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RUSSELL DIRECTS WEEK OF PRAYER

Pastor of Rutgers Church, New York City, Leads College in Devotional Services.

Sunday afternoon closed the most successful week of prayer in the recent history of Alma College. The services of the week were conducted by Dr. Daniel Russell of the Rutgers Presbyterian church of New York City. The services opened on Tuesday morning at the Chapel hour, and were held twice during the day for the remainder of the week. Dr. Russell spoke at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning, and then, in an afternoon meeting at four o'clock in the Wright Hall lobby, wound up the work of the week in a vesper service.

Dr. Russell's week here has been the most successful week of Devotionals that has been held for several years. His remarkable ability on the platform, and the sincerity behind all of his remarks, won him the best hearing of any of the splendid men who have contributed to Alma's spiritual life at various times. Dr. Russell's manner, and the intensely interesting things that he had to say, captivated the student body in a way that was little short of marvelous. The attendance at every one of the services under his guidance, and especially those in the afternoons at which attendance was not required, were a compliment to him and the interest which he created in the services.

Tuesday

In the service Tuesday morning, when Dr. Russell was first introduced to the student body, he outlined the series of discourses he would make before the students in the week of his stay. He chose to call the series, "A Fight for Character."

"What is character?" he said, "Character is those qualities of mind or soul which make goodness effective."

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Maroon and Cream Announces Staff

The Maroon and Cream is now getting under way, and at present is being held up only by the unwillingness of the students to face the camera. The editor of the Annual anxiously awaits the photos of the individual students.

The staff of the Maroon and Cream this year is headed by Ronald E. Harris, Editor-in-chief. Roger F. Cole is the Associate Editor, and J. Herbert Nesbit is head of the Athletics. The Art work is being done by Dorothy Bradley and Romaine Hogan. The staff is not as yet complete, for no one has yet been appointed to take charge of the snaps and photos. A girl will also be appointed to help with the editorial work.

Carleton Neeland is Business Manager of the Annual and he has not as yet appointed any assistants. The whole staff will be announced in the Almanian as soon as the remaining members are named.

TAIT BEATS AL DEVINE

On the afternoon of February 10, Francis Drake Tait Ex'25 broke into the limelight by defeating Al Devine who holds the Detroit indoor tennis title, in a fast contest, 7-5, 6-4. As the Detroit Times put it:

"One of the biggest upsets that ever occurred in indoor tennis circles in Michigan took place yesterday afternoon when Francis D. Tait forced Al Devine into the ranks of the defeated stars competing an even chance to take a single set. Devine holds the city title by virtue of having triumphed over George O'Connell a few weeks ago on the same court. This was also a big upset in Detroit tennis spheres, as O'Connell has annexed several state outdoor titles, including the Oklahoma, Wisconsin, and Michigan championships.

"Tait is a former star on the tennis courts of Alma college. At the time he swung the racquet for the Presbyterians he was one of the foremost exponents of the game in M. I. A. A. ranks. But he was never figured in a class with the veteran Devine, prior to the drawing which matched them in the third-round singles play yesterday."

A Student Prayer

(by Dr. Daniel Russell)

Unto Thee, O Spirit of living, perfect, and eternal truth, I offer my petitions. Help me to keep my body pure, strong, efficient, a fitting temple for the Holy Ghost. Help me to keep my brain clean, the ready instrument of my will and Thine. Lead me on to that culture which is a habit of mind, instinct with purpose, able and industrious in discerning the great from the trivial. And that my spirit may be free help me to banish the faults that blemish, and to enthrone goodness and self-control and courage and sacrificial service at the centers of my life. Above all, I pray Thee, make me a true and humble disciple of Jesus. I would surrender and consecrate all that I am and have to Him—my Teacher, whose word I believe; my Master whose command I obey; my atoning Savior on whom alone I rest for salvation both now and in the life to come. Amen.

PROFESSOR CLACK WINS CROSS-WORD PUZZLE CONTEST

Professor Clack of the Mathematics department covered himself with glory and brought honor to the college last week when he originated a cross-word puzzle which won first prize in the Lansing State Journal "Washington's Birthday Cross-Word Puzzle Contest." He also received a financial consideration, for first prize netted him \$15.

In commenting on the prize-winner the State Journal said, "Mr. Clack's riddle came the nearest to meeting the specifications laid down for the construction of the puzzle, and in addition was of a unique design. It will be noticed that the design sets forth the Roman numerals XXII, the 22 standing for February 22. The puzzle is thirteen squares each way, the 13 standing for the number of the original group of colonies. Many words having to do with Washington's life are included."

The Almanian extends congratulations to Professor Clack.

MRS. MACCURDY LECTURES AT ALMA

Illustrated Talk on "Cave Man Art and Religion" Pleases College Students.

Alma college students were recipients of an unusually interesting lecture last Wednesday evening, when Mrs. George MacCurdy, wife of Dr. George MacCurdy, delivered a lecture in the college chapel on "Cave Man Art and Religion." Dr. George MacCurdy is a professor of Archeology at Yale, and also Curator of the Yale Museum. He is a brother of the Dr. Hansford MacCurdy.

Mrs. MacCurdy has accompanied her husband on a number of his expeditions and explorations, and is exceedingly well-versed on Cave Man sculpture, painting and art. Her lecture was illustrated with a set of lantern slides, which showed the results of excavations made on their expeditions to Central and Southern France last summer.

