

FIRST ANNUAL CATALOGUE
OF
ALMA INDUSTRIAL COLLEGE

ALMA, MARION CO., ILL.

For the Year Ending June 30, 1897,

With Course of Study and Commencements

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Summer Normal.

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A Summer Normal will begin Tuesday, July 5th, and continue nine weeks. A special course has been prepared, adapted to the wants of the teachers in the public schools. Those completing this course will be given the degree of Bachelor of Letters.

Commercial Department.

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A complete Business Course has been prepared and students finishing this course will be given a certificate of graduation.

Classical Course.

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LEADING TO THE DEGREE OF A.B.

PREPARATORY.

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FIRST PREPARATORY.

FIRST TERM.	SECOND TERM.	THIRD TERM.
Orthography, 2	Elocution, 2	Elocution, 2
Penmanship, 2	Geography, 5	Geography, 5
Arithmetic, 4	Arithmetic, 4	Arithmetic, 4
Grammar, 4	Grammar, 4	Grammar, 4
U.S. History, 4	U.S. History, 4	U.S. History, 4
Physiology, 5		

SECOND PREPARATORY.

FIRST TERM.	SECOND TERM.	THIRD TERM.
Grammar,	Grammar,	Grammar,
Arithmetic,	Arithmetic,	Arithmetic,
Latin,	Latin,	Caesar,
General History,	General History,	General History,

THIRD PREPARATORY.

FIRST TERM.	SECOND TERM.	THIRD TERM.
Rhetoric,	Rhetoric,	English Literature,
Algebra,	Algebra,	Algebra,
Caesar,	Cicero,	Cicero,
Greek,	Greek,	Anabasis,

FRESHMAN.

FIRST TERM.	SECOND TERM.	THIRD TERM.
Virgil,	Virgil,	Tacitus
Anabasis,	Homer,	Homer,
Algebra,	Geometry,	Geometry,
English Literature,	English History,	Botany,

SOPHOMORE.

FIRST TERM.	SECOND TERM.	THIRD TERM.
Livy, Herodotus, Surveying, Zoology	Horace, Plato, Physics, Chemistry,	Sallust, Euripides, Physics, Chemistry,

JUNIOR.

FIRST TERM.	SECOND TERM.	THIRD TERM.
Greek, Civil Government	Greek, Political Economy,	Greek, International Law,

ELECTIVES

FIRST TERM.	SECOND TERM.	THIRD TERM.
Philosophy Hebrew, Plautus, German,	Philosophy of Rhetoric, Hebrew, Oyid, German,	Anglo Saxon, Hebrew, New Test Greek, German,

SENIOR

FIRST TERM.	SECOND TERM.	THIRD TERM.
Psychology, Christian Evidence,	Ethics, Logic,	Astronomy, History of Philosophy,

ELECTIVES

FIRST TERM.	SECOND TERM.	THIRD TERM.
Geology, French, Hebrew, Calculus,	Geology, French, Hebrew, History of Civilization,	Aesthetics, French, Hebrew, Mineralogy,

Scientific Course.

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LEADING TO THE DEGREE OF B.S.

Preparatory Course same as in Classical.

FRESHMAN.

FIRST TERM.	SECOND TERM.	THIRD TERM.
Geometry,	Geometry,	Trigonometry,

English Literature,
Zoology,
German,

English History,
Zoology,
German,

English History,
Zoology,
German,

SOPHOMORE.

German,
Philology,
Surveying,
Physiology,

German,
Chemistry,
Analytic Geometry,
Botany

German,
Chemistry,
Conic Sections,
Botany,

JUNIOR.

FIRST TERM.

Chemistry
Physics,
Christian Evidences,

SECOND TERM.

Chemistry,
Physics,
Political Economy,

THIRD TERM.

Chemistry,
Physics,
International Law,

ELECTIVES.

French,
Civil Government,
German,
Greek,

French,
Philosophy of Rhetoric
German,
Greek,

French,
Anglo Saxon,
German,
Greek,

SENIOR.

