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DR. BRUSKE RESIGNS

After Twenty-One Years of Faithful Service

HAS BEEN A GREAT PILOT

To Remain as Professor of Philosophy and Religion

On Wednesday morning of last week President Bruske announced to the faculty and students that he had resigned his position as president of the college, to take effect at the close of the present academic year. The announcement came as a great surprise and shock to the whole student body. There have been mutterings that the Doctor might retire on the twenty-fifth anniversary of the college in July, 1913, but no one seems to have taken it seriously, and it was hoped that his masterly hand might be seen in the affairs of the institution for a year or more.

The progress which has been made during the more than twenty years of Dr. Bruske's presidency, the splendid equipment and the high caliber of the faculty and student body would not be forgotten. It is the most important in the history of the college at this time. These things are visible and tangible. The interests of the president and his friends, all the friends of the college are wont to point with pride, but it is of the invisible and intangible that students are thinking and talking now—those things which stir the mind and move the heart. It is the genial nature, the kindly counsel, the loving spirit of Dr. Bruske which have endeared him to the student body, and which will be remembered long after the facts and formulas, the problems and principles of the college course are forgotten.

It is a great source of satisfaction to the students, as it will also be to the alumni and friends of the college, to know that the president is to continue his services as professor of Philosophy and Religion. In this capacity, relieved from the perplexing and harassing problems of administration, he will be closer to the student body than ever.

Dr. Bruske entered upon the presidency when Alma was not yet four years old, and before a class had been graduated. As he stated on the morning the announcement was made, he has signed every diploma the college has granted in its quarter of a century of history. Moreover, as was pointed out by Dr. Barkley, the president of the board of trustees, he assumed the presidential duties during a crisis in the life of the college, at a time when it had little endowment, less equipment, and was overwhelmed with indebtedness. He lays down the scepter with an unimpaired endowment approximating half a million dollars and an equipment equal to many colleges four times as old.

One naturally asks, what of the future? And where can one be found to replace the great pilot? Perhaps one of lesser ability will answer now that this ship is sea-worthy, well

launched and away from the rocks. And, then, too, the old captain will be on board; the new steersman will thus have a good tutor—one who will be as thoughtful and considerate of him as he has been generous and kind to all.

The Almanian cannot help recording its deep sense of appreciation of



Dr. Bruske and his work, or of expressing its regret that he should feel impelled to lay down the burdens of administration while still so vigorous in mind and body, but we are glad to have had him so long and grateful that he leaves the college so thoroughly established.

SECRETARY HURST RESIGNS.

On Tuesday, February 20, Frank R. Hurst, field secretary of the college handed in his resignation, to take effect March 1st, and it was accepted by the Board of Trustees which were in session at that time.

It had been rumored about the campus for some time past that Mr. Hurst thought of severing his connection with the college, but nothing definite was known until the recent action of the Board of Trustees was made public.

The present incumbent of the office, a graduate of the class of 1904, came to Alma three years ago from Tecumseh, Mich., where he was engaged as secretary of the Y. M. C. A. work in Lenawee county. The remarkable success of his work among the young people, and his interest and enthusiasm in educational affairs, particularly those of his alma mater, attracted the attention of Dr. Bruske, and when the office of field secretary was left vacant by the resignation of Rev. Samuel P. Todd in 1909, Mr. Hurst was proffered the position and accepted it.

Since coming to Alma, Hurst has become so much a part of the college life and activity, socially as well as professionally, that it is with deep regret that students and faculty part with his services.

A social gathering hardly seemed complete without Frank, and his stock of Swede stories; while his appearance on the football field was sure to put a spirit of enthusiasm in the team.

Mr. Hurst's reason for resigning was that he was offered a larger field of activity and a more lucrative position with the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Co. He is not certain as yet where his work will be located but it is probable that it will be in the

vicinity of either Ann Arbor or Detroit.

