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BACCALAUREATE SERMON.

On Sunday evening, President Bruske preached the baccalaureate sermon to the class of 1912, in the Presbyterian church, before an audience that packed the building to its greatest capacity. He developed his subject in a masterful manner, making present day applications. His sermons have always been strong and helpful, but never did he appear with greater force and eloquence than he did in his last sermon in the capacity of president of the college. The following is a brief outline of the sermon:

Text: "What lack I yet?" Matt. 19:20.

Theme: Some things lacking in a college graduate.

We must admire the discourses of Jesus, but His conversations were even more wonderful. Specimens are those with Zacheus, Nicodemus, the Roman of Samaria and the Syro-phenician woman. Perhaps none more interesting than the one of which the text is a part. The person addressed by the Savior was a "young man," who was "very rich," "who had kept all the commandments," who was "a ruler," a prince in Israel; "who sought eternal life," who was very dissatisfied with himself, "What good thing shall I do?" who was much in earnest about it, "he came running," and he was devout, for he "knealt at Jesus' feet."

"What Lacked He Yet?"

(1) He lacked a thorough knowledge of himself. He thought he had kept the commandments. Had he?

(2) He was ignorant of the real spirit within him. He thought he would do anything for eternal life, but when told to sell earthly treasures for heavenly riches, he went sorrowfully away.

The class of 1912 may ask with great earnestness, "What lack we yet?" After the Primary grades we conquered the Grammar grades, and then the High school and now the College. What lack we yet?

(1) You lack in large measure the knowledge of the real world. You have been dwelling in the ideal. The friends have helped you thus far in every step of your way; but the world outside of college is largely unsympathetic and even hostile. How will you meet responsibility when you will have to think, plan, decide and fight alone?

The model machine built after the pattern of the ideal will not always work in the stress of heat and cold and wet and dry.

It is true that a President Taft led his class in Yale, a Senator Root his in Hamilton, a Justice Hughes his in Brown University, but does anybody know who was first in that class at Harvard of which a Theodoré Roosevelt was a member? The microcosm of theory does not always correspond to the macrocosm of reality. "Gray is theory, but green is the tree of life."

(2) You have here studied the science and philosophy of conduct and character. You lack the art. You will soon be a recruit in the army of life. You need many years of drill to make you a veteran.

Doubtless young Webster was eloquent when he defended the woodchuck in his father's house, but it was not the eloquence of "the lion of the north" defending Massachusetts against South Carolina.

There is a vast difference between the prayers of a catechuman and

those of a Dr. Jowett.

In the perfection that comes by many years of striving you are lacking. To that perfection the long years that stretch out before you are beckoning.

(3) In these coming years of self-reliance and personal thinking you will have, near you at least One Friend. He will never disappoint you.

The teachers here have often disappointed you. They have sometimes been unsympathetic, even sarcastic; not so with the Divine Friend and Teacher in the school of life. Here you may or may not have been a favorite, "but there is no respect of persons with God."

Here, the impossible may sometimes have been demanded; not so in life. 'He will not suffer you to be tempted above what you are able.' To that Teacher's counsel and grace we now commend you.

HONORS AWARDED.

The last chapel exercises of the year were held yesterday morning, and following these, the athletes, debaters and orator were presented with emblems in recognition of their excellent work during the year.

r. Bruske took the floor and after a few remarks as to the benefit of this work in oratory and debate presented the following students with the Old English "A": Robert H. Cook, Ernest W. Sebring, Lester von Thurn, E. A. Thompson, Leon Kolvoord, D. R. Marks, E. W. Brehm, Harold W. Wilcox, Claude Satterlee, Wm. Y. Pohly, Frank Kolbe and Josiah Buell for debate. Also H. V. Wilcox for oratory.

Following this, F. R. Hurst of the class of '04—our smiling Frank—took the floor and with an excellent talk right from the shoulder, put all the nerve tingling of the year's athletics back into the students and presented the following men with the block "A":

Football—Capt. Edgerton, Capt. F. Johnson, Rogers, Marks, Misener, Hyde, Goodrich, Von Thurn, Wood, Pohly, and A. Johnson.