FIRST TERM.

Psychology,
Geology,
Calculus,

SECOND TERM.

Ethics,
Geology,
Logic,

THIRD TERM.

History, Phil.,
Astronomy,
Mineralogy,

ELECTIVES.

French,
Latin,
Greek,
Paleontology,

French,
Latin,
Greek,
Biology,

French,
Latin,
Greek,
Biology,

Normal Course.

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LEADING TO THE DEGREE OF B.L.

Preparatory Course same as Classical.

JUNIOR.

FIRST TERM.

Geometry,
English Literature,

SECOND TERM.

Geometry,
English Literature,

THIRD TERM.

Trigonometry,
English Lit.,

ELECTIVES.

German,
Civil Government,
French,
Latin,

German,
Political Economy,
French,
Latin,

German,
Interna'l Law,
French,
Latin,

SENIOR

FIRST TERM.

Pedagogy,
Christian Evidences,
Psychology,

SECOND TERM.

Pedagogy,
Ethics,
Logic,

THIRD TERM.

Pedagogy,
Astronomy,
History Phil.,

ELECTIVES.

Surveying,
Geology,
German,
French,

Hist. Civilization
Chemistry,
German,
French,

Anglo Saxon,
Botany,
German,
French,

Degrees.

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ALMA INDUSTRIAL COLLEGE

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For the Education of Poor Boys and Girls.

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HISTORY, OBJECTS AND AIMS.

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Alma Industrial College, for the education of poor boys and girls, was first started under the name of Southern Illinois Christian College. Prof. N.D. Laughlin, W.S. and J.W. Ross were the projectors. Prof. Laughlin managed the finances and superintended the erection of the college building, which was completed on the 22d day of September, 1896, and that day the college work began with eight students, and a corps of three teachers. There was no advertising done except by the word of mouth, and yet during the college term of eight months there were 75 students enrolled. The President, Dr. H.Y. Kellar, of Effingham, Ill., did what he could to stir up the people of Southern Illinois on the need of such an institution.

Meets The Writer.

At the Ministerial Institute in Greenville, Dr. Kellar and the writer met and frankly exchanged views on the question of founding a college in southern Illinois. As a result of the conversation

The Writer Was Called to Alma.

On Tuesday night, June 1st, the writer arrived in Alma, and remained several days counseling with the trustees of S.I.C.C. These several days of consultation and deliberation resulted in changing the name of Southern Illinois Christian College to Alma Industrial College, and also, in the election of the writer permanently, as president and superintendent of the institution.

The Location of Alma.

Alma is located on high, rolling prairie, on the Chicago branch of the Illinois Central Railroad, eight miles north of Salem, county seat of Marion County, in the great fruit belt of

Southern Illinois. The country is practically free from malaria and very healthful. The soil not only produces all of the semi-tropical fruits, such as apples, peaches, pears, cherries, and all the smaller fruits, but also melons and potatoes of every variety. Corn and oats are also produced with a yield of from 25 to 50 bushels per acre. Clover and timothy, red top and blue grass also grow in great abundance. Two large shipping associations make very low rates. Alma is one of the best shipping points on the Illinois Central Railroad.

Aims of Alma Industrial College.

During the time when the writer was working his way through four years in college, he often thought that a college should be established on some plan by which young men and women of limited means could, if they so desired, obtain a good education as well as the well to-do and rich. He often thought and prayed over the matter, and dreamed that some day an institution of that kind might be established. He did not dream that he himself, would ever be at the head of such an institution as president, or that he would be in any way connected therewith, until within the past few years it dawned upon his mind that he might make a move in that direction.

Thousands of young men and women desire to develop themselves mentally and morally, as well as physically, but their parents have very limited means and are not able to expend \$300 to \$500 each per annum for their education. Then there is another class of young men and women who thirst for an education, but their parents are too poor to even buy books and clothing fit for them to attend the common school, let alone send them to college. Then there are other young men and women whose souls yearn for an education but their parents, though well to do, and rich, are too stingy to send them off to college where the expenses are up into the hundreds.

