

BACCALAUREATE ADDRESS

President Blaisdell Delivers Remarkable Talk to Graduates

SUBJECT "FOLLOWING PETER"

Tells Young Men and Women That a Christian Life is Essential to Success.

The annual college baccalaureate address was delivered in the Presbyterian church, Sunday evening, by Dr. Thomas C. Blaisdell, the retiring president of the institution.

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stress on the fact that if the members of the graduating class, or anyone else for that matter, was desirous of making a success of their chosen vocations it could only be gained through the help of the Master.

In speaking to the young men and women, who have just completed their college courses, Doctor Blaisdell said in part:

"My young friends of the graduating class, my boys and girls. This message has not been designed to entertain you. Its purpose is to lead you to ask the searching questions, 'What is my influence to be during the half century yet before me? Whence shall I draw my inspiration?'"

A year or two ago was published in England, a book entitled "My Lady of the Chimney Corner." In it a young man tells of the marvelous influence for good exerted over a whole community by an unlettered Irish mother living at the very bottom of the world in Antrim—his mother, she was.

"Ye'll do somethin' for me?" "Aye anything in the world?" "Shut yer eyes and stn' close to th' table."

He obeys and she puts into his hand a smooth stick. "Jist for th' now these are the handles of a plow. Keep yer eyes shut tight. Ye've seen a man plowin' a field?" "Aye." "Think that ye see a long, long field. Ye're plowin' it. The other end is so far away ye can't see it. He obeys, and then she took the stick from him and pushed him gently to a stool, and told him he might open his eyes. "That's quare he said. "Listen, dear; ye've put yer han' to the plow; ye must niver, niver take it away. All thur' life ye'll have them plow handles in your hands and ye'll be goin' down the furrow. Ye'll crack a stone here an' there, the plow will stick often an' things'll be out of gear, but ye're in the furrow all the time. Ye'll change horses, ye'll change clothes, ye'll change yourself, but you'll always be in the furrow, plowin', plowin', plowin'. Ye're God's plowman now."

"His name is Alexander Irvine. The old mother's influence has crossed the wide ocean. How much further it may go, who knows?"

You have put your hands to the plow my young friends. Never let go. You (Continued on Page 8)

NO LIQUOR SOLD ON CRUISES

Northern Navigation Company will guard its patrons from all possible annoyance. No liquor is sold on any of the boats operated by the Northern Navigation Company, the line on which the excursion from Sarnia, Ont. to Duluth, will be given this summer.

"We wanted to make perfectly sure that the people of Alma and whoever else aboard our boats for a cruise up the lakes will be safe—safe from annoyance as well as from danger," says H. H. Gildersleeve, General Manager of the Northern Navigation Co.

"As a result, passengers on our boats—whether women or children or men—are as safe from intrusion and annoyance as though they were in their own homes. It has been our endeavor to give our boats a home atmosphere and, I am happy to say, we have succeeded wonderfully."

"Women residents of Alma who would like to go upon such an excursion as to their hearts' content. They need not fear that, because there is no gentleman in the party, they had better not go. By the careful arrangements we have made for their comfort and care, the provisions we have taken that no harm or annoyance shall come to them, they will go upon this delightful trip and have a thoroughly enjoyable vacation."

ALMA HIGH TRACK TEAM DOES WELL IN STATE MEET

Handley Bests State Record in 220 Low Hurdles.

Last Saturday occurred the big state track meet at Lansing in which any high school in the state could enter. Alma High School was one of the smaller schools entered, and little was known of where they would stand in the meet, because of the number of men the large schools would have to enter, while Alma had but a few.

But for all that, Coach Crisp went to Lansing with his few men and when the meet was over, Alma stood third, while Detroit Eastern took first, and Muskegon took second. Alma was handicapped some because there were no men to enter in the weights, and to get any points at all, they would have to be taken in the dashes.

Handley showed himself a master at this in breaking the state record in the 220 low hurdles. Smith was also there with the goods, being close on Handley's heels in that race. In the relay Alma had to enter the Class B, because of its population which must be 10,000 or more to enter the Class A relay. However, the points were the same for both classes and Alma won the race and was awarded a silver cup.

