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SPECIAL MEETINGS

Two Services Daily, Morning and Afternoon

ADDRESSES BY

DR. THOMAS OF GRAND RAPIDS

The special meetings held by the faculty and students of the college during the week were entered into with earnest zeal. Much interest was manifested throughout the entire week. There were services twice each day. The chapel period was extended for the morning addresses. The meetings in the afternoon were held from 3:15 to 4:00.

Monday morning a very enthusiastic lecture was given by Dr. Blaidell on "Winning Souls." As Monday was registration day no meeting was held during the afternoon.

Tuesday morning Dr. Thomas of Grand Rapids talked to the faculty and students on "Progress." His text was "Jesus the Same Yesterday, Today and Forever." He pointed out the fact that man's needs were about the same now as thousands of years ago, and that man's greatest need in progress was the need of a personal Saviour. Tuesday afternoon J. L. D. B. Landon, president of the Y. M. C. A., had charge of the meeting. Dr. Thomas gave another very inspiring lecture. In his Scripture lesson he read the passage "Cease to do evil and learn to do well," taking the last four words for his text. He said that it was of far more importance to learn to do well than to cease to do evil. This could only be accomplished by patient observation and practice, taking Jesus as a pattern. Wednesday morning he spoke on "Worthlessness and Valuableness." This talk was indeed one that all could put in practice to a good advantage. There was no Wednesday afternoon meeting, but Dr. Thomas gave a very forcible address on "True Men" at the Union prayer-meeting Wednesday evening, which was in charge of Miss Hartness. For his Scripture Lesson Dr. Thomas took the story of Joseph and for his text he took a part of the verse where Joseph's brothers declare to him that they are not spies but are true men. Dr. Thomas brought out the fact that because one has not done the same mean thing another has done is no sign he is a true man. At the same time he is condemning his brother man he may himself be guilty of doing a deed far worse. He further said in order to be a true man one must be a new man, and one will never be a new man until God makes him so.

Thursday morning Dr. Thomas spoke on "Seeking Wisdom," and as a basis for his talk he took the book of Ecclesiastes. Thursday afternoon his subject was "Faith." Not, as he said, a faith to die by but a faith to live by. He said Faith gave men great power. The greatest dynamo on earth is man plus faith. By using Napoleon as an illustration he pointed out the fact that one must have more than faith in one's self but also faith in a cause.

Dr. Thomas gave his last address to the faculty and students Friday morning. This was on the "Power of Choice," and was one that touched each student present and set them to thinking. He brought out the doubleness of man by showing that he might be either the Glory or the Scandal of the Universe. He further said that the man that was making the right choice was the one who continually was listening to the higher callings and doing their bidding. Friday afternoon the closing meeting was in charge of Miss Carol Gray. The subject was "Power." Rev. Mason

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PAUL J. ALLURED.

Lien Chow (via Canton) China, Dec. 27, 1912.

Dear Almayites:

If you people now at Alma look forward to each issue of the Almanian when you are already acquainted with most of the news it prints, you can hardly appreciate how much we enjoy the arrival of each number after traveling over 10,000 miles to find us. My sheepskin is nearly six years old and Mrs. Allured's is nearly four, but somehow nevertheless notwithstanding we still seem as much as ever to enjoy all the "Alma gossip" we can get hold of, and glory more than ever in all of Alma's advances and victories. Here is a good recipe fellows, for a continual supply of wholesome Alma enthusiasm: Marry an Alma girl who is not or wasn't afraid to break a Wright Hall rule occasionally—for the sake of the cause. I know this is anarchy and rank heresy, but we are a safe distance away, and Professor Mitchell can say nothing anyway.

