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## SPLENDID EXERCISES MARK COMMENCEMENT

Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees Held and Important Business Transacted Regarding the Future of the Presbyterian School.

### ENDOWMENT FUND STARTED

Eighteen From Regular Course and Twenty-three From Kindergarten Graduate

Active life at Alma college came to a close on Wednesday morning, with the annual Alma college commencement, for eighteen seniors, who have been taking the regular college course, for twenty-three young ladies who have been taking the two year kindergarten course and to one young lady, who graduated from the Alma college Department of Music.

The commencement week activities, that brought a fitting close to the college life of this near half hundred young men and ladies, started on Sunday. On the morning of that day, the Farewell communion service was held at the First Presbyterian church, and that evening, President Harry Means Crooks of the college gave the baccalaureate address, to those who have reached the top of the hill and are now finding another hill, which must be surmounted before the battle of life is over.

With the exception of a couple rows of seats in the front of the church, reserved for the graduates and faculty, the church was crowded to capacity, and there were many standing in the nooks and corners, from which they might gaze at the graduates and hear the address, when time for the service arrived.

Lead by the faculty in academic gowns, in order of their ranking, faculty, seniors and kindergarten graduates marched into the church at 7:30 p. m., and slowly wended their way to the front of the church, where their seats had been reserved. The regular routine of church service started, immediately that the graduates were seated, but there was a difference that for good, and the idea of a speedy parting was not pleasant to the many who have made hundreds of friendships, some of which will be continued through life, but most of which will die now that commencement is over. Soon President Crooks arose, stepped to the pulpit, and a wave swept over the large audience. That for which they had been waiting was coming.

The address given by the new Alma president was a strong one. It could not fail to touch the minds and hearts of the graduates, and deeply impress them, as it did the many who attended, solely to hear the words of the late comer, with whom the graduates have walked a portion of their college life.

With an intensely sincere ring in his voice, President Crooks, asked the graduates for a life of usefulness, and one coupled with Christianity. True success in life means usefulness, and with Christianity many things are opened up, that aid in making the life more full, more pleasant, and one of peace and good will.

In part President Crooks said: "We long for life. It is the greatest gift of gracious God. To take it from another is the acme of crime; the murderer of the mortal who has longest to live and the most to live for is unforgivable."

The family is solely to bring life into the world and train it. The home is the institution that makes more than a noble animal—a biped with a upturned face. The home is the concern of the church, the object of government. Destroy it and the structure of our civilization lies in more hopeless debris than the fragments of a skyscraper after a San Francisco disaster or a modern bombardment.

With life so desired, so protected and so cultivated it is only to be expected that attempts have been made to create life anew.

What vain search it has been. To produce real life in every-so-low a form, so low that the ordinary layman can be convinced it is life at all—it is impossible.

Far away from the glory that was Greece and the grandeur that was Rome there dwelt long ago a peculiar people. Their own government was gone. There remained memories of kings, who had dwelt in splendor and wealth, whose knowledge had been profound and whose justice sure. Their national spirit was crushed. Occasionally an ancient saying found utterance again that a great king would come and to him the rest of the world would come bending for terms of peace. Many had abandoned hope of

independence. Religion was conscript, officers were exactors; family life was suffering decay. From one of the obscure and most despised villages came one whom the rabble followed because he seemed their friend, or at least the enemy of the ruling class. To those who failed to recognize his deity, the Master spoke: "I am come that you might have life, and you might have it more abundantly."

The Son of God promises to increase our lives. He assures that in Him we may have life and have it more abundantly. Let us examine his claim.

It is true that none of us can surely lengthen his days. As life is not ours to control, neither is death obedient to man's desires. It is true that the average term of life is greater for Christian men and women.

The increase of life promised, therefore must be qualitative, not quantitative. Not in length of days is Christ's promise fulfilled. I must remind you that thoughts are but the undeveloped children of our minds; the offspring of our brains shall not have arrived at maturity until we have a completed our dreams and realized our ambitions. We would have no need of more men on the sidelines. There are servers enough, there are reporters enough, there are spectators enough. The game of life needs players.

