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## OPENING ADDRESS

A Splendid Description of "Westminster Abbey"

GIVEN BY PROF. JAY CLIZBE

In Which He Paid a Glowing Tribute to Courtsey of the English People

The opening address was given in the college chapel Wednesday morning by Dr. Jay Clizbe, and was one of the most interesting of its kind given in the chapel in the experience of the writer. The speaker was full of his subject and with a chart to illustrate or rather show the places he was describing, he gave an address on Westminster Abbey. Before beginning his address he gave a few remarks as to what Westminster is and what an Abbey is. Through the entire address he held the closest attention of his hearers, and after the exercises closed it was not uncommon to hear students say to each other, "Wasn't Dr. Clizbe's address great!"

Following is the address in part:

"The Westminster Abbey was founded by Edward the Confessor who was considered a great saint. A couple of hundred years later, Hen III tore down the Confessor's work and erected the present edifice. It is built in the shape of a cross. When men enter by the north door, the silence, the gloom, the great architecture and the tombs of the dead all about overawe and impress you.

"The style of architecture is of course Gothic. Those great columns six feet in diameter reaching up a hundred or more feet to support the roof and the innumerable pointed arches impress one with the feeling that no church ought to be built in any other style." Here Dr. Clizbe pointed out from a diagram the location of the various points of interest. "When General Grant died, I attended his memorial service, sitting in the choir, and Canon Farrar preached the sermon. He repeatedly spoke of English and America as two nations who are one people.

"In the north transit, statesmen are buried. Over in the corner of the south transit, the poets and the literary men are buried and around the organ the great musicians lie. Edward the Confessor's chapel is just east of the choir. One of the most interesting things in it is the Stone of Scone, a stone about eight inches in thickness and a foot and a half square fastened into the seat of a great oak chair. Edward I. brought it from Scotland. The Scottish kings had been crowned on that stone from time immemorial and now for six hundred years every king of England has been crowned sitting upon that stone.

"In the poet's corner, Chaucer was the first poet to be buried and since that time, Ben Johnson, Spencer, Dryden, Addison, McCauley and a great number of others have been laid there. The most interesting thing to an American, is the bust of Longfellow, our popular poet.

The chapel of Henry VII. is one of the most wonderful pieces of architecture in the world. Queen Elizabeth and Mary Queen of Scots, lie there side by side and never quarrel

## A Creed For Development.

At chapel exercises Thursday morning President Blaisdell read the following concerning real education. It is a statement that he prepared himself and is so full of beautiful thought and splendid advice, that we hand it on to our readers, and at the same time urge the students at Alma this year to keep the creed in mind.

### EDUCATION.

Education is getting from books and laboratories, from field and forest, and whispering wind; but it is much more than this:

It is learning promptness and thoughtfulness, kindness and helpfulness, and every form of purity;

It is gaining control over mind and spirit, appetite and passion, thought and word and glance of the eye;

It is learning that serving means truest living, that selfishness is sin, that truest courage lies in being right;

Education is the forming of good habits; it is the developing of 24-carat character.

Will you get an education at Almg College this year or something else?

or scold each other any more. As McCauley says, "Westminster Abbey is the burial place of great enmities."

"In the center isle is the grave of David Livingstone, the great African explorer. You will remember that he died in Central Africa and according to his own request his heart was buried there in Africa but his body was brought to Westminster. In no other place could David Livingstone have been buried, for Westminster Abbey is the burial place of England's greatest men for a thousand years. You are in great company when you are in that great fane.

"I had an interesting experience in the Abbey. When I went one day to look about, I found a young fellow whom I had known on shipboard. We stood looking at a tablet when a little man in black came up and began to talk to us. He asked me if I came from a distance. We told him that we were Americans. He said would you not like to go up to Edward the Confessor's Chapel. We did so and he pointed out to us the tomb of the Confessor and the place where Cromwell had been buried but said that when Charles II. ascended to the throne Cromwell's body was cast out. He asked us if we would like to go into Jerusalem Chamber. As we were going, the young man with me asked as to the identity of our leader. We found that he was Dean Bradley, the successor of Dean Stanley. He gathered a company of stupid looking English people and led about twenty of us to Jerusalem Chamber. He told us how Henry IV. when he was an old man and troubled in his conscience for having murdered Richard II. and usurped the throne would go to Edward the Confessor's tomb. One day when he was praying there, he had a chill, became unconscious and was carried into the Jerusalem Chamber because that was the only place where there was a fire. As he lay there before the fire, his son the Prince of Wales came in and seeing his father lying there unconscious and apparently dead, he took up the crown which was standing on the table and put it on his head. Just then the old man waked up and gave him a sound raking for being so anxious to get the crown on his head.

