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## OPENING ADDRESS

### Professor J. E. Mitchell Delivers Masterly Address.

The opening lecture of the term was given by Professor James E. Mitchell, his subject being, "The Redemption Process as set forth in Great Literature." A literary theme was selected not so much from choice as from a desire to interest all the students.

The address was one of unusual interest and evidenced wide reading and careful thought which were the results of years of study.

The three great sources of material on the subject were said to be Dante's "Divine Comedy," Goethe's "Faust" and Browning's "Paracelsus," but the lecture had to do chiefly with the last.

Paracelsus started out a full-orbed man with keen intellect, generous affections and an indomitable will, but he deliberately determined to ignore and spurn the culture of the heart, for the time being, that he might devote himself the more assiduously to the pursuit of knowledge. When he has gained his knowledge he will attend to his affections again. By neglecting them, however, for the nine years in which he was in the pursuit of knowledge he found he had lost the capacity for love. Moreover, so closely intertwined did he find the feelings and intellect to be that the loss of one was beginning to work the loss of the other. His mind was also failing him.

In this desperate state Paracelsus came to himself; he recognized his loss and determined to retrieve his lost affections. He had descended so low that he lost all appreciation of beauty or goodness.

Here the redemptive process began. It came about through a consciousness of his error and his sin. The upward course is rough and steep, so deeply rooted in the very fibers of his being have the consequences of his sins become. He cares for only the low pleasures of the senses, such as the wine cup. The joys of friendship and affection are no longer his, but he deplores his loss and that's in his favor; besides, his two old friends, Festus and Michal, are ever present to encourage and help. These become the guiding stars of his life, and by a slow and gradual process Paracelsus makes gains.

Paracelsus' point of view has now changed. He is turning from himself to others. He went to the university of Basel, as a professor, so that he might give what he had gained in the way of knowledge to the world. But he found he could not teach as he would like; he had lost one of the essential elements of the teacher-sympathy.

The lecturer proceeded to point out step by step the gains which Paracelsus made, which constituted the redemptive process—and the inward suffering which attended each step. The process was not instantaneous; it was long. He did not live to recover all, but he climbed a long way up a difficult pathway, and finally came to the consciousness that life is not short but long, that it does not end here but is immortal.

### German Play.

The German department of the college will present the German play, "Der Bibliotekar," Friday evening, January 19, in the college chapel, with a cast selected from the students. The scene of the play is in England at the time of Dickens when the law of imprisonment for debt was in force. It is a four-act drama and tells a story of mistaken identity, debts contracted by the sowing of wild oats, romance and spiritualism which cannot help but be interesting.

Miss Mullenbach's German plays have always drawn large and enthusiastic crowds, and the following cast is excellent evidence that Friday night's performance will be up to the standard.

Marsland, owner of an estate....

..... Robert Cook

Edith, his daughter.... Carrie Neilson

Harry Marsland, his nephew....

..... Clarence Goodrich

MacDonald, man of wealth....

..... Claude Satterlee

Lothair MacDonald, his nephew....

..... Walter Vogt

Eva Webster, friend of Edith....

..... Ruth Hovey

Sarah Gildem, governess, Mary Clark

Leon Amadale, suitor of Edith....

..... Frank Anderson

Patrick Woodford, friend of Amadale....

..... Paul Omans

Gibson, tailor.... Carroll Hyde

Robert, librarian.... Frank Kolbe

Dixon, landlady to Lothair....

..... Ella Bittner

John, the house servant at Marsland's....

..... Arthur Simenton

Trip.... Paul Omans

Knox.... Paul Omans

Griff.... Dallas Brock

Commissioner.... Dallas Brock

### ORATORICAL CONTEST.

Shortly after the Almanian went to press last evening, the Annual Men's Oratorical contest took place in the chapel. There were three contestants, Edward W. Brehm of Cadillac, who spoke on "The Better Day," Claude H. Satterlee of Detroit, who delivered an oration on "The Cosmic Harmony," and Harold V. Wilcox of St. Louis, whose subject was "Is it Worth While?" They spoke in the order indicated. Rev. J. Frank Jackson, Francis H. King and L. A. Sharp, all of Alma, acted as judges, and a number of musical numbers helped to make an interesting program. The program in full and the result of the contest will appear in our next issue.

### JUNIORS ENTERTAIN SENIORS.

Thursday night was indeed an ideal evening for a jolly sleighride, and it was a lively bunch that started from Wright Hall in two big sleighs loads at 5:30. We made good time and were soon in St. Louis enjoying a warm fire and a good hearty supper. Afterward the evening was spent in playing games and having a general good time.