Alma High is to be congratulated for its splendid showing in the meet, and great credit is due Coach Crisp since he was the principal factor, training the men and putting them in proper condition.

Some of the best men will be lost to the school with the close of this school year, but hopes are high for another crack team next year.

DEFEATS MT. PLEASANT

The local high school base ball team again mastered the fast Mt. Pleasant high school team Wednesday by a score of 5 to 0. It seems that Mt. Pleasant was real anxious to win the Central State title, and the only way to do it was to challenge the local team to a game to be played at Mt. Pleasant.

Alma High claimed the title, since Shepherd and Mt. Pleasant broke even taking a game each, while Shepherd had taken two defeats at the hands of Alma.

The challenge was accepted and the Alma aggregation was victorious in the contest which proved to be very exciting from beginning to end.

Highfield was in very good form, holding the Mt. Pleasant batters to only three scattered hits, while Kelly of Mt. Pleasant was found for ten hits, one being a double by Smith.

The lineup of the local team was slightly changed, Smith being placed at third and Tinkham at first, and certainly improved the infield which worked very smoothly.

Mann did exceptionally good work with the bat, getting three safe hits in four trips to the plate.

Final score: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 Mt. Pleasant 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 Alma 0 1 0 0 3 0 1 0 0-5 Hits off Highfield—3, off Kelly—10 Struck out by Highfield—9, by Kelly—3.

THIRTY-SEVEN HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Largest Class in the History of Alma High School Receive Diplomas.

HAD VERY SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Faculty is to be Congratulated On Excellent Showing Made By Entire School.

This year thirty-seven young men and women, the largest class in the history of the school, will receive certificates of graduation from the Alma High School. Of this number thirteen are boys and twenty are girls.

The exercises of the Commencement week will begin Sunday evening, June 13 at 7:30 o'clock at the M. E. church, when Rev. Thomas G. R. Brownlow will deliver the baccalaureate address to the thirty-seven graduates.

On Monday evening, Superintendent and Mrs. Schultz, will entertain the seniors and high school faculty at the high school gymnasium.

On Wednesday evening the class play will be given and on Thursday evening in the High School auditorium, at 8 p.m., the graduating exercises will be held, at the conclusion of which Mr. E. L. Smith, president of the Board of Education, will present the diplomas.

The address to the class will be delivered by Hon. Fred L. Keefer, Superintendent of Public Instruction. Mr. Keefer is a forceful speaker and as Superintendent of Public Instruction, has achieved an enviable reputation.

Following is the program for the evening:

- Overture "Faust" High School Orchestra. Invocation Rev. J. W. Priest. Piano Solo Minuet L'Anti-Paderewski Ruth Bennett. Address Hon. Fred L. Keefer. Selection Boys' Glee Club Presentation of Diplomas Mr. E. L. Smith, President Board of Education.

Alma High School song. Class of '15. Immediately after the exercises of the evening, the juniors will tender a reception to the seniors and their friends in the high school gymnasium.

The seniors who will receive their diplomas are:

- Clarence Banghart, Ruth Bennett, William Blair, Vinnie Boyd, William Brewbaker, Helen Cary, Hazel Cary, Doris Casler, Carl Dewitt, Nelda Dove, William Federspiel, Georgianna Gossett, Wealthy Graim, Crystal Herron, Leo Hill, Helen Judge, Ruth Kelley, Elsie Lindner, Elaine Losey, Mildred McConkey, Inez McCoy, Lura Miller, Mina Montigel, Wesley Muscott, Ed Mahr, Helen Parr, Roy Perry, Glen Rockwell, Lloyd Sexton, Edna Sias, Malcolm Smith, Rhea Tallon, Helen Tann, Bertha Waber, Clara Waber, Mildred Wiley, Archie Wood.

The promotion exercise of the pupils of the eighth grade will be held at the Union school, June 15, at 2:30 p.m. The class will be addressed by Rev. J. F. Jackson of the Episcopal church and the friends of the graduates are cordially invited to be present.

