

THE ANDOVER NEWS.

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COMMENCEMENT AT ALFRED

Graduating Exercises Followed by the Dedication of Agricultural Hall—Many Notable Men Participate.

Alfred, June 9—Thursday morning at about 10 o'clock, the University procession, composed of the Faculty, the Doctors, the trustees, and college students, wound its way from Kenyon Memorial Hall to the Chapel on the hill and between double rows of students singing, "Let the Sons of Princeton Sing," marched inside, Misses Fannula Whitford, Mary Hill and Elva Payne played March Op. 71 by Wollenhaupt as the procession slowly advanced down the aisle under the skillful direction of Marshal William G. Whitford, '11.

The platform was decorated with peonies, roses and two beautiful vases of carnations, the flowers being the gift of John N. Davidson of Buffalo. After the invocation by William L. Burdick, D. D., the audience rose, and led by the college students, sang, "Neatly Away 'Mid the Empire State Hills." Then followed the Salutatory.

After the Valedictory, Miss Ruth Phillips sang the solo, "My Heart at Thy Sweet Voice" from Samson and Dalila by Saint Saens. This piece was hardly suited to Miss Phillips' voice, and accordingly she did not do as well as she had done before during the same week.

The Doctor's oration was by Dr. Edwin H. Lewis, Dear of Lewis Institute, Chicago, and a graduate from Alfred in the class of '87. His subject was "The Individualism of the Future," and he treated this in a masterful way. It is a lot of an Alfred audience but seldom to hear an oration such as this proved to be. His wonderful breadth of knowledge, his intuitive use of figures of speech and allusions to literary classics, his keen and scholarly appreciation of the subject made the Doctor's Oration Thursday one long to be remembered. Never before has an Alfred audience been held for nearly two hours with such a product of genius and never again will it have the pleasure of being honored with a greater Commencement Oration.

Miss Mary Hill then surpassed all former achievements on the violin-cello with which she has entertained Alfred during the past year, with a difficult, beautifully rendered solo, Romance Op. 17 by Goltzman. Prof. Annas accompanied her on the piano. President Davis then followed with a short President's Annual Address in which he briefly recounted the deeds of the past year; how Alfred had the largest Freshman class in her history; how the debt of \$65,000 had been cleared with \$10,000 in excess of the amount demanded. He then announced the appointment of County Treasurer D. Sherman Burdick as University Treasurer.

Dedication of New Building.

The formal dedication of Agricultural Hall was accomplished when Thursday afternoon, Hon. J. S. Phillips handed to Judge Peter B. McLennan of the Board of Managers the keys to the building.

Owing to the long exercises of the morning the session could not begin on time. A dainty luncheon in the Domestic Science Department served by Miss Angeline Wood, head of that department also kept the Board of Managers and many of the University's guests. Not one of the speakers on the program could forget the pleasant effects of that lunch. The room was crowded to the limit, many being obliged to stand.

The first speaker was Dr. Raymond A. Pearson, State Commissioner of Agriculture. In introducing him President Davis said that here we had a representative of the governor. Governor Hughes had hoped to be present, but business engagements had prevented him, nevertheless he had sent a man who had endeared himself to the people of the state, whose fame had spread far beyond our state, and one who had been particularly dear to Alfred and loyal to the trust which has been given that town and University.

Mr. Pearson then followed with the address of the afternoon, his paper being a carefully worked out review of the conditions which obtain and have obtained in New York State in regard to "The Fundamental Industry," Agriculture.

Honorable Frank Sullivan Smith, brother-in-law to the late Governor Higgins spoke briefly on the plans of that official who had done such careful and conscientious work for the state, for the keeping the boys and girls on the farm. The dear good Governor died before it had been carried into action. Yet Thursday we saw the results of the dreams of Judge McLennan, President Davis and Governor Higgins.

Assemblyman Phillips, presented the keys of the Hall to Judge McLennan explaining his "small" part in the great work. He said that people and institutions have but few "red-letter" days but that Alfred had had many such days and the day before had been one of those days.

