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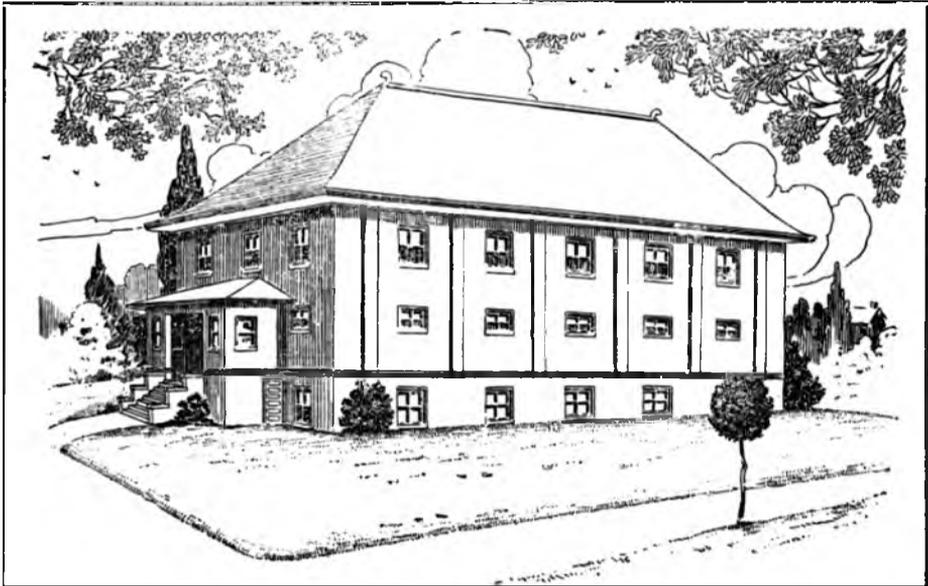
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CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION BUILDING AND GYMNASIUM.

Third Building of York College. Just erected at a cost of \$20,000.

The basement of this magnificent edifice was constructed several years ago and a temporary roof put on in order that the enclosure might serve for a gymnasium until something better could be secured. In this preliminary work the student body bore an important part, raising nearly a thousand dollars to purchase material and assisting in making the excavation.

Then, for a few years following, the financial efforts of the College were given to securing Endowment. Some twelve months ago, however, attention was again turned in the direction of further equipments, the completion of the gymnasium as first contemplated being the object sought.

As it had been several years since the people of York had been called upon to assist the College in a financial way, the President undertook the work of enlisting them in this enterprise. By personal solicitation and public address this was accomplished in due time and a citizen's committee organized, consisting of E. A. Gilbert, C. A. McCloud, Geo. W. Post, H. M. Childs, E. B. Woods, Geo. W. Neill, S. A. Myers, Geo. W. Shreck, L. S. Loomer, F. P. Van Winkle, N. A. Dean, W. W. Feaster, F. E. Valentine, Al M. White, T. E. Sedgwick, Dr. T. F. B. Smith, and Rev. G. Bennett. A banquet was held and \$5,000. secured, President Schell, C.A. McCloud and Geo. V. Post heading the list with \$500. each. H. M. Childs, N. A. Dean, and F. P. Van Winkle each followed with \$300. Space forbids giving the names of all the donors

hung a running track to be used also for a gallery. This track is five and a half feet wide and will provide ample room for two hundred or two hundred and fifty enthusiastic rooters who are always sure to be found at the inter-collegiate games. The wainscoting is five feet high. and above this the walls are finished with rough plastering. The floor is oiled and the woodwork throughout the interior is painted a light gray.

The building is exceedingly well lighted. both naturally and artificially. The main room is lighted by twenty-nine windows, fifteen above and fourteen below the gallery. They are of ample size, too, the upper ones being 4x5, and the lower ones 3x4. Below the track, there are ten large electric lights, four on each side and one on each end; above, are eight clusters of four lights each. These fixtures are strictly modern.

It seems that nothing has been omitted that could have added the slightest detail to either the convenience or appearance of this building. Indeed, it is the best built and most modernly equipped gymnasium in the state, and our students may be justly proud of this most valuable improvement to our college facilities

It is already partly furnished with apparatus and others will be added from time to time. It is to be fitted with Horizontal Bars, Parallel Bars, Flying Rings, Horse, Floor Mats, Indian Clubs, Dumb Bells, Wands and Punching Bags. Besides these it is supplied with all the necessary equipment for Indoor Base Ball, Volley Ball. and Basket Ball. Just at this season of the year, the interest centers around Basket Ball, but the floor will also be used for early spring training in Base Ball.

Thus it stand, a fitting monument to the progressive spirit of York citizens, the enthusiasm of the student body, and the tireless energy of the President of the College.

WHAT IT MEANS.

For weeks and even months we have been talking of the gymnasium, thinking of it, and wishing it were completed. Now our wish has come true. We have the gym. It stands on the campus with a stately appearance Yet what does it signify. Surely more than merely a place in which to play.

To the College it means three things—more students, a better reputation over the state and in the city, and an enlarged field of work. It means more students because there is always a class which is undecided where to enter-college. They have no special school which claims their loyalty and so the best equipped school gets them. This is especially true of High School students. They have been used to athletic equipment and they want to go where they have it, and this class of students is valuable to any school and we are fortunate to be able to draw them. It means a better reputation because a school is often judged more by its progress than its past record. If people see that York College is keeping up with the best in every line they will have a correspondingly high opinion of her. In York especially the people will rate the college higher because in building the building it is helping the town that much and the benefit derived is mutual. It also means an enlarged field of work. More students will be here under the influence of the school; and the course in physical training will necessarily be broadened and adapted to the enlarged opportunity.

