still larger percentage of the misfits in life were due to lack of

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## ALUMNI NOTES

Harold S. Gaunt '06 writes from Wheaton, Minn., where he is pastor of the First Presbyterian church, that he will be back on the campus for commencement week. This gives rise to the thought that with the appearance of the first signs of spring the alumni wherever they may be, begin to get visions of a week upon the campus with friends of former days. Yes, it will soon be time to plan for the annual picnic up the river, the various events on the program of graduation exercises, the alumni ball game and other interesting parts of a busy week. We look for a record breaking time the coming June.

Miss Stella Laing is director of kindergarten work in the Boyne City schools. There are two teachers in the department which enrolls over 100 children. The Boyne City schools have been enlarged twice in the past two years to accommodate the rapidly increasing population and Miss Laing's kindergarten is one of the most rapidly developing department.

Mr. and Mrs. James Clark are settled in their beautiful new home upon the bluff at Harbor Springs. The veranda of the new residence affords perhaps the most delightful view to be found on the great lakes, overlooking from the great hill, Bay View, Petoskey, Bay Shore, Harbor Point and the broad expanse of Lake Michigan. Mrs. Clark, who was Miss Maude Bishop '99, keeps in constant touch with the life of the college through the Almanian columns and is always deeply interested in the affairs of Alma. Mr. Clark is cashier of the leading bank of Harbor Springs.

The Harbor Springs Graphic continues under the editorship of our old friend, H. S. Babcock, to be one of the brightest and best weekly papers in the state. Mr. Babcock retains the position of school commissioner of Emmet county, the duties of which he has performed efficiently for several years. Mrs. Babcock has been ill since early autumn and is not yet fully on the road to recovery.

To the Secretary of the College,  
Alma, College,

Dear Sir:

It has always been the province of the American College to lead in the promotion of a new science and to carry on research along progressive lines. A new science has seemingly suddenly

sprung up from the earth and now it promises to revolutionize transportation. Its effect will probably be felt more vitally than any modern invention in bringing the farthest corners of the earth in closer touch.

Aerial navigation has been dreamed of for centuries. Now the dream is realized. It seems but fitting that the trained American college man should take up the work and try to perfect it.

Embued with this feeling, many of America's leading Universities have already organized Aero clubs and many more are rapidly following suit.

In order to bring about closer relations between the Aero clubs of these various Universities, to stimulate organization in new places and unite with the big International movement by affiliating an Inter-collegiate Aeronautic Association with the Aero club of America; We the Aero club of the University of Pennsylvania, acting in unison with the Aero clubs of Columbia and Cornell, extend to your college a most cordial invitation to join us in an Inter-collegiate Aeronautic Convention to be held here in Philadelphia, Friday and Saturday, April 1st and 2nd. The purpose of this convention will be to effect the organization of North American Inter-Collegiate Aeronautic Association and to arrange its affiliation with the Aero club of America.

Further, we hope to arrange a series of Intercollegiate meets and Model and Gliding contests.

If you have an Aero club in your college, will you kindly refer this letter to it. We should like an answer from all college Aero clubs whether they can be represented or not. If you have no Aero club will you be so kind as to turn this invitation over to the person or committee who would be most likely to be interested in it. It may be that your college would be glad to fall in with the movement.

Hoping to hear from you at an early date, that you can be with us, we remain,

Yours sincerely,  
Carl H. Carson,  
Chairman of Executive Com.  
Geo Atwell Richardson,  
Secretary.

G. C. Webber, a student in the class of 1908, is assistant in the post office at Manistique.

The new church at Rogers Park, under the care of Rev. J. L. McBride '04, has recently been organized under the Chicago Presbytery

## BASKET BALL REVIEW

Write-up of the Games And Players of the Season of 1910

### CLOSE OF SUCCESSFUL SEASON

Abundance Of Material On Hand For Winning Team Next Year.

The basket ball season which has just closed has undoubtedly been the best season that Alma College has ever had in that branch of athletics.

Having lost an Intercollegiate contest to Olivet, there can be no claim laid to the championship title but the team has been such a strong contender in that race that it will have to be considered well up towards the top of that list.

Although there is no official championship in basket ball recognized by the Intercollegiate Association the question of whom the holder would be if there was such a championship is problematical. Adrain has lost to Alma, Alma has lost to Olivet, Olivet has been defeated by Hillsdale, and Hillsdale was beaten by Adrain. Before the question can ever be settled satisfactorily there will have to be a championship and a schedule planned by the M. I. A. A. as there is in base ball.

Alma's season opened on her home floor soon after the holidays by defeating the five from the Mt. Pleasant Normal. The Normals had played a series of six or eight games during the Christmas vacation and were accustomed to playing together, while Alma had worked together but a few days as a team. The game was a close contest and a 27 to 23 score was the final count.

On the 29th of January the Kazoo Normals came here after having defeated the Mt. Pleasant Normals the night before and were beaten by the rather one sided score of 35 to 14. A week later the return game with the Mt. Pleasant Normals was played on their own floor and again the score was in Alma's favor. The final score was 23 to 21 and was only made after three minutes overtime had been played; the game being a tie when time was called. This was the first time that Alma ever won on the Mt. Pleasant floor.