The following pupils expect to receive their certificates of promotion that evening:

- Dena Barney, Irene Breece, Mildred Carmer, W. D. Clark, Lottie Easlick, Merrill Hopkins, Harry Hooper, Nellie Kernen, Leona McMullen, Nellie McCarty, Helen McConkey, Mary McIntyre, Lester Martin, Frank Notestein, Ruth Schultz, William Sherman, Thelma Snyder, Elsa Struble, Fred Valade, Carl Wood, Zora Wilson.

K. of P. BANQUET

Last Thursday evening the Knights of Pythias gave their annual banquet to the Pythian Sisters, which was well attended and highly enjoyed by all.

After the regular meeting of the lodge was over, the Knights and Sisters marched into the banquet room where a table decorated with carnations and other flowers and loaded down with good things to eat, greeted the eye. After dining, not wisely but too well, the ladies were requested to furnish some music while the Knights sang a few familiar songs, after which dancing was indulged in until a late hour.

SPECIAL SUNDAY EXCURSION TO TOLEDO, ANN ARBOR AND OWOSO, SUNDAY, JUNE 13th.

On Sunday, June 13th, The Ann Arbor Railroad will run an Excursion to Toledo, Ann Arbor and Owosso. Special train will leave Alma at 6:01 A.M. Fare for the round trip to Toledo, \$1.75 to Ann Arbor, \$1.45, to Owosso \$1.00. 1891-1x-adv.

JUNE WEDDING

Among the June weddings to be noted was that of Miss Helen C. Latimer of Detroit and Mr. Dell Herrick of Northville, Monday June 7th. At eight o'clock, the appointed hour, the bridal procession came down the stairs to the tune of Lohengrin's wedding march, through an aisle roped off with streamers of white. They took their places before the fire place latched with white, under a white arbor banked with palms and flower vases filled with iris and fern. The bride was given away by her father. The ring service was used, Master Ronald Medley, nephew of the bride, acting as ring bearer.

The bride's gown was of white silk net and flet lace bound with narrow satin bands. Her veil was of white tulle in bonnet effect. Neither gown nor veil had a train. Her maid of honor, Miss Hala Latimer, wore a dress of accordin plaited blue chiffon and carried Killary roses. The brides mother wore a dress of white silk tulle and a corsage of yellow roses. The groom and best man, Harold Isabel, wore the customary full dress.

The out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Madley and son, Ronald Miss Reva Maek, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Miller, all of Alma, Mich., Mr. Chas. Herrick of Fenton, Mrs. Frank Woodworth of Northville, Mr. Arthur Sig of Vanderbilt.

JAMES WILLIAMS DEAD

James Williams, banker of Riverdale, who has been in very poor health for some months died in Saginaw last Sunday. Mr. Williams was in Alma some weeks this spring, doctoring and returned home much better, but was taken worse again and was taken to a hospital in Saginaw, last Thursday sixth tentatives of an operation, but expired before an operation was performed.

Mr. Williams was forty-five years of age, had resided in Riverdale for some years, he was made cashier of the Riverdale Bank, some years ago, following Fred Rowland, of this place. He was an excellent citizen, loved and respected by all who knew him. He leaves a widow and three children to mourn their loss.

The funeral services were conducted by the Masonic order, about 30 Masons from Alma, attending in a body.

MEMORIAL

The first Sunday in June has been designated by the K. of P. and I.O.O.F. orders as Memorial Day. On Sunday last joint services were held in the I.O.O.F. hall and were largely attended. A short address was given by Rev. J. Frank Jackson. Other addresses were also given. Appropriate exercises were also held after which they visited Riverside Cemetery and decorated the graves of the departed members returning to the hall, where light refreshments were served.

ATHLETES HAVE BREAKFAST UP RIVER

Continuing a custom which has existed at Alma for years, the members of the athletic teams took an early morning hike up the river, Tuesday, with their lady friends, to partake of the annual "A Men's Spread". Close seventy gathered around the fires and roasted wienies to their heart's content. Many of the old time athletes were on hand to enjoy the fun with the men who are now making Alma famous in athletics. After the pictures were taken of the "A" men and their fair ones, the bunch divided up in small groups and slowly sauntered back to their Pioneer and Wright Hall domiciles.