We came up to Lien Chow from Shek Lung two months ago. Are feeling quite at home here now and feel privileged to have such a beautiful compound and mountainous region in which to make our home. More inviting yet is the cordial and zealous spirit in the heart of the native Christians here. They have begun to realize the sacrifices that have been made for them in the recent past and we today are receiving the benefit of it. The story of the Lien Chow Station would be romantic indeed, beginning with the terrible massacre of 1905 when all the five mission buildings were destroyed and four of the six missionaries killed, relating the brave efforts for reconstruction during the troublesome times which followed; the repeated attempts to get a chapel into the principle part of the city (within the city walls) each nearly precipitating a riot; the burning of the Sam Kong chapel and mission school (ten miles away) in 1910, and the escape of the mission compound here from a second destruction by the mob, only because of a providentially swollen river and the quick action of the few soldiers in forcing all the boats to this side; the part that the mission played during the Revolution in housing over 200 women and children whose homes and possessions had all been burned or robbed by the soldiers and supplying rice and lending money until they could care for themselves again; the final triumph this fall, since we arrived, in getting possession of a fine site for a \$500 chapel in the heart of the city—this will add prestige (an important factor) and greatly increased opportunity for the work in the city. Victory here has been slow in coming and has cost dearly, but the prospect now looks exceedingly bright. The gospel message applied to the hearts and lives of men cannot but make good and sooner or later win the respect and favor of the most antagonistic community—from what I have been able to learn, this is amply proven by the history of this station alone.

From all this, do you wonder that we are proud to have been placed here for our life-work with the prospect ahead of such big results.

But results are best described by concrete examples. One of the Christians who had worked himself up to an important office in this district and by his efforts to secure peace or justice incurred the hatred of the lawless robber class, was called to Canton on official business about three weeks ago. Last week Mr. Kunkle received this letter from him (he studied English in Hong Kong, but hasn't had much chance to keep in practice up here): "Ham Kwong, 19th Dec., 1912. Dear Sir: In the 17th evening this inst. I was in a dead and horrible condition. In the meanwhile the boat was reached a place of Sam Hop Lou. There happened about two hundred robbers on the both shores firing their guns to our boats and then numerous bullets pouring to the boats. The soldiers took a fight against them. Six

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WATER AND MILK AT WRIGHT HALL.

The following letter was received by President Blaisdell of Alma College within the past week:

STATE BOARD OF HEALTH, Laboratory Department, Lansing, February 3, 1913.

Dr. T. C. Blaisdell, Alma, Michigan.

Dear Doctor:

The samples of Water and Milk received from you Jan. 31st have been examined with the following results:

WATER.	
Bacteria per cc. at room temp.....	12
Bacteria per cc. at inc. temp.....	0
Presumptive tests for B. Coli gas production on Lactose B.—	
25 cc.....	None
1 cc.....	None
Acidity.....	None
Turbidity.....	None
Indol production.....	None
Red colonies on L. L. A.....	None
B. Coli.....	None
Potability.....	Safe

MILK.	
Bacteria per cc.....	1,000

The findings in both water and milk are very good and indicate them to be safe for all purposes.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) M. L. HOLM, M. D., Bacteriologist.

Of course the important thing in this report for the average reader is the last paragraph. Dr. McCurdy states that in milk which is unfit to drink the bacteria per cubic centimeter often runs into the millions, and that a record of one thousand per cubic centimeter indicates an exceptionally pure grade of milk. Wright Hall and the College are to be congratulated on having water that is absolutely pure and milk that is at the top in rank.

NEW OFFICERS Y. M. C. A.

Last Saturday morning Mr. E. A. Thompson called a meeting of the Y. M. C. A., at which time he resigned his office as president. John Landon, the former vice-president, took up the duties layed down by Mr. Thompson. A. C. Edgerton was elected vice-president. At this meeting also the officers for next year were elected as follows, viz.:

President, Fred S. Johnson.
Vice-President, Milo Hogan.
Secretary, Carol Hyde.
Treasurer, Archie Maybe.

With such an able leader as Mr. Johnson at its head the Y. M. C. A. looks forward to a year of great activity and successfulness.

BASKETBALL REVERSE.

In a game sharper than tobacco sauce Coach Helmer's lusty basketball devotees atoned for the reverse they had suffered at the hands of the maroon and cream quintet two weeks ago and plastered a 30 to 10 defeat on the visiting Alma team last Friday evening. No plays were perpetrated which caused more than the usual gasp of surprise though teamwork in a highly developed stage marked the rendition of the game by the future ferule welders. Carnahan and Raymond scored most of the points for Mt. Pleasant Normals, while Hooper with eight baskets from the six-foot lane and Misener with two from the field, represented Alma with tangible figures. Final score, Mt. Pleasant, 30; Alma 10.