The fast Adrain aggregation, twice holders of the Intercollegiate

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## GIRLS! GIRLS! GIRLS!

Beginning and ending its girls.

It surely was last Thursday afternoon when the Alpha Theta girls, the Philomathean girls and the Euterpe girls assembled as the guests of the Froebel girls in the Froebel Society rooms; each with a stunt up their sleeves. And such clever ones too. First the Alpha Thetas appeared in an alphabetical drama in two acts containing the most touching scenes. Surely Marion must have been in that position before or how could she sting him so. Selma and Ruth also knew how he went at it to press his suit, and Kathleen must at some time have heard her father thunder H. I. K. at some poor culprit. But it ended happily as all good plays do and they lived happily ever afterwards.

Next the Euterpe girls appeared in a pretty pennant drill with the song:

"Her eyes are blue for Zeta Sig,  
Her lips are Phi Phi's hue,  
Her golden hair with a string of  
black

Are Philo's colors too.  
She wears our Alma's old Maroon  
And Zeta's colors too,  
Because to dear old Froebels  
We're trying to be true."

The Philomatheans concluded the program with a bad one on us all:

"I represent the Philos  
Of Alma College town.  
Today, guests of the Froebels  
Of much fame and renown.  
In expression of our pleasure  
We've tried our very best  
To write a little line or two  
About each guest.  
The Alpha Theta girls come first  
Because of worth and age.  
All we might say in praise of them  
Would cover o'er this page  
So first will take Miss Hazel Blair;

She is a Senior gay,  
The fact she's Zeta's president  
Is quite enough to say.  
Another Senior Elsie Bond  
Looks very wise and stern  
But from her lonesome looks at  
times

We think she's Waring yearn.  
There's gentle loving Isabel  
Who cannot bear the boys  
But tells about her Old Maid's Hall  
And bids the girls rejoice.  
A Junior lass on second floor  
Does write-ups for the papers,  
She's famous for her big brown  
eyes

Which makes the boys do capers.  
There's Marion from Saginaw  
Who is liked and loved by all—  
We think she is the sweetest  
Dearest Sophy in the hall.  
She has a roommate from the South  
Whom everyone calls Coxy  
Just now she's violently in love  
With a Freshmannicknamed Moxie  
They have a treasurer called Ruth  
Who comes from distant Howell;  
Although she's been here two long  
years

No chap has made avowal.  
Another girl from that same burg  
Is Julia shy and quiet;  
A monster from old Pioneer  
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EUTERPE.

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We have rivals of Patti.

Catherine of the mellow voice  
Which has gained her so much  
fame,  
Has taken Alma off its feet  
And we all revere her name.  
There's Beatrice Gray from Calu-  
met,

That town of snow and ice,  
She's pretty as any picture,  
For her this must suffice.

And Susan Fear so mousified  
By many rules and laws,  
For she has many relatives  
Who visit and find flaws.

We often hear of ministers  
Who sometimes have a call,  
But Alma boasts a co-ed  
Who is Called and Called and  
Called.

People by the name of Smith  
Have done some wondrous deeds;  
And here in Alma one supplies  
A Euterpe maiden's needs.

The Euterpe has a number  
The others cannot boast  
A lady o'er whose domicile  
Presides a manly host.

## FROEBELS.

A word now of the Froebels,  
Our half sisters you know,  
Who share the Phi's affections  
That's why we love them so.  
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Chief of the noble band,  
The president of the Bachelor Club  
With her men have no stand.

Then next comes Irene Peasley,  
The idol of the boys,  
She takes their hearts, she breaks  
their hearts,  
They are her pets and joys.

'The Campbells are coming, hurrah  
hurrah!

Is Lena's favorite tune;  
But the thing we fear is that they'll  
leave us here

And go on a honeymoon.  
Then there is Florence Carmen,  
The life of old Wright Hall;  
She stirs things up in general  
And is the pet of all.

And now comes Jane McKinney  
With her broad expansive smile;  
The world would lose its sunshine  
If that laugh should cease awhile.  
She's just the very jolliest,  
Of perfection she's the Pink;  
And when we talk of Alma girls,  
She's the first of whom we think."

After the stunts were pulled off  
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# BASKET BALL REVIEW

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title, were the next opponents of the Maroon and Cream. The superiority of the latter was clearly demonstrated and the Adrain people were only able to hold them to a 39 to 25 score.

The Olivet game the following week was the hardest fought and most gruelling contest ever played on the local court. The first half was in Alma's favor, while during the second half the score was repeatedly tied. The size and weight of the, visitors, however, enabled them to nose out a 26 to 22 victory in the last few minutes of play.

Probably the cleanest and best played game of the season was the last one, that played with Ypsilanti in which they won, 24 to 19. The Yysi men were the fastest team that played here this season, and well earned a victory that was in doubt until the last whistle blew.