The objects and aims of this college are to take in these classes including another more needful class, the poor wandering orphan boy and girl, whose cry for the bread, meat and drink of an education is scarcely heard in all this broad land, except among the Catholics.

Plan of Operation as to Support

1. There must be a section, or a thousand acres of land, connected with and belonging to the college. 300 acres have already been turned over to the college at a low price, by two brethren. The writer has traded for 160 acres near by, so that we now have under our control 460 acres. The trustees have an option on other lands adjoining the said three hundred acres of land, which will make out the required amount. A printing plant will soon be in operation and a paper published, called the "Gospel Plow and Hammer". It will be devoted to the cause of Christ and humanity in general. A dress-making and tailoring department will be started in due time. A large brick and tile factory is now being planned for, as also a canning factory; a good bakery is another requisite to our work.

HOW WE DO.

Those who are orphans and have no money to pay for schooling, and boys and girls whose parents are too poor to send them to school, we will take in and give them a four year's course in the Normal or any other course, seven and one-half months in each year, by their paying an initiation of \$110, and bringing with them as many clothes as possible. Apply to the writer for information as to how to raise the \$110. These students will be clothed and fed and school for four years with no further charge. But they will be expected to work on the farm, or in the printing office, or in the dress-making or tailoring establishment, or anywhere else that their ability and fitness may direct, part of the time on Saturdays and during the vacation of four and one-half months. One week may be given each of these students to go home to see their friends during the year, providing their friends furnish the expense money. But they must not go home during the summer vacation.

Students Who Pay Their Way.

Those students who are able to pay their way will be charged \$160 for the entire school year of thirty-nine weeks. This will include board, room, light, fuel, and books. Each student, however, is requested to bring a blanket, two sheets, two comforters, and a pillow. Writing material - paper and envelopes - will be

furnished each student free. Literary societies will be opened free to all students, unless extra expense may be desired upon the part of the members. Two societies only will be allowed. Athletics will be encouraged, but no teams will be permitted to go abroad to play against other teams.

COURSE OF STUDY.

Classical, Scientific, Normal, Biblical, Commercial, Music, and Art. At the close of the college year in June, a nine weeks Normal course will begin. This work will be conducted each year by one of the best normal instructors in the land. The aim is to keep the college Home open every month of the year, and to admit students any month in the year and take whatever studies they may elect. The Normal course is to especially prepare students for teaching and to also induce teachers all over the country to come to our school. Board, room, lights, tuition, books and stationary will cost \$40 for the nine weeks course. A large boarding hall will be in process of erection in a few days. Citizens will also take boarders. But no citizen is expected to charge over the regular boarding hall rates, \$2 per week, unless a student or teacher desires extras.

OTHER IMPORTANT DEPARTMENTS OF STUDY.

1. The Art Department, which was so ably taught by Miss Jessie Day, of Chicago, will be continued.
2. The Musical Department will be taken charge of this year by Prof. DeLos Smith, graduate in the Musical Department of Campbell University, under the great German Professor, L.A. Bidez, and late student under H.X. Arens, of the Metropolitan School of Music, Indianapolis, Indiana. Prof. Smith will teach piano, violin, banjo, guitar, mandolin, and voice culture.
3. A school of Oratory will be started this year by Professor Marion Boles and assisted by Miss Clara Boles.
4. A Commercial School will be established as soon as a suitable man can be secured. Until then, book-keeping will be taught in the college, proper.
5. Last, but not least, a Bible department is already established and will be conducted by dividing the work among the faculty until a man consecrated to that work alone can be secured.

The young preachers will be taken on the same terms as other students, but preachers with families will not be taken as industrials. They can either work their way through after paying \$110 initiation fee, or pay \$160 for each year's work. And during vacation they can each be under the direction of the president in holding tent meetings, thus giving them immediate practical knowledge of the field and gospel work. Southern Illinois is ripe unto the harvest. There are many old and new churches within a radius of 100 miles of Alma where young men can go out and preach on Lord's Day.