A NEW ABSTRACT COMPANY

O. L. Smith, prosecuting attorney, L. B. Caldwell, Circuit Court stenographer, and Gaylord Nelson, County Treasurer, have bought the Abstract business of the Colonial Title & Guaranty Co. The new company will conduct the business under the name of the Colonial Abstract Company.

The Abstract office has been moved to rooms in the DeMay block, Ithaca, which have been recently refitted for the purpose. The company is now open for business at its new location, and the three members of the company assure the public that in the preparation of new abstracts, the bringing up to date of old abstracts, or a simple search of title will be done with extreme care and only work of unquestioned accuracy will be allowed to go out.

IMPROVEMENTS ON FORD CARS

One of the most noticeable sights on our streets the past week has been the Fords with the silver plated radiators lamps, etc. They are not new models but silver plated with White Way, the most practical polish on the market today. Very simple to put on, anyone can polish their brass trimmed car in very few minutes making it look and wear like solid silver. White Way polish is now on display and for sale at Ellisons Grocery. adv.

TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT

Class of 1915 One of the Largest in the History of Alma College.

At the final chapel service of the year, Monday morning, athletic "A's" were awarded to the baseball, basket ball, track and tennis men, for service during the past year on Alma teams. Roy Campbell, '10, who has been coaching at Knox College, was on hand to give out the baseball letters to the following men: Captain Simenton, Wood, Goodrich, Peacock, Hyde, Johnston, Stimpson, Dancer, French, DePew, Fitch, and Staggie, Campbell also had the honor of handing out basket ball letters to Captain Cook, Wood, Nesbit, Staggie, Gallagher, and Marks. It might be added that both the baseball and basket ball teams finished second in the Intercollegiate race this last year. Frank Hurst, '06, an old football star, was called on by Doctor Blaisdell to present the track men with their medals and letters. Those who were fortunate enough to win a point for Alma at the Intercollegiate meet last week, and thereby win the much coveted "A" were Captain Chisholm, H. Jackson, M. Jackson, Hyde, Wood, Schultz, Chapel, Frisch, Richards, Gallagher, Sayles, and Marks. Hurst also handed out the tennis letter to Cole and Smith who won second place for Alma at Albion, Saturday.

After the athletic emblems were given out, Doctor Blaisdell called on Ed. Brehm, a former student of the College for a speech. Mr. Brehm in a short but brilliant talk told of the things that were making Alma the coming college of Michigan. Rev. Mason was then called on to tell of Alma's recent achievements along foreman lines. Rev. Mason made the prediction that within three years, Alma, would take first in both the Women's and Men's contests. Coach Blomquist concluded the speaking with a short talk on Alma's athletics of tomorrow.

The final chapel service, Monday was unquestionably the best that has been held this year.

The class day exercises this year were in the nature of a play, given by a few of the members of the senior class in the college chapel, Monday evening. The play, "Pygmalion and Galatea", was a sort of mythological comedy in three acts. The seniors practiced on the play for several weeks and were consequently well prepared to stage it in a manner that was befitting such a stately class. The play itself is familiar to Alma people, having been played on both the lecture course and chautauqua platforms in recent years. It was written from an old Greek Myth which tells of a sculptor falling in love with a statue he has just completed. He prays to the gods to have the marble come to life that he might marry her. On returning to his studio, after a short absence, he finds that his statue has suddenly come to life, and he immediately asks her to become his wife, which she agrees to do. The play ends when the sculptor suddenly becomes angry and threatens to kill the living statue, and the latter changes back to marble, leaving a saddened and broken hearted sculptor.

The Misses Thompson, Blaisdell, Huber and Aileen, Messers Wilson, Wood, McCloy and Goodrich had the leading parts, and handled them in a manner that would have done credit to older actors and actresses.

Following is the cast: Pygmalion, an Athenian sculptor, Addison Wilson; Lucipie, a soldier, Alger Wood; Chryso, an art patron, Bryson McCloy; Agestimos, a slave, Harry Jackson; Mino, a slave, Clarence Goodrich; Galatea, an animated statue, Mary Blaisdell; Cyniso, Pygmalion's wife, Margaret Allen; Daphne, Chryso's wife, Ethel Thompson; Myrine, Pygmalion's sister, Lou Huber.

