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On the Advantages of the Small College vs. the University

BY IOR. G. B. RANDELS

One of the Best Ever Given on Such An Occasion in the College Chapel

One of the best addresses ever given at an opening exercise in Alma was given by Dr. George B. Randels Tuesday morning in the college chapel. The address showed an almost unlimited amount of research and careful study of the conditions of the small and large colleges and the universities. Dr. Randels first proceeded to show plainly the difference between a college and a university, showing that the people of



GEORGE B. RANDELS

Michigan in general do not have a clear conception of what a university is. As far back as the eleventh century the arts faculty prepared students to enter law, medicine and theology courses. This was the beginning of the college idea. In Germany the arts work and preparation for the special schools or university are done in preparatory schools, so Germany has no real colleges but has many great universities.

In England, the college idea, instead of the university, is in vogue. In short, he said, "The university is a school of specialists where students Mrs. Palmer are cosily located in study law, medicine, theology and the their new home at 540 Cadillac avelike. Their work is largely research | and of a special nature, while in the college the course is more of a gen- dents, now holds a responsible poeral nature and endeavors to develop breadth of grasp, leadership and manhood." The liberal arts department ing charge of the electrical work of of our large universities are properly named colleges, as they are now called at Harvard. Columbia, Pennsylvania and many other of our large eastern institutions.

Mr. Randels said in discussing the work done in the colleges and the university proper that college stu-

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FRESHMAN GIRLS' CONTEST.

The freshman girls' contest, held During the last chapel exercises was well delivered.

and women. Both contests being token of their respect for him. much better than was expected from first year students. The success of both surely warrant the continuation of this plan into future years.

NEW BULLETINS OUT.

The three new bulletins of the College are now out. One containing an explanation of the new College extension work, another goes over the athletic situation at Alma, and another is a greeting in the form of a blotting pad. These will be mailed to anyone upon request.

Saturday classes for teachers will be organized on Saturday of this week and evening classes will be organized next week. Alma College will have another new feature this year which will be a splendid opportunity for teachers in the vicinity of Alma as well as for regular college students to make extra college credits. This is the summer session which will begin June 23 and continue six weeks, offering a limited number of elective courses. The work will be intensive and enable students to make as many as six credits in six weeks. Subjects of special value to teachers will be presented. Only work of college grade will be offered.

ALUMNI NOTES.

A meeting of the alumni was held at the home of Miss Helen Cook during the Christmas vacation and a splendid time was enjoyed by all. Among those present were Dr. and Mrs. Blaisdell, Prof. Mitchell, Dr. Randels, Misses Gretta Bagley, Emma Swigart, Florence Hood, Laura-Brown, Ella Bittner, Lois Fraker, Ruth Hovey, Hattie Mills, Myrtie Creaser, Marion Spinney and Messrs. Robert Von Thurn, Foster Fraker and Harlow Whittemore. Interesting talks were given by Dr. Blaisdell. Prof. Mitchell and Dr. Randels.

Thomas Palmer and Miss Margaret Kadel were married on October 30, at Terre Haute, Indiana. Mr. and nue, Detroit. Tom, who for three years was one of Alma's popular stusition with the American Still Alarm company at 150 Wayne street, havthe large concern.

A new letter press has been installed in Dr. Blaisdell's office.

"Freddie" Myers is employed by the Michigan Central R. R. Co. at Jackson.

dents should take time for college. The Hooper family enjoyed a visit life in its proper sense while the from Rev. and Mrs. Sidebotham last of which he is a member, just pre- Perkin's is "The Pendulum of Poliweek.

'BOB'S' CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

on Tuesday evening before the holi- before vacation, Professor Mitchell, days, was a decided success in every in behalf of the men of the college way. The student body was sur-called upon ex-captains Edgerton prised at the ability shown by each and Johnson to escort Mr. Robert of the four contestants. Miss Ethel Fredericks to the front of the plat-G. Thompson won first honors with form, where he presented him with an oration on "Equal Suffrage," her a fine maroon sweater, as a token of delivery was exceptionally strong and the love and respect that the boys her composition was good. Miss have for the "Grand Old Man of Marcia Carl won second with an ora- Alma." "Bob" surely showed his tion on "Frances E. Willard." Miss appreciation and wished the boys all Carl had a splendid oration and it a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Later in the day the girls of President Blaisdell surely has the Kindergarren department prestarted the right spirit along the line sented the kind old janitor with a of oratory among the first year men purse and what it contained as a

GIRLS GO CAROLING.