"This chamber is the place where two hundred and fifty years ago, the great divines of England prepared the Westminster Confession which is still the creed of the Presbyterian Church. It is also the place where the bible was revised.

"After we came out from the Jerusalem Chamber, the Dean dismissed the English people and retained us two Americans. He then asked us if we would not like to go into the

Deanery and see where Dean Stanley used to live. Our breath was almost taken away by such a proposition. Of course we went with delight. He showed us the desk where he wrote his sermons and lectures, and the room where he died, and then taking us into the street, he took pains to find the proper omnibuses for us, shook hands with us and bid us good bye. When we tried to express our thanks to him, he said, "Oh, I like to show Americans about the Abbey." Americans sometimes think that Englishmen are not very courteous but where is the American in a similar position who would take the time and trouble to do such a courtesy to two strangers."

### "ALL TOGETHER NOW."

Of all the arts, music is the most enjoyable and the most elevating. Every normal human being has felt the mystic and delightful appeal of music. The desire for it, the need of it is universal. It inspires, consoles, rests, stimulates, educates and refines any individual or community that will heed its universal language.

I know no better way to stimulate the desire for the ennobling influence of music than by giving the study and practice of it a larger place in college life. To this end a choral club will be organized in the chapel at 7:30 Tuesday evening. All students and townspeople are most earnestly urged to be present if they sing ever so little.

"The Rose Maiden," a beautiful cantata by Frederic Cowen, will be studied and produced in December with the assistance of prominent Chicago artists. In the spring, a festival concert will be given. No student is truly educated who goes out from college unable to understand and appreciate the great master-pieces of music as well as literature and art. Young people who would shun dime novels and degrading literature seem blind to the evil effects of popular trashy songs. Such an organization as is intended will not only increase the appreciation of good music but will elevate the popular taste. After having studied carefully the wonderfully beautiful harmonies of the masters, shallow indeed is the person who will content himself with "Waltz me around again, Willie." Every college of any size or importance maintains such a society. It can be made the means of much pleasure and uplift to college life.

A successful choral club cannot be organized by a few, be they ever so

## BRUSKE REMEMBERED

By Greetings From First Chapel Services of Year

## PRES. BLAISDELL PAID TRIBUTE

To Former President—Many Visitors were Present at the Exercises

At the opening chapel exercises last Tuesday morning President Blaisdell paid many glowing tributes to the splendid work of Dr. Bruske during his twenty-one years of service at Alma College as president. He told of how the institution had grown in its relation to other colleges, also in its endowment and value of its property. The endowment having been increased from eighty thousand to four hundred thousand dollars; and the college property from one hundred thirty-five thousand to five hundred eighty-five thousand dollars. A remarkable showing and a splendid monument for any man.

After Dr. Blaisdell's brief address he suggested that it would be fitting that a greeting be sent Dr. Bruske from the first chapel exercises of the year. The following resolution was immediately offered by one of the student body and seconded by a member of the faculty:

"I move that the students and faculty of Alma College send Dr. Bruske from this first chapel service of the year their cordial greetings, and further that they assure him of their deep appreciation of his many years of self-sacrificing service at Alma and of their sincere desire that he may have all success and God-speed in his new field of labor."

Dr. Blaisdell then asked all who favored the resolution to rise and in an instant every person in the chapel was on his feet. So in accordance to the motion the resolution was sent to Dr. Bruske.

Many visitors were present at the exercises.

Dr. Bruske is located at Holland, Michigan, where he is pastor of the Dutch Reformed church of that city. This is the Hope College church, so the Doctor still continues his work in connection with a college; although in another capacity and in connection with another institution. The people of Holland and the students of Hope College are very fortunate to secure a man with so broad an experience and strong vigorous body coupled with his exceptional ability in the pulpit and strong character as pastor of their church.

earnest. We must all get together. The \$6,000 car of organized musical activity lies in the ditch. Shall we not all secure a firm hold and do our share in lifting her out. Alma college should have a choral club of one hundred voices. We can do it if we will. Remember the time and place, Tuesday evening at 7:30 in the chapel. Rehearsals will occupy only an hour, beginning and closing promptly.

Very sincerely,

REESE F. VEATCH.

Do not forget reception Friday eve.

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## CORNER ON DATES.

Friday evening, September 20—Y. M. and Y. W. reception at Wright Hall.

Saturday, September 28—Foot-ball.

Mt. Pleasant H. S. at Alma.

Saturday, October 5—Foot-ball, M. A. C. at Lansing.

## ASSOCIATION MEETINGS.

Union prayer meeting Wednesday evening—"The Student Volunteer Band: Its place, power and appeal." Prof. Veatch will tell something of his work in the foreign field.