The graduation recitals of the Conservatory of Music were given by Miss Mary Rose and Mr. Bope Butler. The piano recital given by Miss Rose proved to be one of the very best of the year. Her rendition of Schuetz's "Serenade d'Arlequin" and "Tristesse de Columbine" were enthusiastically received.

The recital given by Mr. Butler in the college chapel Tuesday morning proved to be the best this talented young tenor has treated an Alma audience to. The numbers on the program that were received the best were Flotow's "Oh So Pure", Gounod's "All Hail Thou Dwelling", which is taken from the opera Faust, and Verdi's "Woman is Changeable", taken from the famous opera Rigoletto.

The Commencement Concert, given by the graduates and faculty of the Conservatory of Music, was fully up to the standard of previous years. The first part of the program was given by Misses Rose, Gilmore and Goll. Miss Rose rendered a piano solo;

Miss Gilmore sang "The Slave Song" and "Bird Raptures", while Miss Goll sang the three numbers of the song cycle, "A Lover in Damascus". The second half of the program was given by the faculty of the Conservatory. Miss Grace Roberts played two of Chopin's Preludes; Director Veitch sang Homer's "Requiem" and Handel's "Arm, Arm, Ye Brave", and Professor Davis rendered three of de Beriot's most difficult violin solos in A Minor. The work displayed by these artists speaks well for the fine work being done by the Conservatory of Music.

Wednesday evening occurred the annual senior promenade and President's reception. Hundreds of gorgeous Japanese lanterns strung about the campus in the vicinity of Wright Hall and the President's home gave the appearance of mammoth Japanese gardens. The procession started at Wright Hall led by Moutie McFarlane, President of the junior class, and Doctor Ewing, the two leaders were followed in quick succession by the seniors dressed in caps and gowns, the members of the Board of Trustees, Alumni, faculty, juniors, sophomores, freshmen, and visitors. After making a tour of all the college buildings and after listening to the history of each as told by some senior, the procession wended its way to the home of Doctor and Mrs. Blaisdell, where all the students, alumni and friends of the college enjoyed an hour in getting acquainted with one another and in renewing acquaintances. In the reception line stood Doctor and Mrs. Blaisdell; Miss Catherine White, Dean of Women; Alger Wood, president of the senior class; and Dean Blaisdell and wife. Light refreshments were served by several of the students.

This year's reception and promenade are believed to have been far ahead of similar events of last year.

Probably the prettiest event of the commencement week was the exercises of the Kindergarten department, which were held on the beautiful lawn of Francis King. The young ladies of this department prepared four dances which they presented before the crowd of about three hundred who had gathered at King's State St. home for the occasion. The program was divided into four numbers, the first of which was a May Pole dance, which the Kindergarten girls, worked up themselves. The thirty girls participating in this number were especially gowned for this particular dance. In the second number on the program, twenty-four of the most graceful girls in the Kindergarten department gave an exhibition of a Bavarian Folk Dance. Twelve of the girls were robed in the costume worn by the Bavarian boys, while the other twelve were dressed in the costume of the girls. The third part of the program was a solo dance by Miss Helen Opperman of Saginaw. Miss Opperman, who has been training the girls for the dances, is regarded as one of the most graceful dancers in the state, and she surely upheld that reputation Tuesday afternoon. In the fourth number of the program the twelve girls who had been selected as the most graceful in the Kindergarten department, produced the Pipes O' Pan dance. The twelve girls dressed in most beautiful costumes of varied colors, were divided into three groups of four each, all three groups interpreted the dance in a masterly manner. Many thought this to be the most artistic number on the afternoon's program. As an encore the three came back and gave the dance again, while Miss Opperman danced in between the groups.

Much credit is due Miss Opperman and Miss Caroleen Robinson for one of the most beautiful and most pleasing events any Alma College Commencement has ever had. The friends of the college feel very deeply indebted to Mrs. King for her kindness in allowing the dances to be given on her gorgeous lawns.