It would be impossible to describe the unique beauty of the art of the Cave Man. The majority of the carvings were made on the limestone and sandstone walls of the caves, at least fifty thousand years ago. A number of them were first carved in

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WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

(Editor's Note: Leonard Andrew who attended the Foreign Missions Convention of the United States and Canada, held at Washington, D. C. a short time ago, has prepared this article for the Almanian, telling of that meeting.)

Following some two years after the now historic Washington Peace conference, the Foreign Missions Conference of the United States and Canada held in Washington, D. C. January 28 to February 1, 1925, marks a truly remarkable step in the history of Christian Missions in North America as well as the world. Not since the Ecumenical Conference at New York in 1900 has such a distinguished assemblage gathered on this side of the Atlantic in the interest of missions. It is now fifteen years since

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Nighthawks Parade in Native Garb

Amid rollicking cheers and frenzied war-whoops, one hundred and fifty "colitch" Stags galloped their way through the avenues of Alma last Thursday evening, attired in bathrobes. The wail of the dying Sioux, the shriek of the blood-thirsty Black-foot, the moan of Chief "Standing Bull" Calkins, and the expiring gulp of "Grandma" Crooks, (25), caused the populace to think that the loyal order of the "Yellow Dogs" was holding a nocturnal pow-wow, but the excitement was in fact caused by the Y. M. C. A. that was staging a Stag Party.

As in "ye olden dayes" of the Pajama Parade the Bathrobe Cavaliers made their way to the "Calle Mayor" of the city, stamping off the old war-march of "A-L-M-A-ALMA!" The first stop on the pilgrimage was at the Hostelry of Rodney Burgess, where Rod Burgess and Sam Beaucamp and Jimmy Howe handed out Frost-bites to the angry mob. After a lusty cheer of gratitude, the battalion made an oblique, angling, oblique march to the European Cafe, where Nick, Bill and Ross filled the teeming cavities in the savages with coffee and doughnuts. Again the cry of gratitude arose, but before continuing the journey, the crowd gathered in the marketplace before the European, and a temporary Leaning Tower of Pisa was erected. From the balcony of the tower, Freshman Lyle Koepke attempted to make a compulsory lecture, but the surging Antzees emitted sounds of dissatisfaction, and would not allow the Paleface to continue his "parley." A sector of influential chiefs called for a song, so a song it had to be. In vain did Paleface Koepke attempt to render their air, but the air would not be rendered, because of the renting peels of gruff growls, which declared the emotions of the tribe. At a cry of "Tomato!" (which means "enough" in the language of the natives) the

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M. I. A. A. STANDINGS

The Alma College team continues to point the way in the Michigan Intercollegiate race with seven victories tucked under the belt, and three to go before the team can claim a clean association plate for the season.

Kalamazoo College continues in second place by the defeat of Albion at Albion Saturday, and probably will finish the season in that position.

Michigan State Normal should finish in third place, and might possibly get into a tie for second by thumping Kalamazoo at Kalamazoo next week.

Albion's best will be fourth place for the season probably, with Olivet and Hillsdale trailing.

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Alma Col.	7	0	1.000
Kalamazoo	5	2	.714
M. S. N. School	4	4	.500
Albion Coll.	3	5	.375
Olivet	3	5	.375
Hillsdale	1	7	.125

ZETA SIGMA ENTERTAINMENT

Saturday evening at eight o'clock the Zeta Sigma Society held a party at their house for members and their invited guests. The party was very informal in nature, and the guests danced in the two large rooms of the house which had been thrown together for the occasion while still others took places at the three tables of Bridge and Five Hundred set in the back study. Refreshments were served at about ten o'clock. About twenty couples were present. Miss Lanier graciously acted in the capacity of chaperone.

The good man who goes wrong is in reality a bad man who has just been found out.

THE REMSEN CLUB MET LAST THURSDAY EVENING

The regular meeting of the Remsen Club was held in the lecture room of the Chemistry building on Saturday evening at 7 o'clock.

Mr. Erwin Merriam was chairman for the meeting. Roll call was responded to with "Chemical Facts." The general theme for the meeting was "American Chemists." Papers were presented by the following students:

The Life of Joseph Priestley by Walter Kemler;

The Work of J. C. Booth by Eugene Smythe;

The Life of Wolcott Gibbs by Grace Colby, paper read by Christine Decker;

The Life Work of Dr. Silliman by Irene Oberst.

Woodburn Lamb served the members with an aqueous solution of a complex hydroxyl compound mixed with a triacetylic acid of the aliphatic series.

MIDLAND MAGAZINE EDITOR SPEAKS

Dr. Frederick Gives Brilliant Discussion on "The Midwest Literary Movement."

One of the most valuable and progressive lectures ever given in Alma, was presented last Tuesday evening, when Dr. Frederick of the University of Iowa spoke on "The Middle Western Literary Movement." Dr. Frederick, who is editor of the Midland Magazine, first told of a New York critic, who emphatically declared that there was no type of writing which could be called Middle Western Literature. Using this as a theme, Dr. Frederick proved to his listeners that there was a distinct type or style of prose and poetry which might rightly be called Middle Western.

"Wherever there is work done, there is a literature," stated the speaker. "It is only in the last year or two, that writers of the Middle West have begun to use Middle Western themes and backgrounds. Our poets set up an artificial imitation of the Alps of Tennyson on the banks of the Hudson, instead of writing of Michigan." Dr. Frederick then told of the possibilities afforded the writer who would use the settings and romances of his surroundings.

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FACULTY SKETCHES

Any how, Dr. MacCurdy is a bloomin' good Prof.

