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## ALMA COLLEGE BACCALAUREATE ADDRESS

Delivered in the Presbyterian Church Last Sunday Evening By President Thomas C. Blaisdell—Excellent Music Furnished By Choir and Orchestra

The seating capacity of the Presbyterian church was tested last Sunday evening, the occasion being the baccalaureate services, the first of Commencement week exercises. The choir, assisted by the organ and college orchestra, rendered Gloria, from the Twelfth Mass, (Mozart) and the Hallelujah Chorus, (Handel). President Thomas C. Blaisdell delivered the address of the evening, using as his theme, "The Power of the Spirit."

On a summer afternoon when the shadows were long a little group of men stepped into a boat on the shores of a beautiful lake. One, weary with much answering of questions put only to confuse, drop on a cushion near the stern. Surrounded by other little boats they start for the opposite bank. Soon clouds and ominous calm. Then frightful wind and dangerous waves. The boats are all in danger in spite of the fact that they are manned by fishermen long accustomed to the unannounced storm. An appeal to the weary man. Then one quietly spoken word "Peace" and the angry wind is quiet; "Be still," and the waves are long and harmless. The Power of the Spirit is being exemplified.

They land. The Weary One is met by a wild man. He lives in the tomb. A half dozen men have tried to chain him to rings leaded in the living rock; it was useless. They have bound him with fetters; as well have used threads. He has only cried aloud and torn himself on the jagged rocks. But a word from the Weary One and the evil things leave him and he sits, clothed in his right mind, so full of thanksgivings that he would ever follow his Saviour. But the command is "No, go tell your friends what great things the Lord has done for you." The Power of the Spirit.

Now see a young man with wondrous intellect. He has all that the universities can give him. His wide knowledge tells him that the teachings of this same Weary One are false. He combats them with argument. He hales to judgment those that follow after them. He starts for Damascus to persecute yet more. The day is hot. The sun is dazzling. But suddenly a far brighter light overwhelms him. He falls to the ground crying "Who art thou Lord?" "I am Jesus whom thou persecutest." "What wilt thou have me to do?" And three days later the scales fall from his eyes and he sees the futility of all his education, and of all power, and of all knowledge. The Power of the Spirit has revealed to him things hidden from his Professor Gamaliel. His life is transformed. He is the greatest of the followers of the Weary One who brings rest. For now his college work and his post graduate courses are made of service by the Power of the Spirit.

Two men, one with silver beard, the other a vigorous athlete in appearance, both rough fishermen, dare to stand in public and tell the leaders of the nation that all the wonderful things being done are done through the power of Jesus whom they had crucified. Jesus now become not only the foundation which supports but also the keystone which binds together, "the head of the corner." "Whence such boldness?" "Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus."

Whence this boldness? "They had been with Jesus." To them had been granted the Power of the Spirit. They were unlearned and ignorant, but they transformed the world by their bold preaching. They gave us the civilization of today. They sent ringing, thru the ages the Gospel story, which was to drive selfishness from men, and build hospitals and asylums, and create social settlements, and organize churches and charities; which was to save men from their sins.

"Knowledge is power" is only half a truth. Coal is power. But it must be mined and burned; its heat must transform water into steam; mechanical appliances must develop the power. And back of the coal is the rank vegetation of aeons ago; and back of the vegetation is the sun. Knowledge is power only after it has been mined and combined with the spirit, as the coal must be combined with the oxygen in burning; only after it is comprehended and understood and brot into relation to life. And back of knowledge, making it possible after the unnumbered aeons of eternity, is God, the source of all knowledge and of all power. God who is a Spirit, and whom, if we would have any slightest power, must worship in spirit and in truth. Think not that a college education in itself has value; it becomes of value only when interpreted in the

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President of Alma College



THOMAS C. BLAISDELL

## ADDRESSED THE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Baccalaureate Service Held In Methodist Church Sunday Evening—Rev. J. Frank Jackson the Speaker; Good Music—Church Crowded.

"People turned away" tells the story of the crowd which heard the baccalaureate address at the Methodist church to the high school graduates last Sunday evening.

The Junior class had charge of the decorations, and the altar was completely covered with ferns while plants and flowers were used effectively throughout the church. The members of the graduating class, the high school faculty and members of the Board of Education occupied reserved seats at the front of the church.