THE ORATORICAL

Contest Held in College Chapel Monday Eve., Feb. 3

H. V. WILCOX WINS

CONTEST WAS VERY CLOSE

The annual men's oratorical contest was held in the college chapel Monday evening. Harold V. Wilcox of St. Louis won first place and will represent Alma in the State Intercollegiate at Adrian. Claude Satterlee and Maurice Cole were the other two participants, and gave Mr. Wilcox a close run.

Claude W. Satterlee spoke on "The Price of Progress." It was a masterly exposition of the history of progress and our debt to the laborers of the past whose achievements made possible the present day degree of civilization. He closed with a moving appeal for continuation of progressive achievements. This was among the finest literary productions delivered in Alma College.

He was followed by Mr. Wilcox who spoke on the subject, "Public Life and the College Man." A discussion of the need for young men in public service of the American nation and an affirmative answer to the question, "Is it worth while for a college man to enter public life in America." Mr. Wilcox is a natural orator and very much at home on the platform.

Lastly came Mr. Cole, whose subject was, "The New Patriotism." After discussing briefly the history of man's battle for personal liberty, he made an emphatic protest against the "invisible government" and social injustice, which to a great degree is robbing the American people of the freedom which is its right. His closing appeal for a greater manifestation of the "New Patriotism" which seeks to dethrone the "invisible government" and win for our nation industrial and social justice was indeed a strong one. Mr. Cole has a very good voice and promises to be at the front in oratory.

Following the orations Paul Austin sang a solo, "Off for Philadelphia." Miss Olive Smith, Prof. F. E. Elsworth and Mr. H. B. Ward were the judges. It was one of the closest contests ever held at the college.

HYDE CAPTAIN.

Last Monday noon the members of last year's track team elected Carrol Hyde '14 to lead the team next spring. The unanimous choice of the team in the election is a fair representation of the sentiment of the student body in regard to Hyde's selection to captain the track team. Though he entered this branch of sport for the first time last spring he was the second highest point winner at the Intercollegiate at Albion. Not only did he make a fine showing at the Intercollegiate but his work in all the other meets was consistent. With a personality which will appeal to all track men and which will demand their best efforts Hyde will do his utmost to pilot a winner at the big Intercollegiate this spring.

Hyde was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the withdrawal of Marks from college at the end of last year.

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GIRL'S ORATORICAL CONTEST.

There's one field of college activity that is gradually taking up more and more of the attention of the co-eds. And well may that be. Barring the freshmen girls' contest in December, we have not listened to an exhibition of oratory by the young women since the early days of Mrs. Sebring's college career. Debating and oratory are becoming—may we say college sports. And they are given as much support and attention as the regular outdoor athletics. And why not. Long after those gridiron victories are forgotten and the brawn and strength of the athletes is gone, we'll remember our college orators, and—but we digress. This week brings us one of the attractions of the season in the shape of a woman's oratorical contest to be held in the college chapel this evening. The participants will be Misses Marion Rounsifer, Marcia Carl, Emily Beach and Ethel Thompson. We hope that the chapel will be filled and that enthusiasm will run high. This promises to be something we cannot afford to miss.

THE EVENING STAR.

A lonely star is shining
In the dim and distant west,
And it beams a message bringing
Ere the world is seeking rest.

To the child it bids "good-morrow"
To enjoy his games and play.
For the old man thoughts of sorrow
And of loved ones far away.

But the maiden in her dreaming
Sees its light spread far and wide
Filling lonely hearts with gladness
And with hope what e'er betide.

Thus she sees what is her mission,
And her duty day by day
To forget her own vain longings
And bring comfort where she may.

To the youth it brings a vision
Of the fame that he may gain,
And 'tis well he sees the future
With no thought of failure's pain.

So the star beams forth its message
Whether hearts be sad or gay,
And we look with longing forward
To the twilight of each day.
—Bertha Hubbell '14.

NEWS ITEMS.

Miss Beulah Parr spent the week's end with friends in Bay City.

Frank Hurst of Ann Arbor was a welcome guest at the college a part of last week.

Grant Cook was home over Sunday with his people.

Archie Maybe was in Saginaw on business a few days last week.

Everyone is glad to see Stubbie Rodgers and "Bodie" Myers back in college again.

Mr. Earle Coleman of Hastings is visiting his sister Anna Wave Coleman.

Margaret Bielby and Alice Kennedy entered college again at the beginning of the second semester.