To the Student it also signifies a number of things—better athletics, more enthusiasm, and more love and pride for our Alma Mater. It means better athletics because it will give greater advantages for practice. It will be more convenient and less time will be wasted going too and from the city gym. It is larger and has a better equipment than has heretofore been available. Also the increased capacity for rooters will be no small factor in making a winning team. It means more enthusiasm and college spirit. It will make it possible to have many class contest indoor meets. etc.

stead of the easy bunch which York used to be called, she has a team to be feared by the best.

The ('11-'12) team promises to be the best yet. The first contest with Kearney Normal was won by the score of 21 to 14. Better spirit has been shown by the students this year than ever before. With a team of all letter men York hopes to make a clean record this year.

—A. C. GRAHAM, '13.

THE CAPTAIN.

The Captain for the team of nineteen-twelve was elected by a large majority, in fact, he received every vote but one and that was his own. Every member of the squad decided there was only one man for the place and that was DeBord, better known as "Big Bill".

DeBord is an old foot ball player, having played three years on the York High School team before entering college. His success as a football player was due to his hard work and never-give-up-spirit that wins games. As a basketball player, he shows the same characteristics. Often when the opposing team is almost sure of victory, the Captain's encouraging words put new life into the team and the score soon changes.

He has perfect control of the team and every player looks to him as a leader. This is the spirit that should be in every team, for if the captain has no control over the team it will soon go to pieces.

DeBord has played basket ball only one season, but he knows every detail of the game and is rapidly improving. He is a good all-around man, has played every position on the team but most of his star games have been played at center. He weighs almost two hundred pounds but can jump with almost any center in the state.

The captain will do his best to make this team the best one that York College has ever put out, so it is up the team to back him up and do their part and we will close the season of nineteen-twelve with flying colors.

—ROSS WARE, '13.

THE TEAM.

In 1906, a few enterprising fellows got together and decided to have a basket ball team and play inter-collegiate ball. This team had just a game or so the first year and were pretty badly beaten; but these men would not accept defeat. They only worked the harder for a team the next year. Each year the team has improved just a little over the preceding team, until this, the 1912 team, which is the best team yet and has the best chance of any preceding team of winning

With six men in the squad, who have played inter-collegiate ball, and six or eight men who are making the old men work for their places, the prospect certainly looks encouraging.

The only thing that disappoints us, is the delay in getting the new gym finished. We put in six practices per week at the city Y. M. C. A., under the direction of Coach Osborne. The services of "Copper" Osborne a former York High School star, have been secured, and he is putting the squad through very stiff practice.

The old men who are playing are: Bowers and Ware, at forwards; Graham, Huffman and Nelson, at guards; DeBord, at center. Arnold, Gilbert and Porter at guards; MacDonald and Burt, at forward; and Rogers at center, are doing praiseworthy work and some very fine work will have to be done by the regulars to prevent them from claiming a place on the regular lineup.

Our schedule this year, is nearly the same as in former years. We play a game at home and a return game with Kearney, Cotner, Peru, Wesleyan and Hastings.



Y. C. BASKET BALL TEAM. 1911-12
 UPPER Row—Gilbert, Arnold, Huffman, Osborne (coach).
 LOWER Row—Graham, Nelson, DeBord (capt.), Ware, Bowers-

We have taken one game from Kearney Normal 21 to 14. Cotner, our next game, will be one of the hardest of the season. Cotner always puts up a good strong team, and as we made a good showing against them last year, we stand a very good chance this year. Peru has been weakened by losing some of her best men and we expect to take at least one of the games from her this year. Wesleyan is about as strong as formerly; but we hope to divide games with her also.

The York College team has always been able to take one game from Hastings, each year and this year is not going to be an exception to the rule.

Students, we have the best team in the history of York College athletics; one that is deserving of your support and respect. With your help, the finances are going to be the best ever, this year. Everyone get hold and push. We depend on you to help us make this a banner year. We have been greatly encouraged by your loyal support at our opening game, and we hope that you will all come out to the next game and bring someone with you. Don't miss a single game. Don't think you won't be missed. Anyone, who stays away is missed and their absence is felt by the team.

Everyone, all together, three cheers and a tiger for TheTeam.

—W. P. DeBORD, '13 Capt.

THE BUSINESS END OF THE TEAM.

Basket Ball is probably the least expensive branch of College athletics. The maintenance of the gymnasium and the equipment necessary for the game comes from the treasury of the college, and these are probably the largest items of expense. The cost of basket ball to the students consists mainly of the expense of the team while on its trips.

The following list of expenses will give the reader some idea of the cost of the game for this season.

Printing, \$8.00; Rent. Y. M. C. A. Gym. \$4.00; trips. (Cotner), \$24.00,

(Wesleyan and Peru), \$64.00, (Kearney and Hastings), \$55.00; total, \$155.00.