After the opening hymn Rev. T. G. R. Brownlow made the prayer and the chorus choir of twenty voices sang, "Lord God Almighty" from "Attala," by Verdi. Rev. J. W. Priest of the Baptist church read the scripture lesson and Mr. T. A. Fannell sang the beautiful solo, "Lord Vouchsafe Thy Loving Kindness," from Rossini's "Stabat Mater," following which Rev. J. Frank Jackson of the Episcopal church, addressed the class as follows: The words, "What is your life," taken from the Epistle of James, were used as text for the address. The tenor of the speaker's thought was, that character was the result of the individual will. The following is an outline:

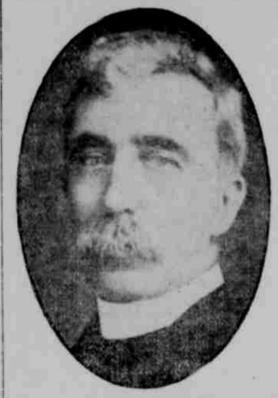
Upon every living man a price may be set. He is worth so much to society. Not what he has or knows, or even what he does, fixes the value, but what he is. The kindly, courteous, Christian gentleman is a valuable asset in any community. This character is independent of any rank. In this respect men are self-made. It is not by direct seeking that men develop their character. Character is the mental and moral result of doing one's duty.

The well-ordered life should be active. A fashioner of things and not fashioned by things. A doer of deeds and not altogether a spectator of other men's deeds.

The custom nowadays is to belittle what a man can do for himself. He is held to be the creature of circumstances. His family, his community, his early education make him. Over those influences he has no control, he is born into them. There is a power in conditions but not an absolutely controlling power. The whitest lily may grow out of the blackest mud. The fairest life may come out of the most untoward circumstances. It depends upon the man whether he will be controlled by circumstances or use them for his own good. The potter moulds the clay according to his wish—the gardener bends the growing tree to suit his own purpose. The trainer puts something of his own mind into the beast he trains. But men are neither clay, nor trees, nor beasts, but living wills to develop the best of which they are capable. But activity should be rightly under-

stood. It is not running to and fro. In the phrase of Newton, it is "the patient intending of the mind." It is purposive action springing out of serious thought.

A well ordered life should have a plan or object. There is no meaning in a life without a plan. There should be a systematic using of all opportunities that may yield mental improvement. A wise use of time should be made. The course that offered future good should be preferred to that which offered merely present enjoyment. But



REV. J. FRANK JACKSON

the greatest emphasis should be laid upon doing the present duty. If that is lightly regarded and shirked the general mental and moral character begins to suffer forthwith. If it is regarded seriously and well done the result is soon evident in the general demeanor.

A man's work is born with him, to be his discipline and means of development. But it is left to the man to determine whether he will complete or even begin his work.

In a well ordered life there should be a definite manner in doing things. No one should be left long in doubt as to what would be done. Beginning with school life this should be observed as long as our lives. Considering the feelings of fellow pupils, being anxious to do whatever the teacher commanded, recognizing for the time being the teacher as the rightful authority. This manner should be carried on through life, performing kindly the deeds and rendering obedience to law.

The natural and only result of a life so lived would be man known and revered for his relations to others and the good he would accomplish.

### NOTICE

On account of the celebration at St. Louis this year the barber shops of Alma will close all day Saturday, July 4, 1914, but will remain open until 11:00 p. m. Friday evening to accommodate their respective patrons. 184013 ALMA BARBERS.

### ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

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PLANTS.—We can now supply you with cabbage, cauliflower and tomato plants. Smith and Walston, Bell phone 307—218 W. Superior St.

## LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Nick Carter is spending a week in Detroit.

Reuben Root is in Clare on business this week.

Mrs. Truman Gillette of Grand Rapids is visiting her sister, Mrs. John Spinney.

Harry Vane, who is attending school in Big Rapids was the guest of B. W. Ellison and family over Sunday.

Mrs. P. P. Vane of Traverse City who has been visiting her aunt Mrs. B. W. Ellison, and other relatives returned home today.

Mrs. J. W. Pierson and mother, Mrs. Dillingham, of Stanton are guests at the Wright House while in attendance upon the Commencement exercises at the College.

E. M. Wood the architect left Thursday for Onaway where as architect he will close the contract for the erection of a \$30,000 school house. Mr. Wood is being recognized throughout the state as an architect of exceptional ability in this line of work.

### Card of Thanks

We desire to express our appreciation for the beautiful flowers as well as the many acts of kindness rendered us by neighbors, friends and post office force during our recent bereavement. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Delevan.

### ON EASTERN TRIP

Last Monday Mr. and Mrs. Francis King left Alma for Buffalo via Pere Marquette and Michigan Central R. R.'s. At Buffalo they were met by Mr. King's chauffeur, Earl Nummer, and his Cadillac touring car and the party were to proceed to tour the country to Williamston, Mass., where Mr. King will attend his class reunion. Before returning to Alma Mrs. King will visit Mrs. J. H. Lancashire. Mr. King accompanied by his son, Henry, expects to return to Alma about June 25.