Baseball—Capt. Rogers, Myers McCloy, Vogt, Brilmeyer, Simenton, Goodrich, Wood and Pohly.

Basket-ball—Capt. Hooper, Capt. F. Johnson, Edgerton, Fraker, Wood, Sidney Cook, and Misener.

Track—Capt. Misener, Marks, Wilson and Hyde. Marks and Misener received their medals.

Supt. E. E. Fell, '02, of Holland schools, gave a short talk in chapel Thursday morning, as did Prof. Boers of Hope College.

THE DETROIT STRING QUARTETTE.



AT COLLEGE CHAPEL TO-NIGHT.

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM.

The following persons will deliver orations or papers at the commencement program Thursday forenoon: Laura Sebring, Robert Hume, Leon Lauderbach, Carrie Neilson, Loretta Clum and William Pohly. Degrees will be conferred upon the following: Louanna Dorothy Baker, Ph. B.; Eleanor Bittner, Ph. B.; Vinnie Cecil Booth, Ph. B.; Laura Alice Brown, Ph. B.; Loretta Blanche Clum, Ph. B.; Robert Howard Cook, A. B.; Foster Allen Fraker, B. S.; Gladys Leona Gorton, A. B.; Ruth Elizabeth Hovey, Ph. B.; Robert Frank Hume, B. S.; Leon William Lauderbach, B. S. Hattie Belle Mills, Ph. B.; Carrie Elizabeth Neilson, Ph. B.; Gail Enid Peacock, B. S.; William Young Pohly, A. B.; Carrie Louise Rowland, A. B.; Anna Laura Sebring, Ph. B.; Ernest Wilburn Sebring, B. S.

Katherine May DeVries and Theo Maud Amsbury will receive their diploma from the four year music course. Bernice Amanda Miller and Vivane Berkeley Miller will graduate from the Academy.

KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM.

The Kindergarten program was held in the chapel yesterday afternoon, and was delightful from start to finish. The first part of the entertainment consisted of a number of songs for small children. They were word-picture songs, and much appreciated by all present. (a) A bowl of bread & milk; (b) Mr. Frog; (c) The first flying lesson; (d) Mr. Duck and Mr. Turkey. (e) The Bunny; (f) Tick, Tock. These songs were rendered by the girls of the department.

The principal part of the program was given by Miss Mariam, of Mt. Pleasant Normal, formerly of Alma. She gave an interpretation in story of Wagner's operas, and was assisted by Miss Howe, of the Music department of the Normal. (a) The Rhinegold; (b) The Valkyrie. (c) Siegfried. Miss Mariam told part of the story and then Miss Howe gave the music that would express it. This part of the program was exceptionally delightful. Miss Clark sang "Spinning," and as usual was very pleasing to the audience.

THE PRESENT.

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E. W. Brehm attended the field meet at Albion last week.

THE SENIOR CLASS PLAY.

A three-act play, entitled, "The Trick Play," was presented Monday evening in the college chapel by the Senior class. The chapel was well filled and the audience seemed to enjoy the play very much. Each member of the class was especially adapted to the part they played, and the entire performance went off smoothly. The cast of characters was as follows:

