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Dr. Blaisdell Discusses Practical Problems of the Day

DURING CHAPEL PERIODS

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 President Butler of Columbia Univerthe conditions he wished to make clear. One morning he emphasized City; L. G. Kaufmann president of tive melodies. It consists of solos, 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 - has increased four-fold, while the Negro unable to read and write, 55 per cent work of their own church. of the total colored population, and Mrs. Potter is an enthusiastic, at-

year almost 900,000 immigrants from ing on in their own church. southern Europe, the undesirable immigrant, generally speaking, had flooded our shores, while of the more desirable classes from northern Europe no year had brought as many as afternoon were addressed by Dr. 500,000, further, that the immigration Keller of New York city, on the subfrom northern Europe is decreasing ject of God's plan for the world, and at a rapid rate, while that from south- the place that each ern Europe is very rapidly increasing, it. Through his wonderful enthusi-The task of educating and enchurch- asm and his strong personality he ing these millions, must fall largely made everyone feel the wonderful opupon the Home Missionary societies; portunity for service and the great and unless the task is accomplished need of the foreign field. All present the problem is bound to become far were impressed by his powerful apmore difficult; if we do not elevate peal and a strong missionary interest them they must degrade us, with the was created. Professor Veatch and European Sabbath and many other Mr. Barton assisted with special 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 and Student Volunteer movement reservations early. Choral club memper cent of the counties of Ohio, 61 have united in arranging for a mis- bers will have tickets for sale. Reserper cent of those of Indiana, and 72 sionary institute to be held at Lanper cent of those of Iowa had a loss sing on the sixth, seventh and eighth in population; and this is saying no- of December. The purpose of the inthing about many other states in stitute is to help and to train those which similar losses occurred. Con- who expect to lead mission study gested city population is far harder classes. Both the Y. W. C. A. and to Christianize and ennoble than is the Y. M. C. A. are taking advantage leged, but however hard we strain rural population; so the Home Mis- of this opportunity. At least four them towards the junction point of sionary problem becomes more and have already planned to represent the Ann Arbor and Pere Marquette, Continued on page 2

SIX ALMA MEN ON "TOOT" HALL'S ALL M. I. A. A. TEAN

(Picked for The Evening Press-Four Find Berth on Second Team)

FIRST TEAM

Henning, Alma, right end Johnson, Alma, right tackle Lutz, Albion, right guard Misenar, Alma, center Anderson, Alma, left guard Edgerton, Alma, left tackle

De Lapp, Hillsdale, left end Harwood, Hillsdale, quarter H. Schultz, Alma, left half Rider, Olivet, right half Beck, Hillsdale, full back

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 peared an article on "Colleges Must its initial bow to the public. Rehearbe Efficient," by President Blai sdell. sals have been progressing regularly It surely is practical and shows the since the beginning of the year and real need of the colleges of today.

The same page contains articles by be a very auspicious event. Bank, New York; and Dr. E. L. Thorndike of Columbia University.

MRS. POTTER'S VISIT.

Mrs. Potter, student secretary for population has increased by two-the Presbyterian Mission Board, visitthirds-fold, and this in spite of the ed Alma Thursday. She gave a splenfact that the birth rate among col- did talk in the chapel to the student ored people is higher than among body, on the subject of the students' white people. The much larger death need of a world wide interest, and of ratio is due to unsanitary living, a service wherever one is placed. After condition to be remedied only by edu- conference with the Student Voluncation. He showed that in Cuba, teer Band, and private conferences which is one of the fields of Home with many of the girls, she gave a Mission work, 26 per cent of the talk in the evening before the Prestotal foreign white population are byterian girls of the college about the

41 per cent of the native white popu- tractive speaker and the girls with lation. Satisfactory social and re- one accord enjoyed her visit, and religious conditions can not possibly ex- ceived through it an added interest in ist until education has done its work. the great problems of today, together Again, he showed that in a single with the knowledge of what was go-

DR. KELLER SPEAKS.

The Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. at a joint meeting in the chapel Sunday

MISSIONARY INSTITUTE.

more complicated. One-fourth of all Alma and many more representatives we cannot see much but Edgerton point in the minds of the audience. lare desired.

"THE ROSE MAIDEN."

Beautiful Cantata by Frederic Cowen.

On Friday evening, December 6th, at 8 o'clock, the College Choral club Leslie's Weekly for Nov. 21 there ap- of one hundred members will make the presentation of this cantata should

The Rose Maiden is a work aboundsity; Mayor Gaynor of New York ing in beautiful harmonies and attracthe Chatham and Phoenix National 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 Harriett McGreaham, contralto; Mr. Edward Walker, tenor, and Mr. Charles S. Wengerd, baritone. Three of the soloists are Chicago artists.

The price of admission has been placed at 50 cents and as the seating capacity of the college chapel is The Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. limited the public is urged to secure vations may be made on and after Dec. 2nd at Rhodes' drug store,

WHAT OLIVET THINKS.

"Our lamps may be dimmed with age and bleary with prejudice, as aland Johnson."

On Ferns liven Before Science Club by Alfred Papworth '15

RARE COLLECTION FOR ALMA

Mr. Papworth Makes First Real Study and Ha-Best Collection of Michigan Ferns

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 continual work. What makes his work and collection of peculiar value, is the fact that it has been done in a pioneer field. In England the subject is of such common interest that the number of cheap and reliable fern books is almost unlimited, and the smallest variations are studied 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 little 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 ity-eight miles by canoe and a night in the open was necessary to get one specimen as long as a finger, but the collector was well repaid, for the fern was unknown in the locality until that time, and, in fact, had never been reported away from lime-stone rock. The natural guardian of the plants made necessary some laughable precautions. Hip-boots, mosquito-netting, citronelle and oil of tar scarcely protect one from the insects and 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

Discussing 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 fructification and reproduction, he then took each large family by itself, and showed by drawings, the distinguishing characteristics, since it is by the manner of fruiting that the species are separated. A clear and concise definition of a fern fixed the

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CORNER ON DATES.

en," by the Choral club.

Thursday, Dec. 12-Lecture by Brooks Fletcher.

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 earlier than usual, which allows a week of vacation during Thanksgiving recess and another during the midyear examinations.

The issue of Dec. 10th will be "Football Number" and will give a general review of the season and each player, together with other interesting 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 this season don't be afraid to send it 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 that Dec. 5th.

Y. M. C. A.

The Bible classes begun about three weeks ago are a great success. About lifty men are meeting every morning in classes before breakfast for a short study or reading of the Bible lesson as outlined by Bosworth in his study of the Acts. The object of this study is not only to get the men better acquainted with 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. Excellent work is being done under the direction of Prof. Veatch. It is one of the many new additions to the college life that has come this year from 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 plans are to make the backs of new bills

clear of figures and with an artistic design. Also that the bills will be one-third smaller.

Mr. Seeley is to be congratulated for having been the direct means of bringing about a useful improvement of benefit to all persons in the United

BASKET-BALL PROSPECTS.

As this was a big Alma year in football so will it be in basket-ball, for never were the prospects for a winning team ever so bright as they are this year. The return of six veterans and the wealth of material in the 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 for the extra job on the quintet. For all the old men look good to repeat this season. Among those who are out seeking a job are: Austin, who featured in some of the minor struggles last year; Misenar, who suped for Edgerton several times when he was laid up with a disabled shoulder; Friday, Dec. 6-"The Rose Maid- 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 factor 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 manner and shapes of huskies and if he has half as much success with the basket-ball quintet as he had with the football team, Alma is bound to have a championship team. Support of the student body is all he asks and so it is up to every fellow who ever even saw a crowd going to a game to get out and try to make the team.

