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Dr. Blalstell IIscusses Practical Problems of the Day

## OUAIIG Chapel Penions

Talks Are Interesting and of Much Value to the Students

The past week was set apart as Home Mission study week for the churches of the nation. Because of this fact, President Blaisdell has used a few minutes of the chapel service on several mornings to emphasize some of the national problems that can be solved by united home mission work along sanitary, social, and religious lines.
In each address he made use of diagrams showing graphically certain of the conditions he wished to make clear. One morning he emphasized the need of educating the Negro along sanitary lines. This he illustrated by a diagram showing that during the past sixty years the total population of our count $\because$ has increased four-fold, while the Negro thirds-fold, and this in spite of the fact that the birth rate among colored people is higher than among white people. The much larger death ratio is due to unsanitary living, a condition to be remedied only by education. He showed that in Cuba,
which is one of the fields of Home which is one of the fields of Home
Mission work, 26 per cent of the Mission work, 26 per cent of the
total foreign white population are unable to read and write, 55 per cent of the total colored population, and 41 per cent of the native white popu-
lation. Satisfactory lation. Satisfactory social and religious conditions can not possibly exist until education has done its work.
Again, he showed that in a single year almost 900,000 immigrants from southern Europe, the undesirable immigrant, generally speaking, had flooded our shores, while of the more rope no year had brought as many as 500,000 . further, that the immigration from northern Europe is decreasing at a rapid rate, while that from southern Europe is very rapidly increasing, The task of educating and increasing, ing these millions, must fall largely ing these millions. myst fall largely upon the Home Missionary societies; and inless the task is accomplished the problem is bound to become far more difficult; if we do not elevate them they must degrade us, with the European Sabbath and many other undesirable conditions.
The rapid increase in urban population and the loss of rural population in many states was illustrated. During the decade closing with 1910, 44 per cent of the counties of Ohio, 61 per cent of those of Indiana, and 72 per cent of those of Iowa had a loss in population; and this is saying nothing about many other states in which similar losses occurred. Congested city population is far harder to Christianize and ennoble than is rural population; so the Home Missionary problem becomes more and more complicated. One-fourth of all

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## Six IIMA MEI OIN "TOOT" HALL'S MIL I. I. I. A. T. TEMI <br> (Picked for The Evening Press-Foor Find Berth on Second Team) FIRST TEAM <br> Henning, Alma, right end Johnson, Alma, right tackle Lutz, Albion, right guard Misenar, Alma, center Anderson, Alma, left guard Edgerton, Alma, left tackle <br> Those from Alma on the second team are:-VonThurn, left end, Vogt, quarter; W. Schultz, right half; and Wood, full back.

ARTICLE IN LESLIE'S WEEKLY Written by President Blaisdell on "Colleges Must be Efficient."
On "The Public Forum" page of Leslie's Weekly for Nov. 21 there appeared an article on "Colleges Mus: be Efficient," by President Blai sdell. It surely is practical and shows the real need of the colleges of today. The same page contains articles by President Butler of Columbia University; Mayor Gaynor of New York sity; Mayor Gaynor of New York
City; L. G. Kaufmann president o the Chatham and Phoenix National the Chatham and Phoenix Nation
Bank, New York; and Dr. F Bank, New York; and Dr. E.
Thorndike of Columbia University

MRS. POTTER'S VISIT.
Mrs. Potter, student secretary for
the Fresbyterian Mission Board, visited Alma Thursday. She gave a splendid taik in the chapel to the student body, on the subject of the students'
need of a world wide interest, and of ervice wherever one is placed. After conference with the Student Volunteer Band, and private conferences with many of the girls, she gave a
talk in the evening before the Presyterian girls of the college about the work of their own church.
Mrs. Potter is an enthusiastic,
tractive speaker tractive speaker and the girls with one accord enjoyed her visit, and received through it an added interest in the great problems of today, together ing on in their own church.