Tom Lansing, a senior in law..... Ernest Sebring
Miles Alden, a Boston law student..... Leon Lauderbach
Sidney Hilton, a student card sharp..... Robert Hume
Billy Merrill, a Freshman..... Foster Fraker
Ralph Lawrence, a football coach..... Robert Cook
The Burglar, a knight of the jimmy..... William Pohly
Millicent Merrill, in search of her Prince..... Laura Brown
Shirley Hathaway, in love with Ralph..... Dorothy Baker
Dixie Davis, a Southern girl..... Vinnie Booth
Madge Lansing, hostess at the cottage..... Ella Bittner
Eloise Elmer, a devotee of art..... Gladys Gorton
Frances Palmer, with literary aspirations..... Ruth Hovey
Gretchen Lansing, a younger sister..... Carrie Wilson
Amy Dean, who loves football..... Gail Peacock
Pauline Thayer and Judith Gray, known as Punch and Judy..... Loretta Clum and Hattie Mills
Mrs. Wilberton, aunt to Madge, Tom and Gretchen..... Mrs. Sebring
Tilly, a maid who "Loves de Patcher Boy"..... Carrie Rowland
At the close of the last act all the class appeared in their caps and gowns and sang their class song, after which Robert Hume, as class president, presented an enlarged picture of Dr. Bruske to the college. This gift is most appropriate, since Dr. Bruske finishes his work as President of Alma College at the same time when the class of 1912 graduates.

PUPILS' RECITAL A SUCCESS.

The Graduate program of Miss Theo Amsbury and the Junior program of Miss Florence Rozema, both of the Music department, was given last Friday in the chapel at 4:15 o'clock p. m. This was the seventh annual pupils' program and one of the best ever given. Miss Amsbury is well known and a great favorite among the music lovers of Alma, but never did she appear better than last Friday at her Graduate recital. It surely was a fitting climax to her splendid course. Miss Rozema is not so well known but her splendid work of last Friday shows that she has exceptional musical ability and knows how to use it.

Mein Glaebiges Herz..... Bach
Waltz, Op. 70, No. 1..... Chopin
Canzonetta..... Schuett
Etude..... Loeschhorn
Der Neug erige..... Schubert
Auf dem Wasser zu singen..... Schubert
Die Soldatenbraut..... Schumann
Aufschwung..... Schumann
Bel raggio lusinghier (Semiramide Rossini
Polacca Brillante..... Bohm
Serenade (Natoma)..... Victor Herbert
From the Land of the Sky-blue Water (Omaha Indian Melody)
Charles Wakefield Cadman
Julia's Garden..... James H. Rogers

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MEN OF THREE TYPES.

Arthur T. Hadley, president of Yale, in an article in Harper's of several years ago, divided college men into three distinct classes: men of facts, men of ideas, and men of affairs—the scientific, literary and administrative type of mind. Discussing the third type, Dr. Hadley said: "The boy whose interest is in affairs is as a rule very much harder for the teacher to get at than the boy of either of the other types. He is generally a leader in sports, he is always a leader in every form of social organization. In dealing with this type we find that students to whom the class room offers least are often the ones to whom the college life offers most."

"WHO'S WHO AND WHY"

This is our last publication and the time has come when we must ask "who is who and why." If you have paid your subscription we know who you are. If you haven't you are still on the list of those whom we hope to hear from soon. To those we wish to say that your communication may be brief, but if a check is enclosed we will use it to pay our bills and extend our thanks to the remitter.

FIELD MEET

The M. I. A. A. field meet held at Albion last Friday and Saturday was an easy victory for Olivet. The points were Olivet 53 1-3; Albion 36; Hillsdale 30 1-3; Alma 15 1-3; Kazoo 0.

Marks was the big point winner for Alma, winning first place in both of his events. Karns of Hillsdale was counted on by many outside authorities to win the dashes, but Marks easily outclassed him in both the 100 yd and the 200 yd. Marks is one of the best and most consistent track men that Alma has ever had, and is regarded by many as one of the fastest sprinters in the Middle West. Wilson, although only securing third in the two-mile run, lead all the way until just before he crossed the tape. He ran the distance in less than 10 min, 30 sec. The event was won in exceptionally fast time, 10:17 4-5. Wilson is a freshman and promises to be a great runner.

Miscnar won second in the hammer and Hyde placed in the high hurdle and pole-vault.

Points: Marks 10, Miscnar 3, Hyde 1 1-3, Wilson 1.

Albion won the base ball championship.

President Bruske's house caught fire last Friday night and there was an exciting time from one until two o'clock. However, we are glad to say that the damage was not great.

UNION MEETING.