Dr. MacCurdy received his undergraduate work at Ohio Wesleyan. He took a Ph. D. from Harvard. He has done further graduate work since he has come to Alma, spending his Sabatical year in work at John Hopkins University, and in research at the Biological Laboratory at Cold Springs Harbor. He has been connected with the college for several years, and in those several years he has done the work of two or three men. His particular line in which he is expert is the field of Heredity. If it were not true that he has such an abundance of work heaped upon his conscientious shoulders all of the time, there is little doubt that he would be able to write several books that would

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CAGERS TROUNCE HILLSDALE AGAIN

Champs Give Downstaters Another Drubbing; 43 and 24 Was the Final Score.

Hillsdale did not even make a good impression in her attempt Friday night to stop the Alma College basketball team, which has secured a good scent of the championship bunting on down the line, and is hitting up a merry pace in the effort to pull down the honors. Alma won over Hillsdale 43 to 24, but it was not until the second half, when numerous substitutes were performing that Hillsdale was able to make the battle anything like even.

Alma had a highly merry romp during the first half, the Blue and White not being able to make the slightest impression in its efforts to stop the Alma scoring machine. After Catherman replaced Gaylor at forward, Russ started feeding Carty and he started scoring at a high rate of speed getting eight field baskets for the half. MacDonald, also came in for his share in this half, connecting with three field baskets. The lot of the Hillsdaleans during the first half was four field baskets, no Blue and White player being able to break through the Alma defense more than once in this half. The half ended with Alma leading 25 to 9.

Further changes were made in the Alma lineup in the second half, and with the defense letting down Hillsdale was able to find the basket to a greater extent and scored 15 points for the half. The Alma offense also let down considerably during this half Alma getting only 18 points in the session.

Gettings, of Hillsdale, a former All Michigan Intercollegiate center, was high scorer for Hillsdale with 8 of the Hillsdale points. Gettings went out of the fray with four personal fouls. Reynolds, another former All Michigan Intercollegiate star, failed to show to any great advantage. The failure of Hillsdale to show better

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PHI PHI ALPHA SOCIETY

Monday, February 16th.

A business meeting was held followed by a short literary program in which Wilnot Pruyne read a report of the latest losses to the Bachelors club.

The janitors then tendered their resignation and Edward Denice and William Scott were elected to succeed them, after which the society adjourned to the initiation of Raymond Hunter.

At the regular meeting February 9, Ralph Nickels was initiated into the society.

New Feature to Be Added to Almanian

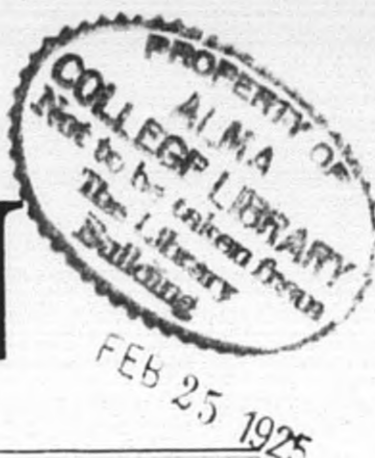
Beginning next week, the Almanian will have a new feature, providing the students desire it. The staff has long felt that much happens in the different unofficial dormitories, which might be of interest to the campus. This news will now be made available to the student body.

A column of "Dorm Notes" will be installed, and each dormitory will be allowed to contribute its own news. The only requirement is that each dormitory contributing must have a name. The McQuaig house has long been known as "McQuaig Dorm" and the Monk house has long been known as "The Monastery." Each dormitory contributing must have a name similar to those examples.

For the first week, the editor suggests that the writers give the name of the House, the street address, and the name and nicknames of the roomers. Then any other news, jokes, or other "applesauce" may be added.

It is hoped that the "dorm" will respond.—McQuaig's, Monk's, Slowinski's, Andrew's, the Lemen Apartments, Holland's Pioneer Hall, Wright Hall, Zeta House, Phi House, and all the rest.

Contributions may be handed to any member of the staff not later than Friday noon of each week. All "contri's" should be typewritten, and must be signed. Make them snappy and spicy, and full of pep.



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THE CHALLENGE OF CHARACTER

"And behold, one came to Him and said, 'Teacher, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?' And He said unto him, 'Why askest thou me concerning that which is good? One there is who is good: but if thou wouldest enter into life, keep the commandments.'"

—Matt: 19: 16-17.

AN ANSWER TO THE CHALLENGE OF CHARACTER

"Oh! Unseen power that rules and controls the destinies of the children of earth: teach me the symphony of life so that my nature may be in tune with Thine.

"Reveal to me the joy of being loving, self-sacrificing and charitable. Teach me to know and play life's game with courage, fortitude and confidence.

"Endow me with the wisdom to guard my tongue and temper, and learn with patience the art of ruling my own life for its highest good, with due regard for the privacy, rights and limitations of other lives. Help me to strive for the highest legitimate reward of merit, ambition, and opportunities in my activities, ever ready to extend a kindly helping hand to those who need encouragement and succor in the struggle. Enable me to give a smile instead of a frown, a cheerful, kindly word instead of harshness and bitterness. Make me sympathetic in sorrow, realizing that there are hidden woes in every life no matter how exalted or lowly.

"If in life's battle I am wounded or tettering, pour into my wounds the balm of hope, and imbue me with courage undaunted to arise and continue the strife.

"Keep me humble in every relation of life, not unduly egotistical, nor liable to the serious sin of self-depreciation. In success keep me meek. In sorrow, may my soul be uplifted by the thought that if there were no shadow, there would be no sunshine, and that everything in life must have its antithesis. Grant that I may be a true, loyal friend, a genial companion with a broad honest charity born of an intimate knowledge of my own shortcomings.