## ADAMS EXPRESS CO.

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C. D. Curtis, of Chicago, general manager of the Adams Express company, Wednesday closed a contract with the Pere Marquette R. R. to take over the business of the United States Express company.

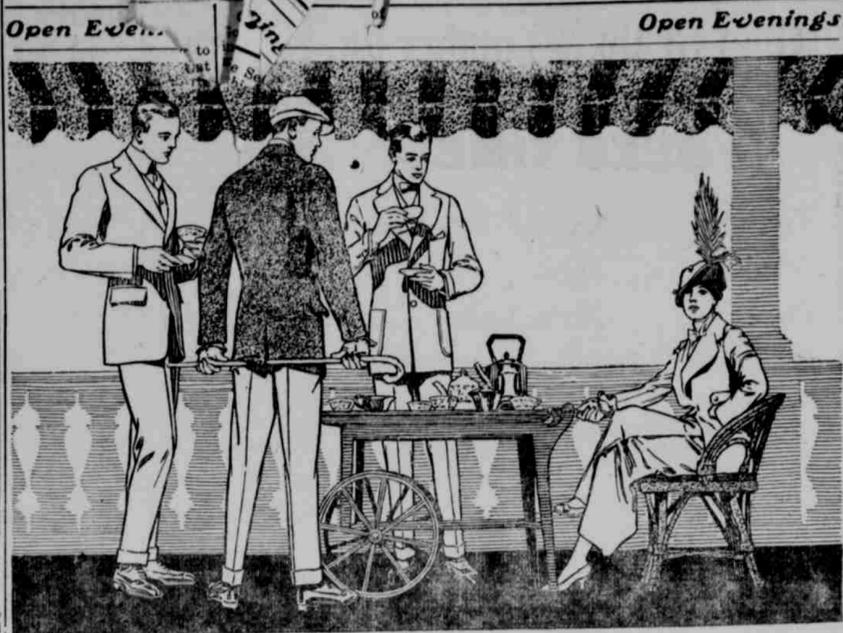
With the G. R. & I. railroad and other lines in Michigan which are under contract to the Adams Express company, these developments make the Adams company the most powerful and extensive of the companies operating in Michigan, according to Mr. Curtis. The change is effective Wednesday July 1st.

### Mrs. Wolfe Surprised

A large number of ladies gathered at the home of Mrs. Benj. Mc. Cullough Monday evening for a farewell party in honor of Mrs. Ed Wolfe. The evening was pleasantly spent with five hundred and other amusements and refreshments were served. At midnight and before the company parted Mrs. McCullough, in behalf of the guests presented Mrs. Wolfe with a beautiful gold pin as a slight token of friendship. Mrs. Wolfe will leave Monday of next week for Swift Current, Saskatchewan where she will join her husband at their home.

### BASEBALL NOTICE

The Republic Motor Truck Co., the Sugar Co. and the business houses have signified their intentions to close Friday afternoon from 2:15 until 4:30 for the purpose of giving a boost to the opening game of the Hub League at home. So we say again let everyone make this a half holiday and help the home team win.



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### THE GRATIOT COUNTY HISTORY.

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creased cost of publishing beyond Mr. Tucker's expectations; to say nothing of the six years spent in the work. A copy of the book may be seen and examined at Crandell & Scott's Furniture store, C. G. Rhodes' Drug Store, City Clerk's office, Record office, and Journal office. You know what you want as well as an agent can tell you, so send to Mr. Tucker at Ithaca, and tell him your wishes in the matter.

Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson of Big Rapids were guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Veatch over Sunday.

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- Table Cloth Standard Grade. Our price, yard....15c. WHY PAY 20c?
- 14 Quart retinned milk pail.....25c. WHY PAY 40c?
- 8 oz. bottle Peroxide. Our price.....10c. WHY PAY 25c?
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- Amoskeag Apron Gingham. Our price, yard.....8c. WHY PAY 10c?
- Amer Scout percale; yard wide, our price, per yd. ....10c. WHY PAY 12½c?
- Ladies' Elbow length silk gloves. Our price.....\$1.00. WHY PAY \$1.50?
- Decorated crepe paper. Our price, bolt.....8c. WHY PAY 15c?
- Men's double seam bib overalls. Our price.....75c. WHY PAY 85c?
- Colgate talcum powder. Our price.....18c. WHY PAY 25c?
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