At a union meeting of the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. held in the college chapel last Sunday afternoon, Rev. Charles W. Sidebotham gave an address on "The New Heroism." Using as his text, Isaiah 2:4, "They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks." In a masterful and interesting manner he told that the old heroism was a heroism of war. When we think of the heroism of the past, we think of military men. But today we are planning for peace. This does not mean that we are doing away with heroism, we are simply developing a new kind. In the past, the best steel was used for weapons, but by the new heroism these weapons are being made into plowshares and pruning-hooks. The new heroes save, feed and protect—not destroy.

He then discussed the purpose of the pruning-hook, and applied the example to life. The pruning-hook is used to cut off the useless branches of a tree that the others might have a better growth and yield better fruit. So in life we must apply the pruning-hook to cut off the non-essentials and develop in one line. "Limit your work, and then work to your limit," was a quotation that he used.

Mr. Sidebotham then discussed the purpose of the plow-share. It is to cut and dig. It means just as much work and heroism as to work with the sword in time of war, but it was for construction and not destruction. He also showed that this method of heroism was a following of the command, "Man shall earn his bread by the sweat of the brow."

In closing, he gave the three points of heroism and compared the new and old heroism with regard to these. First—bravery; second—brain power; third—ideality. This was a most excellent address and splendidly delivered.

ALPHA THETA MID-NIGHT BANQUET.

Once again the Alpha Theta girls met around the festive board at their annual midnight banquet, a tradition of twenty-two years standing.

The alumnae of the society were welcomed home with true Alpha Theta hospitality. Seventeen of the old girls returned for a renewal of old associations.

The table, glistening in snowy linen and silver, was fragrant with flowers as all sat down to a feast of good things, both temporal and spiritual, unexcelled by any that had gone before. A spirit of good-fellowship prevailed from the moment of the first arrival until the last good-night was said.

The program of toasts was as follows:

Carrie Rowland, toast-mistress.
Ella Bittner, '12—"Auf Wiedersehen."
Beryl Broderick, '13—"Our Goddess."
Lois Fraker, '09—"Alpha Theta Loyalty."

Margaret Allen, '15—"First Impressions."
Alice March, '02—"Alpha Theta Traditions."

Jane Muellenbach—"Alpha Theta Forever."

This was the real Alpha Theta feast, for all else was forgotten in the enjoyment of the hour.

From the humor of the Freshman toast, to the tender memories of those of the Alumnae, there was a succession of pleasing spiritual food served in dainty and attractive courses.

And once again came the hour of parting. The Alpha Theta song was sung and goodbyes were said, and the Alpha Theta girls, one and all, in the "wee sma' hours" sought their rooms to dream of the things that have made our college life so dear.

Miss Mullenbach entertained a number of friends in her rooms last Thursday afternoon.

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ALPHA THETA OFFICERS.

President—Maud Hooper.
Vice President—Margaret O'Neil.
Secretary—Bertha Hubbell.
Treasurer—Margaret Allen.
Critics—Beryl Broderick and Celia Creaser.

VOLUNTEER BAND.

Only four members of the volunteer band will return next September. So the present band of ten met last Friday and elected Albert Esselstyn as president for next year and Miss Boag secretary and treasurer.

PHILOMATHEAN.....

Last Monday evening the Philomathean girls planned for a spread in Turk's woods but on account of the weather were compelled to have it inside. But they spent a very pleasant evening singing college songs and dancing. This society has planned to make current topics their principal subject for study next year.

FROEBELS.

After a very interesting report from Miss Robinson of her recent trip to the Inter-state Kindergarten Union Convention, held at Des Moines, the Froebel society enjoyed themselves eating Stevie's ice-cream at the expense of the newly elected officers.

Friday morning the K. G. girls gave their annual picnic to the mothers and children in the college grove.

MISS MULLENBACH HONORED.

Last Monday evening, before the regular society meeting, the Alpha Theta girls presented Miss Mullenbach with a set of silver spoons. The society has always received great help and inspiration from Miss Mullenbach and feel it is a great loss to have her leave Alma.