"If I win, crown me with the laurels fitting to be worn by a victor, and if I fall, may it be with my face to the foe, fighting manfully, and falling, bing to the best behind,—play up, play up, and play the game." "The Prayer" by William J. Robinson

RUSSELL DIRECTS WEEK OF PRAYER

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"He said that they were: Self-Control, of the tongue, temper, and appetite. Courage, moral courage, the kind that is sadly lacking now—the courage to do things as they should be. And the Spirit of Sacrificial Service.

In the afternoon on Tuesday Dr. Russell spoke concerning character and temperaments. He spoke of the various temperaments that marked various individuals, and said regarding them that each of the three or four kinds carried with it various virtues that were peculiar to the persons of that particular class. He said that, carried to excess, however, these virtues might become faults, and he warned the students against making faults out of their God-given traits.

The attendance at the afternoon sessions was entirely voluntary, and the crowd of students that turned out to hear Dr. Russell at the two-thirty hour was exceedingly gratifying.

Wednesday
His central theme he announced as "Character, what is it worth?" He then proceeded briefly to enumerate the values of character. The first value is the credit value, and he advised his hearers to be the kind of a man or woman that will be regarded as one whom "you can tie to." The second great value is the crisis value. "There are times when character is the only thing that will save a man from destruction." And further commenting on the crisis value he said, "In the matter of temptation, build your structure to withstand the normal strain, and a little more."

Then came the Happiness value. "The happiest people are the people who are good, and who have the self-sacrifice and willingness to make their happiness effective." He said that life was so small that we must find the way to make the most of it, and his formula was "Be good and

you'll be Happy." A person should develop the habit of being good so that he would be unconsciously right. "You've got to be real, down to the center, down to the very core of you," is the way he put it.

The next value that he stressed was the influence value. The value of the unconscious radiation of character is immeasurable, he said. And then there is the Insurance value. A man cannot face old age, or life, squarely without real, deep-seated character; and no man can acquire character without a fight for it. "If we want the insurance value of character we must get our eyes upon the cross of service." We should always be building character a little more deeply and finely. "What is character worth?" he said in closing this talk on Character. "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches."

In his fourth address Dr. Russell spoke on the subject, "Character and the Law of the Harvest." The law of the harvest will be found in the verse, "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." The sermon was built about the life of Lincoln, and the life of this great American was used as illustration throughout.

It was Dr. Russell's contention that in Lincoln, as in any other man, ninety percent of what he accomplished was due directly to the law of harvest. Lincoln sowed labor, and he reaped an insight into the labor question that surpassed that of any other man of his time. It was through this insight that he knew that the thing that the laborer needed was to be conceded recognition, and it was due to this insight that he fought the fight to free the slaves, and thus contributed to the solution of one of the greatest labor problems the world has ever faced.

Lincoln sowed study, and he reaped culture. This is best shown in the remarkable addresses made by this comparatively uneducated man. It is shown in his letters, and in his every day conversation.

He sowed honesty, and he reaped the trust of the people back home first, and then the confidence of the entire country.

He sowed failure, and he reaped success. He failed in the little store, as a surveyor, as a candidate for the legislature, for Congress, for an office in the land patent office, and finally for Vice-President, but he reaped the Presidency of the United States.

But most of all, he sowed love and he reaped love. "I suppose the greatness of Lincoln lies in his ability to love, and to stimulate love," the speaker said.

In closing the afternoon's address, Dr. Russell said, "If you are going out on the hunt for character, don't forget that character rests on the Law of the Harvest; that, and nothing else."

Thursday morning Dr. Russell delivered the fifth of his series on Character. This time his theme was "Character and the Challenge of Discipline." First of all he defined discipline. "Discipline is the ability to handle tough jobs, by rough methods."

"There is a thing that God writes on everything," he said, "and that is this, 'Anything that is worth having can't be had for nothing.' He said that all the leaders had been disciplined, and that it takes discipline to make a nation—or a man. Moses was disciplined; it was even Christ's way of life. He was disciplined several times before His life on earth was ended.

Present day discipline is sadly lacking in the home, the trades, the church, the schools—and the effects can readily be seen. Every student should bring himself to a life of discipline, of the body, intellect, and of the spirit. "If you really care for character, thank God for discipline" or, in the words of Paul, "Endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ."

The sixth of the series was themed, "Character—how can I get it?" To get character there were four things enumerated that must be dealt with. The first was sin. We must be born again, and we must consecrate ourselves. It is not easy, but it must be remembered that sin causes failure. Difficulty should only make the problem more interesting.

The second was temptation. He advised his listeners to first find out the great temptations, and then learn how to combat them, either meeting them directly, or by indirectly crowding them out. The remaining two fights that must be fought and won are the fight for the right attitude, and the last was the matter of habit, which would make the business of well-doing instinctive.

Friday
In the seventh of the series, delivered Friday morning Dr. Russell spoke of the ministry as a profession. His purpose was not especially to urge men or women into the profession, but to persuade them to give the ministry due consideration before the life-work decision was finally made. He pictured the good and bad of the business of being a minister, and left with even the most skeptical

a new conception of the service of a minister of the Gospel. He compared the profession with others such as law and medicine, lining up the advantages and disadvantages fairly.

He stated that the ministry was the job of leading, not driving, the Christian church. Then he enumerated the functions of the church: Worship, Evangelism, Religious Education, Reform, Philanthropy, and the Defense of the Faith. "Do you call the direction of that a small job?" he asked.