The class of 1912 has been indeed fortunate in having such a class of royal entertainers as our successors. This event was no exception in proving them ideal hosts and hostesses.

On the Tuesday evening before vacation Messrs. Brock and Race of the freshman class were the guests of the upper classmen at a party given in the gym. Mr. Porter, who was invited, could not be present, but satisfactorily explained his absence the next morning.

### QUARTETTE TO SING.

On next Saturday evening, January 20, the college quartette will give an entertainment at the Presbyterian church. The boys have been practicing hard for several weeks, and their ability is being recognized throughout the state. A week from tonight they give the third number on a large lecture course in the Presbyterian church at Saginaw, and a number of other dates have been made. Their entertainment Saturday night will be the first complete evening's program which they have yet rendered, and they promise something pretty good. Besides the musical part of the program, Robert Hume will give some of his popular readings. The personnel of the quartette will be Reginald Burritt, Robert Hume, Robert Cook and Vern Wright, with Miss Amsbury as accompanist. We believe that you will thoroughly enjoy their concert, and find it more than worthy of your patronage.

### JUNIORS TO PUBLISH ANNUAL.

At a meeting of the Junior class held recently, it was decided to take charge of the publishing of the third volume of the "Maroon and Cream," the college annual. After a thorough discussion of various details connected with the issuing of the annual, the following editorial board was chosen:

Managing Editor—Lester von Thurn.

Associate Editor—Margaret Boag.

Athletic Editor—William Ewing.

Jokes and Cartoons—George Brilmyer.

Business Manager—Leon Koolvord.

Active work on the annual has already started and it is expected that the year-end rush which has characterized the publications of former numbers will be done away with. Last year the Annual was published by a stock company and the year before by the seniors, and has been one of the most attractive college publications in the middle west.

### BOB'S CHRISTMAS PRESENT.

At chapel, on the Wednesday before Christmas, amid the applause and cheers of the entire student body, Bob Fredericks, the best janitor in the best college in the State, was presented by President Bruske with a beautiful oak rocker. The chair was a present from the boys of the college, who wished to show their appreciation of Bob's courtesy and efficiency. Later in the day, the Kindergarten girls presented Mr. Fredericks with a handsome and well filled purse.

### ATHLETIC CARNIVAL.

On the evening of Friday, January the fifth, the students gathered in the gymnasium to enjoy one of the most unique and interesting entertainments in the history of the college. The occasion was the athletic carnival, given for the purpose of raising funds for the athletic association. The gym was fantastically decorated and here and there were the tents and booths designed to amuse and separate the unwary from their money. Every society had some clever attraction, and several individuals, notable among them Yerex and Blaske, performed feats of incredible skill. Altogether, the carnival furnished the students a little the best time they have had this year, and we thank Coach Grady for suggesting it.

## NEW DEBATE LEAGUE

### Alma to Debate M. A. C. and Ypsilanti

Alma has accepted the invitation of the Michigan State Normal at Ypsilanti and the Michigan Agricultural college to form a triangular debate league. This will give us four intercollegiate debates for this year, the triangular league with Olivet and Hope remaining intact. The invitation was received shortly before the holidays and after several discussions pro and con by the college debate association, it was accepted.

Ypsilanti and M. A. C. have debated together in a dual league for a number of years, and the quality of their work has been high class in every respect. This fall they decided that a triangular would be more interesting and profitable. Ypsilanti suggested that Adrian be invited to join. M. A. C. replied that she was favorable, providing that Alma was invited, rather than Adrian. This pleased Ypsilanti, and hence the invitation. With the four debates on hand, and the state and Chicago Oratorical contests, the forensic year at Alma will be a full one, and will give us a splendid opportunity to show our calibre.

### ALUMNI REUNION.

The annual meeting of the Central Michigan Alumni Association was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Fraker on West Superior street, on Friday evening, December 29th, and there were gathered together on that occasion just twenty seven students of former days. At the meeting held last year at the home of J. W. Robinson steps were taken towards the organization of this association and at the meeting of the past vacation a constitution was adopted which makes the Central Michigan Alumni Association an organized body. The meeting was principally a social affair with as little time as possible given to necessary business. There were guests present from New York on the east and Iowa on the west, and from the buzzing conversation in the Fraker parlors one would judge that these old fashioned friends, separated widely for months or years, were calling up all the events of importance that had ever transpired on the campus. There was visiting, then songs, and then some more visiting during which time a short business meeting was held. Prof. J. E. Mitchell, '93, was elected president for the coming year, with F. R. Hurst, '04, vice-president, and Leora Morton, '04, secretary-treasurer. After the business meeting Professor Mitchell called the company to order and called upon several for brief addresses. Rev. W. H. Long, '98, spoke in regard to the Mary C. Gelston library fund and gave out the encouraging information that over one-half of the \$1,000 pledged by the Alumni Association had been subscribed by different members. Mr. Long paid glowing tribute to the character of Miss Gelston as he told of the influence of her life during the time she presided over the department of