PHI PHI ALPHA.

The Phi Phi Alpha literary society elected the following officers and adjourned to Stevie's for their treats on new officers.

President—Lester von Thurn.
Vice President—George Brilmeyer.
Secretary—Paul Austin.
Treasurer—Rex Van Dusen.
First Critic—Claude Satterlee.
Second Critic—Milo Hogan.
Janitor—Ralph Peacock.

SCIENCE CLUB

The following officers were elected to begin work in the Science Club next September.

President—Claude Satterlee.
Vice President—Albert Esselstyn.
Secretary-Treasurer—Marion Hartness.
Reporter—Leon Kolvoord.
Librarian—Ruth Robins.

ALPHA THETA-ZETA SIGMA.

Last Monday evening after a short session of both societies, the Zeta Sigma boys, called at Wright Hall for the Alpha Theta girls, and both societies went in a band to Stevie's where they were treated to ice-cream by the newly elected presidents.

PROF. WEST LOYAL TO ALMA.

Prof. West, head of the department of chemistry, has been offered the position as head of the same department in Washington State College. If he had accepted the position he would have had a considerable raise in salary and five assistant professors in the department. But the Alma students are highly pleased with the fact that he refused to accept the proposition, enticing as it is. Prof. West is very popular among the students of his department, and deserves a great deal of credit for his loyalty to Alma. This again reveals the fact that the ability of Alma professors is recognized the country over.

WHITTEMORE HONORED.

By action of the Board of Regents of the University of Michigan the faculties of the respective colleges in the state are authorized to nominate each year to the administrative officers of the Graduate School of the University some member of their respective senior classes, or one of their graduates of not more than four years standing, as a suitable candidate for a State College Fellowship, with a stipend of \$300.00, for the academic session. Such candidates when duly appointed by the Board of Regents will be placed on the same footing and be subject to the same regulations as other University Fellows. The fellowship to Alma college for the year 1912-13 has been given to Harlow O. Whittemore, of the class of 1909, and the alternate to Hazel S. Blair, class of 1910.

THE SENIORS AGAIN.

If someone will kindly tell the Seniors where they haven't been or what they haven't done, they will go and do it. Last Tuesday, the class had the pleasure of being the guests of Miss Vinnie Booth, who entertained over in Turk's woods. It was a beautiful evening and everyone was feeling fine and they felt much finer when the baskets were opened, revealing the abundance of home-made doughnuts and cakes. Such eats! Needless to say, they disappeared rapidly and then a quiet evening was spent around the fire.

Robert Cook attended the directors' meeting of the M. I. A. A. at Albion last Thursday and remained for the meet.

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ALUMNI NOTES.

Miss Addie Sweeney, who graduated from the Kindergarten department in 1902, was married last September fifteenth to Mr. Louis Philip Guigon of Tucson, Arizona. Since leaving Alma, Mrs. Guigon has spent nearly all of her time teaching in the Indian mission schools of the West, the last two years at Escuela, Arizona. Mr and Mrs. Guigon are at the head of the boys' school at that place and have under their care seventy pupils between the ages of seven and twenty.

A. R. Moon, one of Alma's best football men of former days, received his diploma from the Detroit college of Medicine at the commencement exercises of that institution, May 23. Every one of Moon's old friends will be highly pleased to know that he has reached a goal he has had in mind several years.

F. R. HURST.

The following article appeared under a fine large cut of Mr. Hurst in the "Agency Bulletin" of the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Co.:

"Franklin R. Hurst, who has for the past three years been field secretary of Alma college, recently resigned his position to take up special work throughout the state of Michigan in the interest of our agency. His time will be devoted very largely to working among teachers of the colleges and senior students, both with a view to writing insurance and interesting prospective agents in the work.

"We feel Mr. Hurst is peculiarly fitted for this special work, as he has a large and favorable acquaintance throughout the state and all the colleges and schools. He has been prominent in athletics, being in great demand during the football season as an official at the various games throughout the state.