Last week he was presented with a handsome leather traveling bag, the gift of the men of the college, as a token of the high esteem in which he is held.

Mr. and Mrs. Hurst will leave Alma with the kindest feeling and best wishes of the entire faculty and student body for success in his future work.

The following letter addressed to one of the boys of Pioneer Hall, was written by Mr. Hurst, just before he left for Chicago, last Tuesday evening:

"Alma, Mich., Feb. 20, 1912.

"Dear Boys:

"I am leaving on my first trip with my new traveling bag and to express my pride in the new treasure is impossible. I feel wholly unworthy of such fine consideration on your part and I want to write you a few words in appreciation. I have said a thousand times that the Alma men were the best in the world and hope to say it as many more. Meanwhile, I'll carry the best traveling bag I ever



saw and exhibit it proudly on every possible occasion. You could not have given me anything else that would have pleased me half so much. But what's the use of trying to tell you; you'll never know how I feel about it.

"Yours for Alma forever,
"F. R. HURST."

TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE

We had a dream the other night,
When everything was still;
We dreamed that each subscriber
Came up and paid his bill.

STAG BANQUET POSTPONED.

Last week just after the Almanian went to press the Zeta Sigma literary society decided to postpone its annual stag banquet until commencement week, in order that more of the alumni might have an opportunity to be present and that the fellows could meet more of the "old boys" in a social way during the twenty-fifth anniversary week. So they are now planning for a big time in June.

SCIENCE CLUB.

A short but interesting meeting of the Science club was held last Saturday evening in the biological library, at which the following papers were read and discussed: "Insects and Disease,"—Carroll Hyde. "The Utilization of Waste Material,"—Chalmers Monteith. Both of these papers were exceptionally interesting and practical, in both it was evident that a lot of hard work had been done in preparation.

ALPHA THETA PLAY

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The "Rainbow Kimona" has come and gone, as all good things do—the coming, a pleasure—the going, a regret. The chapel was filled by an audience that had caught the spirit of the occasion. Those present were seated as comfortably as the possibilities of the chapel would permit; which, by the way, isn't saying as much as we wish we could. Alpha Theta confectionary added to the enjoyment of the occasion.

The chapel was darkened and curtains drawn, revealing the stage softly lighted and furnished in school-girl fashion.

On a chair trying on her mistress' nats stood Rose, the irrepressible colored maid. Rose was the life of the piece and when she was on the stage, all eyes were turned upon her regardless of what the others said or did. She was, in fact, the star in a play that was supposed to have no star.

The Rainbow Kimona was composed of seven senior girls of Miss Penclope's school for girls. Each girl wore a kimona of a color of the rainbow. In the middle of the year a Miss Edith Jones joined the Senior Class and her name was proposed for membership in the society. To admit her the girls decided, would be to spoil the magic number seven, and besides, several small thefts had occurred in the hall and Miss Olive felt sure Miss Edith was the guilty party. Circumstantial evidence was strong against her and it seemed she would be excluded.

But Rose had seen a ghost prowling about the hall. A watch was set but no ghost was seen for a week. Then when the girls were about to give up hope of seeing any apparition, in walked Miss Olive, who had most bitingly opposed the admission of Edith, and who was "very particular about her company," dressed in a white night robe, and carrying on her arms various belongings of the other girls. Here was the thief—an innocent sleepwalker. Rose's scream awoke Olive and after she had gotten her bearings and sensed her situation, she very contritely apologized to the girls and especially to Edith.

Edith was at once invited to join the society and was glad to accept and forgive all. Rose was impersonated by Carrie Rowland; and Olive, by Mandé Hooper. Others in the cast were Beryl Broderick, Mary Clark, Hattie Mills, Jean McGill, Laura Brown, Margaret Allen, and Margaret O'Neil.

Every one of these girls carried their parts in an excellent manner and the play was a grand success, all the way from the unique and original advertising to the end of the last sentence.

The second act was not as clear as

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CORNER ON DATES.