The life with Christ in its relation to men is of course the key. In the early days of the church one came asking, "What shall I do to be saved?" There is no word of him thereafter. The apostle Paul's question was "Who are thou, Lord?" and the knowledge of the Lord made him apostle and the means of saving this western world.

Do I make it clear? You go to learn the life by living. You take up the task of "human happiness," as Stevenson would it. Your life will grow more abundant as you comradeship with fellowmen increases, as your experience flows more and more along the great stream of all human life. Your path becomes part of the world's path; your joy adds to the world's joy; your Christ becomes more and more the world's Christ because your life is seen to have power showing itself in all daily manifestations. But only as your life is fitted for the world's life, can you bring your Christ to a world of need.

Young people, I congratulate you on a wonderful today and greater tomorrow. Del Sarto has it, centuries ago, "It makes me mad when I think of what men shall do and we in our graves."

Life, the cry of millions dying. More life, the cry of millions whose lives were incomplete. Eternal life, the dream of the hopeless and the confidence of those who know.

In exchange for your life given to a world in helpful unselfish service you can have more life. As an outgrowth—a continuance—it comes—abundant life—eternal.

The splendid address to the graduates over, the service came to a close. On Monday morning the last chapel service of the year was held at which letters for oratory, debate and athletics were given out, together with such other honors as these men had coming in the shape of gold medals. An account of this chapel service will be found elsewhere.

Monday afternoon at 3:00 the girls of the Kindergarten class of Alma college held their annual class day exercises in the Kindergarten room. These exercises drew a fair sized crowd, and it must be said that they were much better than those of past years. Many of the parents of the girls of the K. G. class, which is leaving Alma college were present to enjoy themselves.

The Senior sing on Monday evening at Hood museum, was not the success that had been wished for. The fine evening, and lack of restrictions that evening, and an inviting moon, drew too many of the students away to cozy nooks and corners to spend a last few hours together before leaving Alma for the summer. The same evening the President and Mrs. H. M. Crooks entertained the faculty and trustees at dinner at their home on West Superior street.

Tuesday morning at 10:00 Miss Eva Barnes, the lone college of the music department of the college this year, gave her piano graduating recital. She was ably assisted by Miss Gladys Bradner, contralto. Both young ladies and particularly Miss Barnes found a highly appreciative

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### MARRIED SAGINAW GIRL

Paul Crandell Married Saginaw Young Lady on Tuesday Evening

Paul Crandell, the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Crandell of this city, was married on Tuesday evening of this week to Miss Hazel Walker, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Francis Walker, 334 Owen street, Saginaw.

The wedding was a quite one, only the immediate relatives of the young couple being present. Rev. Frederick Spence of the M. E. church of that city performed the ceremony. After the wedding a wedding supper was given at the Vincent hotel in that city, after which the newly married couple left for a short wedding trip to Detroit.

The bride is a popular young lady of Saginaw and a graduate of Saginaw Eastern high school. Mr. Crandell is well known to Alma people and is popular with all classes. He is a graduate of Alma high school.

After spending a few days in Detroit, they will return to Alma occupying the C. J. Brown residence on West Downey, which Mr. Crandell recently purchased.

### REV. MASON GETS DEGREE

His Alma Mater, Park College, Gives Him D. D. Degree

It was announced at the commencement exercises in the Alma college chapel on Wednesday of this week by president H. M. Crooks, that Rev. William H. Mason of the First Presbyterian church of this city, had received a degree of D. D. from Park college, the institution from which he graduated. The popularity of the pastor was attested by the applause which greeted the announcement.

### ORATORIO WAS A GREAT SUCCESS

Soloists, Backed by a Chorus of Nearly Two Hundred Was Well Greeted

It was indeed a heart warming sight to see nearly two hundred members of the Alma High School Chorus assembled last Friday evening in the high school auditorium. The occasion was the performance of the "Holy City" an oratorio by Gaul and right earnestly did the young people approach and accomplish the difficult task before them.