Judge McLennan, "Father of the School" as President Davis called him, accepted the keys and what they symbolized as a sacred trust. He said that all members of the Board of Managers of the Agricultural School will devote what time is necessary for the performance of their duty without other reward than the betterment of the farmers of the state.

Miss Angeline Wood made the concluding speech of the afternoon. She said her department is best called the Home Making Department, and its object is to make the girls stay on the farm. She was enthusiastically cheered.

In the evening the week's festivities were concluded by President Davis' annual reception, a large attendance and very enjoyable function.

ALFRED ALUMNI.

President Davis Announces the Raising of \$76,000 and Alfred University Free From Debt.

At the alumni meeting at Alfred last week, President Boothe Davis announced the fact that \$76,000 had been raised, which will more than clear the school of indebtedness and also assures them of the Carnegie Library. The University is to be congratulated, as is also President Davis and his co-workers, who have been indefatigable in their efforts to raise this Betterment Fund before commencement.

The officers of the Alumni Association for the following year are: President, Fred C. White of New York City.

Vice President, A. B. Kenyon, Secretary, W. C. Whitford, Treasurer, E. E. Hamilton.

DR. DEMMER HOME.

Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Demmer arrived home from Washington, D. C., last Saturday and have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Ackerman. Dr. Demmer will be stationed at Fort Thomas, Kentucky and expects to go there soon. Mrs. Demmer will remain here for a longer visit before joining her husband. Dr. Demmer has been attending a training school in Washington and at the recent examinations was very successful, standing the eighth in a class of 55.—Belmont Dispatch.

COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Following are the officers elected at the County Baptist Association held at Wellsville recently: President,—Rev. M. S. Reed of Pike. Secretary,—Rev. R. W. Neatherby of Belmont.

Treasurer,—S. G. Cowles of Richburg.

The association will meet at Rushford next year and Rev. C. E. Carder of Cuba will preach the annual sermon, Rev. Houghtaling of Wellsville, alternate.

REPUBLICANS ORGANIZE.

There will be a meeting of the Allegany County Republican Committee, at Hotel Belmont, this (Friday) afternoon, June 17, at 2 o'clock, for the purpose of organizing for the fall campaign. All republicans are welcome.

A. Miner Wellman, Chairman.

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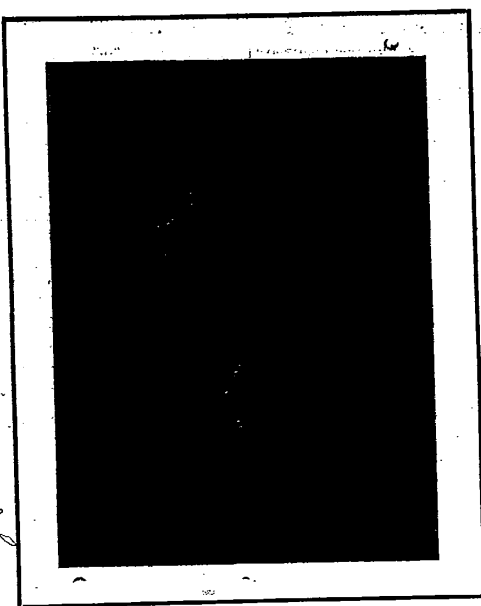
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The Late Rev. W. A. Allen, Pastor Andover S. D. B. Church

(By courtesy of Alfred Sun.)

As stated in these columns last week Rev. William A. Allen died very suddenly on the morning of June 5th, from apoplexy. With his wife, Mr. Allen came to Alfred a little less than a year ago to make it their future home, and this spring

First National Bank of Reed City. During nearly all these years of active business life he has also carried on his ministerial duties. He was pastor of the M. E. Church at Painted Post for three and one half years, Grace M. E. Church of Corning one year, Almond M. E. Church



had begun the erection of a neat little cottage on the corner of Main and Terrace streets, in which Mr. Allen was taking a great interest, but which he was destined to not see finished.