DR. KELLER SPEAKS.
The Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. at joint meeting in the chapel Sunday Keller of New York city, on the subject of God's plan for the world, and the place that each should fill in asm and his his wonderful enthusimade everyone feel the wonality he portunity for service wonderful opneed of the foreign field. All present were impressed by his powerful ap peal and a strong missionary interest was ercated. Professor Veatch and Mr. Barton assisted with special music.

## MISSIONARY INSTITUTE

The Y. M, C A and Y W, C and Student Volunteer movement have united in arranging for a missionary institute to be held at Lanof December. The purpose and eighth stitute is to help and to train those who expect to lead mission study classes. Both the Y, W, C A the Y. M. C. A. are taking C. A. and of this opportunity, At adving advantage have already planned to four Alma and many more representatives are desired.

## "THE ROSE MAIDEN."

## Beautiful Cantata by Frederic Cowen.

On Friday evening, December 6th, at 8 o'clock, the College Choral club of one hundred members will mak its initial bow to the public. Rehear sals have been progressing regularly since the beginning of the year and the presentation of this cantata should The Rose Maiden is avent. The Rose Maiden is a work abound ing in beautifut harmonies and attrac tive melodies. It consists of solos
duets, trios and choruses. The Choral club will be accompanied by the Alma


MR. EDWARD WALKER, Tenor college orchestra of twenty players The soloists are as follows: Mme. Iva Bigelow Weaver, soprano; Miss Har riett McGreaham, contralto; Mr. Ed S. Wengerd, tenor, and Mr. Charle soloists are Chicago artists.
The price of admission has been placed at 50 cents and as the seating capacity of the college chapel is limited the publie is urged to secure reservations early. Choral club members will have tickets for sale. Reservations may be made on and after c. 2nd at Rhodes' drug store.

WHAT OLIVET THINKS.
"Our lamps may be dimmed with age and bleary with prejudice, as althem tow however hard we strain the Ann Arbor junction point of the Ann Arbor and Pere Marquette and Johnson."


On Ferns litven Before Science Club by Alfred Papworth '15

## RIRE COLLECTION FOB IILIII

## Mr. Papworth Makes First Real Study and RlaBest Collection of MichIgan Feras

At, the meeting of the Scientific club,' last Saturday night, there was a talk by Mr. Papworth on the "Ferns of Michigan." Although a student in the college and a young man, he has made a special study of ferns, mosses and wild flowers covering more than five years of almost cong tinual work. Whats of almost conand collection of peculiar value, work fact that it has peen done in a pion the fact that it has been done in a pioneer
field. In England the subjet is such In England the subject is of ber of cheap and reliabl that the numis almost unlimited relable fern books variations ummited, and the smallest In this country it was and classified. In this country it was not until thirty years ago that any attempt was made to write a manual on the subject. Since the appearance of that modest Tittle book, "Ferns of Kentucky,"-less than a dozen works have appeared, and the price and technical nature of these havekept them out of the reach of the general public. Mr. Papworth is familiar with most of these, and has the faculty of telling what he has learned in an easy and entertaining manner, so that those who have no technical knowledge of the subject may understand it.
The story of some of the trips after rare specimens sounds like the adventures of a traveler. A trip of fifty-eight miles by canoe and a night specimen as long as a finger, but the collector was well repaid for but the was unknown in the locality until that time, and, in fact, had never been reported away from lime-stone been The natural guardian of the plants made necessary some laughable preting, citronelle-boots, mosquito-net ting, citronelle and oil of tar scarcely
protect one from the insects and protect one from the insects and
water in the swamps, while as the water in the swamps, while as the
speaker said, only one naturally immune to the poison of ivy and sumac can safely travel in some places. Catching a baby rattle-snake in a butterfly net was an incident of one
trip. trip.
Disct:ssing the ignorance and prejudice in the minds of some people on the subject of ferns, he told of the woman who said, "Well, they smell like streaked-snakes, anyway."
After talking of the general nature of the species, Mr. Papworth turned to a part of the talk which is naturally less intelligible to those not trained in botany, but made it. very plain. Giving the general laws of iructification and reproduction, he then took each large family by itself, guishing eharacteristics, the distinthe manner of froiting, since it is by the manner of fruiting that the species are separated. A clear and conpoint in tre minds of fern fixed the point in the minds of the audience.