The choruses were all sung with good attack, splendid expression and fine precision. Especially well done was the chorus "Thine Is The Kingdom." The soprano and the tenor sections carried off the honors of the evening establishing for themselves a standard rather above that effected from immature voices.

To Miss Mae Jones must be given the credit for the musically rendition of the work. The singing of the choruses under her direction has not been excelled if indeed equalled by any previous high school chorus in the city.

All the soloists did excellent work. It would be difficult to mention in what arts they excelled. Miss Net-zorg rendered the solo "These Are They Which Came" in her usual charming manner and Miss Bradner's solo "Eye Hath Not Seen" was considered by many one of the finest solos on the program, while the duet "They Shall Hunger No More" brought all the fine qualities of both voices, and made one of the most pleasing numbers in the oratorio.

Reese Farrington Veatch is so well known to Alma audiences that it is unnecessary to comment further upon his usual triumphs. Mr. Veatch's rendition of "The New Heaven And A New Earth" which introduced the second theme showed his voice at its best set off as it was by the choral sanctus in the "Holy, Holy, Holy." The tenor solos in the oratorio which were extremely difficult were sung in a most creditable manner by Mr. G. V. Wright. The work of the quartet individually and as a whole added very greatly to the finished production and in collaboration with the chorus produced a most pleasing effect.

### R. M. HYDE IS INJURED

Royal M. Hyde, dealer in farm implements, is now at his home recovering from a bad blow on the jaw, received on Tuesday of this week.

It seems that in company with Mr. Barton, Mr. Hyde was lowering a cultivator from the upstairs room of his storehouse. Mr. Barton was lowering the machine on some planks, and steadying it by means of a rope. One of the wheels of the cultivator slipped off of the planking, and the tongue of the cultivator flew up and struck Mr. Hyde a terrific blow under the jaw, knocking him unconscious for a considerable period. It was not until Wednesday afternoon that he regained his faculties. He is now coming around in good shape and will probably be out again in a few days.

### GERRIT WARD PASSED AWAY

Was President of the First State Bank of this City.

### FOUGHT IN OUR CIVIL WAR

Lived in Alma Nearly a Half Century and Has Seen It Grow From Hamlet

Surprising and startling as a bolt of lightning from a clear sky would be, and caused greater comment than did the news from Big Rapids last Friday morning to the effect that Gerrit S. Ward, for many a year one of Alma's staunchest business men, had died suddenly in that city, where he had gone the day before on a matter of business.

Mr. Ward, who had been president of the First State Bank of this city for a couple of years, was apparently in the best of health when he left Alma to go to Big Rapids. No thought had been entertained that he might never return alive. A successful business trip of a couple days duration, then to return to his home in Alma was the prospect that was in view. But it was not to be.



GERRIT S. WARD

Friday morning, Mr. Ward arose at Big Rapids, probably well as no complaint had been made. He went out onto the streets of that city, then suddenly his heart action stopped, and another of the links that make up the chain, connecting present day Alma with the days of the pioneer, who aided in carving rich Gratiot county out of a wilderness, of trees and swamps, both the abode of wild animals, and the fast receding Redman was broken. Such a man was Mr. Ward, actively identified with Gratiot county for nearly half a century.

Since coming to Gratiot county Mr. Ward has had an active life. Twenty-one years of this period were spent in the service of the people in minor political offices, all of which he filled with faith to those who elected him, and to his own credit and satisfaction. Years ago, he served Arcadia township for four years as treasurer of the township. Since then he served two terms as an assessor in the village of Alma. About that time he was called to Lansing for a couple of years, through reason of a state house appointment at the capital building. Returning to Alma he served the village for twelve terms as village treasurer, retiring from this office by reason of a state law enacted, limiting treasurers to two terms.

From this time on until after Alma became a city Mr. Ward would not take a political office of any kind, but remained interested in the welfare of his party, and aided greatly in advancing it wherever possible. After Alma was incorporated as a city, Mr. Ward was called upon a couple of times to act as a supervisor from his ward and again he acquitted himself with credit.