We cannot hope to get through the season with an expenditure of less than the above amount. If every student had taken a season ticket, our expenses would have been assured and a small amount left over to start base ball in the spring. But since not half of them took tickets there is still about \$75. to be raised, to meet the expenses of the team which will have to be met as the season goes on. Since there has been no athletic fee charged so far this year, the athletic association has no money with which to support basket ball and so basket ball must support itself without the help it has always been receiving from the association. We have sold 65 season tickets and in all have raised about \$75 toward the \$150. which is necessary to pay the expenses of our team. There still remains \$75 to be raised from single admission tickets to our four remaining games

This can easily be raised if every student will take an interest in the team come out to every game and yell himself hoarse in encouraging them to do their best, for a winning team is nearly always a paying team. When we have a game, talk it up to your friends and fellow students, get everyone interested, tell them they will never regret having spent a quarter to see the game. If they have not received the expected check from home, loan them the money—in fact, do everything in your power to get them to the game.

If you have any college spirit, try to give some of it to someone who has not been in school as long as you have and has not as yet gained that very important element which should fill every college student. We must have a winning team and a successful year and with the support of our students we will have both.

—RUBEN HUFFMAN, '12. Basket Ball Manager.

ATHLETIC NOTES.

This yell and others, old and new, rang out across the gymnasium of the City Y. M. C. A. Thursday night, when York met Kearney Normal in the first schedule game of the season. "Mack" proved himself a postmaster in leading the yells, having the vim and voice in just the right proportions: And everybody yelled, thats what counts.

Such enthusiastic rooting speaks well for the hearty support of the team in every game of the season. Help it on.

One fact was much in evidence the need of practice. The work of each man on the home team gave promise of greater development. The fast snappy team work which the team should have at all stages of the game was only occasionally displayed, especially in the latter half.

A scant hour's practice each evening is not enough to bring out the best that the team can do. The first team itself should have the floor at least an hour every day. When this time must be shared with the second team and when every fellow who reports for practice is given a chance to play the work of the first team is sacrificed very much.

Here's hoping for warmer weather, so that the plumber can complete the work on "our own" gymnasium.

Who says so! Everybody who was out for the opening game with Kearney. They showed the true college spirit by the way they sang the new college songs. By the way, those new songs sound fine. The girls gave us quality on the songs in lieu of quantity on the yells.

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Editorial

The time, toward which we have all been looking for several months, is now here. York College has her new, well equipped gymnasium and has a basket ball team on the floor. We are equally proud of each—Of the gymnasium, because it fills a long felt need and because it fills it so well, of the team, because we know that it is the best team we have ever had. And so it is with genuine gladness that we present with this issue the gymnasium and Athletic number of the Sandburr. May the athletic spirit ever increase and become stronger and truer, until we enter into every duty of life with the same enthusiasm and vim that fills the boys when the game is on.

This school-term has been characterized by a member of the faculty as "Harvest Time." A fitting expression, indeed, we think. The fall term is always a period of preparation, of getting acquainted, and of class and society functions. The spring terms work is always interrupted by the warm outdoors, the moonlight evenings and preparation for commencement. But right now is the time for intensive work. We are here for work. There is fun too he sure, but if it were not that we desired something substantial for life's foundation, we would not spend our time here. If we do not do intensive work now, we probably never will. And, as harvest time comes only once a year, so the winter term will soon be gone until next year.

It is a nice thing to have time to bunch up and "chew the rag." to play som'erset all afternoon and spend the evening at the Y. Al. C. A. or the res-turant. But the keen competition of the world is demanding the man that knows, the man who can make good on the job ; and unfortunately the arts of "chewing-the-rag," som'erset palying^(sic), and general congeniality are not placed at the head of the list of requirements "Think, brother, think." Is it not true?

At the meeting of the boys literary society for the election of officers and re-organization for the new term, only five collegiate men were present. This seems to imply one of two things. Either the majority of collegiate men

have reached perfection in literary work or they have lost the old-time spirit which said that the literary societies were fundamental student organizations and should be maintained, even at a sacrifice. The universal excuse given is that "I haven't time for Literary." We have 168 hours every week. The Literary Society work would demand two hours for attendance, and possibly one hour of preparation. Three hours a week; and yet we cannot possibly condense the work of 168 hours into three hours less. Has life become this strenuous with us? Are we rating in their proper order the value of each hour's work? And can we honestly say that every week we have 168 hours, each so full of essential duties, that we cannot condense them that much? Could we not cut out that one hour's social talk in the hall, or that thirty minutes spent in aimless thinking or even one hour of sleep and devote that time to a cause which is vital to ones self and to the interest of the school? Some one has said, "We will not find time for a good many things. We have to make time." The high standard of the Literary Society cannot be maintained when the men who have had three or four years experience drop out and leave the organization with so few old members. Some one stayed in the society in the years just past, possibly at a sacrifice to themselves, to keep high the standard of work that you might receive the benefit of a society which was efficient.

Is it square to drop out now, when you have received this benefit, and leave the next hunch of men without that influence and leverage which only experienced men can add to the society? Such action savors of the "quitters."

"Men whom the lust of office does not spoil;
Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy;
Men who possess opinions and a will;
Men who are honest; men who will not lie."—
Selected.

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"Hit the line hard; don't foul and don't shirk, but hit the line hard."—Theodore Roosevelt.





Literary



A BASKET BALL TRIP.

It was a snappy cold morning, with the thermometer standing at zero and the ground covered with snow, nearly a foot deep.

Everybody in the dormitory of Dover was hustling about very excitedly. Much laughter and glee was mixed with their excitement, for the Basket Ball team was preparing to start on its first trip of the season. Of course, they must take a crowd with them—so all the girls were anticipating a great time.