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We read with interest an article on college spirit which appeared in one of the state papers recently. It read in part as follows:

"Michigan colleges, with the exception of the university, do not seem able to arouse spirit in athletics as is done in other states. For example, take Illinois. In all probability Illinois has as many small colleges as any other state in the Union and the spirit in all of these schools is superb."

Lake Forest College, situated at Lake Forest, Ill., is probably best noted for its school spirit in support of its athletic teams. Some of the results may be well pointed out in the fact that Lake Forest won the football championship of Illinois and Wisconsin in 1909 and 1910. It held the same two years.

So much for the teams and now for their support. The college is co-educational and has about two hundred students. All the men eat in one big dining hall and it is there that the school spirit is started. At dinner the night before a big game there is very little eating going on after the school yell master enters the room. At the game the next day there is a steady roar from the bleachers and if the game is won nobody much reports for dinner that night.

That is not the only way they celebrate a victory. It is always desirable to let the fair coeds make merry too so the freshmen are sent out to gather wood and shortly after nine o'clock the girls all come out and the college songs and yells are given as the fire blazes to the sky. Then after some of the superfluous energy is worked off, players, coach and some of the faculty are pulled forward for speeches. These are the reasons the old alumni come back for big games and this is why the love for alma mater never dies on graduation day in Lake Forest.

We believe that any one in close touch with the Michigan schools will take exception to such a criticism of our college spirit. It may be that we are not as prone to noisy demonstrations as some colleges in other states and we have had occasion to exhort a little along that line, with splendid results. But we do believe that in devotion to our colleges and its teams, in hard toil which we are willing to undergo for the glory of our alma mater, in all that really counts, we are not surpassed by any colleges in Illinois or any other state.

Alma college will debate with Olivet, M. A. C., Hope and Ypsilanti this year. The powers that be have so decided, and whether such a decision is wise or not is a dead issue.

We thank M. A. C. and Ypsi for their recognition of Alma's rank in debate, and we assure them that we will make every effort to make the new league a success.

But one thing must be faced. Alma will have to put up four teams of four men each of intercollegiate caliber in the field in a short time. The new league was formed upon the assumption that the demand would supply the men. The assumption was based upon the Alma spirit, which has done miracles in the past.

We exhort every man in college who has ever dreamed of representing his school or the forum, every man who has had any experience whatever, every man who is willing to work for Alma, to get busy on the questions, to make up his mind that

the man who beats him to a place on one of the teams must be a debater of unusual skill. We believe that the enthusiasm so aroused, the hidden talents so discovered, and the competition so stirred up will enable Alma to make a splendid showing in the coming forensic contests, and will justify the action of the debate league in adding to our opportunity for intercollegiate victories.

And while we are discussing the debate question, we might venture another suggestion. For no very good reasons, so far as we have been unable to learn, our co-eds have not represented Alma on her teams. We know that Wright Hall shelters some clever debaters. If you don't believe it, start something over there and find out for yourself. Last year Olivet used a co-ed with tragic success. Who knows but that Wright Hall may be our salvation yet.

We note with pleasure that the Juniors have taken charge of the publication of the "Maroon and Cream." They are well able to handle the job and we have every reason to expect a splendid annual this spring. The class is to be congratulated on its selection of the staff. Mr. von Thurn, having ability and experience, will make an excellent managing editor. Miss Boag has turned out some clever writing during her course at Alma and is unusually fitted for her position on the staff. "Brill's" clever cartooning and illustrating has been in demand ever since he entered college, and his work will do wonders to brighten up the annual. Mr. Koolvord is an excellent choice for business manager and his connection with the annual last year (through his room-mate) will be of great assistance to him. Mr. Ewing has demonstrated his ability as an athletic editor by his work on the Almanian and there is no question but that he will make good.

We believe that we express the sentiment of the Junior class when we request every student and alumnus to extend all possible assistance and courtesy which can help to make the "Maroon and Cream" for 1912 of record-breaking excellence.

**ALMA-23-MT. PLEASANT 14**

Friday evening Alma College defeated Mt. Pleasant in a lustless game of basketball with a score of 23 to 14. Misner played his first game on the varsity and gave a good account of himself.