The members of the kindergarten department have established a custom a caroling at midnight before they leave for the Christmas vaca-This time they spent the greater part of two hours before the homes of the different members of the faculty as well as many of the Alma citizens, also visiting the Maspnie Home. This is a splendid custom and is much enjoyed by those whom the girls visit. Do it again, girls, it is much better to sing Christmas carols before vac don than to play pranks.

MR. ANDERSON WEDS,

During the holidays, Mr. John Anderson, vocal instructor in the School of Music, set an example for other members of the faculty to follow. He quietly went over to Big Rapids and took unto himself a wife. The marriage ceremony took place at the



JOHN ANDERSON

home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Mrs. Anderson will occupy the new home being built on College street. hearty congratulations to Mr. Anderson and wish them both a very happy life.

President Blaisdell attended a meeting of the executive committee of the vious to vacation.

Of Concert Course a Great Success and Much Appreciated

KELLERMAN A GREAT SOLOIST

Both With Bramatic and Lyric Songs-Mr. Parson Ably Accompanied the Artist

Marcus Kellerman, formerly of the Berlin Royal Opera, appeared in Recital in the college chapel December 19th. It was the concensus of opinion that Kellerman is by far the greatest singer who has ever appeared before an Alma audience; and he was received accordingly, the enthusiasm exceeding anything of the sort ever manifested by a local gathering.

Added to a magnificent physique and a voice in proportion, Kellerman has a splendid stage presence, and is a perfect master of his voice, which is very plastic, capable of a heavy degree both of volume and of variations in tone quality, producting pianissimos imaginable.

in "Henrich, der Vogler," by Loewe, "Die drei Wanderer," and the "Pirate Song," the sing, demonstrated a wonderful dramatic quality, surpassing that of any other baritone on the American concert platform. In the beautiful song by Czerwonky, "O think of me," "The Hour of Dreaming," by R. Hahn, "The Rosary," and the "Evening Star," from Tannhaeuser (these latter generously given as encores) he showed an almost equally remarkable ability as a lyric singer.

The accompaniments were played faultlessly by Mr. Parson, who followed every move, every breath, of the singer, and ably co-operated in making this song recital one long to be remembered. Mr. Parson also showed great talent as a soloist in a Polonaise by McDowell, and still more in the Liebestraum by Liszt. As an encore he played a well known Chopin Mazurka.

Many of those present voiced the hope that these artists may be secured for a return engagement next year. One way to do this is to support the efforts of the management the rest of this year. A large numher of season tickets must still be sold in order to save the management from heavy loss.

ORATORS CHOSEN.

Two of the nine colleges represented in the Michigan Intercollegiate Oratorical association, Albion and Olivet, selected their representatives Lester, on Christmas day. Mr. and for the state contest before Christmas vacation. Ralph L. Peterson, who last year won the state and in-The students and Almanian extend terstate Prohibition contests, will represent Albion. Mr. Peterson is one of the ablest representatives the strong Methodist institution has ever had. Willis B. Perkins, son of Judge Perkins of Grand Rapids, will represent Olivet. Mr. Peterson's oration Michigan State Teachers' association is "The Demand of Efficiency." Mr.

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Friday, January 17-lecture course. Wednesday, January 22-M, A. C at Lansing.

Friday, January 24-Alma at Mt. Pleasant Normal.

ASSOCIATION MEETINGS.

Wednesday evening Prayer Meeting - Subject, "Luke the Steadfast Friend." Leader, Della Struthers.

Y. M. C. A., Sunday, 6 p. m.—Subject, "Resolutions." Leader, Bryson

Y. W. C. A., Sunday afternoon-Subject, "Social Service." Leader, Margaret Allen.

DOWN TO WORK.

Everybody has had his rest and his fun, and a whole two weeks of it. Now is the time to get down to business. The winter months are the best for real hard study. Then, too, there are the examinations within two weeks and some one will need to be busy. There is no chance for spring fever this kind of weather, so let every student help create a good healthy atmosphere for a real study.

NEWS ITEMS.

Two new students entered college last week, Miss Nellie Chisolm and Ives McCredie. Miss Chisolm is a member of the music school while Mr. McCredie is a senior academy student.

Coach Bleamaster has organized a busines men's class in physical culture which meets three times a week.

Mrs. Blaisdell is in the hospital at Ann Arbor receiving treatment for an injured hand, and is doing very nicely.