Friday, March 1—
 State Oratorical Contest at Olivet.

REV. H. L. CRAIN RESIGNS.

It is with regret that the student body learned of the resignation of the pastor of the College church, Rev. H. L. Crain. He came here three years ago from the Second Avenue Presbyterian church of Detroit, where he had been pastor from the time he finished his work in the seminary. Ever since the beginning of his pastorate here, he has been a willing counselor and helper to the students.

Mr. Crain has been called to the First Presbyterian church at Frankfort, Indiana, which has a membership of 563, is the largest church in that Presbytery and one of the leading churches in the Synod of Indiana. The call came to him unsought and uncourted, as he had no desire to leave Alma; it took him some time to make his decision, but finally deemed it advisable to accept the large field of service.

Mr. and Mrs. Crain feel many attachments here besides having many very close and pleasant friends. Alma is the birthplace of their two little children.

A congregational meeting will be held on the 29th of February to act upon his resignation. The pastor will ask to leave April 1, for two reasons; first, Mr. Crain wishes to remain with the local church until the end of the present fiscal year; secondly, it is the most opportune time for him to resign the offices that he holds in the Presbytery of Saginaw, where he is Stated Clerk, Treasurer and chairman of the board of trustees.

The Frankfort church supports a pastor abroad in Persia, and a missionary in the city. The town is prosperous and has very few foreigners or negroes, it is an excellent location and undoubtedly will be an enjoyable pastorate.

During the last three years, Mr. Crain's pastorate has been one of great helpfulness to the church, both spiritually and materially. At the present time the church is more thoroughly and efficiently organized for its work than ever before. He leaves a splendid spirit of personal interest in the work of the church. There is a feeling of responsibility each person being willing to do his part in the work. A spirit of co-operation permeates all organizations of the church. A considerable amount of money has been spent for the improvement of church property, including the recarpeting of both the auditorium and the lecture room, the purchase of a fine new individual communion set, new hymnals and a

fine property on State street for the pastor and his family.

Through its increase in membership, during Mr. Crain's pastorate, the church has been brought into closer touch with the social and business life of the community, and in consequence is able to be of more service to all concerned.

Although Mr. Crain is very strong in his pastoral work, as is indicated above, his stronghold is in the pulpit. He is an extemporaneous speaker of marked ability, a keen thinker and analyzer, with a great memory and splendid delivery. His preaching makes the Christian life a reality, and is the greatest source of his power and influence.

He has always stood ready to help with any of the college functions whenever called upon. He has been a help to the student body and will be much missed when he leaves. But they send with him and his family their best wishes for success in their new and larger field, and thank them for their kindness and help while in Alma.

MISS PIERSON'S VISIT.

Miss Helen Pierson, a traveling secretary for the central territorial organization of the Y. W. C. A., visited the college the first three days of last week. Last summer the much talked of change in the state organization was made and out of the four states, Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois and Ohio, was created the central territory. Four secretaries cover this district, one visiting only the Normal schools, another the small colleges, a third having the city work as her especial charge, a fourth looking after the universities. The change has been effected in order that more workers and those highly specialized may assist in the different departments of the state work.

Miss Pierson was most popular with the girls of Alma, many of whom had become acquainted with her at the Saginaw convention. She is a most charming little lady, a graduate of the University of Cincinnati.

At the afternoon meeting Sunday Miss Pierson spoke to sixty of the girls on the subject, "One Thing Thou Lackest." Her intimate knowledge of the inside facts of life in a dormitory, and her understanding of girls, amazed those who listened. Her address was practical to the last degree and certainly started some serious thinking on the part of many of the girls. Monday afternoon the cabinet girls entertained informally for Miss Pierson. So many of the girls asked her to speak again if only for a few minutes, that she consented and talked for some twenty minutes on "The Ideals of the College Girl Made Practical." Miss Pierson met the chairmen of the different committees and gave many valuable suggestions for strengthening the work here. We were sorry to see her go Tuesday, but we hope she may be able to return and visit us in a few months when she makes her second tour through the territory.