Almn	Mt. Pleasant	
Bra. & Wood	rf	Dickinson
Hooper	If	Morrison
Misner, Cook	c	Frazer
Wood, Misner	rg	Raymond
Von Thurn, Austin	lg	Verris

The annual Alpha Theta play, Friday evening, January 26, in the chapel.

Coach Grady and the Athletic Association wish to thank the college societies for their assistance in making the carnival a success. They state that a total of twenty five dollars was netted.

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**ALUMNI REUNION**

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Latin in the college. Prof. G. B. Randels was called upon next and spoke of the friendships of Alma and the associations that bind the alumni into one body. It was the first reunion Dr. Randels had attended since he left the college for study abroad and it seemed like old times to hear him again. President Bruske spoke concerning commencement plans for 1912, and made a plea to the alumni for several things that would have to be accomplished before that time. He spoke, too, with enthusiasm of the work of some of Alma's alumni, mentioning especially the victories of some of her noted women in various lines of endeavor. The last speaker of the evening was John Marchmount who had come from New York city to spend the holidays. Mr. Marchmount spoke for the Alumni Association of the East and told of the warm feeling for the old college that existed among all the former students in that part of the country, and of the efforts many were making to be present.

Following the addresses refreshments which consisted of coffee, sandwich by Mrs. Ernest Seibring, and Misses Maud and Ruth Hooper and Ella Bittner. Then there was another round of visiting which closed one of the most delightful of all gatherings of Alma men and women.

Those present to enjoy the fine hospitality of the Fraker home were President and Mrs. A. F. Bruske, Prof. and Mrs. J. E. Mitchell, Prof. and Mrs. G. B. Randels, Misses Winifred Trapp, Helen Cook, Edna Swigart and Leora Johnston, and Messrs. Henry Soule and Frank Hurst of Alma; Rev. W. H. Long and Prof. K. P. Brooks of Mt. Pleasant; Ray Baker of Des Moines, Iowa; Miss Leora Morton of Howell; Miss Lillian Crandell of Ovid; Miss Lois Fraker of Grand Ledge; H. Whittemore of Kalamazoo; Theodore Nelson of New Bremen, Ohio; Miss Myrtle Creaser of Carson City; Miss Florence Hood of St. Charles; Robert von Thurn of Auburn, New York; Miss Bessie Seaver of Harbor Beach; Miss Emma Swigart of Charlevoix; John Marchmount of New York and Miss Marian Spinney of Edmore.

**OTHER COLLEGES.**

**Hope**—Hope's representatives to the state oratorical contest are Hessel E. Vintema and Miss Irene Stapelkamp, both of Holland.

**Adrian**—“We hope that they (M. I. A. A.) have not wilfully tried to distort the facts—this M. I. A. A. board did not declare any of the Adrian players ineligible. Next, the M. I. A. A. board exonerated the faculty of Adrian college from any unfair work in regard to any of the protested players. Moreover, the credits of Reule and Maubetsch have not been proved to be forged, nor did the Adrian representatives at the M. I. A. A. board meeting first maintain these players' eligibility and later declare them to be ineligible, as stated by some. Adrian college has stood for clean athletics. We are not so bent upon winning games that we lose sight of college honor in striving to beat by questionable means.”—Adrian College World.

**Ypsilanti**—Ypsi is reporting to the state press their pleasure at having an opportunity to meet Alma in debate. They expect to place a splendid representative in the inter-collegiate oratorical contest at Olivet.

**M. A. C.**—Over five hundred farmers are taking advantage of the annual short term course in agriculture.

**Olivet**—Willis Osborne of Coldwater will represent Olivet in the

state inter-collegiate oratorical contest.

**ALPHA THETA.**

At the last meeting of the Alpha Theta Literary Society before Christmas, the members were presented with a beautiful picture by the senior girls of the society. The picture was a large one, with an attractive dark frame, and could only add to the adornment of any room. It is a picture of Westminster Abbey and is just what the society needed to complete the list. It is greatly appreciated, seniors, and again we thank you.

**CLASSICAL CLUB.**

In spite of the intense cold a goodly number of the members were present at Classical Club on Saturday night. The following papers were read:

“Early Literary Forms,”—Faith Welton; “The Influence of Hellenism on Latin Literature,”—Earl Woodruff; “Roman Schools and Roman Education,”—Margaret Boag. A very interesting and complete summary of “Phormio,” the play to be put on by the club during commencement week was given by John Landon.