Chapel Exercise.

Twenty minutes will be spent each day in chapel. Much of this time will be spent in singing, prayer and the study of God's Word. Every student will be requested to attend these exercises. Industrial College means exactly what it implies - a college and home. Christian training will be an important feature in this College Home. The Industrial College and Home is undenominational, and yet under the control of the Christian church. The students will be required to attend church services and Sunday school at least once each Lord's Day, but they will be allowed to go to the church of their choice in the village. There are at present two churches - the M.E. and the Christian.

Friends of poor boys and girls and of the college are requested to send in clothing material, of both men and women, to be made up in our dress-making and tailoring establishments, for every day wear, for students who work their way through school. Donations of money, land, cattle, horses, hogs, sheep, flour, corn, shoes, hats, caps, and anything to eat and wear, will be thankfully received, as we shall derive nothing from our farm until next summer. Our splendid college building will accommodate one hundred and fifty students, and fifty more can be provided for. Hence, a larger college building will have to be erected. But our first effort will be to pay for our land already purchased. This land is all in cultivation, in good condition, and has a good twenty-acre bearing peach orchard.

Let a prayer go up from all lovers of this great benevolent

enterprise for some wealthy old bachelor, or maid, or some brother or sister, who have no children, and who have wealth, to give about \$50,000 to erect a grand college building. Eternity alone would tell the result of such a gift. And how much better than to leave the wealth for relatives and lawyers to quarrel over. With the help of students who work their way through school, \$50,000 would erect a great building sufficient to accommodate over a thousand students. The trustees would graciously change the name of the college to the name of the donor. May the Lord put it into some heart to do so nobly. The writer was born and reared in Southern Illinois and has always expected to return and spend his days there. He now returns in his prime and in robust and vigorous manhood to join with his brethren and all good people in every good work, and to spend the rest of his life there.

Hard work, much prayer, and wise and careful management will build up this institution to be a great power in this country. We must have the help and strength of God, and the co-operation of the brotherhood and all people interested in humanity in order to succeed in this undertaking. The College and Home is located in Southern Ills., and at Alma because here, as scarcely anywhere, is living so cheap, and because students, boys and girls, can work their way through school so easily. When our land is paid for (both what we have now and what we aim to buy) and our buildings which must be erected and furnished, and necessary apparatus for the whole college, are all paid for, - we believe the institution will be handsomely and sufficiently endowed, - the income from the great fruit and grain farm, the printing plant, and small gifts of the people, and the tuitions will keep the College and Home going. We believe we are making conservative and safe calculations on this matter. We are aware that times are hard, but all the more this work must be done. And the writer knows in Whom he trusts. May the Lord bless you all.

Address all communications to

W.H. BOLES, President,

ALMA INDUSTRIAL COLLEGE, Alma, Illinois.

Students of 1896-7

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Arnold, Emory.....	Lester, Ill.
Allmon, Mabel	Alma, Ill.
Brewer, Noah	Kinmundy, Ill.
Black, Naonia	Alma, Ill.
Crooker, Irene	“ “
Crooker, Agnes.....	“ “
Coffin, Frank.....	Brubaker, Ill.
Corey, Anna.....	Alma, Ill.
Crist, Chas.....	“ “
Crist, David.....	“ “
Collins, Lina.....	“ “
Collins, Mae.....	“ “
Cronk, George.....	Mason, Ill.
Clow, Fred.....	Alma, Ill.
Clow, Marshall.....	“ “
Dean, Noah.....	“ “
Day, Essie.....	“ “
Eagan, Pearl.....	Kinmundy, Ill.
East, Lina.....	Alma, Ill.
East, Ina.....	“ “
French, Thos W.....	“ “
Hefton, Clara.....	“ “
Heften, Ethel.....	“ “
Hefton, Nellie.....	“ “
Hefton, Walter.....	“ “
Hawkins, Orville.....	Patoka, Ill.
Hawkins, Lewis.....	“ “
Hanawaldt, Otto.....	Brubaker, Ill.
Harvey, Pearl.....	Alma, Ill.
Harvey, Mabel.....	“ “
Hays, Powell.....	“ “
Headlee, Myron.....	Walnut, Ill.
Headlee, Fred.....	“ “
Holson, Francis.....	Farina, Ill.
Jones, Bert.....	Alma, Ill.
Lovell, Lillian.....	Kinmundy, Ill.