An elaborate class schedule has been arranged and it will do much toward developing the men towards picking the squad for the season's campaign. Every class team plays each other and some energetic battles may be anticipated. For two years the class of 1913 has copped the premier honors in basket-ball and are out 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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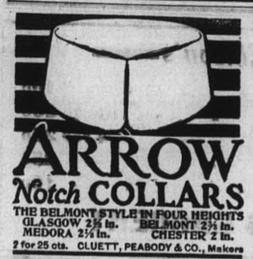
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HOME MISSION WEEK

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the population of the United States is living in cities of over 200,000, on one four-hundredth of the land.

In a single year \$1,800,000,000 was 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 Christianizing.

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 \$8 75 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-There is no quicksand more un. lem. Only the teachings of Jesus can

> He showed that the Church in general is still the great leavening power. For example, of all Associated Charity workers, 92 per cent are church members, while of all social workers along all lines, 71 per cent are allied with the church. But the church is holding its own and nothing more; it not evangelizing the world. This is clearly shown by the fact that in the decade closing with 1910 the increase in population of the nation was per cent, while during the same period the increase in church membership 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,-000,000 church adherents, the 16,000,-000 Sunday school membehs, the 162,000 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 various addresses, namely, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation?"

Blaisdell's discussions were more than interesting to every student 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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Their Feeling.

Wright House Boarder-"Well, old friend, how do you feel? I've just eaten a bowl of oxtail soup and feel

Wright Hall Boarder - "I've just eaten a plate of hash and feel like everything."

Enjoyable.

Yerex (during violin solo at concert"-"Well, Sid, we can enjoy ourselves in spite of all this noise.

The Difficulty.

Miss H .- "I am sure there are many girls who could makeyou happier 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 I saw you kiss the maid in the hall."

"Great Scott! Here's five dollars!"

Won't Listen.

Lester - "Say, Prof. Ewing just 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

WEEKLY RECITAL.

At the Friday recital, the chapel participant.

solo, showing excellent ability in interpretation. Mr. Barton played an glance, and name the birds from their 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 selec-

The numbers were all met with 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 which gave a most attractive entertainment.

Miss Bargelt is a crayon artist, as well as a reader, and her work showed Alma, met with the chairman of each 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 presented in Alma and should be well patronized by all.

Carl Gallagher of Forest Hill has taken up work with the music depart-

INTERESTING LECTURE

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The literature and mythology of ferns seemed to be a hobby of the speaker, as he was perfectly at home discussing it. In the old country, every fern has some interesting bit of folk-lore or mythology attached to it. Some of the quaint poems and charms were from books almost never seen. As late as 1825 there was still 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 information made it all the more interesting.

Some of the disappointments of the enthusiast were laughable. To find one solitary plant of a species in a whole country, and watch it and protect it until the fronds should mature, and then have it eaten by cows at the last moment, is a loss which would discourage anyone but a true lover of the 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 long he waited to get it, how far he walked, how rare it was and other points of interest, showing all the pride that one does in his choicest

Under the words of the speaker, the specimens which at first looked all alike, began to take on character and personality, until in the end, each one showed out as distinctly as familiar faces in 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, and 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 different side of the work. With the statement that "In Nature study, as in religion, a little love outweighs all 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 elements of life, cannot help doing good. was well filled with an enthusiastic The personal satisfaction of the work audience. Much praise is due each and its health-giving qualities were emphasized. Then, with a plea for Miss Hammond gave a beautiful piano the old learning, when every man could tell the flowers and trees at a notes, when men lived close to the heart of nature, and enjoyed her. friendship, the lecture closed.

Another year will finish the work, and Alma College will be the possessor of a collection unequalled, possibly, 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 opened last Friday night by the year Alma is fortunate in having a Evelyn Bargelt Concert Company, visit from Miss Raymond, university secretary, and in the expected visit of Miss Pearson, Normal secretary.

Miss Raymond, during her stay in committee and aided them in the planning for greater work. On Sunday afternoon she talked to all the girls and brought to each the realization of personal responsibility and

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.

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