Rev. and Mrs. Allen had many friends here before coming to Alfred, having been residents of Almond for three years, but since coming here everyone had learned to love and respect Mr. Allen.

William A. Allen was born in Tioga, Pa., March 18, 1858, the son of Daniel and Fanny Jones Allen. On May 28, 1879, he was married to Lettie J. Kemp of Farmington, Pa. to whom four children were born: Jesse D. and Marie L. of Reed City, Mich.; Gertrude H. Farley of Salina, Kans., and Grace, deceased. He was again married, March 12, 1902, to Nora Gorton, daughter of Mrs. Eva Gorton of Corning.

Mr. Allen's entire life had been one of great activity, it being impossible to keep him from work, even when he was physically unable to do it, working a good deal of the time, on his nerve. For ten years he was bookkeeper in the Parkhurst Bank at Elkland, Pa.; for five years he was with the Weston Engine Co., and in the bank at Painted Post; four years administrator of the large estate of Luin K. Parkhurst of Reed City, Mich., he was vice president of the

three years, and after going to Reed City he still found time to work for his Master in doing pastoral work for various churches.

Realizing that his health would not allow him to keep up such a vigorous life, he moved to Alfred with a view of taking life a little easier, but he was soon called to the position of acting treasurer of Alfred University at a time when a great deal of hard work was necessary to be done in that position, and a few weeks ago, feeling that he could not entirely give up the work of the ministry, he had consented to become the pastor of the S. D. B. Church at Andover, driving over there every week to fill the pulpit. This with the extra work of getting the books of the University treasurer in shape for the annual report to the trustees was too much for his overworked brain, and apoplexy was the result.

The funeral service was held at the church last Wednesday afternoon, conducted by Dr. L. C. Randolph, assisted by Revs. VanKuren of Hornell and Wright of Andover, after which the body was taken to Elkland for burial.

The widow and the three children mentioned above are left to mourn the loss of a dear husband and father, and the sympathy of all go out to them.

NEW OIL SAND FOUND.

A Lucky Strike is Made by the United Natural Gas Co., in Cattaraugus County.

Oil operators who have been following developments in the vicinity of Cattaraugus, since the gas strike at Skinner Hollow have been stirred to new activities by the information, which has just leaked out, that in No. 2 well the United Natural Gas Co., struck a new sand, oil bearing, at a depth of about 2,500 feet.

Nothing like this information has been encountered in the Zoar field, and its existence opens up new possibilities for the field to the south of Cattaraugus. If this stratum continues southward, the well being drilled on the Milk farm above Little Valley should strike it in the near future.

The oil yielded by this sand is of fine quality, amber color, much similar to the Tionesta. There appears to be a flow of about two barrels a day, and experienced oil men are of the opinion that if the well were shot in this sand it would become a fairly good pumping well. The drill was not stopped, however, and is now down nearly 3,000 feet.

Well No. 3 six miles north of Cattaraugus is down about 3,000 feet, and No. 4 on the George Rush farm, East Otto, is ready for the drill.—Reporter.

DEATH OF MARGARET MORRISEY

Margaret Morrisey, of Erie, Pa., died at the home of Miss Katie Ray, of Andover about noon Monday, June 13, 1910, aged 23 years. Miss Morrisey, who had been employed as a clerk at Erie, came to South Hill, near Andover, ten months ago on account of poor health. She is survived by a number of brothers and sisters. Two sisters, Katherine, of Buffalo, and Mae of Erie, are here to attend the funeral, which will be held from Immaculate Conception church Thursday morning at 9:30 o'clock. Rev. Sheehy of Andover, will officiate, and interment will be at Sacred Heart cemetery.—Reporter.

COMING MARRIAGE.

The engagement is announced of the coming marriage of Miss Nora Beatrice Foran, one of Wellsville's most popular young ladies, and Mr. Edward Horan, one of Andover's promising young men. The wedding to take place some time in June. This estimable young couple have a large circle of friends who will be pleased to extend hearty congratulations.—Reporter.

