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SUCCESSFUL TOUR

Alma College Glee Club Has a Satisfactory 10 Days' Trip

THROUGH THE STATE

Speaks Well for the College and the Members of the Club.

The Alma College Glee club returned home last Saturday after making a ten days' tour of the state. Although this is the first Glee club Alma has had for some time the trip was a success in every way. In all the places made they met with hearty applause and gave an entertainment far superior to what was expected.

The first part of the program was work by the entire club, which consisted of six selections besides encores. Mr. Veatch directed all numbers in this part and enough cannot be said for him for the excellent work done. The shading and interpretation of the pieces brought forth enthusiastic comment to which credit must be given to Mr. Veatch for his hard work in drilling the club along these lines.

The second part of the program opened with the quartette, which gave selections of a humorous nature which took well. Mr. Barton played a selection on the violin, doing it in a manner that always meant two or three. In Mr. Doe the club has a whistler that could not be surpassed by any and his work was the most enjoyable of the evening. Mr. Anderson sang solos in his usual pleasing manner that called for more. In closing this part Mr. Veatch gave some readings, sometimes three or as many as five, but never only one as he was scheduled for. Many compliments were received for Mr. Veatch's readings, worded about like this, "He is the best young old man I have ever seen."

The third part consisted in singing songs around a camp fire. These were mostly all the old timers that are always new as, "Silver Threads Among the Gold," "Tenting Tonight," etc. There were also solos by Messrs. Frost and Button, which always gave the audience much enjoyment. It would not be fair to pass over this part without giving Coach Bleamaster credit of constructing the only real campfire that is fireless, in existence today. It is evident that it is the cleverest arrangement along this line ever made. If you don't believe it come to the home concert and see for yourself.

As for the program, many said it was better than anything on their lecture course and asked that they come again next year. One Banker in Saranac said it was the best thing that had been there in ten years. In all the towns they made, return engagements can be had. The tour was a success for two reasons; First, they had an exceptionally fine program for all ages and classes of people; Second, before they left the fellows all agreed not to do a thing or make a move that could reflect anything but good upon Alma college, and they made good their agreement. To prove this they gave a sacred

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Don't Fail To Attend
THE GIRLS' "GYM EX."
SATURDAY EVENING AT 7:45

THE CO-EDS.

Yes, you have beauty—we know it, Though you never seem eager to show it;

But our wide-awake eyes Leads us to surmise

That nature did kindly bestow it.

The last issue of the Almanian before vacation edited by the Co-Eds, under the management of Miss Beryl Broderick as Editor-in-Chief, deserves great praise. Miss Broderick and Miss Hanel set out to make this number "the number" of the year and they certainly accomplished it.

As the Co-Eds did all the work from start to finish the regular staff with the exception of Miss Broderick enjoyed their vacation and extends to them their congratulations for the splendid issue.

OLD ALMA CATALOGS WANTED.

Alma College is striving to get together several complete sets of its catalogs. With this end in view it appeals to alumni, former students, and friends to search their archives for the following:

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Do not read this and think you will look the matter up tomorrow or next week. You'll forget it. Do it now.

Y. W. C. A.

The installation of the new officers of the Y. W. C. A. was held Sunday, April 13. The new cabinet and the other members of the association are entering upon the new year with renewed zeal and earnestness, and good results are anticipated. The new officers and cabinet members are:

Carol Gray—President.
Faith Welton—Vice-President.
Otha McCracken—Secretary.
Ethel Thompson—Treasurer.

NEW DEAN OF THE FACULTY.

At the last meeting of the college faculty before the spring vacation, Dr. Notestein handed in his resignation as Dean of the faculty.

For more than twelve years Dr. Notestein has held this position and faithfully performed all the duties connected with it. During this long term of service he has come in close contact with the student body, who have learned to admire him and hold him in the highest esteem.

At the same meeting, Prof. James E. Mitchell was elected to fill this



vacancy. It is evident that in choosing Prof. Mitchell to fill this place, a man of broad influence among the student body has been selected. By reason of his long relationship with the college and his ambitions for her welfare he is seemingly the best man for the position.

The Misses Jenny Withey, Rachael Fraser, Rita Corrigan of Mt. Pleasant visited Miss Marguerite O'Donald for a short time last week.

Miss Robinson, head of the kindergarten department, spent the week end with relatives and friends in Saginaw.

Mr. Arthur Simonton has resumed his studies and will be a valuable addition to the baseball team.

OPENING ADDRESS

Given Before the Student Body at Beginning of Semester

BY REV. W. H. MASON

One of the Most Enthusiastic and Interesting Ever Given in Chapel.

One of the ablest addresses ever given at an opening exercise in the college was delivered by Rev. W. H. Mason last Tuesday morning. The address plainly showed that in preparing it Rev. Mason had given to it much thought and consideration.

After paying a courteous tribute to Dr. Randels on his splendid address at the beginning of last term and greeting the students, he announced his subject, "The Call to the Ministry."