Maudling, Tunis.....	Alma, Ill.
Maudling, Etta.....	“ “
Maudling, Elsie.....	“ “
McCartan, Chas. E.....	“ “
McCartan, Pearl.....	“ “
McCartan, Grace.....	“ “
McCarty, Harry.....	“ “
Mazanek, Mary.....	“ “
Mazanek, Joseph.....	“ “
Mathews, Mae.....	“ “
Marshall, Chas.....	“ “
Marshall, Lorens.....	“ “
Meneeley, Carl.....	“ “
Pollock, Chas. G.....	“ “
Ross, Andrew I.....	“ “
Ross, Elizabeth.....	“ “
Ross, Irl.....	“ “
Ross, Deborah.....	“ “
Ross, Jos. W.....	“ “
Ross, Mark.....	“ “
Ross, Ruth.....	“ “
Ross, May.....	“ “
Ross, Maud.....	“ “
Sullens, Noah.....	“ “
Sullens, Arthur.....	“ “
Sprouse, Daisy.....	“ “
Shaffer, Wm.....	“ “
See, Clarence.....	“ “
See, Roy.....	“ “
See, Louie.....	“ “
See, Ruby.....	“ “
See, Lois.....	“ “
Snyder, Mae.....	“ “
Tulley, Maud.....	“ “
Telford, Emery.....	“ “
Telford, Lester.....	“ “
Williams, Lila.....	“ “
Williams, Minnie	“ “

ALMA * INDUSTRIAL
COLLEGE

FOR

THE YEAR 1898-9

Greetings to the Public at Large:

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THE ONLY COLLEGE
OF THE
COMMON PEOPLE.

.....
Building New. College Well Equipped by an
...Able Faculty...

Alma, Marion County, Illinois

Plow & Hammer Steam Print

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Alma Industrial College will begin her third year Tuesday September 20, 1898, under more favorable circumstances than ever before.

For the next three years, Prof. P.J. Dickerson, graduate of Virginia University, and Chicago University will have entire control of the Educational department. W.H. Boles, President, will continue his general supervision as heretofore. Thomas Munnell, of Kentucky, late Prof. of the Bible Chair in Christian University, Canton, Mo., will have charge of the Bible Department.

For the different departments a full corps of professors are provided.

The raising of the debt of three thousand dollars against the college has also been provided for. Rev. W.W. Jones, of Chicago, an M.E. Minister, and for many years a warm personal friend of President Boles, and ardent lover of all educational enterprises, particularly of an industrial nature, by which the common people can obtain an education, has generously tendered his services to raise the amount.

And as near as possible all will be raised in Marion County.

NOW FOR THE STUDENTS.

We are greatly rejoiced to announce that scores of inquiries have come in from the states of Mo. Kans. Ia. Ills. and Indiana for application as students of Alma Industrial College. For the information of others desiring to become students of the college we announce the following terms and courses of study.

Tuition	1st Term	14 weeks	\$11.00
“	2 “	13 “	10.00
“	3 “	12 “	9.00
Matriculation fee			1.50
Total			\$31.50

Board, room, light, and fuel, in new houses near the college, if desired, from \$2.00 to \$2.50 per week. Unfurnished rooms for those who wish to board themselves, 50 cts. a room per week.

INDUSTRIAL PLAN.

We regret to announce that we cannot take but two or three more students on the Industrial plan. For information concerning this department address the President.

Courses of Study.

FIRST PREPARATORY.