Y. M. C. A. meeting Sunday at 6:00 p. m.—"The Two Ways." J. L. D. B. Landon, leader.

Y. W. C. A. meeting Sunday p. m.—Missionary meeting. Emily Beach, leader.

## Y. M. C. A. STAG RECEPTION.

The "Stag Reception" in the Y. M. C. A. room Friday evening was well attended, in fact, it was a huge success. The way the new fellows lived up to the situation was something remarkable. Several members of the faculty were on hand and helped to keep things moving. After a general glad hand all round and a spell of getting acquainted, the fellows gathered around the piano and made things melodious. With true pugilistic ability a couple of the fellows had a three-round bout for the amusement of the crowd, enveloped to the waist in cloth sacks. Then a couple of Freshies managed to get spilled by having the rug suddenly disappear from between them and the floor.

Dr. Blaisdell was then called upon for a short talk, and responded in real live fashion.

With the serving of refreshments came a "warm reception" to all interested, which took various forms, chief among which we won't take occasion to mention at this time. The "old Alma spirit" didn't raise itself until the men began to practice the yells, new to some, old to others, but loved by all. Then it was that noise and pandemonium let loose.

This ended in a night shirt parade and spell of serenading. The fellows were given ten minutes in which to robe themselves in white then all marched single file and as quietly as possible to the front porch of Wright Hall where led by Professor Veatch they sang three songs (all well applauded by the girls). From there all marched to the front porch of Prexy's and took the first opportunity to serenade him. Coach Bleamaster was next to be honored by the boys and responded with a splendid talk, full of enthusiasm and good spirit. The paraders were not satisfied with this so marched down town where Stevie received some

rousing yells and the fellows in return were treated to his best cream.

Sievie was full of enthusiasm and good spirit and just before the fellows left, after singing a "Good Night Stevie", he held up a huge pennant and said "This is yours boys if you defeat Olivet this year in football." "We're after Olivet" was the slogan then. To conclude the evening's fun all marched back to Pioneer where flashlights were taken of the happy bunch.

## FOOT-BALL PROSPECTS.

It is only with unmitigated pleasure that we figure out Alma's chances for the best team which ever carried the Maroon and Cream to a well-won victory. For it is illogical not to assume that the team of 1912 is to be the champions of the Intercollegiate and the premier team in the state. Why such joy?

Eight veterans have returned to school and individually and collectively are far better than last year. Those of the 1911 team who responded to the call are Capt. Johnson and ex-captain Edgerton, the two best tackles that ever played under Alma's colors, Hyde and Goodrich, great exponents of the new foot-ball, Misener, Wood, Vogt and Austin every man of whom has proved his worth and will undoubtedly play in the same position which he held down last year. With such a strong nucleus Alma will be ably represented on the gridiron this season. High school stars of no mean ability have entered college and are making a good fight for a permanent berth on the eleven.

When Alma is to be represented by a team from a squad of that sort it is certainly up to the student body to get out and boost in a material way. Your presence on the football field, every evening you can possibly allow, is imperative. For incalculable aid is rendered the football men if they know that every student is appreciating his efforts to help Alma win. The boys have always recognized this fact but the girls have unfortunately failed to realize the bearing their enthusiasm has on the performances of the players. Any night that the team is practicing you are welcome to grace the exterior of the gridiron and cheer the men in their work. This invitation is democratic and applies to all.

Right now is the time to choose a cheer leader who shall direct the vocal energies of the rooters at the coming games. Co-educational mass meetings could be held in the open air as often as the weather would permit and the new students might learn the yells and the songs. It is by thus co-operating with the team that victory will be ours.

## SENIOR CLASS.

The senior class is the largest by seven that the institution has ever had. All last year's juniors are or will be back and besides these are Wade L. Frost, who was out of college last year but has returned for his senior year and Susie Brown a sophomore of last year who took work in the University during the summer term will finish with the class of 1913. Not only is the senior class larger than that of last year (which by the way was the largest ever) but the college enrollment is larger by six than it was last year at the same time. This looks like a glorious year for Alma in every way.

The senior class was the first on the ground to do any work and last Wednesday elected the following officers for the year:

President—William Ewing.  
Vice-president—Allen Hooper.  
Secretary—Marian Hartness.  
Treasurers—J. L. D. B. Landon and Clara Hanel.  
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"Coach" is a graduate of Grinnell College, Iowa. There he gained most of his scholastic and athletic training. Both of these are reflected in the remarkable record which he has made since graduation. For three years he was director of athletics at Council Bluffs high school and for three years was in a similar position at Carrol College. While at the higher educational school he succeeded in beating every college in the state but the University. His teams at Carrol monopolized state championships and his reputation in intercollegiate athletics is not confined to his own state but is known throughout the west.