Rev. Mason stated at first that each and every person had a great question confronting him which should be carefully solved, and that was, "What am I to do with my life to use it most effectively?" And this question was of far more importance to them than any other. Yet some fail to prayerfully and carefully seek it out to the end. He said further that it was a personal question, one that each person must solve for himself. He told of how a certain man thought he would find out what kind of profession his boy would like to follow, so he locked him up in a room and gave him an apple, a dollar, and a Bible, and went away and left him. On returning he thought that if he found his son eating the apple he would then choose farming for his profession, or if he had the dollar he would make him a banker, but if he was reading the Bible he should then make him a minister. But much to his amazement on his return he found the boy sitting on the Bible with the dollar in his pocket, eating the apple, consequently he made him a politician.

In choosing one's profession he said a Christian must not ask himself, "What shall I do to win fame, a great name or have a good time?" but rather, "What shall I do that I may do most for Him I love most?" He stated that why the call to the ministry should appeal to young men and women, is because it is a life of usefulness. Useful because they can daily serve their fellowmen far better than in any other profession. "Doctors," said Rev. Mason, "can mend bones but ministers mend hearts, and even make the body into the temple of the Holy Ghost, and it is the minister who does most toward forwarding civilization as is shown in the life and work of the Apostle Paul." Some people think that ministers could not do any other work so they choose that profession. He illustrated this by a story about an old hen and her seven little chicks, six daughters and one son. The son, Little Willie, was well cared for by his mother, and she cautioned his six sisters that when they went for a walk they must always care for Little Willie. This they did as best they could. One day, however, as they were out walking thru the back yard they were

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Who of the undergraduates can listen with intelligent pride (if he should have the opportunity) to the old grad recounting the feats of such football heroes as Fuller, Sidebotham, McBride, Robinson and others of those famous teams of '00, '01 and '02 which swept the state and hung up glorious records? If adequate care is not taken of these trophies, what can the student know of the wonderful record of Bruske on the tennis court, of McCollum in the discus throw, of Chapel in the hurdles, of "Fleety" McComb with all the sprinting titles in sight, and those baseball teams of '07 and '08 which put Alma on the map in the line of the national pastime?

Promiscuous exhibition on the walls of the library is too ethereal. There is a sharp need for a real trophy room that the pride in the victories of Alma college will not be localized in a contemporaneous student body but will be an inspiration to present and future Alma students.

In the very near future Alma college will hold its first decathlon meet for track athletes. The original list included ten events but there will probably be eight on the final card. The trials of strength on the field and track are quite representative and will give every entrant a fair chance to win one of the six medals which will be given to the six highest men. The medals which have already been received are the finest ever offered in intra-mural contests. There are two gold, two silver and two bronze up for competition.

PROHIBITION CONTEST.

One of the great questions confronting our nation today is nation wide prohibition. During the last few years the prohibition movement has made rapid progress. Now a great number of the students of nearly all of the colleges of the United States are manifesting a wide-awake interest in this movement.

On March 27, an oratorical contest

arranged by Fred S. Johnson, president of the College Prohibition League, and Prof. Warner was given in the college chapel. The contestants and the subjects of their orations were as follows, viz:

"Liquor and its Relation to Man" Verne Van Duzer.

"Does Liquor Reserve our Nation?" Thomas Cooper.

"The Need of the Hour" Arthur McIntyre.

"Man's Greatest Enemy" Wm. Lansing.

"A Reward for Service" Grant Cook.

The judges were, Rev. Dr. Mr. John Dunham and Mr. Lloyd Maxwell. Mr. Cook won the first prize, which was \$20.00, and will represent Alma at the State Prohibition contest to be held in the near future at Albion. Mr. McIntyre received \$5.00 as second prize. Mr. Lansing giving him a close race for second place.

The contestants all did well and deserve praise for their work. Oratory in Alma college is making a rapid progress under the efficient direction of Prof. Warner.

PARTY AT COOKS.

The unfortunate "stay-overs," during the vacation week were made happy on Wednesday evening by thoroughly enjoying themselves at a party in the Cook home.

The fore part of the evening was given over to games, guessing contests and music. Then every one joined in and enjoyed a good old-fashioned taffy pull. After this, light refreshments were served. By the manner in which these were devoured by the crowd shows that they fully realized that the Cooks are good cooks.

Later in the evening a flash-light of the bunch was taken. At a late hour in the evening the crowd departed declaring the Cooks royal entertainers.

NEW LIBRARY BOOKS.

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Willis & Salisbury—Outlines of Geologic history.

NEWS ITEMS.

Robert Cook is spending a few days in Alma this week.

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concert in St. John's for which they were to receive one-third of a free-will offering. They sang to about 900 people and after the concert they insisted that the club take all the proceeds, giving as their reason that they had given such an exceptionally good concert, and that they felt the fellows meant every word they sang. This well illustrates the manly conduct of all on the trip.

As the concerts were put on by High Schools in many places the fellows came in touch with many prospective students and in nearly all places they sang a selection or two before the school and tried to get acquainted. It is evident that in making friends for Alma college among the High School men they have accomplished more than any other organization sent out by the college.

Now, in conclusion, there are a few things that must be remedied before another year:

First, Hodge must be married, so that some one will see that he catches the trains and has not left his knife in Greenville, his watch in Lowell or his underwear in Holly.