FIRST TERM.	SECOND TERM.	THIRD TERM.
Orthography, 2	Elocution, 2	Elocution, 2
Penmanship, 2	Geography, 5	Geography, 5
Arithmetic, 4	Arithmetic, 4	Arithmetic, 4
Grammar, 4	Grammar, 4	Grammar, 4
U.S. History, 4	U.S. History, 4	U.S. History, 4
Physiology, 5		

SECOND PREPARATORY.

FIRST TERM.	SECOND TERM.	THIRD TERM.
Grammar,	Grammar,	Grammar,
Arithmetic,	Arithmetic,	Arithmetic
Latin,	Latin,	Caesar,
General History,	General History,	General History,

THIRD PREPARATORY.

FIRST TERM.	SECOND TERM.	THIRD TERM.
Rhetoric,	Rhetoric,	English Literature,
Algebra,	Algebra,	Algebra,
Caesar,	Cicero,	Cicero,
Greek,	Greek,	Anabasis,

FRESHMAN.

FIRST TERM.	SECOND TERM.	THIRD TERM.
Virgil,	Virgil,	Tacitus
Anabasis,	Homer,	Homer,
Algebra,	Geometry,	Geometry,
English Literature,	English History,	Botany,

SOPHOMORE.

FIRST TERM.	SECOND TERM.	THIRD TERM.
Livy,	Horace,	Sallust,
Herodotus,	Plato,	Euripides,
Surveying,	Physics,	Physics,
Zoology	Chemistry,	Chemistry,

JUNIOR.

FIRST TERM.	SECOND TERM.	THIRD TERM.
Greek,	Greek,	Greek,
Civil Government	Political Economy,	International Law,

ELECTIVES

FIRST TERM.	SECOND TERM.	THIRD TERM.
Philosophy	Philosophy of Rhetoric,	Anglo Saxon,
Hebrew,	Hebrew,	Hebrew,
Plautus,	Oyid,	New Test Greek,
German,	German,	German,

SENIOR

FIRST TERM.	SECOND TERM.	THIRD TERM.
Psychology,	Ethics,	Astronomy,
Christian Evidence,	Logic,	History of Philosophy,

ELECTIVES

FIRST TERM.

Geology,
French,
Hebrew,
Calculus,

SECOND TERM.

Geology,
French,
Hebrew,
History of Civilization,

THIRD TERM.

Aesthetics,
French,
Hebrew,
Mineralogy,

Scientific Course.

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LEADING TO THE DEGREE OF B.S.

Preparatory Course same as in Classical.

FRESHMAN.

FIRST TERM.

Geometry,
English Literature,
Zoology,
German,

SECOND TERM.

Geometry,
English History,
Zoology,
German,

THIRD TERM.

Trigonometry,
English History,
Zoology,
German,

SOPHOMORE.

German,
Philology,
Surveying,
Physiology,

German,
Chemistry,
Analytic Geometry,
Botany

German,
Chemistry,
Conic Sections,
Botany,

JUNIOR.

FIRST TERM.

Chemistry
Physics,
Christian Evidences,

SECOND TERM.

Chemistry,
Physics,
Political Economy,

THIRD TERM.

Chemistry,
Physics,
International Law,

ELECTIVES.

French,
Civil Government,
German,
Greek,

French,
Philosophy of Rhetoric
German,
Greek,

French,
Anglo Saxon,
German,
Greek,

SENIOR.

FIRST TERM.

Psychology,
Geology,
Calculus,

SECOND TERM.

Ethics,
Geology,
Logic,

THIRD TERM.

History, Phil.,
Astronomy,
Mineralogy,

ELECTIVES.

French,
Latin,
Greek,
Paleontology,

French,
Latin,
Greek,
Biology,

French,
Latin,
Greek,
Biology,

Normal Course.

LEADING TO THE DEGREE OF B.L.

Preparatory Course same as Classical.

JUNIOR.

FIRST TERM.

Geometry,
English Literature,

SECOND TERM.

Geometry,
English Literature,

THIRD TERM.

Trigonometry,
English Lit.,

ELECTIVES.