"The man who pains me more than the extreme liberals or the extreme conservatives is the man who says, 'Oh, it doesn't matter. Let's forget it and get down to business.'"

On Friday afternoon the subject "The Call of the Living Church" was discussed. It was first brought out that the church was a power, and all rumors to the contrary notwithstanding, the church was a growing power, growing steadily in membership and influence.

Then Dr. Russell gave his interpretation of what the call meant. He said that the call of the church was to culture; to fellowship; to organized effort. The very fundamentals of the church are based upon fellowship, and upon the unselfishness of organized effort. The real call of the church is to do all in our power toward the advancement of the Kingdom, which is our reasonable service.

Sunday
Sunday morning Dr. Russell preached to a full house at the Presbyterian church. In this service the people of the city availed themselves of the opportunity to listen to Dr. Russell. This was of the same high type that characterized his work at the college during the week.

Sunday afternoon at four o'clock vesper service was held in the lobby of Wright Hall, where Dr. Russell included the services of the Week of Prayer with an appeal to the individuals in the faculty and student body to follow the path of right, and do good always. "Let us not be weary in well-doing." He gave reasons why people are so easily discouraged in well-doing and gave encouragement in every case. His best word of advice was, "Never lose contact with the Source of Power."

This last vesper brought the week's services to a close. From the point of view of attendance, interest, and feeling Dr. Russell certainly should be credited with an exceptional piece of work. Students regard him as a remarkable man, and a most human counselor. His stay has been an unqualified success in every way.

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

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The notable World Missionary Conference met in Edinburgh. Those fifteen years have included historic changes like the World War; the fall of the caliphate; the capture of Jerusalem; the rise of the Ghandist movement in India; and the establishment of republics in China, Turkey, Germany and other central European states and the Soviet rule in Russia. But of equal and commanding interest has been the phenomenal increase in the extent and success of Protestant Missions in the last decade, which surpasses that of any previous period. It is coming now to a particular turning of the ways which is demanding changes of method, greater expansion, more workers and more consecrated leaders. The consideration of these vast problems which effect the whole world have caused this conference to be a second Peace Conference from which it is hoped that a new impetus will come to spread abroad the story of the Great Prince of Peace.

President Coolidge addressed the first afternoon's session of the conference and with almost prophetic insight roughly outlined the whole trend of thought for the conference. The two ideas which he stressed which became the keynote of the convention were; Better living, both by the individual and the state here at home, and a greater consecration by all Christians here and abroad to the realization of the whole missionary task of the world. Among other things he said, "The foundation of all missionary effort abroad must be toleration and brotherhood at home." And again he characterized Christianity as "Highly practical as well as a profoundly spiritual mode of life. It loses none of its spiritual quality because of its practical helpfulness; but it touches all its practical workings with the spirit and purpose of lofty aspirations."

It is interesting to note that as the conference was held in Washington the Senate received many a pointed thrust from the speakers such as Bishop Brent gave by saying, "When a certain group in the Senate comes to its senses the United States will join the World Court," and at another time he said he did not know of any department of life that needed religion more than politics. There has been a separation of Church and State, of course, but that does not mean, he added, that there has been a divorce. Much time was spent in discussing these and similar problems

relating to world statesmanship. Canon H. J. Cody of Toronto summed them up by saying, "In the near future issues of moment to the Human race must be decided, and unless these are decided under the light of Christian truth and by the guidance of Christian influences, the results may be disappointing."

Thus one after another the problems of the foreign field and the home base were taken up and ably handled by the foremost thinkers and leaders of the churches in America and of some foreign countries. One of the most remarkable addresses was given by E. Stanley Jones of India on the subject of "The Aim and Motive of Missions." He said in part, quoting from what Mahatma Ghandi had told him personally, "If you come to us as Christ came to the world we cannot resist you. But, Christians to convert non-Christians must live more like Christ lived; they must practice the Christian religion without adulterating or toning it down; emphasis must be placed on love, the central thing in Christianity as a working force, and a sympathetic study must be made of the non-Christian religions so that there will be no blundering approach of the non-Christian by missionaries."

Others among the more prominent speakers who took up their part of the vast subject were: Bishop E. D. Mouzon, Mr. J. H. Oldham, Dr. T. Kagawa, Mr. R. A. Doan, Mrs. C. K. Roys, Rev. H. T. Kerr, Rev. B. P. Hivale, Mr. Robert P. Wilder, Rev. S. W. Zwemer, Hon. N. W. Rowell and Mr. Robert E. Speer. The latter made a very masterful address in summary which was given on the last night on "The Call of Our Unfinished Missionary Task." Among other things he said, "There are more people in the world today that do not know Christ than when modern mission work began." Also, "I believe Christ did miracles and waits to do them now. Prayer is a power by which we can achieve the impossible. Prayer is not supernatural but in nature. God is the greatest of all realities in this world and his heart of love is beating at the souls of all men."

The conference consisted of some 4,500 delegates and it is estimated that about ten thousand attended at least one session. These represent some fifty-eight Boards and twenty-seven Mission Societies and representatives of many foreign countries. Also the Student Volunteer Movement selected one hundred students from the country at large and some two hundred and fifty more came as representing various boards. Special early morning meetings were held for the college students and they were especially favored by being entertained in Washington homes and having several opportunities for a general social good time and get-together. The general opinion of the students seemed to be that American students are not responding to their opportunities and their campuses' needs, nor are the average faculties having a very spiritual influence over the campuses.