The weekly recitals of the music school were resumed again last Friday and a splendid program was enjoyed by those present.

Robert Cook is again seen around the campus.

Miss Ida MacPherson visited Ruth Robinson Wednesday and Thursday of last week.

Miss Bess Martin spent Wednesday with Josephine Butler.

Frank Anderson visited Alma friends last week.

The Christmas party given at Wright Hall the Wednesday before school closed was a decided success. In spite of the fact that things were not as they had been planned, the stunts gotten up on the spur of the moment were an entertaining program. Although there was no tree,

everybody was made happy by a gift. Dr. Randels occupied the pulpit in the Presbyterian church at Mt. Pleasant Sunday.

BASKET-BALL.

Two separate teams sent against the fast Grand Rapids "Y" quintet failed to startle them greatly and the Maroon and Cream went down to defeat in a snappy basket-ball game Friday night by the score of 34 to 20. Coach Bleamastér dispatched the reserves to start the game and they responded to the confidence which he placed in them by holding the visitors to a 13 to 11 lead. Vogt, Hyde. and Austin showed 'varsity caliber and were the stars for the home team. In the second half against the regulars the Furniture City men added ten points to their lead and the game ended with the score of 34 to 20. Hooper and Josnson held the invaders within reasonable bounds. M. Cook and Montgomery with four baskets apiece starred for the Y. M. C. A. The Score.

Montgomery .. R. F. H. Schultz M. Cook.....L. F........ Vogt WilmothC.....S. Cook Towle R G...... llyde Bennett L. G..... Anstin Final score-Grand Rayids "Y." 34; Alma, 20. Baskets from fie'd-Schultz, Hyde, Johnson-3; Bennett 2, Wilmoth, Cook 4. Montgomery 4-11 Baskets from foul - Vogt, 7 in 10; Hooper, 7 in 11; M. Cook, 5 in 13; Montgomery, 7 in 10. Substitutions-Hooper for Schultz, Wood for Vogt, Johnson for S. Cook, Misenar for Hyde, Von Thurn for Austin. Referee-Ward.

During the Christmas vacation the team got together for the first time this season at Detroit where they went down to defeat before the fast D. A. C. team by the score of 62 to 14.

By winning four games in succession the Seniors captured the interclass basket-ball title and all the honor that goes with it

REV. MASON'S PLAN.

Rev. WA'H. Mason, pastor of the college church, has planned to have a series of special talks at prayer meetings. The special services began Jan. 9, and will continue until the end of June. Young men and young women of the college will alternate weekly in having charge.

"DUTCH" SPREAD.

The German table at Wright Hall livened up things before vacation with a unique "Dutch" spread. Each member of the table was dressed in the real old country style, and all were compelled to carry on their conversation in German. They drank their root BEER from the bottles, The spread furnished amusement for the entire dining hall.

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specialists of the university strive sixteen or eighteen hours a day to make only a doctor or whatever he was to be. "We send people to college to come out men.'

By the use of splendid charts, which he prepared himself, the Professor showed conclusively that a larger percentage of students from small colleges receive fellowships than from larger colleges or from colleges connected with large universities. He made plain the fact that a student had a much greater chance to find himself in a small college than in a large institution, whether it be in athletics or any other phase of work.

The lecture method is little used in small colleges and Prof. Randels quoted President Butler of Columbia University and others to the fact university, although necessary to a certain extent, has become deplorable. President-elect Wilson, while president of Princeton University did much to bring back the small college idea, which he said was best.

After Dr. Randels' masterful address every student of Alma surely felt proud as well as thankful that he has the privilege of attending a small college, and especially Alma College in this time of its rapid advancement

PROHIBITION LEAGUE.

The work of the college prohibition movement was revived again Wednesday, Dec. 18, when traveling secretary, Charles Wesley Young, of Chicago, made his visit to Alma. President Johnson and Mr. Young spent'some time in laying plans for the local work. The secretary spoke to a body of young men Wednesday evening on the work and the possibilities of the movement in the United States. The following morning he addressed the student body. Many new members were added to the association.

The faculty is planning on introducing a course in the study of present day liquor problems for the second semester. This course will be open to all students and college credit will be given for the work done.

FOOTBALL CALENDARS.

The Almanian started something new in the way of calendars just before Christmas, when they put out over one hundred fifty football calendars. On these was a fine cut of the team with the name of each player and at the bottom was a 1913 calendar pad. Nearly every student now looks at a football calendar to find his date.