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Friday, Dec. 6-"The Rose Maiden," by the Choral club.
Thursday, Dec. 12-Lecture by
Brooks Fletcher.
4 FOOTBALL NUMBER.
The Almanian will not be issued next week. According to the arrangement at the first of the year, the Almanian was published two weeks week of vacation during Thanksgiving week of vacation during Thanksgiving
recess and another during the midrecess and anothe
year examinations.
year examinations.
The issue of Dec. 10 th will be "Football Number" and will give a general review of the season and each player, together with other in-
teresting things pertaining to the teresting things pertaining to the
football season. Statements from old students will be acceptable and will add much to the interest of the issue-
If you have a word or two of appreciation for the work of the team thi season don't be afraid to send i along. Give us some of your enthusiasm and help us to make this the greatest number of the Almanian yet, Have your copy here not later tha Dec, 5th.

## Y. M. C. A.

The Bible classes begun about three weeks ago are a great success About fifty men are meeting every morning in classes before breakfast Bible lesson as outlined by of the Bible lesson as outlined by Bosworth in his study of the Acts. The
object of this study is not only to object of this study is mainted with
get the men better acquainted the Bible and its great lessons but to create a habit of daily Bible study that will be permanent.

## GLEE CLUB.

The College Glee club, composed of twenty young men of the college, is making a good showing. Excelrection of Prof Veatch. It is one of the many new additions to the college life that has come this year from the music school.
the-music school, A tour will be made in the spring to Grand Rapids and other large cities. Judging from the material and the interest manifested, Alma will have one of the leading glee clubs of the state.

MR. SEELEY'S PLAN ADOPTED. John F. Seeley, of Caro, and a member of the Board of Trustees, has made a long hard fight to have the back of currency free from denominational numbers and has suggested that the size of new bills be smaller. He has just been informed by R. O. Bailey, assistant secretary of the treasury, that present plats
clear of figures and with an artistic design. Also that the bills will be one-third smaller.
Mr . Séeley is to be congratulated for having been the direct means of ringing about a useful improvement of benefit to all persons in the United States.

BASKET-BALL PROSPECTS As this was a big Alma year in football so will it be in Dasket-ball, for never were the prospects for a winning team ever so bright as they are this year. The return of six vetthe freshman class is the cause of this wild spasm of glee. For Fraker is the only old man who will not return to play this winter. His position will easily be filled from the large number of laity
Several of the football men have made good records while in high school and should make strong bids arr the extra job on the quintet. For
all the old men look good to repent all the old men look good to repeat
this season. Among those who this season. Among those who are out seeking a job are: Austin, who eatured in some of the minor struggles last year; Misenar, who suped for Edgerton several times when he was laid up with a disabled shoulder; and Vogt and Cook. Of the new men who have had considerable experience on the basket-ball court are Bill Schultz and Henning of Bay City, gentlemen who have been found acceptable in the eyes of the student body on various occasions of pigskin strife, and G. Cook.
Edgerton should be as strong :a actor as he was last year and with Wood, Hooper and Capt. Von Thurn will form the nucleus for a winning combine. Coach Bleamaster is a past master in the art of injecting athletic gray matter in the cerebrums of all he has half as much success with the basket-ball quintet as he had with the ootball team, Alma is bound to have championship team. Support of the tudent body is all he asks and so it saw a crowd going to a game to get out and try to mate the teame ge out and try to make the team. An elaborate class schedule has been arranged and it will do much roward developing the men towards picking the squad for the season's
campaign. Every class team play
Eat campangn. Every class team plays may be anticipated. For two years the class of 1913 has copped the premier honors in basket-ball and are ott to make it three. Von Thurn, Edgerton, Hooper and Misenar are a heavy organization and with a fifth man look like real champs.