The players, Mary, Jane, Gladys, Beth, and Kate, were unusually cheerful, for they felt quite confident that they would win the game on that evening at Strang: especially so, since they should have such good support from the rooters, for they knew the ability of this happy crowd.

About train-time, the students left the dormitory and marched to the depot singing their college songs and waving pennants as they went.

It would be useless to attempt an explanation of their parting from the students, who, because of studies, must stay at home and be as cheerful as possible.

On their journey, the members of the team proudly told how they would play and what wonderful things they would do; while the rooters praised and assured them of their success and faithfully promised them all the aid they could give by strong and steady service.

When the train stopped at Strang about three o'clock in the afternoon this merry crowd was greeted by another, equally as happy and in a short time each went with one of the Strang girls to her home.

The game was posted to begin promptly at seven, for a short reception had been planned for the visiting team and rooters, who must start home on the train, leaving at ten-fifty that night.

Accordingly the game began promptly and oh! what a game! Each team had been well coached and they showed it very plainly. Strang was the first to make goal and in spite of the best playing on the part of the Dover team, they could not get a head of Strang. Several times they tied, but that was all. When the first half ended, the score stood eleven to nine in favor of Strang.

The girls from Dover had done their best, as they thought, and it had been of help but now they firmly resolved to do better, and the team?—They conversed a few minutes, then promised their assistants that if they did not win this half, there would be something wrong somewhere.

When the whistle sounded, all went to their places with a determination to succeed, and this half was even more exciting than the first had been.

For some time neither side gained a point, when suddenly Mary made the goal from the field. Now they were even. Such cheers and applauding as there came forth has never before or since been heard within those walls, and I doubt if anything more exciting ever occurred.

New energy took possession of the Dover team and after considerable strenuous playing, the faithful and energetic center, June, made the goal from the field. Just then the whistle sounded and the game ended with a score of twenty-one to nineteen in favor of Dover.

Oh! What a joyful and hilarious crowd of girls! After all, the suspense and sometimes doubt, they had won the game.

One thing which made them all happy was that no one had been hurt. Each team had played fairly and there was no ill feeling toward the other. Of course the defeated team felt somewhat dismayed but no one would have guessed it from their actions.

In due time the reception took place. It was a fine gathering and every one seemed to be having "the time of her life" as in fact she really was.

That evening the girls took leave of their Strang friends, feeling in the best of spirits and having had a delightful trip, even if it was unmercifully cold.

It was a very tired, yet exceedingly joyous crowd that landed at Dover and was met by an expectant group of fellow students, anxious to hear all about the game.

There was great rejoicing at the College the next day for their Basket Ball team had beaten their strongest opponent and one that had over powered them for many years. Now they stood a chance of winning the State Championship.—
RUTH LOOMER, '13.

YORK 28: COTNER 34.

In the hardest fought basket ball game ever played upon the York floor, Cotner University won from York College last Wednesday by a score of 34 to 28. From the minute the whistle sounded until the pistol shot stopped the game the playing was fast and hard. The crowd was good and the rooting above the standard. Few fouls marked the game and it was free from any contention and quarreling. As for as being a good game to watch, it has never had an equal in the history of the College.

At the end of the first half the score stood 17 to 21. When the second half began the York boys played like demons and in a very few minutes the score was a tie. Then it began to see-saw. York leading and then Cotner, until the score reached 28 points. At this juncture time was called for a few minutes and when the game started again the fates favored Cotner and in the remaining time she ran up six tallies. Although hard and rough there was no "dirty playing" on either side.

Capt. DeBoard played center through the entire game and he seemed to be everywhere with the ball. For a man of his weight his activity was wonderful. Bowers and Ware as forwards played star games. Although Chas. was shorter than his guard he more than made it up by quickness and pure strength. Ware played the game of his life. To see him handle his husky guard made us wonder what brand of steel his muscles were. Nelson and Huffman as guards also were playing their best. Nelson seems to have found a barrel of ginger somewhere this year and he is certainly using it. His plays were fast and sure. Huffman also had a big man to handle but he was right there all the time. His old wrist movement is still with him. and to see him pull down his forward and get his ball, makes one know for sure that size is no test for power. Ruben played the game hard and fast. Graham was in the game for only a couple of minutes at the end but even in that short time showed his old form of playing with a forty percent. addition of ginger.

We lost the game but we are sure proud of our team. It wasn't because we were out played, but because the game stopped when it did. If it had stopped a little earlier York would have won and she might have done so if it had lasted a little longer. Just a little hard luck was all. But when we play Cotner the next game,—watch the returns. Our chance for state championship is sure fine so far and with increasing practice it must be ours, for we've sure got the team that can get it.





Societies



Y. W. C. A.

The Y. M. C. A. spirit has been revived splendidly after a two weeks vacation.

The last meeting of the year 1911, a Christmas service, was successfully led by Nina Francis. It was a beautiful service for the real true spirit of the topic, "Peace on Earth Good Will Toward Men," seemed to reign supreme in the minds of all the girls present. A solo, "The Savior's Invitation," was most beautifully rendered by Miss Ruth Loonier and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Monday, January 8, 1912, was the first Y. W. C. A. meeting of the new year. It was a very touching service and will be remembered a long time by every girl. The topic was, "Our Best Possible Self," and Mrs. Carpenter, the leader presented it in a splendid manner. Special music was in abundance that afternoon. A trio composed of Misses Laura Anthes, Alma Stall, and Edna Spar, gave us a beautiful selection. Then at the close of the service a solo was given by Blanche Gilmore.