SOPHS ENTERTAIN JUNIORS

On Friday evening, Feb. 23, in the boys' reception room at Wright Hall, the Sophomores entertained the Juniors at a Colonial party. The party was a success, as the Sophomores know how to do things right. Everyone entered into things, and time just seemed to fly. The most things to be remembered are the costumes and the old-fashioned minuet which some of the girls taught others to dance. Then there were delicious eats, and pretty red, white and blue decorations. The party broke up with class yells and real testimonies of "a good time."

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Don Call of Petoskey is expected to enter college in the near future.

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SPEECHES IN CHAPEL.

Wednesday morning after the regular chapel exercises, Dr. Bruske made public his resignation as is stated in another article in this issue and said that he hoped that the best part of his life was still before him. He then called upon Dr. James M. Barkley, president of the Board of Trustees, who was present on the platform to address the student body. Dr. Barkley after paying Dr. Bruske a glowing tribute for his splendid service as president and as leader, made a very strong appeal to the student body. This appeal was for each student to strive to cultivate a strong and virtuous life. He used the life of Dr. Dodge of New York as the example of a strong virtuous man and as a student of the Bible. In closing he hoped that the students could always see a clear beautiful sky.

Rev. H. L. Grain was called upon next, he first made a few further remarks about Mr. Dodge with whom he was personally acquainted, showing his great faith in mankind. Then briefly spoke of Dr. Bruske's resignation, and his own, also his relation to the college. The students were glad to hear him say that he would probably be on the platform again before he left for his new field.

NEWS ITEMS.

The State Railroad Commission met with representatives of the P. M. and Ann Arbor roads and citizens of Alma, and at that meeting it was decided that Alma is to have a new and up-to-date depot. Plans will be submitted within thirty days.

Last Tuesday evening the quartette gave its concert before a large audience in the auditorium of the Ithaca High school. The entertainment was given under the auspices of the H. S. athletic association. Plans are rapidly being completed for the tour during Easter vacation.

A. C. Edgerton, who has been ill for about a week, is again able to attend classes.

Margarete Bielby is visiting her sister at Wright Hall.

Miss Creek, a former missionary to India, visited at Wright Hall Wednesday.

Wilhelm Robinson, a former college student, who is now in business in Oregon, spent a few days last week with his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Robinson.

Eena Drake spent Thursday on the campus.

Ester Shepherd entertained her father from Adrian over Friday.

Mr. McAllister, of Chicago, was in Alma this week with his son Lester.

Jean McGill entertained her mother from Marquette last week.

Isabel Henderson entertained her mother at Wright Hall Wednesday.

Besvin Anderson was called home yesterday because of the death of his mother, who has been at the hospital at Traverse City for some time.

The student body was at the train last Saturday when Lester McAllister and his father left for their home in Chicago. We are glad that Lester is regaining his health, but sorry that he will be unable to continue his studies in College.

Prof. Jas. E. Mitchell's name appeared on the toast program at the big "Gratiot County Republican Club Banquet" given in the Park House St. Louis, last Friday evening, with such names as those of Congressman F. H. Dodds of Mt. Pleasant, J. W. Fordney of Saginaw and Frank Plumley of Vermont. His subject was "Patriotic Leadership," and he certainly knew how to handle it. Other members of the College present were, Robert H. Cook, Henry King, H. V. Wilcox and E. A. Thompson.

not Alma would have a team again next spring which could be classed with those of former seasons. This sentiment prevailed because of certain rules of the M. I. A. A. against the playing of summer baseball, which, we are glad to say, have been altered to some extent. We are certain since this rule has been thrown out that Alma will be represented by a team as good and perhaps better than formerly, and that the championship rag will not be a great distance from the Presbyterian camp at the close of the season.