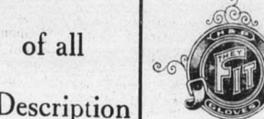
EUTERPE GIRLS

ENTERTAINED

Instead of having a regular meeting the last Monday before vacation. the Enterpe society was invited over to Helen Cook's to spend the evening. It was in form of a Thimble Party, and it is needless to add that the usual good time and "eats" were enjoyed,

Arthur Simenton and Jean McGill were delayed in returning to college.

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Who She Liked.

Miss Warner (as waiter came in with dessert)-"Goody."

Why He Crossed.

"Ox"-"Let us cross the street." Miss M. B--l-"What did you

cross the street for?" "Ox"-"I wanted to get my other hand warm."

How He Would Fix It.

Prof. Warner (in debating class)-"Bachelors break a law of naturetherefore bachelors should be punished. What would you do with that falacy, Mr. Butler?"

Bope Butler-"I'd get married."

Soliloquies.

My Bonnie lies over the ocean-Barton.

Modesty prevents me from mentioning myself.-Von.

I wore a pompadour when I was home.-Bill Schultz.

I wish I had a girl, but-hang that Harry.-Dusty.

Nothing to do till tomorrow. -Yerex (at 11:30 p. m.).

Another letter, another girl.-Mau-

Oh! for a rest .- Ole.

I may not be a scholar, but I'm a student in French.-Archie.

Post Mortem Chat.

Two Irishmen were working on the roof of a building one day when Mike made a misstep and fell to the

Pat (leaning over)-"Are yez dead or alive, Mike?

Mike (feebly)-"Oi'm alive."

Pat-"Shure you're such a liar Oi don't know whether to belave yez or not."

Mike-"Well, then, Oi must be dead, for yez would never dare to call me a liar if Oi were aloive."

Anderson Honored.

Oscar-"I guess they never named any towns after you."

"Stubby"-"Maybe not, but there is a town over in New England named after you, all right."

Oscar-"What town is that?" "Stubby"-"Marblehead."

Butler's Opinion.

"Goody" - "I learned to sing entirely by ear at first."

Bope-"And have you never had the earache?"

Lamenting.

Ruth Cook (in English class) -"My days of love are over."

Question. If Carroll Gray went to Detroit would she "Land-on" a new home?

At German Table.

Miss Fairweather - "Did you fly up in an airship?"

Miss Ritter-"No; but I flew up in a rage."

In English Class.

Prof. Warner (to Miss Allen reciting)-"I do not understand you fully. Have you the character of Satan?"

What Della Read in Class.

But now at thirty years my hair is

(I wonder what it will be like at

I thought of a peruke the other day) My heart is not much greener. -Byron.

One of the finest dwelling houses in the vicinity of the college is fast fident that he will not only put Notre nearing completion. It is on the Dame back in her standing of former corner of Center and Cedar streets, years but that he will make her athand will soon be occupied by Dr. letics among the cleanest and best in MacCurdy and family.

HARPER TO NOTRE DAME.

Draws One of the Highest Salaries Paid to a Coach in the West.

Former Alma coach, Jesse C. Harper and more recently of Wabash, has accepted the position of director of athletics at Notre Dame, to begin his work September next. The selection of Coach Harper is the first step of the Notre Dame authorities towards regaining Notre Dame's good name in athletics. In recent years she has had an exceptionally bad reputation among the principal colleges and universities of the West, and at present being scarcely able to fill out her schedules.

When Mr. Harper takes his new place he will have the most important athletic position in the West, with the possible exception of A. A. Stagg, athletic director of the University of Chicago. Harper will not only coach the four teams but will



also have charge of all firances and for that spread. make out all schedules. His duties will be even more difficult than those of the Chicago coach, because Mr. Stagg has no difficulty in acting teams on his schedules; besides, Stagg does not coach backet-ball.

Coach Harper graduated from the University of Chicago in 1996, coached the Alma college teams during the two following years and give ing Alma some of the best teams she has ever had. Both years of his coaching here Alma carried off the M. I. A. A. baseball championship. also the cup and banner that goes with it. His other teams were among the leaders of the M. I. A. A. In 1908, his ability was recognized by the authorities at Wabash college and Alma was unable to hold him any longer. He has made an enviable record during his four years at the latter institution. His friends at Alma are pleased that so worthy a gentleman is able to step into the front rank of athletic instructors in the United States, and all feel conthe country.

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