"Mr. Hurst has taken up his residence at Ann Arbor, where he and his family are very nicely situated. He has the best wishes of everyone connected with the Agency for success in his new undertaking."

It is with pleasure that we note the fact that Mr. Hurst's name appears well up in the list of individual agent's ranking sent out by the company. We are always glad to hear of Frank's success.

OLIVET ECHO.

The Olivet Echo contained the following item concerning its new staff. "At a meeting of the advisory board of the Echo held last week, John Martin and Perry F. Powers were elected joint editors and managers of the college paper for next year. Both Powers and Martin have had extensive journalistic experience and should put out a splendid paper. They purpose to do all the editing and managing themselves, thus having power and responsibility well concentrated."

Albion, and in fact all the Michigan colleges, are jubilant over the fact that Mr. Robinson of that college, Michigan's representative to the interstate contest won first honors and the \$100.00 prize May 17.

ALUMNI GAME.

The alumni game will be played on Davis Field tomorrow afternoon and is looked forward to with much interest, because "Sandy" Duncanson has a bunch of stars who are expecting to give the fast "Midgets" a merry chase. This game will see Myers and Duncanson, Alma's two big pitching marvels of recent years, pitted against each other. The following stars will be back for the game: Ehlers, Burk, Duncanson, Phillips, Helmer, Campbell, Graham and Call. Everybody should be out to see the big battle.

CABINETS HAVE SPREAD.

The cabinets of the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. had a spread in the jungle last Saturday morning. At this breakfast the plans of different members of the cabinets for next year were discussed. Plans of co-operation were brought forth and according to the enthusiasm shown, next year promises to be a banner year in both associations. Bible study will be taken up before Christmas vacation, in the Y. M. C. A. while the Y. W. will probably reverse the order.

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION... ELECTS OFFICERS.

At a meeting of the athletic association held last Wednesday at 12:45 the following persons were elected to hold office for the ensuing year. President—Lester Von Thurn; Secretary-Treasurer—John Landon; M. I. A. A. director—A. C. Edgerton; Allen Hooper was appointed as manager of the schedules of football; basket ball and track until the new coach comes next September at which time he will have charge of the work. The financial report of the association was deferred until a later meeting.

"A" MEN HAVE SPREAD.

Last Wednesday evening at about four-thirty, the men who had won athletic during their stay in Alma, together with an equal number of co-eds, started for Honeoi with baskets of good things to eat. The weather was fine and according to all reports they had a very delightful evening. This is the second annual spread that these men have had. Last year Coach Grady took his men to Grassmere for the feast.

BATTING AVERAGES.

Below is the list of the batting averages of the baseball men, compiled June 8th. The list shows Vought in the lead for the handsome library table cover given by G. J. Maier to the man having the highest batting average for the season. There is still an opportunity for either Wood or McCloy to pass him in the two games of this week.

	A	B	H	per cent
Vogt	34	13	385	
McCloy	28	10	357	
Wood	40	14	850	
Carey	8	1	333	
Rogers	33	10	303	
Kitchen	10	3	300	
Myers	32	8	250	
Brillmeyer	32	8	250	
Pohly	21	2	238	
Goodrich	33	5	183	
Siminton	30	4	133	
Hyde	3	0	003	

JUNIORS.

The Juniors held their farewell class spread Thursday. They went to Honeoi taking eats with them. Everyone turned out, and the party proved to be one of the best of the year. Everyone expects to be back for more of these "glorious" affairs next year.

PROFESSOR EWING CHOSEN.

Professor J. T. Ewing, head of the Latin and Greek department, at a meeting of the faculty recently was unanimously chosen to be Alma's delegate at the 75th anniversary of the University of Michigan. The celebration of this occasion will be held the last week in June, at Ann Arbor. As Prof. Ewing was graduated from the university with the class of '80 it is altogether fitting that he should be the one selected to carry greetings to the State Institution from Alma College.

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