While at Grinnell he won his letter in all the four branches of sport. For three years he was chosen on the honorary all-state football team and was the only man who has ever gained that signal recognition. "Coach" spent his freshman days at Princeton and was prominent in all class athletics, although only a first-year man he played on the Varsity in the games against the Carlisle Indians and Cornell.

He is keenly interested in intercollegiate athletics but believes far more in interclass games and floor-work in the gym.

The Almanian extends the most cordial welcome to Mr. Bleamaster and his wife and baby daughter.

**NEWS ITEMS.**

Several Presbyterian ministers of the Saginaw Presbytery, which met at St. Louis last Tuesday, were at the college for opening chapel exercises Wednesday morning.

Miss Viola Weis, of last year's faculty, was married to Mr. Leslie Lyons, one of the teachers in the High school at Burlington, Iowa. The marriage occurred soon after college closed last June.

F. R. Hurst was seen on the campus several days last week.

Papworth is somewhat worried about conditions at the first table north of the "Swipe's table."

Miss Laura Brown left Friday noon for Charlevoix, where she will teach History and English in the high school.

Mr. Foster Fraker of the class of 1912, is teaching mathematics and science in the Eaton Rapids high school.

Mr. Frank Anderson spent Monday in Alma on his way home from Detroit.

Miss Hazel Clark spent Saturday with relatives in Ithaca.

No homesick girls reported yet in Wright Hall.

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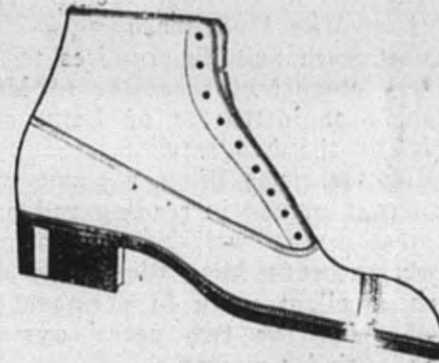
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**NEW MEMBERS ON FACULTY.**

As the first chapel exercises of the year were conducted last Wednesday morning, many new faces were noticed among the members of the faculty. The August Bulletin of the college contained a short description of some of the qualifications of these members, and as most of our readers received the Bulletin we will only at this time make a brief mention of each of the new members. Besides Dr. T. C. Blaisdell the new president, there are seven new members as follows: Mrs. Mary M. Fancher, a woman of highest culture and broad training, succeeds Miss Andrews as dean of the girls' hall. The college is very fortunate in securing Professor Reese Farrington Veatch, a young man of great ambition and exceptional musical talent, and who has always been a very active worker in the Young Men's Christian Association in the places where he has been located, as head of the school of music and instructor in voice, to succeed Mrs. St. John, who has done great work for Alma in this department during the last ten years.

Mr. Glen Y. Warner, seems especially fitted for his work as head of the department of public speech to succeed Prof. H. E. Densford.

Miss Marie Haefliger has a broad training and is in every way well fitted to take charge of the German department to continue the splendid work of Miss Mullenbach.

Miss Ruth Schultz promises to be a very competent successor to Miss Ingman as instructor of Latin and Greek in the Academy.

Miss Henrietta Bjoin, a young woman well trained in reading and oral expression, as well as gymnasium work, succeeds Miss Weis, who did such excellent work in permanently establishing the two years' gymnasium work for women.

Coach Bleamaster, who succeeds Coach Grady, is undoubtedly a "find" for the college, and will prove himself a worthy successor to a worthy coach.

**GIRLS' STUNT PARTY.**

The annual reception to the new girls was given Saturday evening at eight o'clock in the Wright Hall reception room. The affair was opened with a fire-fly grand march, which was characterized by faint illuminations and Japanese punk in the girls' hair. Each girl was given half of a Japanese lantern and was told to find the one who held the other half. Amid much fun and laughter partners were sorted out and the march begun. The fire-fly effect was very striking.

Dainty refreshments were served by petite Japanese girls, and the guests were regaled with quantities of delicious sandwiches, salad, cocoa, wafers and marshmallows. Never before was such a feast.

Then came the stunt party which was certainly a howling success, and as good a one has ever been seen in Wright Hall. There was the Lilliputian dance, given by large headed creatures, whose feet looked remarkably familiar. Later all were shown how Miss Alma entertains when she gets her dates mixed. This number brought down the house.

Coupe de theatre was a ridiculous representation of the college choir as organized this year. How familiar they all looked.

Well, it was all lots of fun and a great success, as everyone can testify who heard the peals of laughter mounting through the halls.

Misses Margaret Duncanson and Anna McNabb spent Saturday in Ithaca with Sandy Duncanson a former Alma College graduate.

There are twenty new kindergarten girls, the largest Freshman class in that department in the history of the college.

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