From the very first he was an energetic business man. Years ago when Alma was but a struggling hamlet, he was actively engaged in the lumber business, being one of the partners of the firm of Pierce, Hall & Ward, which at that time owned the mill property on the river bank now owned by the Home Lumber & Fuel company.

In 1880 Mr. Ward became cashier of the Turk, Winton & Co. bank, which had just come into being, with offices in the opera house block. In 1883 the company was re-organized, Mr. Ward, taking an interest in the firm and continuing as cashier. Mr. Ward continued as cashier of the bank until a year after the incorporation in 1901 as the First State Bank, when he resigned, continued his interests in the bank, however, and in 1913 he was elected president of the bank and held that office until his death last week.

Mr. Gerrit S. Ward was born in New York state in 1842 and spent his early life there. With the outbreak

### ALMA IS TO HAVE BIG CELEBRATION

Great List of Attractions Being Booked By Committee in Charge of the Affair

The stars and stripes will wave from every vantage point in Alma, and the eagle will scream merrily when July Fourth dawns upon the scene, ushered in by the crack of fire crackers fired by the small but enthusiastic youth, who is up and out of doors with the first gleam of the sun to do his part in making each annual Fourth of July a day to be remembered.

This year Alma will celebrate. Yes, celebrate is the word. Alma will endeavor to outdo any Gratiot celebration held in past years, and Gratiot county has seen some fine celebrations in the past. Attractions galore are being billed, balloon, will mount skyward, and airship will cut the air in graceful curves, vaudeville artists will hold sway on the streets.

Bands and big ones will be on hand to furnish music, and all during the day it will pour forth. The one big attraction in this part of the program for the Fourth will be the famous forty piece Salvation Army band of Detroit, which has been abroad and has played in all of the big European cities. The Shepherd band of twenty-four pieces, the Merrill band of twenty pieces and the St. Louis band of fourteen pieces will be others among these attractions.

Rev. J. Frank Jackson of this city has been selected to give the address on July Fourth. Rev. Jackson is an American by choice and a good one and is sure to give an address that will be long remembered. Baseball will furnish the fun for the lovers of the great American sport. Running races will be staged for the youths, and promise has been made that the race track will be in shape so that Alma will be able to witness some good horse racing. Also there will be the customary stands, with the lemo, the hot-dog, and the customary "barber" yelling forth the worth of his wares.

It will be a great day in Alma, and all Central Michigan is invited. The more the merrier. Come early, enjoy the day and have arrangements made so you may stay for the brilliant and grand display of fireworks in the evening.

### ANNUAL OPENING

The DeLuxe Candy Co., will hold its annual opening and reception at its popular place of business on State street, Wednesday evening, June 20th at 6:30. Medler's orchestra will furnish the music. Carnations will be given to each visitor. The public are most cordially invited to attend.

of the great struggle between the North and South, Mr. Ward enlisted in the Union army, this being in 1862. He served continually from then on until the close of the war. Two of these years were spent in the army of Potomac. He was present at the siege of Sumter and Charleston in South Carolina. With the close of the war he spent a year in the department of the south under Gilmore, after which he returned to his native state, New York. Soon after he sold out his interests in that state and moved to Alma, and with the exception of a couple of years in Lansing has resided here continuously since that time.

Mr. Ward is survived by a faithful and loving wife, one son, Charles O. Ward of this city, one daughter, Mrs. Edwards, residing in South Carolina, and many other relatives and a host of friends, who deeply deplore the death of the kind husband and father, the honored friend in private and business life.

The funeral was held at the residence on Woodworth avenue on Monday afternoon of this week, at which time all business places in the city were closed out of respect for the departed business leader of the city. The full Episcopal service was held at the residence. Rev. J. Frank Jackson officiating. Burial service took place in Riverside cemetery, the Masonic lodge of which he had been a member during life, having charge of the service there. Mr. Herbert Montague of the Masonic home led the service, and the responses were made by D. L. Johnson and Ray Tomlin, officers of the local lodge, F. & A. M., Rev. J. Frank Jackson, as chaplain of the Alma lodge, gave the benediction. The pallbearers for the funeral were all pastmasters of the Alma lodge.