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## HONIE MISSSOON NEER

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the population of the United State is, living in cities of over 200,000 , o one four-hundredth of the land In a single year $\$ 1,800,000,000$ was
spent for liquor and approximately spent for liquor and approximately
the same amount for food and clothing. In the manufacture of liquor 6,000 wage earners were employed as against 494,000 in the manufacture of food and clothing; the wages paid for the one were $\$ 45,000,000$ as against $\$ 244,000,000$ for the other; and the raw materials for the one cost $\$ 139,-$
000,000 as against $\$ 744,000,000$ for the other. Turn into legitimate channels the enormous cost of liquor, and what a wonderful increase in trade in wages, and in employed men would at once take place. West Virginia's vote of three to one in favor of state prohibition must be made possible in every state by education and Christ-
He showed that of each $\$ 100,000$ in this country one person in a hundred owns more than $\$ 70,500,29$ persons own $\$ 25,300$. or about $\$ 875$ each while 70 persons own $\$ 4,200$ or $\$ 60$ each. With such an awful difference in wealth, what wonder that Socialism polled 604,000 votes in 1910 as opposed to 127,000 in 1900 . Another complex and all but insoluble prob. lem. Only the teachings of Jesus can He sompass its solution. eral is still the great leavening in gen For is still the great leavening power ity workers, of all Associated Charty workers, 92 per cent are church
members, while of all social workers members, while of all social workers along all lines, $\tau_{1}$ per cent are allied with the church. But the church is
holding its own and nothing is not evangelizing the world
its own and nothing more; is clearly shown by the world. This the decade closing with 1910 the increase in population of the nation was 21 per cent, while during the same period the increase in church memWith was just 21 per cent.
With such problems to be solved, What is the manifest duty of the $22,000,000$ church members, the $60,-$ 000 Sunday acherents, the 16,000 ,162,0bo ordained ministers, the 215,000 church organizations with 210,000 buildings, valued at $\$ 1,300,000,000$ and seating $60,000,000$ people?
Is not their duty to carry out the text that dominated the varions addresses, namely, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation?"
Dr. Blaisdell's
more than interesting to every were dent and member of the faculty. He has a splendid faculty of getting a lot of material into a few minutes. His appeal to the students to prepare themselves for a proper solution of these problems seemed to give much
inspiration to all.

NEW PRIVILEGE.
Self-government has proven so satisfactory to the faculty this year that they have granted an undreamed of privilege to the students. The young men may call at Wright Hall for the young ladies and accompany them to church Sunday evenings, provided they are back to the Hall by $8: 30$ o'clock.

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And finally broke his bill.

## Prodigality. .

Father Smith (after reading an article in a newspaper) - "It's shameful the way these ere colleges waste money in furniture! Here's an account of somebody giving Harvard $\$ 200,000$ for a new chair."
but Their Feeling.
Wright House Boarder-"Well, old friend, how do you feel? I've just eaten a bowl of oxtail soup and feel bully."
Wright Hall Boarder - "I've just eaten a plate of hash and feel like everything."

## Enjoyable.

Yerex (during violin solo at con cert" - "Well, Sid, we can enjoy our selves in spite of all this noise."

The Difficulty.
Miss H. - "I am sure there are many girls who could makeyou hap pier than I could."
"Dusty"- "That's just the difficulty they could, but they won't.'

What He Saw.
"I saw you kiss sister, last night." "Did you, Bobby? Here's a quarter for you."
"Thanks. And maid in the hall."
"Great Scott! Here's five dollars!" -Life.

## Won't Listen

Lester - "Say, Prof. Ewing just Lester - "Say, Prof. Ewing just
won't listen to good commion sense won't listen to good common sense
recitations."
Hooper-"How do you know?"
Prof. Clizbe-"Miss Hanel, how do we know that we are here? Or more specifically how do we know that Mr. Edgerton is in the room?" Miss Hanel-"Why, something he did showed us that there is a spirit here."