The team this year was made up of practically the same men as played on the 1909 team. To the fact that they have played together so long as much as any other may be attributed their success. Added to this the men have worked hard and earnestly with a determination to win that has given them the endurance and the spirit that are essential to success in any game.

A review of each individual man is hardly necessary, each having been prominent in other branches of athletics.

Keopfggen, who has been captain of the 1910 team, has proven his worth as a player and a leader in this as he has in football and in track. At the guard position he has been a stone wall of defense, guarding his man well and intercepting long passes as well as being one of the mainstays in the scoring machine. Keopfggen has that indomitable "stick-to-it-ive-ness" and spirit that makes him a valuable leader.

Roy Campbell has played the other guard position during the past season. Roy is fast, quick and has the endurance enabling him to cover the floor with any forward. He has been a strong man on defense and has held up his share of the team work which has been characteristic of the team throughout the season.

Fraker, although small, is fast and covers more floor than any of his teammates, thus aiding the offensive work of the team. He has proven himself one of the surest men at throwing baskets, bordering on the sensational at times by his difficult shots.

Phillips, the other forward, is a good running mate for Fraker and it was due in a measure to their consistent team work around the baskets that much of the scoring was done.

Cook has played a very consistent game at the center position. He was not altogether new at the position having played the same position on the second team a year ago. He has worked hard and earnestly and has shown his ability to guard his man as well as to shoot baskets.

Hooper and Chapel, the two substitutes have played well whenever called upon. Chapel plays a guard position, while Hooper plays equally well at forward and guard.

The second team has played well the past season, having defeated the Mt. Pleasant Reserves on their home floor and also the speedy Alma high school team. They have been a big help in making the first team a success; having been on hand at every practice to help in the work. Several promising candidates will be found among their number when the first team is picked next season. Among the number are McComb, Von Thurn, King, Edgerton, Ewing and Pohly.

The prospects for a winning team next season are very good. Campbell and Phillips are probably the only veterans that will be missing and with an abundance of new material to pick from, added to the experience of the men of this last season, Alma should have a team that will put her well up among the other colleges.

## ERNEST HAROLD BAYNES

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## CAMPUS NOTES

House cleaning is the most exciting thing going on at Pioneer hall at present.

Will Landon have it done here or wait until he gets back to Detroit during spring vacation? If he chooses the latter alternative it will be such a "shock" for his parents.

The song contest is closed and we will be able to announce who is victor if there is one. Some of the songs received have real merit but it rests with the committee to decide finally. Final announcements will appear at the earliest possible date.



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definite aim while in college. Men who have been out from college less than ten years and have entered five or more fields of activity are concrete examples of these misfits.

"To choose our life work wisely we must have Divine guidance. The question of where we can make our life count for most is a vital question, one that we cannot and ought not to attempt to decide for ourselves. The narrow life, a life of singleness of aim, unity of purpose and dictated by a pure and noble conscience is the life we should lead. The broad narrow life is the ideal life. A college man's life should be broad in every sense of the work, providing that it has depth. Broad in the sense of having a wide sympathetic horizon, but in the sense of concentrating the knowledge and power garnered from the broad outlook upon some one definite purpose. Christ spoke of leading the narrow life not in the sense of being narrow-minded but that our objective should be narrow, thus having our life energies centered upon some definite goal we would strive with the possibility of accomplishing something instead of aiming at the whole world and hitting nothing.

"Gov. Folk in an address in Boston almost startled the good people of that city by stating that there were enough good people in the world to change it religiously and morally within a very short time. The Christian forces of the world lack organization. Criminals are organized; grafters are landed together; Tammany has a well nigh perfect organization. The Y. M. C. A. is an organizer of Christian forces, but we must remember that we owe an allegiance to the church the embodiment of Christ's spirit on earth.

A better day is at hand. We know enough about the filth of earth, the muck has been raked enough. The newspapers are full of stories of crimes in high and low places graft and kindred evils. Our knowledge regarding these things is broad and deep. The college man must face these civic and religious problems with the spirit of Christ, the spirit of sacrifice. He

must think things out to their conclusion, make his decision throw his active influence no matter in what vocation or profession he may be engaged upon the side of humanity and Christ. Whereas fifty years the societies that commanded the greatest interest in college life were infidel organizations, now hundreds of thousands of students throughout America are daily studying the Bible. Students are beginning to realize as never before the need of the world for true noble service. And with this realization is coming a hearty response to the call. The day of decision is not being put off. The student world is going to tread the broad narrow way.

### STILL THEY TALK

We notice in the Olivet Echo the statement that Olivet had not lost an athletic contest to Alma in seven years. This is true on Alma's grounds as far as athletic contests are concerned, but the much touted crimson has not always been so fortunate on her home grounds. There are a few ball players still on the Alma squad who remember the base ball game of 1907 which had to be stopped at the end of the seventh inning with Alma at the big end of a 20 to 0 score and still going. There are those who claim that if the busman had'nt come for the boys they would be playing that game yet.

And we did'nt "rub it in" either.

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