Those members who are working in the campaign for new members remember that the diplomas will soon be ready. The degrees will be given as follows:

One new member—a B. S., (Better Searcher), degree.

Two new members—a B. A., (Better Asker), degree.

Three new members—a Ph. D., (Phenomenal Discovery), degree.

Seven new members—a, Y. W. C. A., (You Win Clear Ahead) degree.

Girls get busy these diplomas are very unique and well worth having. You may be the one of those who will be entitled to a Y. W. C. A. degree.

Y. M. C. A.

After a good vacation the Y. M. C. A., held its first meeting of the new term on Monday Jan. 8th. Rev. A. Ritche of the First Christian Church gave the address on the subject, "The Distinctive Message of Christianity" Mr. Ritche is a University man and knows the problems of student life and the talk was a practical one and one which appealed to men. Forty fellows were present at this meeting. The male quartette sang and the song service was accompanied by the violin and cornet.

The Budget money which was subscribed last term is being paid up in a loyal manner. Finances in the Association are in better condition now than they have been for some time.

Mr. E. S. Turner, the state Student Secretary, was here Monday, Jan. 15th. At a meeting of the cabinet it was decided to hold a series of three men's meetings in the A. L. S. Hall on Jan. 29, 30 and 31. These meetings will be held at 4 :30 and Mr. Turner will be here and will give an address at each meeting. Every fellow in school is wanted at these meetings, They are designed to better the condition in school life and to help each individual man. And say, we're expecting to see you there.

The College Y. M. C. A's. of the state will hold their conference at Doan College, Crete, Nebraska, on March 8, 9, 10. This meeting will take the place of the state convention. A fine line of speakers has already been secured. York ought to send twenty men to this meeting. Let's get up a delegation that will surprise the state committee.

PHILOMATHEAN.

The outlook for the Philos for the new year is very promising. The

unusual interest of the fall term is maintained if not increased and the girls are re-entering into the duties of the Society with zest. The revised constitution has changed the number of elections for the school year from three to two thus corresponding with the semester plan, and causing the officers elected for the fall term to hold their offices until the close of the semester.

The dialogue given at the last meeting of December was heartily appreciated by the Society. Such productions are always enjoyed and when given occasionally furnish a pleasant diversion from the regular programs.

The program for January, the fifth, was postponed until the evening of the twelfth in order that the members might attend the debate held at the Amphyction Hall. A unique program has been planned for the evening of January the nineteenth. It is based upon the familiar "Mother Goose Rhymes."

It has been rumored that the Philos will have something of especial interest occurring sometime in the near future. Just what it will be is not to be disclosed at present but all are anxiously waiting for the portentous event.

AMPHYCTION.

The first meeting of the A. L. S. for this month was especially well attended, nearly every seat being taken. The girls society visited ours this evening which accounted for the large number.

At the second meeting the election of officers took place. The attendance was not as large as usual on account of the weather, but the business moved off in its regular way. The result of the election was as follows: President, Paul Porter; Vice president, Ray Brownell; Rec. Secretary, Mr. Heinz; Treasurer, Kern McConaughy; Censor, Robert Weller; Cor. Sec'y., Seth Jacobson; Chaplin, A. W. Vannice.

These officers are installed at the following meeting. During the business meeting it was decided to have the piano tuned and the broken key repaired. Also the draperies are to be cleaned and dyed which will greatly improve the appearance of the hall. Several other important matters of business were taken up which will be announced later.

Remember, fellows, united effort brings positive results. Be in your places at every meeting. Don't miss one. Franklin says, "Seest thou a man diligent in his business, he shall stand before king." To the new students I would say, get into the society. We need you and you need us. If you are backward and timid or feel that you can't do anything, you are just the fellows we are after for we can help you. We also assure you of our sympathy and aid. Come and join the society. "It is better to fail trying, than to fail to try."

VOLUNTEER BAND.

The regular meetings of the Band have been held the past month with little variation. On Friday afternoon at 1:10, we meet in our room, and after a circle of prayer, in which every member takes part, the remainder of the hour is spent in discussing topics of interest and reading the regular book for sudy. We are also keeping in touch with the progress of the revolution in China.

Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Mohler, missionaries in Puerto Rico, who spent their furlough in the Western States, left us several relics for our room. Among the things are a musical instrument resembling a violin, a bowl and a spoon made from a gourd, a mat on which the Porto Rican people sleep, samples of food and grains, and a broom. With the exception of the grains, all the articles mentioned were made by the natives.

Some plans have been made for holding outside meetings during the winter, and arousing more interest in our work.

DEBATE AND ORATORY

It happened on the evening of Friday the 5th of January. What happened? Many things, but especially this: the preliminary for the Campbell—York debate. In one way, if no other, this tryout was more successful than has been the case heretofore. Really it was a surprise. The Amphyt-con Literary Hall was completely filled with students and patrons of the college. This was in marked contrast to all three tryouts of last year, in each of which no one was present except the contestants and the judges. The large attendance was due, no doubt, to the fact that the debate was a regular part of the Amphytcon Literary program and that the Philomathean dismissed and joined with the Amphytcon.