## WEEKLY RECITAL

## At the Friday recital, the chapel

 was well filled with an enthusiastic audience. Much praise is due each participant.Miss Hammond gave a beautiful piano solo, showing excellent ability in interpretation. Mr. Barton played an Aria (Tenaglia). He is an artist in violin music. Miss Barnes also played well. Mr. Moore displayed his mellow base-baritone voice to the best advantage in two well chosen selections.
The numbers were all met wi hearty applause by the audience.
Owing to the yacation next week and to the rehearsal of the "Rose Maiden" the week following, there will be no weekly recitals.

FIRST NUMBER EXCELLENT.
The Alma Lyceum course was Evelyn Bargelt Concert by the which gave a most attractive entertainment.
Miss Bargelt is a crayon artist, as well as a reader, and her work showed exceptional skill. She was ably supported by Mr. Benjamin, baritone, Miss Freeman, violinist, and Miss Hollanger, pianist
If the rest of the course equals the standard set by this number it will be one of the best courses ever pre-
sented in Alma and should be well sented in Alma and should be well patronized by all.

Carl Gallagher of Forest Hill has taken up work with the music department.

## INTERESTING LECTURE

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The literature and mythology of ferns seemed to be a hobby of the speaker, as he was perfectiy at home
discussing it. In the old country, discussing it. In, the old country, every fern has some interesting bit of olk-lore or mythology attached to it. Some of the quaint poems and
charms were from books almost charms were from books almost never seen. As late as 1825 there was till much ignorance and superstition connected with the study. Kings have issued edicts, and even the church has seen fit to condemn those who "watched the fern" or gathered
its" seed. The novelty of this informits seed. The novelty of this inform-
ation made it all the more interesting. ation made it all the more ine of the disappointments of the
Some enthusiast were laughable. To find one solitary plant of a species in a whole country, and watch it and proect it until the fronds should mature, and then have it eaten by cows at the last moment, is a loss which would he work Such things as losing valuable specimens or having them destroyed by careless persons all add to the difficulty of the chase.
Now the best part of the lecture came. Taking out his specimens one by one, he told the history of each, how one, he told the tory far he walked, how rare it was and other points of interest, showing all the pride that one does in his choicest rea'sures.
Under the words of the speaker he specimens which at first looked ald alike, began to take on character and personality, until in the end, each one showed out as distinctly as famwere perfect a crowd. The exhibits were perfect and well showed the beauty of "Nature's lace-work. has peculiar forms and variations which older botanists have spent years seeking. Some of them are possibly the first gathered in the state, atd without doubt, the collection surpasses in thoroughness and scope, any amateur effort in this part of the country.
Laying aside the specimen sheets, the young enthusiast turned to a difierent side of the work. With the statement that "In Nature study, as in relig on, a little love outweighs al else," he spoke of the benefits of such a pursuit. Free from all brutalizing influence, the use of some kind of study that will take us into the open air, away from the disturbing ele The personal satisfaction of the good. The personal satisfaction of the work mphasized. Then, with a plea for emphasized. Then, when a plea for could tell the flowers and trees at a cound tell the flowers and trees at a glance, and name the birds from ther
notes, when men lived close to the heart of nature, and enjoyed her riendship, the lecture closed.
Another year will finish the work and Alma College will be the pos sessor of a collection unequalled, pos sibly, in the country.

> Y. W. C. A. SECRETARY.

From Saturday till Tuesday Miss Maude Raymond, Y. W. C. A. secretary, visited Alma. Since the combining of the four central states into one Y.W. C. A. field, the smaller colleges have had no secretary, but this visit from Miss Raymond, university visit from Miss Raymond, university Miss Pearson, Normal secretary.
Miss Raymond, during her stay i Alma, met with the chairman of each committee and aided them in the planning far greater work. On Sun day afternoon she talked to all the
girls and brought to each the realizagirls and brought to each the realiza-
tion of personal responsibility and service.
Dr. C. C. Hyde of Addison was a visitor last week. This is the first time "Doc." jr., has had a chance to show his father around the college. Irene Warner enjoyed a visit from her father last week.



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