German,
Civil Government,
French,
Latin,

German,
Political Economy,
French,
Latin,

German,
Interna'l Law,
French,
Latin,

SENIOR

FIRST TERM.

Pedagogy,

Christian Evidences,
Psychology,

SECOND TERM.

Pedagogy,

Ethics,
Logic,

THIRD TERM.

Pedagogy,

Astronomy,
History Phil.,

ELECTIVES.

Surveying,
Geology,
German,
French,

Hist. Civilization
Chemistry,
German,
French,

Anglo Saxon,
Botany,
German,
French,

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For further information address

W.H. Boles, President,
P.J. Dickerson, M.A. Vice President.
Prof. N.D. Laughlin, Secretary.
L.C. Pullen, Treasurer.

Alma Industrial College Catechism

1. Where is Alma Industrial College located?
Ans. At Alma, Ills., on Chicago Branch of the Ill, Central Railroad, 19 miles north of Centralia, and 75 miles east of St. Louis.
2. When was Alma Industrial College founded?
Ans: June 12th 1897.
3. By whom was the college founded?
Ans: The present college was founded by W.H. Boles. He conceived the idea of an industrial college.
4. Was there a college in Alma before he took hold of it?
Ans: There was. Prof. N.D. Laughlin came into Alma in 1895 and talked up the founding of a college. And in 1896 succeeded in getting enough money to erect the present splendid building at a cost of about \$5000, and with the assistance of W.S. and J.W. Ross and others started the college with Dr. H.Y. Kellar, as president, and T.B. McCartan, W.F. Aydlott, Dr. A.J. Hays, and Miss Day as members of the faculty, and eight students enrolled, Sept. 22, 1896. 75 during the year.
5. When did the first term of Alma Industrial College begin?
Ans: September 21st 1897.
6. Who are the members of the present faculty?
Ans: W.H. Boles, A.M., President.
Marion Boles, A.M., V. President.
W.F. Aydlott, A.M.
N.D. Laughlin, A.M.
A.J. Hays, M.D.
Miss Jesse E. Day.
T.B. McCartan.
DeLoss Smith.
W.A. Price, M.S.
Miss Clara Boles.
7. How many students enrolled in all departments during this first term?
Ans. 66.
8. To whom does Alma Industrial College and all its appurtenances belong?
Ans. It is a nonprofiting institution, chartered by the State of Illinois, for the Education of the common and poor people.
9. Then the College and its property does not belong to private individuals?
Ans. No. The Trustees are: W.S. Ross, President; W.H. Boles, J.W. Ross, L.C. Pullen, N.D. Laughlin, Sec. & Treasurer. Trustees are elected annually.
10. What property belongs to the College?
Ans. 300 acres of land, and the large college building, and a large printing plant, and the house, and two lots on which the printing plant is located.
11. Is the land and the printing plant paid for?
Ans. No. But \$20,000 would pay all indebtedness on the 300 acres of land, and the printing plant, and another one-hundred acres of land, which one of the Trustees is holding for the college. Then the college would have, all paid for, 400 acres of land and the best printing plant in Southern Illinois.
12. How much land does the college aim to secure?
Ans. All that can be given to the institution. Corn and oats, and wheat and fruit land donated to the college is equivalent to money, and a better endowment than money.
13. What is to be accomplished for the school by owning land and a large printing plant?
Ans. You see this is an Industrial College. The idea is to give employment to young men and women so they can partly work their way through school.

14. Are other industrial features to be added, and if so, what will they be?
 Ans. Yes, A brick and tile factory, A Canning factory, A Dairy, A Bakery, A Tailoring establishment, A Dressmaking establishing, And other things as they are needed.
15. Can anyone, rich or poor, enter Alma Industrial College?
 Ans. Certainly. Any young man or woman wishing to enter this college can do so any month of the year. And they can remain in the college as long as they study and deport themselves orderly. We want no idlers here. We want no students here who come to simply have a good time.
16. What is the entire expense for the regular college year of 40 weeks?
 Ans.