Second, Mr. Barton and Coach must have a monkey and hand organ to complete their outfit.

Third, Butler, although none better at the piano, must find out how to keep those long coat tails off the piano stool.

With these changes Alma's Glee club would have great prospects for next year.

C.M.

WHO LIKES IT?

(Contributions from a former boarder at Wright dining hall.)

Tell me not in mournful numbers
As we bow our heads today,
All the "dope" we had for Sunday
Comes right back on the same old tray.

Roast beef and tailor-made gravy,
Pork and "Weenies," steak and stew,
In a spotted mass of jumble,
Smilingly served for us to chew.

Ah! I recognized yon beefsteak,
Though you are too tough to crack;
Oh! good evening, Mr. Chicken,
Is that your neck a coming back?

All my friends are compelled to greet you,
As I used to, in the good old way;
But, "believe me," they can eat you,
For I would sooner stay away.
—"Eph" Johnson.

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Dr. Randalls (in Pedagogy): "Fill out this table, and let pencil denote your present knowledge and pen your future knowledge."
 Miss Hanel: "Here, Beryl, take this pencil. I don't need it."

Shamefully Treated.

Joyce: "Say, Sidney, did you know that my father had two thousand heads of cabbage last year?"
 Sid: "What a shame that he only sent one of them to college."

Look Out.

Rock-a-bye Seniors in the tree top,
 As long as you dig the cradle will rock;
 But don't "knock" your teacher or the cradle will fall,
 And down will come Seniors, diploma and all.

Just Out.

"Ox": "Hey! 'Eph,' got any thumb tacks?"
 "Eph": "No, 'Ox,' but I have some finger nails."

Margaret B.: "Alice, is my hat on straight?"

Alice: "No, Margaret, dear; one eye shows a little."

Yerex's Motto.

Always put off tonight what you are going to put on the morning.

Two Kinds.

Hyde: "I tell you, Vogt, we'll publish just two kinds of jokes in the 'Maroon and Cream.'"
 Vogt: "What are they, Doc?"
 Hyde: "Good jokes and jokes by the members of the faculty."

Just Out.

Bope (entering store when on the Glee club trip): "Have you any art gum?"

Clerk: "No, sir; but we have Peppin and Spearmint."

Irate Boarder (dragging a needle out of his soup): "How's this, I've found a needle in my soup?"

Yerex (inspecting the troublesome thing): "Purely typographical error; should have been a noodle."

Dr. Randells: "Miss Hartness, what is the difference between temptation and eternity?"

Miss H.: "One is a wile of the devil, and the other is a devil of a wile."

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spied by the Mistress of the house who was looking for something good for dinner as the minister was to eat with them. Her eyes fell on little Willie and at once she had him beheaded. The sisters went home weeping and wailing and gnashing their teeth over poor little Willie's sorrowful ending, and told their mother all that had happened. After shedding some tears for Willie, she comforted the sisters by saying, "Never mind, I suppose its best for little Willie to enter the ministry, because he would never have made a good layman anyway."

He next spoke of it as a life of service. A service that one enjoys because it is a verified service; no two days or hours of it are alike. A minister makes more calls than a doctor, writes more than an author, speaks more than a lawyer, and walks farther than a farmer. It is a service in which there is a splendid opportunity for soul growth, and a service of great joy in which one works not for reputation but to uplift his fellow men; not for money, but for the Lord.

Next he pointed out the fact that all great movements, such as founding colleges, relieving the oppressed, and the liquor problem had behind them a minister. In speaking of some things that should attract young people to this calling he mentioned the hardships that must be endured, such as are endured by those truly great people, missionaries, the sacrifice that must be made, saying further that it needed men of courage to take up the heroic task and if there is any courage in the hearts of the Americans, should not this attract them?

He then quoted these lines from Kipling describing a true minister:

"Beyond the path of the outmost sun,
 through utter darkness hurled—
 Farther than ever comet flared, or
 vagrant star dust swirled,
 Lived such as fought, and served, and
 ruled and loved and made the
 world.

They are purged of pride because they died, they know the worth of their bays,
 It is their will to serve or be still, as
 fitteth our Father's praise.

And oft-times cometh our wise Lord
 God, master of every trade,
 And tells the tales of His daily toil,
 of Eden's newly made,
 And they rise to their feet as He
 passes by, gentlemen unafraid.

To those who are cleaned of base desire, sorrow and lust and shame,
 Gods, for they knew the hearts of men,
 for they stooped to fame.

'Tis theirs to sweep through the ringing deep,
 where Azrael's outposts are,
 Or buffet a path through the pit's red
 wrath when God goes out to war,
 Or hang with reckless Seraphim or
 the rim of a red-maned star.

Beyond the loom of the last lone star
 through open darkness hurled,
 Further than rebel comet dared, or
 living star-swarm swirled,
 Sit they with those that praise our
 God, for that they served His
 Word."

Rev Mason closed his address with a strong appeal to all young people to be ready to respond should this call come to them, and fully realize that it is the highest, holiest, and supremest calling that one can have.

Every person who heard this grand address was wonderfully impressed by it and looks upon the call to the ministry far different than ever before.

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