—A fine time is sure to be had at the Base Ball Dance next Friday night. There is talk of having the largest crowd that ever waltzed on the Auditorium floor.

MRS. ADAH S. RICHARDSON.

The sad news came to Andover friends, Friday of last week, of the death of Mrs. Adah S. Richardson, at El Paso, Texas, aged 42 years.

Mrs. Richardson was a former Andover woman, known and beloved by all, and was the wife of A. B. Richardson, who was the efficient Erie Railroad Company's agent for this station a number of years.

Adah Stillman Richardson was born in Almond, N. Y., in 1868 and was the daughter of Dr. E. M. Stillman, deceased, and Eliza B. Stillman. When but six years of age her parents located in Andover where she passed nearly her entire life. Here she played as a child, developed into beautiful girlhood, here she was married in 1891 to A. B. Richardson, and helped to establish a home of her own, until going to Fort Worth, Texas, four years ago last September with her husband.

She was of an affectionate disposition, bright and winning in her ways, so that friendship's circle was to her a large one.

Two years ago she was attacked with lung trouble. A change of climate sought, going to Denver, Colorado, remaining there fifteen months. Last October she returned to her home in Fort Worth, Texas, pronounced cured, but in January an illness with pneumonia developed the dread disease again, and she was immediately taken to El Paso, Texas, and although everything possible was done to save her, it was beyond the power of man.

Funeral services were held at their home, at Fort Worth, Texas, Saturday, June 11th, conducted by the pastor of the Presbyterian church in that city.

Although her home had been nearly five years in Fort Worth, on account of her illness, but a few months had she actually lived there, but she had been there long enough to make many warm and sincere friends as the pastor stated in his remarks at the service.

The remains were brought to Andover and service held at the home of her mother, Mrs. Eliza Stillman on Dyke Street, Wednesday afternoon. Rev. H. D. Bacon, pastor of the Andover Presbyterian Church officiating. The body was laid at rest, tenderly borne by six friends an school mates of her girlhood days, in Valley Brook Cemetery.

ALUMNI BANQUET.

The Alumni Association of Andover High School are particularly fortunate this year in being able to present such a strong program. Hon. J. S. Whipple, Forest, Fish and Game Commissioner of this state will address the meeting, while Merriman's Orchestra will furnish delightful music. All members of the Alumni Association, at least, should make a strong effort to be present.

CARD OF THANKS.

Words are inadequate to express our appreciation of kind friends who have endeavored to lighten our burden of sorrow occasioned by our recent bereavement, with words of sympathy and acts of kindness. We wish thus publicly to thank you all. A. B. Richardson, Mrs. E. Stillman.

MISSIONARY CONVENTION

Olean District Woman's Foreign Missionary Society Held at Wellsville Thursday of Last Week.

Last Thursday and Friday, the District Convention of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society for Olean District was held in the M. E. Church in Wellsville. A program full of interest was carried forward to the close.

The 1st afternoon was given to the young people work. Supt. Miss Taylor of Olean presiding. Mrs. Frances Burrows Teasdel of Erie and speaker of great ability and the "Power of Young People." Dr. Mary E. Carellon of China gave the evening address from which every one understood better the importance of medical missionary work. A bed with support was pledged and other work planned.

Friday morning session opened as usual with special prayer service, conducted by Mrs. W. B. Waggoner, as a result a higher spiritual condition was felt the day through. A paper written by Miss Ida Stiles, a "shut in" of Bradford on "Our Literature, Its Value to the Auxiliary" was read and voted to be sent to the auxiliaries. Mrs. M. O. Allen of Rochester, Conference Secretary, talked on "Enlargements, How, Why." Miss Allen is a worker and speaker of great ability and left encouragement along all lines of work, with a District force of workers for splendid advancement for another year. Many talks from District women contributed power and interest to the convention. The following officers for the year are: Conference Secretary,—Miss M. O. Allen, Rochester, N. Y.

District Secretary, Philadelphia Branch,—Mrs. W. Crandall, Coudersport, Pa.

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