The convention was extraordinary from weather to speakers and general spirit but only time will tell if it accomplished its purpose. If the various agencies there represented will receive a great dynamic force to enable them to meet the tremendous deficits that many of them face, to solve the mission administration problems, to enable the missionary to step out and let the native take his rightful place on the foreign field, and to inspire many college students with the right qualifications to study and train themselves for foreign service and to awaken a new and permanent consecration of the home church to the whole task of "The Evangelization of the World in This Generation," then will this have been a truly successful "PEACE" Convention.

Alma to Meet Kazoo This Friday Evening

Approaching a perfect record for the Michigan Intercollegiate season the Alma collegians face one of their hardest remaining games Friday evening, when the Maroon and Cream tackles Kalamazoo College at Kalamazoo. If any of the three teams left on the M. I. A. A. card have a chance to tumble the Almaites, it is Kalamazoo. it is believed.

Kalamazoo is far stronger than was indicated in the recent game here when Alma defeated the second place

team 31 to 9. Kalamazoo was very plainly suffering from an "off night" and the Alma team was not forced to extend itself in the least to win.

The chances are that Alma will find a far stronger foe when she encounters the Orange and Black this week at Kalamazoo, and while there is plenty of confidence in the Alma camp that the Almaites will win, it is of course possible that the dope will be upset and the Celery City team returned a winner.

MRS MacCURDY LECTURES
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the soft rock, and then painted. The slides used by Mrs. MacCurdy portrayed the natural colors of the paintings. Animals and "The Hunt" were favorite subjects in excellent proportion and appeared extremely lifelike. One especially interesting slide showed a carving which had been made on a deer horn, and portrayed a group of animals.

Mrs. MacCurdy's lecture was one which held the interest throughout and she explained in detail each type of art which was thrown on the screen.

The lecture was a valuable one, because of its freshness. The excavations discussed and illustrated were made last summer, and very few persons have had the privilege of seeing the slides or hearing the comment of them.

It is hoped that Alma will in the future be honored with more lectures of such educational and current value.

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FACULTY SKETCHES
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gain him public recognition for being the expert that the students know him to be. But he is far too busy to do such a thing as write a book. A man less interested in his work than Dr. MacCurdy might write several books, but not so our biology Prof.

His field trips are famous. A student is said to learn more on a field trip with Dr. MacCurdy than a year's study in books.

There seem to be comparatively few men in the teaching game who are as willing to answer an odd question in regard to their work as Doc MacCurdy. So many of them dis-



HANSFORD M. MacCURDY

courage even the mention of anything that has to do with the class room in after hours, but Mr. MacCurdy is eager to explain at length anything that puzzles a pupil of his.

Dr. MacCurdy is curator of the Museum. He has done much of the work of building up the museum, and it is particularly unfortunate that his time is so taken up that he has little time to make use of the thing that he has so faithfully cared for and built up.

Dr. MacCurdy enjoys the distinction of being one of the most loved Profs on the campus.

Even though he wields a whippy tennis racket, can cut a "figure eight" on ice skates, and play golf, Prexy Crooks is a good scout.

Prexy has a strain of journalistic blood in him. While attending college at Wooster College, Wooster, Ohio, he was editor of the Wooster Voice, the college weekly; and also editor of the Wooster Index, the college Annual. After being graduated from that institution, he took a position as Superintendent of the public schools at Lisbon, Ohio. For some time he filled the shoes of the pedagogue, and then the journalistic blood began creeping to the surface again. In addition, he became editor of "The Buckeye State," the newspaper at Lisbon, Ohio.

After managing that organ for some time, he was called to the Presidency of Albany College, Albany, Oregon. For ten years he successfully directed the policies of that institution and placed Albany on the map. While there he raised a quarter million endowment for the college, and any person that has ever sold Red Cross Stamps knows that that was a real achievement.

Then Prexy came to Alma in 1915, and we all know of his good work here. He is an ideal President. Everyone on the campus knows him, and he knows everyone on the campus by their first name. He takes a personal interest in everybody and many students owe "another opportunity - to make good" to his big-heartedness and good nature.

He is always interested in athletics, good sportsmanship, and clean living. He sees the teams in action, whenever he has an opportunity, or



HARRY MEANS CROOKS can make an opportunity. He has a

diploma of his own, when it comes to athletes. Many students will remember the gift of a box of chewing gum to the Baseball team of 1923.

As has been said before, Prexy enjoys out-of-doors sports. He is especially fond of golf. He has never made a hole-in-one, and sometimes breaks one hundred on the eighteen holes, but he gives Prexy I and Prexy II a hard race for the family honors.

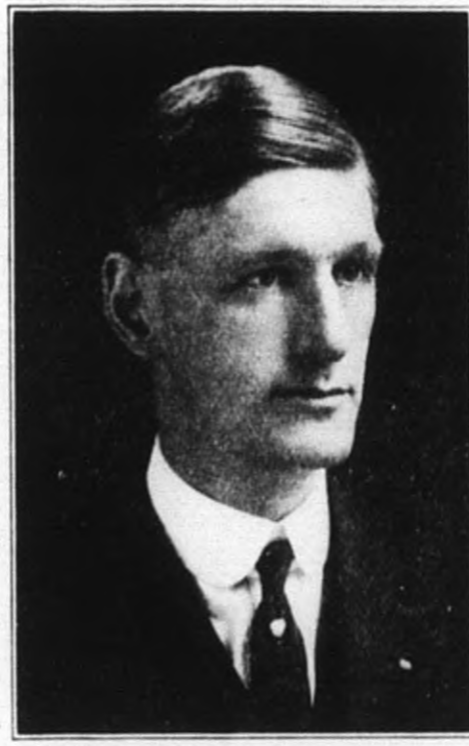
The way in which he can discover the short-comings of a student, and suggest a remedy has made (as one student put it) "the trip to the carpet a pleasure." When the grades don't come right, Prexy can always find the reason why. In his office one does not receive a cold, technical, commanding bit of advice. Prexy gives the suggestions, and lets the initiative come from the student himself. The student that "hauled up" gets that "grand and glorious feeling of self-assurance" when he leaves the chair on the visitors side of the "big desk." Prexy is "one big Dad" to every fellow and every girl in the institution.