The directors of the First State Bank, Francis King, L. A. Sharp, P. M. Smith, Chas. Rhodes, and Carl Washburn attended the funeral in a body. Not only did the Alma lodge F. & A. M., turn out to honor the aged and highly honored businessman of Alma, but others of the county, including the lodge at Ithaca, St. Louis, Breckenridge and Elwell.

### EWING TO TAKE VACATION

After Twenty-six Years of Service He is Granted Year's Leave

Professor J. T. Ewing of Alma college, who has been in the service of the Presbyterian college for the past twenty-six years, has been granted the Sabbatical year leave for next year.

Professor Ewing's plans are vague at the present time except that the year will be devoted to study. If the war situation is such that he can, he



DR. J. T. EWING

will go to Italy and Greece for study. Otherwise, his year of study will be done in the United States.

In point of service Professor Ewing is the oldest member of the faculty of Alma college, and during the past twenty-six years has not had leave during any college year, other than a day or so at a time to attend state teachers conventions, etc.

### ATHLETES AND ORATORS PRESENTED WITH LETTERS

Debaters on Winning Team Against Hope College Receive Gold Medals

At the last Alma college chapel service held on Monday morning of this week the awards of athletic letters for the basketball, track and baseball men were made, six letters being awarded for basketball, three for track and fifteen for baseball. Nine gold "A" pins were also awarded, these being to men who have won letters for the first time.

Alger Wood, former Alma college athlete, was called upon to present the letters to the track and basketball men. In making the presentation the Alma man gave a short discourse upon the lack of a track team this year, and made a plea for harder work in this sport next year.

Basket ball letters were awarded to Captain Spinney of Alma, Captain elect Richards of East Jordan, French of Coleman, Jessup of Alma, Johnston of Yale, and Melvin of De Tour.

The three track letters were awarded to Coleman of Hastings, French of Coleman, and Richards of East Jordan.

Professor George Randall gave out the letters to the base ball men, three of whom are local boys. The letters went to Captain Johnston of Yale, Dewey of Caro, French of Coleman, M. Smith, Gaffney and Spinney of Alma, Fitch and N. Smith of Marquette, Ardis of McBain, Vender of Bad Axe, Hebert of Grand Marais, Chas. Robinson of Grand Haven, Peters of Flownville, Gies of Reese and Seeley of Caro.

The nine men winning letters for the first time, who were awarded with the gold and pearl "A" pin were: Gaffney, Hebert, Ardis, Peters, Seeley, Melvin, Jessup, Coleman and athletic manager Errol Stafford of Cadillac, who was also voted a pin.

President H. M. Crooks was called upon to give the letters and "A" pins to the two orators of Alma college, these being Miss Bernice Ireland of Grand Ledge and Lester H. Doerr of Traverse City. Doerr was also presented with a gold medal, the gift of Rev. William H. Mason. The medal is conditional to orators, there being a proviso that six must enter the local contest to entitle the winner to it.

Honors were showered to the debaters, in a fitting manner, the winning team of Alma college, securing additional awards. Both teams were awarded with letters and pins, these being to Cheney, Burtch, McIntyre, Melvin, Davies and Vender. Medals given by three ex-Almaites to the winning debating teams of Alma college were presented to Cheney, McIntyre and Melvin. Professor James E. Mitchell made the presentation of these honors.

### NOTICE

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### ANNUAL A. H. S. COMMENCEMENT

Alma High Will Graduate Forty Students Next Wednesday.

### GRADE PROMOTION EXERCISES

Over Three Dozen Youngsters Will Finish Their Eighth Grade Work

Next Wednesday evening the annual Alma high school commencement exercises will be held in the high school auditorium at which time forty young ladies and men will be graduated, many of whom will go out into the world to battle for success, in the mill of the world while others go to college.