At this preliminary there were but four contestants. This was entirely enough to make up a team but not enough to manifest an enthusiastic spirit in debating work. There should have been twelve or fifteen contestants. Those who tried out were Mason, Weller, Buswell and Soper. The places rank thus: Soper, first ; Buswell, second; Weller, third ; Mason will be substitute. The judges upon this occasion were all faculty members, comprising, Prof. Blinn, Prof. Adams and Prof. Sherwood. Roy Gilbert, newly elected as president of the association presided.

As far as we know there are two who have signified their intention of entering the state oratorical contest. Of course only one of these can represent York in the state contest, so a local contest will be held before long to decide who this will be. Maybe by the time this occurs there will be more enter the contest. Students, if there are any of you who even think that you can orate get to work, write an oration and get into the contest. The only way that you can find out your ability over others, is to do something that someone else does and beat or get beat. This is an infallible proof. Try it and see. Think of this also: "The fellow who never made a mistake never did any thing." It may give you more selfconfidence and a deeper conviction of your duty.

G. Y. P.

For two causes the activities of the G. Y. P. Society have been temporarily postponed. The first reason is that the argument propounded by certain students in the joint literary debate on College Fraternities has produced a curious effect upon the G. Y. P. high chief. She seems to be almost persuaded that Sororities may not be the best thing for York College after all. But the second and most active reason is that there has been some discord among the members themselves. It seems that at the last feed which the G. Y. P's held one of the honorary members was overlooked and by some curious oversight no oysters were saved for him. In wrath at this unprecedented action vengeance was avowed. As a result a new organization has sprang up taking for its symbol the Greek letters K. I. D. This new K. I. D. organization was organized only after long consultation and forethought by the leaders. Their society is bound together by the most solemn bonds, and eternal vengeance has been sworn toward the G. Y. P. bunch. Active hostilities will commence in the near future, and the diabolical plots will probably be only surpassed by those of the McNamara's in California.

The above article was found on the editors desk the day before this issue went to press. It would seem that only the immediate disbandment of the G. Y. P. band, which we know is composed of eight young ladies of the college, will prevent hostilities. Students are petitioned to use their influence with the leader of this organization.



Locals



Miss Gertrude Chittick of Streeter, So. Dakota, has been visiting friends and relatives in York for some time.

Miss Ester Anthest an old student of the college, visited chapel on Jan. 16th.

Chas. A. Bowers is gaining the reputation of being a good basket ball referee. On Jan. 13, he accompanied the York High School team to Lincoln where he officiated in the game against Lincoln High School.

Who says Ross Ware and Wm. DeFord are not grafters? On those bitter cold mornings, those poor substitutes who delivered the papers for "Bones and Bill," froze their ears, eyes nose and teeth, and yet Ross says he cleared ten cents a morning. A good business proposition, eh?

Miss O. Connell, Rural Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., gave a most interesting talk in Chapel, Dec. 13th.

The State Inspectors, Supt. Bodwell of Beatrice, Supt. Waterhouse of Fremont and Supt. Fisher of Aurora visited the College a few days before Christmas vacation.

The Trier Concert and Opera Co., the third number of the Y. C. Lecture Course, greatly pleased the large audience which came to hear them.

Was that a new girl that Mason took to the Letcure, Dec. 8th?

Monday, Dec. 4. Secretary Switzer of the Central City Y. M. C. A. and Secretary Rose of the Grand Island Y. M. C. A., adressed the students at Chapel.

Prof. Gregory, the State examiner of training, visited the College, Dec. 7th.

On the morning of Dec. 11, Prof. Weller, at the close of the 9:25 period, read a few pages of Josh Billing to his American History Class. It was greatly enjoyed by all if laughter was any sign.

On the afternoon of January 4, a reception was given to all the Y. C., girls by the Y. W. C. A. Everyone enjoyed the afternoon thoroughly. The most amusing game played was Rabbit.

On Saturday evening, Jan. 13, the Christian Associations, gave a reception to all the students. After a short program, refreshments were served and games were played. We were very glad to see so many new students there and also to meet again so many who have been students in former years.

At the joint meeting of the Christian Associations held Jan. 15 at 4:30, E. S. Turner, State Student Y. M. C. A., Secretary, gave a most helpful talk. The speaker impressed one with his earnestness.

Miss Hazel Holt, a former student is visiting in York a few weeks. We are very glad to see her again.

Pres. Schell spent Sabbath, Jan. 14, at Broken Bow, filling the pulpit both morning and evening at the United Brethern church.

The G. Y. P. Band has postponed its plans until there is a rise in the thermometer. They are not dead but almost frozen.

Pres. Schell attended the Nebraska Pioneer Teachers' banquet at Lincoln on Jan. 16. He began teaching in Jefferson County, Nebr., at the age of 15.

One cold morning recently when the wires were very frosty. Prof. Weller, while talking to Jennie Johns over the phone said that he heard a rooster crow very distinctly and he has been wondering ever since if it could have been Jennie's cultured voice.

Some recent advice given to Jennie Johns was:

"Huffman is well,
But you can do Weller."

On the evening of Jan. 4th, the junior class held a surprise party for their President, Clifton Graham. A generous oyster supper was provided

and everyone did his share on the eating, even though the Y. W. and Y. M. receptions had served their refreshments only an hour or two before. The occasion of the surprise was Mr. Graham's 21st birthday. After the supper a few members of the class had a little interview with Clifton in the kitchen and started him out on his 21st year in the proper manner. The party was held at the home of Mrs. Bowers, at which place Mr. Graham rooms.