He is also done wonders for the campus in a financial way. It was his persistent work which made the Memorial Gymnasium a reality, and gave Alma the largest, and most complete, and best building of its kind in the Michigan Intercollegiate Association. He is still working hard on the endowment, and doing his utmost to make the campus look like the architect's drawing.

All in all, Alma College wouldn't be Alma College without Prexy Crooks.

Even at that, we're for Roy!

Mr. Hamilton enjoys the distinction of being one of three Michigan men on the faculty, and further, he and Dr. Ewing are the only ones to have had their undergraduate work at the University of Michigan. After his college course he attended Union and Auburn Seminaries, and then went to Germany to study in the University of Marburg, specializing in Psychology. Upon return to this country, he was pastor of the Presbyterian churches at Harrisburg, and Ypsilanti. Then he went to Ann Arbor as the student pastor in the Presbyterian church there. He took advantage of his residence there, and took further work in the University in English. He has a Master's degree. From Ann Arbor he went to the University of Colorado, as Student Pas-



ROY W. HAMILTON

tor, and did a little teaching in addition to his regular work. It was from Colorado that he came to Alma.

During the war he was active in the war work at Camp Grant.

His knowledge of the subject that he teaches is beyond question. His arrival, and no wane is as yet visible.

Professor Hamilton's unusual mus-classes have been popular since his ical talent is worthy of more space than we have to give it. He has composed for the campus two songs, one of them believed to be one of the most beautiful college chants ever written. It is the subject of considerable comment wherever it is sung.

Mr. Hamilton's position on the campus is an enviable one. He is, to the majority of the campus, both an excellent teacher, and beside that the most human sort of a man, and a priceless fellow to have along at any kind of a gathering, formal or otherwise.

Mr. Hamilton is Vice President of the Faculty and is the faculty representative on the student council. He has been identified with many campus successes. He has charge of Oratory and Debate.

Even if we do owe a library fine, Miss Ward is all right.

Miss Ward attended Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, and there she received her training in library work. (Continued on page four)

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FACULTY SKETCHES

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She received her bachelor's degree from Oberlin, and took a Master's degree at Michigan since coming to Alma. Among other appointments she has been employed in the Western Reserve Historical Library in Cleveland, and as Librarian at Oberlin college. She is now Secretary of the American Library Association, College Division of Middle West.

Miss Ward has always kept the Alma College Library in close touch with the state and national library organizations. She is constantly doing something for the advancement of the library or the people interested in it such as bringing other librarians to Alma, and keeping the library up



MISS ANNETTE P. WARD

to date in every respect. Miss Ward refused an attractive offer from an institution larger than Alma last year, to remain here to continue the work that she has so ably managed so far.

Miss Ward received an exceptional training in music, and in art and its appreciation, which, we suspect, she is constantly supplementing by further reading. Her training in the fine arts is at all times evident. Her interest in the pupils under her direction is a ways active, and she is continually helping them gain advancement in various ways. She is interested in campus activities, and always remembers the societies at Christmas time with some exceedingly tasty greeting, or picture. Many times has she labored far into the night helping debaters with their reference work.

It should be mentioned that the use of the library has had a perceptible increase since the coming of Miss Ward. Her work in the exceedingly laborious task of reorganization is worthy of special note also.

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MIDLAND MAGAZINE EDITOR

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He brought up the example of Balzac, who longed for a pen, when he saw Pittsburg. The Writing of Literature is one occupation which is not overcrowded. The writer who grasps the romance of the region in which he lives has a great future in store for him.

Dr. Frederick told of the stories which he judged a short time ago, which has been written for a contest put on by the Kansas Writer's Club.

Only thirty of the best remained in the group from which the prize-winners were to be selected. Of these thirty short stories, only five dealt with Kansas life; seven used New York City for a background; seven more possessed themes built up around the life in Paris and London. The writers who chose the big cities as backgrounds for their stories, had in the majority of cases never seen the municipalities of which they wrote. They were ignorant of the real type of life which they were attempting to portray. Many persons of today, feel that in order to write, they must write of the great capitals of the earth.

In speaking of regional literature, Dr. Frederick told of the erroneous impression many have received of Early American Writings. "The regional New England Literature has been confused with American Literature as a whole," he declared. Text-books hold up and eulogize the New England writers as the typical American stylists. Several pages are given to the life and works of Longfellow, and but a few inches to the life and works of Mark Twain. Mark Twain is one who has developed a regional literature and he is as typical an American writer as Longfellow or Holmes. O. Henry is another regional writer, who has established a distinct type of literature with his stories of New York City. The South has in the last five years begun to awaken, as has the Middle West, and the Double Deal, and Reviewer (Richmond) are magazines which will give impetus to the regional movement there." Dr. Frederick then read from "Carolina Chant Songs," to illustrate his point.