**Y. M. C. A.**

Last Friday the Y. M. C. A. elected officers for the ensuing year, beginning with next term. The election was well attended and all officers unanimously chosen. Below is a list of the officers. The chairmen of the committees will be published later.

President—E. A. Thompson '13.

Vice-President—John Landon '13.

Secretary—A. C. Edgerton '13.

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**Hubby**—My dear, I'm not in the habit of associating with that class of people. Send a servant—Bagology.

**If She is Always Talking.**  
“Generally speaking woman is—”  
“Well, is what?”  
“Generally speaking.”

**One Way to Stop Her.**  
Shep—“Say, did you ever kiss a girl in a quiet spot?”  
Tom—“Yes, but the spot was only quiet when I was kissing it.”

**Now that “Striff” has gone and done it,** we are beginning to believe that there may be some truth in that “girl back home” theory.

**Umpire (at basketball game)—**“Foul!”  
Small boy—“Where are the feathers?”

**Umpire**—“You goose, this is a picked team.”—Pennsylvania Chronicle.

**Just Dying to Do It.**  
Servant—“No, the vicar is not in just now. Is there any message?”  
Old Woman (cheerfully)—Well, tell him that Martha Higgins would like to be buried at two o'clock tomorrow afternoon!”

**It has been suggested that since Satterlee has joined the ranks of the orators he has gotten so high toned that he won't carry anything but first class mail.**

**Prep. Geometry.**  
Theorem—If you love your girl, she loves you.  
Hypothesis—You love your girl.  
To Prove—Your girl loves you.  
Proof:  
1. All the world loves a lover.—Shakespeare.  
2. Your girl is all the world to you (evident).  
3. Hence your girl equals the world (A dom.).  
4. Therefore your girl loves a lover.  
5. You are a lover.  
6. Therefore: Your girl loves you.

**ABOUT THE CAMPUS.**

The basket ball team plays M. A. C. at East Lansing tonight.

The week of prayer was observed last week by special talks by Dr. Bruske during the chapel exercises.

**Friday evening** the sophomores were the guests of the Freshmen at a skating party at the roller rink in St. Louis.

Bob Fredericks wishes us to thank for him the students who so kindly remembered him at Christmas time.

Prof. Ewing is able to be out again after his recent illness.

Dr. and Mrs. Bruske are entertaining their grandson, Paul Wheeler Bruske of Detroit for a week.

Josiah Buell had a recent visit from his father.

Bessie Seaver, Jean Dykes and Florence Hood all of the class of 1911 visited Alma during the holidays.

C. W. Sidebotham, '01, spent a few days in Alma last week.

Joe Kennedy was called home last week by the illness of an aunt.

**SOME WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

There have been several weddings the past few months which have not appeared in the alumni columns of the Almanian and during the last few days your editor has learned of a few that will be of interest to former students.

In July, Miss Leta Gilbert, Kg. '05, and Mark L. Marshall, '09, were married at the home of the bride's parents in Bay City and are now at home in Chicago where Mr. Marshall is in his senior year in McCormick Seminary. Miss Gilbert was one of the most popular young ladies in Alma during her college days, while Mr. Marshall was a leader in all branches of college activities. He held positions on all athletic teams, was an orator and debater of ability, and during his last two years in college was president of the Y. M. C. A..

In early October, J. L. McBride and Miss Ethel McNaughton of Louisville, Ky., were married and spent the month of October on a honeymoon trip in the Wisconsin woods. They are now at home in Rogers Park, Chicago, where Mr. McBride is pastor of the Presbyterian church. “Jim” McBride is another who left a name to be remembered in Alma after his graduation. He is still recognized by many as the best full back the M. I. A. A. ever possessed, and as a pitcher was feared by all Michigan colleges. He took part in all activities for the good of Alma and since graduation has proved to be one of Alma's most able men.

On October 18, Mr. Benjamin Pulver of Tecumseh and Miss Ethel Springer, Kg. '09, of Lansing, were married at the Springer home in the latter city. Miss Springer was an exceedingly able student during her course in the kindergarten training department and after graduation made an excellent record as a teacher in the schools of Tecumseh. They will make their home in Tecumseh where Mr. Pulver is proprietor of one of the city's leading drug stores.

Cards are out announcing the wedding on January 1, of Fred Striffler of last year's freshman class and Miss Hazel Lillian Campbell of Caro. Fred was one of the best men on Alma's champion football team of 1910, and played in the infield of the baseball team. Many wondered why he did not return to Alma this year, but now they will understand. Congratulations go out from the whole student body among whom Mr. Striffler was very popular.

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