The First German Class has organized a chorus under the leadership of Prof. Blinn. Miss Myres takes the lead in the bass division. On account of the agonizing sounds which leaked through the doors into the halls, the chorus has been prohibited from further practice in the building.

Sedgwick Howe did not go to the fire the other night when the whistle blew about 1:00 a. m. Even though it was about 23 below zero, Sedgwick is to be complimented on his development of self-control.

The Seniors still maintain their high standard of scholarship, in spite of their many class functions.

Nelson looking happy again. It was a lonely month he had last December.

Sterl Austin has been compelled to give up his work at Y. M. C. A. treasurer on account of ill health. Mr. Austin underwent an operation for appendicitis last month and has not yet fully recovered his strength. Ashbel Vannice has been elected treasurer in Mr. Austin's place.

Victor and Roy Rogers seldom go out together of evenings any more. Sad when brothers part company like that, isn't it?!

A religious campaign will commence at the college church on Jan. 28th. The work of preparation has been under way for some time and the workers are thoroughly organized. Plan your work so you can attend these meetings.

The bells of 1911 have ceased their ringing since we last came forth and the distinct ring of 1912 strikes our ears. We were nearly all at home dur-

ing the holiday season and there we could resolve anew for 1912. Perhaps we all have made new resolutions and are tasting their fitness and our will as the term rolls on. Welcome 1912. May you be as happily spent as another year.

Several items of importance date back to 1911 and the fall term. The Joint Literary program was held in the chapel Thursday, Dec. 14. The program was made up of musical and rhetorical number. The debate on secret societies in York College was especially interesting.

The Y. W. C. A. girls sold candy before and after the joint literary program Dec. 14.

Eugene Bishop spent his Christmas vacation in York. Bishop seems to return his alma mater more than any other of her (Y. C.) children.

Tinker Graham and John Howe left for their southeastern homes Dec. 14. They had great times along the Missouri and have both returned to Y. C. to finish their educational duties.

Miss Nellie Holt spent her vacation in St. Joseph, Mo., visiting her aunt. Her sister, Miss Hazel returned to York after their visit in St. Joe. Miss Hazel Holt will remain with her sister for a short time.

Prof. Vera Blinn spent her vacation in Holton, Kan., and Kansas City Mo. Wayne Soper returned to Broken Bow for the holiday vacation.

Guy Buswell missed the last week of the fall term. He was working in the drug store of Cowell & Felton's aiding in the Christmas rush.

Several new students entered the Commercial department before the holiday season.

York College vs Utica.

Capt. Debord matched a game with Utica city team for his huskies who remained in the city during the holidays. The trip was made in automobiles. The score was 47 to 32 in favor of York. Debord, Ware, Bowers Gilbert, Huffman, McDonald and Rogers were the men taken down.

Effie M. Cline, Y. C. '11, routed for her alma mater during the Utica-

York game. Miss Cline is teaching in the Utica public schools.

Two practice games of basket ball were played during the vacation. York Business College and York High School vs Y. C.. Both games resulted in a victory for Y. C..

Wm. DeBord visited friends in Wood River during Christmas vacation.

Miss Hazel Hedbloom spent a part of her vacation in Omaha.

E. E. Newbold who is attending military school at Fort Crook visited home folks during the vacation. Edwin was one of our number last year.

The student body was filled with basket ball enthusiasm, Jan. 9. The chapel hour and the following period was given over to the committee. Guy Buswell had charge of the meeting. He lined the basket ball team up on the front row and demanded a speech from each. Then new songs and yells were tried and learned and season tickets sold.

York College basket ball team has again entered the Y. M. C. A. city league. Both the first and second teams will contest for places. Team and individual prizes will be awarded again this year. Two games have been played one being a victory for Y. C. the other disputed as to final result.

Several new type writers have been placed in the commercial room to accommodate the increased numbers of that department.

The Nebraska Collegiate Oratorical Association will hold their contest in Grand Island, Feb. 16. York gets the convention and contest next year.

Nathan Banks has again enrolled with us. Going to school is better than husking corn he thinks.

"Bud" Gilbert has civil service examinations on the brain so badly that he can not sleep at night. At any rate he does not sleep but spends his idle hours running to and from—you know.

On Jan. 6, Reno B. Welbourne, the scientific lecturer, entertained a large audience in the opera house. Mr. Wellbourne is a scientific investigator of prominence and his almost incredible

experiments were enjoyed by all who saw them.

Will somebody explain why Roy Gilbert was so gloomy during vacation

On Jan. 11, York College defeated Kearney Normal by the score of 21 to 14. The game was close and marked by close guarding and by few spurts of real team work. The score at the end of the first half was 10 to 10 but in the second half York was at no time seriously in danger. Bowers and DeBord played their most consistent games. The feature of the game was the goal throwing of "Swede" Nelson, who played left guard for York. At times, Kearney's team work was good but her greatest difficulty was in finding the baskets. York competely out-classed Kearney in field goals, getting eight to the "normalites" four.

A bursted steam pipe caused the adjourning of morning classes on the 15th, as the rooms were quite cold.

Everitt E. Link is still loafing around making life miserable for his friends. At present he is staying at the City Y. M. C. A.

Emmett Osborne, better known as "Cooper" has been coaching the college basket ball squad. Of course his work in the post office makes it impossible for any regular time but still he has generously been with us on several occasions. "Copper" is an old Y. M. C. A. man and knows the game from A. to Z.