The speaker then stated that we are inclined to undervalue that of "yesterday." There is much in the traditions of a regions, that unless preserved in the literature will sink into oblivion. "I believe," he said "that the occupation of the Central Plains of America is the most important event in known history. Achievement from uncertainty and hardship,—that is the food and drink of literature. This history of early Middle West must be preserved by our generation, or not at all." He then named William Cather and Howard Garland as two writers who were attempting the performance of this task.

Dr. Frederick then told of John D. Nighthart, who has made a literature of the Missouri Valley. Edwin Ford Piper who was raised in Nebraska, and was a boy at the time when the ground was first broken for agriculture, has placed the legend of his native locality in writing. "Barbed Wire," is a book written by him which deals with the early history of Nebraska. The speaker then read "Barbed Wire," a poem written by Piper as an introduction to his novel by the same name. This book has done much for the preservation of the history of the occupation of the Middle West.

The literature of the Middle West of today is the most interesting. "The Spoon River Anthology" (poem) by Edgar Lee Mathews is an example. Sinclair Lewis' famous novel, "Main Street," which made fifty millions of dollars for the publishers, demonstrated the fact that books of the Middle West will sell.

In closing, Dr. Frederick told of the needs of the literature of this region. "We need first," he said, "a little love of the region—not of the boosting type, but of the appreciative. We need humor, more of the "kicking up of the heels" type. We need beauty—beauty of expression and scene and life. Finally, we need romance, for true romance can find its greatest development in Middle Western Literature."

NIGHTHAWKS PARADE IN NATIVE GARB

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Braves fell back into line again and preceded down the avenue, to the tune of the invisible tom-tom. During the march, the Braves continued to chant their song of death. Especially loud moans came from "Oily" Boyd and "Buffalo" Nickels.

Leaping, sweating, dancing, freezing, the heterogeneous tribe arrived in due time at the Paris Cafe. Here Mrs. Minor and Jim and Harlie Catherman treated the wearied chieftains to cake and milk. Again did the banquet hall resound with a cheer of gratitude, this time for the piety of the keepers of the hermitage, known as the Paris Cafe.

The errant Iroquois by this time had filled their carcasses with sufficiency, and craved after-lunch amuse-

ment. The desert being hot, and the Camels causing much commotion, the warriors sought the "desert Strand." Giving a whoop for Manager Miller of the Strand, the dusky savages flopped down on the soft seats and cast an eye into "Tomorrow's Love." The cinema held their attention for the remainder of the evening, and much did they enjoy the racing automobiles and flying freight trains of the drama. Yea, they did enjoy the whole show, including the advertisements.

Following the pictures, the fanatics wended their way to the campus, here they arrayed themselves upon the college commons, and broke forth in song. A song, a cheer, a song, a cheer—the Alma Chant and the evening's festivities ended. The Y. M. C. A. had staged another Stag Party.

CAGERS FROUNCE HILLSDALE AGAIN

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this year, has been one of the disappointments of the season.

MacDonald at center for Alma continued to show in a manner that marks him as All M. I. A. A. timber. He was ably seconded by Carty and by Shaver, former all M. I. A. A. men. It might be noted that Shaver played the Hillsdale game without a foul being chalked up against him.

Alma	FB	F	TP	PF
Gaelor, rf	3	3	9	1
Catherman, rf	0	0	0	0
Carty, lf	11	23	2	
MacDonald, c	4	0	8	0
Wright, c	0	0	0	0
Shaver, rf	0	1	1	0
Welthoelter, lf	1	0	2	2
Davis, lg	0	0	0	0
	19	5	43	5
Hillsdale	FB	F	TP	PF
Althans, rf	2	0	4	
Stoll, rf	0	1	1	
Moore, lf	2	0	4	2
Wyandt, lf	1	0	2	
Gettings, c	4	0	8	4
Morelock, c	0	0	0	0
Bosley, rg	0	0	0	0
Reynolds, lf	1	1	3	3
Valentine, lg	1	0	2	
	11	2	24	9

Score first half—Alma 25, Hillsdale 9.

Referee—Rich, Western State Normal.

Debaters Meet Hope and Olivet

The second round of the Michigan Intercollegiate Debating League contests will be staged this week. The Affirmative team journeys to Olivet to meet the Negative team of that college Friday evening. The Alma Negative team will meet Hope college on the local platform Friday evening.

Special attention has been given of late to the development of a rebuttal attack, in which department the Alma teams were not their strongest in the recent contests. Defects evident in the Ypsilanti and Albion debates have been corrected, and the teams will be in good shape to defend the college honors against Olivet and Hope in the coming contests.

These two contests will end the forensic season at Alma. The last debate was very well attended, and the students may be assured that the contest Friday evening will be a real fight. Hope has always been one of the strong contenders for the State Championship.

FRESHMAN LAMENT

I thought she meant it when she told me lately
That if I left her it would grieve her greatly!
I thought her far above the common paper;
But, oh my gosh! did she hand me a rapper?
I'll say she did, the fiend, the devil take her;
She told me just last night, the little faker.
I thought your coin would last you two semesters;
It didn't, you may join your first ancestors.

A STATEMENT OF THANKS

The Y. M. C. A. wishes to publicly thank the business places that so royally entertained the college students on the evening of the "Bathrobe Parade." They are:
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DES JARDINS IN CITONVILLE

The business manager of the Almanian last week received a letter from Trudeau Des Jardins '23. Des Jardins has left Three Rivers, and is now located in Citonville, Michigan, where he has a garage of his own. Mr. Des Jardins was formerly with the Buick people, but he now has the Ford Agency, and sells Fords, Lincolns, and Fordsons.

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