During the past week the cage has been installed in the gym, and batting practice has been going on every afternoon. Besides instructing the men in the fine points of handling the bat and gathering in the ball, Coach Grady has been giving considerable attention to the development of the men's throwing arms.

At present, with about twenty men working hard for the positions the outlook is anything but dark. Perhaps one thing that is encouraging to the Coach is that all the new material has had considerable experience either on High school or amateur teams. Of last year's team, Captain Rogers, Hyde, Vogt, Meyers, Brilmeyer, McCloy and Pohly are back, and with some valuable experience during the summer months are rounding into shape in double quick time.

The infield will be the biggest proposition that ever confronted a Coach here. Rogers at second is the only one whose job is practically cinched. Hyde and Vogt are out for the catching mit, but no speculations can be made at this early date in regard to that position. Taking everything into consideration the infield will be the big fighting ground.

The pitching staff will not be large, but will be made up of old and new men who have a big knowledge of the game. Meyers, who was with Charlotte last summer, which team played some of the best clubs in the surrounding states, will be Alma's hope. Brilmeyer, the south paw, it is the opinion here, will be heard from before the season closes. "Bil," while being good in the twirling line, also showed last year that he had some ability as a first sacker. Wood, an Alma High man, is expected to make good on the mound.

While it is rather early to pass judgment on the new men, those who appeared at the gym this week are showing up "to be there with the goods." Eimont, Carrac and Goodrich are especially clever freshmen. Others who are out since Johnson, Johnson, Kuehn, Brinkman, O'Brien, Nishmore and Misenar.

The schedule this year is now before the Board of Control and will be published as soon as possible. It will consist of all the intercollegiate colleges and midweek games with some of the minor schools in this vicinity. At present there is no provision for an opener with the Saginaw league team as formerly.

Last week the track men met and

talked over the season's work. The men will begin immediately with daily practice in the gym to round themselves into shape in order that they may be in condition to enter upon regular outdoor work after the spring recess. Coach Grady has been putting the squad through severe training during the week.

While the representation at the meeting was not over abundant, yet with close attention on the part of the men to their duties, Captain Misenar will lead an exceptional track team this coming spring. The squad at present consists of Misenar, shot and hammer; Edgerton, a record maker with the shot; Marks, a century dash man, who won every meet last year; Van Duzen, a two miler; Caldwell, quarter and half miler; F. Johnson, discus; and Forester, Rushmore, Johnson, Brinkman, Kolvoord.

Arrangements are being negotiated with Mt. Pleasant and Ypsilanti Normals, and are about completed, whereby the dual meet with Mt. Pleasant and Alma and the triangular meet between these three schools will be held as usual this season.

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PROSPECTS FOR BASEBALL AND TRACK.

The basket-ball season having ended last Thursday with the M. A. C. game, the baseball fever has struck the college. It was rather dubious at the opening of the year whether or

THE ALMANIAC

At Miss Mullenbach's Table.
 Mr. Misener—"Prof. Randals is going to give me four examinations today all in the same hour."
 Miss Gray—"Oral?"
 Miss Mullenbach (surprisedly)—"What?"
 Miss Gray—"Oral?"
 Miss Mullenbach—"Er—oh, yes! Oral, yes!"

The Pie Problem.
 If Montieth ate the pie would he be "Robbin?"

Girls!
 Carey—"I want to wait on Pink's bunch, I like the girls at that table best."

Things We Don't Understand.
 Why Montieth ate the pie.
 Why Edgerton didn't.
 Why Hyde cracks a joke.
 Why Brinkman doesn't change his gait.
 Why Pobly doesn't tell a new story.
 Why Misener is married.
 Why Pink isn't.
 Why "Nick" likes the girls.
 Why "Ephie" studies in chapel.
 Why Baker's knees rub.
 Why Yerex' don't.
 Why the swipes don't get a book on table manners.