On Thursday, certificates and degrees were awarded to the following seniors: Margaret Allen, A.B.; Paul Austin, B.S.; Mary Blaisdell, A.B.; Maurice Cole, A.B.; (magna cum laude); Sidney Cook, A.B.; Gladys Dershem, A.B. (magna cum laude); Albert Asselsteyne, B.S. (cum laude); Theodore Gates, A.B. (cum laude); Alger Wood, A.B.; Clarence Goodrich, A.B. (cum laude); Esther Halverson, A.B.; Lula Huber, A.B. (cum laude); Harry Jackson, B.S.; Milton Jackson, B.S.; Arden Johnson, B.S.; Ilma Johnson, B.S. (cum laude); Joseph Kennedy, A.B.; Bryson McCloy, A.B. (cum laude); Beulah Parr, A.B.; Ralph Peacock, B.S.; Arthur Simenton, A.B.; Esther Goll. Miss Rose rendered a piano solo; (Continued on Page 8)

INTERESTING CHURCH HISTORY

History of St. Johns Church Extends Back to Early Eighties.

NOW ONE OF ALMA'S BEST

After Several Disappointing Starts Episcopal Church Now Enjoys Large Membership.

For about seven years previous to the year 1880, services had been conducted at intervals by the Rev. Mr. Peters of Detroit and the Rev. Rufus Flowers of St. Louis. The organization had been perfected. In June 1886 St. John's mission was organized under the administration of the Rev. Wm. Charles who at that time was a missionary for Grant County and had his residence in St. Louis. In May of that year, the "Woman's Guild" had been formed, which had made some progress towards erecting a church edifice. A considerable sum of money having been secured, the parishioners felt warranted in beginning the work of building. On the 4th of Feb. 1886, a committee visited Coruna to inspect the church in that place, with a view of determining the suitability of such a structure for Alma. As a result of their visit, Mr. Julius



Rev. J. Frank Jackson

Hess of Detroit, the architect of the church in Coruna, presented the plans and specifications to the people in Alma. An energetic building committee proceeded to work and on the 4th of Oct., 1887, the new church was consecrated by the Bishop of the Diocese. The Rev. George Vernon now became clergyman in charge and under his direction the first officers of the church were elected. Mr. M. B. Faugher was elected Warden; Miss Catherine Delevan, Secretary; and Miss Adelaide V. Cass, Treasurer; who were approved by the Bishop. Arrangements were now made by which services were regularly conducted. The mission continued to grow.

In 1889 a pipe organ was built by Farrand and Bokey of Detroit. It was installed on the east side of the chancel, and by its introduction, the dignity and efficiency of the services were considerably enhanced.

A new venture was made in 1892. The Rev. J. W. Weatherdon who had succeeded the Rev. G. Vernon in the control of the St. Louis and Alma parishes, separated himself from St. Louis and gave all his attention to Alma.

Having a missionary on the field, it was now felt that a suitable house for his residence should be provided. The committee who carried this idea to completion was Mr. J. W. Arnold, Mrs. A. W. Wright, Miss Catherine Delevan, Mr. A. W. Wright and Mr. S. W. Tinker. The Rectory was on the north side of the church and was finished at a cost of about \$4,000. The first resident was the Rev. Charles Carey who entered it in the spring of 1894. After the resignation of Mr. Carey, the Rev. H. B. Jefferson assumed charge of both Alma and St. Louis and from 1890 to Nov. 1900 of Alma alone. For a little over a year the Rev. J. H. Eichbaum had charge then in 1903 the Rev. C. L. Ramsey, who had been ordained deacon, a few days before, entered upon his work. In November Mr. Ramsey received his priests orders. Up to this time the work had received aid from the diocesan Board of Missions, but it was now felt that the mission was strong enough to dispense with such help. The mission from this time became an independent parish and was in charge of a Rector.

Mr. Ramsey resigned in 1906 to take up further study in the General Seminary.

The next Rector was the Rev. E. E. Williams, during whose work two important changes were made. The present commodious Guild House was erected and the parish was incorporated.

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