Miss Della Struthers went to her home in Pontiac Friday to attend the wedding of her sister Marjorie, who is to be married Saturday evening to Mr. Roy Wilkinson.

Rev. C. W. Sidebotham of Brooklin was a welcome guest at the college the fore part of the week.

Dr. Thomas addressed the cabinet members of the Y. W. C. A. Wednesday afternoon at Wright Hall.

Mr. Roy Phillips of Shebona has moved his family to Alma and will complete his college course.

Miss Beryl Broderick who has been enduring the measles the past week is much better.

Miss Hazle Clark and Miss Mary Rose spent Saturday and Sunday at their homes.

Miss Florence Allen visited her sister Margaret at Wright Hall Thursday of last week.

The Froebel Society held a spread in Wright Hall dining room last Thursday evening. They fully enjoyed the many things to eat.

Miss Vinnie Booth, class '12, visited at Wright Hall Thursday night.

Miss Ruth Hovey who is teaching at Mayville spent the week's end visiting friends in Alma.

Miss Martha Beardsley of Detroit, an academy student here last year, was married last Tuesday to Count Assenhoff of Prague, Austria.

FRAKER DOING THINGS.

The following news item taken from the Detroit News Tribune, shows that Foster Fraker, '12, is still doing things at Eaton Rapids where he is coaching the high school teams.

Eaton Rapids, Mich., Jan. 25—This town has become unusually enthusiastic over basket-ball and record crowds are turning out to all of the games, which is a material change from last year, when it was hard work to get together enough patronage for the games to pay the expenses. The home team is the strongest Eaton Rapids has ever had, and the fact that the boys are winning the games serves a great purpose in keeping up the interest. In the double header games here last night between the boys' and girls' teams of Olivet and Eaton Rapids, the Eaton Rapids boys won by a score of 23 to 11, and the Olivet girls defeated Eaton Rapids by a score of 16 to 11.

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SPECIAL MEETINGS.

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was present and gave a very instructive and beneficial talk.

The meetings were a grand success from every standpoint. Dr. Thomas started enthusiasm among the college students that will cause great results in this year's work at Alma. Dr. Thomas is a very kind and sympathetic man and just the one to reach the hearts of students. His field has been one of broad experience. He was born at Bristol, Tenn., completing his common school course there, he went to Sweetwater Military School, then to Kings College. Later he took his theological course at McCormick Theological Seminary. He was for two years a Home Missionary in Florida. He was a soldier in the Spanish-American war. After this he became pastor of First Presbyterian Church, at Canon City, Colo., for six years. Resigning here he became secretary of Federal Council of Churches at Denver. This position he held for two years. A year ago he came to Michigan as pastor of the Westminster Church at Grand Rapids.

It is the desire of the faculty and students that Dr. Thomas may be with them often.

PAUL J. ALLURED

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men were died and seven were wounded in our boat. The other two boats all were massacred by robbers included Mr. Lo (Magistrate of Yeung Than). *I am thankful to the Lord who saved me from a danger that I may be waken to devote my life for His holy work in the future.* This afternoon our boat will arrive to Ham Kwong so that I write this letter and hope you will glad to hear about my occurrence. Yours truly, Andrew Tse. Written in "English as she is spoke" in China, it is hard for us to appreciate the seriousness and horror of this incident but we expect to see great things grow out of its effect on the man who could see God's hand in it, protecting and beck ning. How much this new republic needs such men of vision now.

I wish I could help some of you men at Alma, who are still debating in what sort of life-work you could best use your talents, to see the big opportunity in China today for investing every asset which you possess where it will bring the largest returns. That Revolution certainly did revolutionize both things and thoughts. If the Christian forces get busy here now there is nothing in the whole program which cannot be carried through—God pity us if we just half do the job. Here's hoping that many of you Alma men or women are privileged to have a part in it.

Very sincerely yours,
Paul J. Allured.

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Not Acquainted.

Prof. Warner. (After Miss Hanel had read a passage from the Bible in Oratory.) "If you would read that Miss Hanel just as though you were acquainted with it, it would be a great deal more effective."

She Found Out.

Miss. R.—"Margaret, what makes your hair so red."

Miss B.—"Well Marion you see it's awfully wirery—I got it wet and it rusted."

Evening Matters.