Tuition 1st Term, 15 weeks,	\$11.00
“ 2 “ 13 “	10.00
“ 3 “ 12 “	9.00
Total	30.00
Board from \$2 to \$2.50 per week, Take latter	97.50
Books, (at most)	10.00
Incidentals	23.00
Total Cost	\$160.50

- Letter writing paper and envelopes furnished free.
17. Can any one get through a years schooling on less than \$160.
 Ans. Yes. One can get a whole year's schooling for \$125. Board can be cut down 50 cts on the week. Book and stationary bill can be cut down \$3 to \$4. And the incidentals can be cut down, at least, \$5 and hence \$125 or \$130 should be ample.
18. Can a student possibly get through one year on less than \$125.
 Ans. Yes. You can rent a room, two in a room, from 25 to 50 cts each, and bach and thereby cut down expenses. In this instance you could get through on from \$80 to \$100 per year. Families can move here and erect, or rent, houses very cheaply, and send their children to school on a very small amount.
19. On what terms do the industrial students enter?
 Ans. Industrial students enter by paying \$160, cash, and bringing with them clothing, enough to do one year, and, some bed clothing. We enter into a written contract with them to take them through a four years course in 7½ months in each year and board, clothe, and furnish books, stationary, washing, ironing, (Except laundry), and tuition, without further charge except they are to work of Saturdays and during a four months and a half vacation. Arrangements are made for them to make up all the time lost by stopping school before the Spring term closes. Printers enter for \$120.
24. How many years does the Biblical Department embrace?
 Ans. We have two courses: Viz: First, an English Course (see large circular for outline of study) embracing two years. This course is for that class of students who aim to prepare themselves for immediate work in the Ministry. And while it is not thorough, yet it will enable the young preacher to do some good work. Second, we have a long course of study reaching through the whole classical course.
25. Do those preparing for the Ministry and S.S. work get a practical drill.
 Ans. Our aim is to make our work practical. Pastorial, Evangelistic and Bible School work are all to receive proper attention.
26. What are the chances for young preachers to get work among the churches where they can do good and receive compensation to help pay their way through school?
 Ans. They are good. There are over 200 congregations of the Christian Church within 100 miles of the college. A young man with zeal and fair ability, coupled with good judgement, can cultivate a good field in most any of the churches, in the villages, and country. Then again a system of tent

meeting work will be inaugurated under the direction of the President during the summer vacation that will give employment and practice for the young preachers. The president has been in the tent and camp meeting work for years and knows how and where to direct the work.

27. How large is the college building?

Ans. It has six recitation rooms and a chapel. 200 students can be accommodated.

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The thought of an industrial school at Alma originated with Mr. W.S. Ross, a graduate of Abingdon College, and pastor of the Alma Christian Church. The proposition was heartily favored by the community. Subscriptions were secured. Four acres of land were bought, and a good two-story, eight-room frame building was erected thereon. The title to this property was vested in a Board of Trustees.

The school opened in September, 1896. It was coeducational and aimed to help worthy young people to start well in life. An option on 420 acres of land was secured, and a printing-office was bought and installed in the building. The aim was to have the boys work part of the time on the farm and the girls in the printing-office, and thus pay part of their expenses. In addition to this labor, every pupil paid \$120 per annum. This work and cash secured for each and every pupil during the school year board and lodging, instruction and books.

Experience proved that the school could not be maintained on this financial basis. Appeals for assistance in localities from which the school was easily accessible met with meager responses. Debt accumulated; hence, in 1900, the school was discontinued. The property was sold, for public uses, for \$3,000, which was said to have been one-half of its value. All debts were settled. The average attendance during the four years was about one hundred per year. The men who served as head of the school or president were H.Y. Keller, W.H. Boles, A.A. Hibner, Clark Braden, W.B. Bedell, P.J. Dickerson and Thomas Munnell. Mr. Munnell died just before closing of the institution. His body is buried at Alma. This enterprise was most commendable.