Who First?
 Teacher—"How dare you swear before me?"
 Pupil—"How did I know you wanted to swear first?"

Tunk?
 Yerex—"Do you know why they did not play cards in the ark?"
 Coach—"No."
 Yerex—"Noah sat on the deck."

Father's Answer.
 Jack—"What did your father say when you told him that my love for you was as strong as a rushing river?"
 Bess—"Dam it!"

Eb and Flo.
 Flo was fond of Ebenezer.
 Eb, for short she called her beau.
 Talk of odes of love—Great Ceaser,
 You should see them, Eb and Flo.

How I It?
 "How is it sir, that I find you kissing my daughter? I repeat, sir, how is it?"
 "Fine, sir, fine," replied the young man." Ex.

Just You.
 Miss Wise, (In German class—"What are you looking at Miss Allen?"
 Miss Margaret Allen—"Nothing, just at you."

After M. A. C. Basket Ball Game..
 "I humbly beg your pardon, sir;
 I fear that I have mashed your toe. Such accidents will oft occur
 In gatherings like this, you know,
 "And I have been," was the reply,
 "More hasty than was rightly due. I fear I have confused your eye—
 And does this ear belong to you?"
 "Believe me, sir, I meant no harm. It happened by the merest chance. I trust that you will take my arm
 In getting to the ambulance."

'Tis now fulfilled, our fondest dream,
 These college rudenesses are past.
 Kind courtesy doth reign supreme
 And basket ball is done at last.

JUSTICE ADMINISTERED

St. Peter: "Where are you from?"
 Applicant: "Alma College."
 St. Peter: "Did you pay your subscription to the Almanian?"
 Applicant: "No-o."
 St. Peter: "Down."

TRUSTEES MEET HERE.

The largest meeting of the college Board of Trustees in several years was held Tuesday afternoon, in the college building. The following trustees responded to the roll call: James M. Barkley, D. D., Detroit; Prof. Kendall P. Brooks, Mt. Pleasant Normal; M. W. Tanner, Saginaw; Prof. Elmer A. Lyman, Ypsilanti Normal; Edgar A. Bagley, M. D., Alma; Lester A. Sharp, Alma; Clarence B. Chatfield, Bay City; Robert S. Tracey, Sturgis; John W. S. Pierson, Stanton; Louis S. Brook, Howell; Francis King, Alma; Leonard Lawrence, Detroit; and John F. Seeley, Caro.

The college was brought under the new law in which there is no limit to the amount of income that the institution may have, heretofore under the old law the limit was placed at \$25,000.00. The resignation of Field Secretary Frank Hurst was accepted and is to take effect March first. The resignations of Dr. Bruske, Mrs. St. John of the music department, and Miss Viola Wise, director of physical training for women, were also accepted and are to take effect June 13, 1912. Miss Linnie Udelle was engaged as teacher of violin for next year.

The financial report showed the investments in an excellent condition, there being \$396,010.12 invested.

Tentative programs were submitted for commencement week and for the visit which the Synod is to make the college next October. Although these were discussed they were not acted upon.

ATHLETIC BOARD MEETS.

At a meeting of the Athletic Board of Control held last Thursday afternoon several matters pertaining to the present condition of affairs were discussed to some extent. Although no definite plan of organization was settled upon by the Board yet it was the prevailing opinion that a new system was the thing that was needed before athletics at Alma would be put on a paying basis.

The matter of the baseball schedule and also that of the track was brought up and discussed. It was found that spring athletics will have to be self-supporting as the present financial conditions are such that no money is on hand to start the season. Under these conditions the list of games will have to be narrowed down a little. This narrowing down will of course cut the number of games but those which will be played will be with teams representing the best of the state schools. The only outside game which will be scheduled will be with Beloit who comes at a very reasonable rate. The track meets with Ypsilanti and Mt. Pleasant will no doubt be held as usual.

Oral Misener left to day for East Jordan where he was called by the serious illness of his father.

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