The list of the graduates follows: Howard Handley, Charles Creaser, Floyd Helman, Allen Highfield, Robert Adams, Ralph Tinkham, Merle Keene, Emil Wilson, Harold Davis, Milo Langworthy, Harry Stevens, Dewey Glinkie, Hartzell Lyon, Howard Rogers, Leo Beach, Fern Coleman, Marion Bartley, Margaret Breece, Mildred Chapman, Mildred Cash, Blanche Dickinson, Florence Dewitt, Emily Frickholm, Cleo Gill, Hazel Grow, Pauline Horton, Clara Hamilton, Wanda Rather, Kathryn Shellhaas, Margaret Sharrar, Thelma Stevens, Glennie Smith, Helen Selby, Hazel Shankel, Ruth VanAlstine, Ruth VonThurn, Zoia Wheaton, Hulda Ward, Helen Grimm, Marion Hale.

The high school commencement activities will start with the baccalaureate address on Sunday evening at the Presbyterian church. The address will be given by Rev. J. W. Priest.

On Tuesday evening the class play will be given at Wright Opera house. Following is the cast of characters of the play, "Anne, of Old Salem": Rev. Cotton Mather, Charles Creaser, Capt. Hardman, Floyd Helman, Roger Hardman, his son.

Allen Highfield, Nathan Ellinwell, brother of Anne, Howard Handley, Ezekiel Brown "Happy with either", Dewey Glinkie, Kathryn Shellhaas, Goodwife Ellinwell, mother of Anne, Hazel Grow, Anne Ellinwell, Mildred Cash, Phyllis, English visitor at Hardman's, Margaret Breece, Ruth, of the despised Quaker faith, Cleo Gill, Piety, two souls with but a single thought, Helen Grimm, Truth, Zoia Wheaton, Peace Atkins, Marian Hale.

Act 1. Kitchen in Goodwife Ellinwell's cottage.  
Act 2. Captain Hardman's parlor. Two days later.  
Act 3. Same as Act 2. One day later.

On Wednesday evening the commencement exercises will be held in the Alma high school auditorium. The exercises will start promptly at 8:00. The program follows:

Invocation by Rev. J. Frank Jackson.  
Violin solo by Mr. Josef Bisline.  
Address by H. M. Crooks of Alma college.  
Vocal solo by Miss Mae Jones.  
Presentation of Diplomas.  
America by all.

On Tuesday afternoon of next week in the Junior high school room of the Union school the promotion exercises of the eight grade students will be held, at which time thirty-seven students of the grade will receive certificates of promotion and will be ready to enter upon the high school course. Following is the list of eight graders who will receive their certificates of promotion at the Tuesday afternoon exercises: Vera Archer, Hazel E. Bundy, Mary Barry, Aileen Bellows, Margaret Barry, Raymond Bennett, Nina Church, Clarence M. Cummings, Celia Chestnut, Harold Clum, Clifford Devereaux, Florence Davis, Margaret Eastlick, Norman Gardner, Margaret Holmes, Iva Gardner, Julia Hasbrook, Dorothy Jackson, Margaret Kernan, Marie Knudson, Violet Lippert, Lee Lyon, Dorothy Mason, Kenneth Miller, Percie Moblo, Ruth Mitchell, Marguerite Moore, Leah Oberlin, Amy Shermit, Beulah Strong, Joseph Shellhaas, Carl Thompson, Stanley Villet, Florence VanNortwick, Lottie Yarger, Clara Henry, Pearl Zibbe.

The program for the promotion exercises on Tuesday afternoon follows: Piano solo, Ruby Mates.  
Prayer.  
"New Hail Columbia", Junior High School Chorus.  
Address, Hon. Albert P. Cook.  
Piano Duet, Esther Rhodes, Dorothy Jackson.  
Presentation of Certificates of promotion, Supt. A. F. Schultz.  
"Six O'clock in the Bay", Junior High School Chorus.