Vinnie—(To Jack on returning to the house late one evening.)—"Jack won't you please sing for me."

Jack—"No. I think I had better not. It's so late it might disturb the neighbors."

Vinnie—"Never you mind Jack, they poisoned our dog last week and I'd just like to get even with them."

Not Known.

Miss Bishop—"Say Sue, who said, 'Neither a borrower nor a lender be.'"

Miss Brown—"I don't know Bess, but it surely wasn't any one who ever lived in Wright Hall."

Where They are Found.

Prof. W.—"Mr. Landon, when Shakespeare wrote about 'Patience on a Monument,' did he mean doctors patients."

Landon—"No, Professor, you find them under the monuments: not on them."

Common Occurrence.

Dr. R.—(In Pedagogy.)—"Can anybody give me an instance of learning through trial and error."

Miss Hanel—"I usually comb my hair by that method."

Landon—(Indulging in rhapsody.)—"I have drunk the milk of Paradise."

Dusty—"Rather strained effect, I should say."

SOCIETY NOTES.

As the first semester is ended the following literary societies elected new officers for the ensuing semester. The Froebel society elected: President, Margaret Mahoney; Vice-President, Miss Williams; Secretary, Hazel Robbins; Treasurer, Letta Soper.

The Philomatheans elected: President, Ruth Robins; Vice-President, Marion Rounsifer; Secretary, Margaret Hoatson; Treasurer, Isabel Henderson; Reporter, Otha McCracken; Sentinel, Margaret Boag.

The Phi Phi Alphas elected: President, George Brillmyer; Vice-President, Milo Hogan; Secretary, Ralph Chisholm; Treasurer, Arden Johnson; Critics, Lester Von Thurn and J. L. Kennedy; Marshal, Alonzo Beshgetoor; Janitor, Heine Friedman.

Euterpe officers: President, Anna Montigel; Vice-President, Helen Mitchell; Secretary, F. Rosema; Treasurer, L. Johnston; Reporter, Irene Warner.

LECTURE ON COMETS.

On the subject of "Comets," Prof. F. N. Notestein delivered one of the finest lectures ever given before the members of the Science Club Saturday evening in the club's rooms. The memory of the lecture given by Prof. Notestein last year on a subject much similar brought out a large representation of members and they were rewarded by hearing an even more remarkable address than the one delivered last year.

Exhibiting at various points in the lecture stereopticon views of famous comets, the Professor traced the history of the wandering bodies from the time when the ancients saw in their ramblings the end or continuation of the earth, to the very time when modern scientists had the opportunity of following with minute accuracy the route of Halley's flying satellite. He told of the peculiar apprehensions of the classics in regard to the movement of comets and their interpretations of the awful event; of the industry of the Egyptian stonecutters in portraying their periodic appearances on indestructible canvas, and of the modern analytical method of treatment.

As he traced the life story of each comet a graphic representation was thrown on the screen and the hearers gained an indelible impression of the body. The work of preparing the plates was done almost entirely by the Professor and his son so that it gave an added interest to the pictures.

Some of the interesting facts brought out by the lecture in regard to the size and length. He pointed out that the dimensions of the earth proved entirely too inadequate to apply to the estimated measurements of the comets. In part he said, "The essential part of a comet is the coma. It is always present and gives the comet its name. It is a hazy cloud of shining matter from 10,000 to 1,000,000 miles in diameter. The most remarkable thing about the coma is that it usually contracts as the comet approaches the sun and expands as it recedes from the sun. Next is the nucleus, which is not present in all comets. It is a bright, more or less star-like point near the center of the coma. The nucleus is usually from about 100 miles, the smallest that can be seen, to 8,000 miles in diameter. Most comets are provided with one or more tails which vary in form and length. The length is seldom less than 10,000,000 miles, while several have been known to exceed several times that many."

In a highly interesting manner Prof. Notestein gave technical descriptions of comets, their origins, their orbits and habits. He told of the peculiar characteristics of several of the best known and their relations to the earth. And in closing he gave a very complete description of the comet most familiar to modern students, that is called Halley's.

It was a rare opportunity that the students had in hearing this lecture by Prof. Notestein for it is the same address which he is to deliver in various cities throughout the state on a lyceum bureau and an effort is to be made to have the lecture printed in pamphlet form.

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