Ruth Schell has been wearing an especially wicked look for the last few days. Be on the watch for a stunt, for that is a sure sign that something is going to happen.

Jennie Johns says that there is good coasting on the hill out by her home. Ruben confirms the report.

A men's Glee Club of 17 voices has just been organized by Miss Strickler. Under such a leader the organization cannot be other than successful. We certainly appreciate Miss Strickler's interest in college music and we will look for something good in a short time.



Exchanges



The December number of many of our exchanges not only reflect the Christmas spirit, but are devoted to athletics as well. They review the football season, recount the victories, and defeats, give the standing of each school with respect to the others as far as football prowess is concerned, and hint at the enthusiasm for basket ball which is to follow this season.

One of the December "Wesleyans" contains a cut and description of their new gymnasium which has recently been completed, and which was dedicated on the twenty-seventh of Nov.

The "Doane Owl" for December is decidedly athletic in spirit. No phase of it is neglected from the football design on the cover, the record of the football team, and the pictures of the players, to the writeup of the football banquet, and the tribute to the scrubs, the yell master, and the rooters.

The "Cresset" published by the Lutheran Ladies' Seminary of Red Wing, Minnesota, is a very attractive paper. Its cover and department heads are neat and it contains some good material.

An article entitled, "The 'Kid-Wedge' Type", appearing in the December "Normalite" of Peru contains some practical ideas upon the connection between the attitude of a student in his school life and that of his life after leaving school. The number contains a great variety of alumni, class and local notes which are, no doubt, of much interest to those connected with the school. A better exchange column one which contains something more than jokes, would be helpful.

Bellevue's "Purple and Gold", contains an extended write-up of the football games of the season with a tribute to each player of the team. Its editorial on "Unity" contains many good thoughts for students in general. It states that what is needed in a student body is, "frank, outspoken, friendly opinion" and not, "undiscriminating

condemnation.

"The Hebron Semester" of Hebron, Maine has many good characteristics. Its exchange notes are well written.

"The Hastings Collegian" for December is interesting with a good literary department and much athletic news.

The January, "Stylus" of Sioux Falls College, South Dakota, devotes a page and a half to items of interest concerning the large colleges and universities of which everyone knows.

The weekly "Antelope" of Kearney Normal contains a talk on "What is Education" which was given by Gov. Aldrich. Another number of this paper quotes an article from "The Daily Nebraskan" making special note of the fact that the Nebraska Wesleyans will not, in the future engage in inter-collegiate games with the normal school of the state. This decision was made by the Wesleyan athletic board, the difference in entrance requirements being the reason given for the rule.

The cover design of the Christmas "Monmal" is neat and in keeping with the season of the year.

The Leander Clark "Owl" contains an editorial on the advisability of the school instead of a society publishing their college paper. Leander Clark has two publications, each put out by a society. It seems to us that they are advocating the better plan, for a paper put out by the student body as a whole would voice better the sentiments of the school, than one published by a society, however broad minded and unprejudiced it might be.

In looking over the exchanges one finds that the same jokes appear in many different papers. There is no objection to this for a good joke is worthy of repetition. However a few of the writers of the humorous columns, neglect, when the joke is not original, to designate it as such by marking it "exchange" or "selected", thus giving credit where credit is due.



THEIR LATEST GAME.

A busy mother, who was distracted by the noise in the nursery hastened to the room and said to her little daughter:

"Minnie, what do you mean by shouting and screaming? Play quietly like Tommy. See, he doesn't make a sound."

"Of course he doesn't," said the little girl. That is our game. He is papa coming home late, and I am you."—Selected.

Willie, aged five, was taken by his father to his first foot ball game. The extent to which he was impressed did not become evident until he said his prayers that night. Then to the horror of his parents, Willie prayed:

God bless Papa,
God bless Mama.
God bless Willie:
Boom! Rah! Rah!

During an exciting game of base ball a player had two fingers of his right hand badly bunched up, and on his way home from the grounds he dropped into a doctors office to have them attended to.

"Doctor", he asked anxiously, "when this paw of mine heals will I be able to play the piano?"

"Certainly you will," the doctor assured him.

"Geel! you're a wonder, Doc. I never could before."—Ex.

The lad was sent to College,
And now Dad cries "Alack!"
He spent a thousand dollars,
And got a quarterback.—Ex.

"Urgent" was written on her card, and the attractive young lady was shown into the consulting room of Sir Chopham Fyne, head of the famous surgical hospital in Splintshire.

"And what is the matter with you?" said the great man.

"I wish," she answered, to become a nurse in this institution." The surgeon tapped a thoughtful tooth with his lancet. "First one question. Have

you had any experience?"

She dazzled him, with a reassuring smile.

"Experience," she cried. "I should just think so. Two of my brothers play football, another has tried to cross the channel in an aeroplane of his own make, Mother is a suffragette and Father keeps a motor car."—Ex.

"How iss your boy Fritz getting along in der college?"

"Ach! he is half back in der football team and all der way back in his studies."—Ex.

Team Work.

A man stopping at a country hotel complained to the landlady the next morning that he had fleas in his room.

"Fleas, repeated the landlady indignantly. "I haven't a single flea in my house."

"No," said the man. "I believe that I'll wager they're all married with large families."—Ex.

He was trying to explain her first baseball game to the girl of his heart when a quarrel broke out on the diamond.

"Why, what the matter now, Jack?" she asked. "Who is that man they're all quarreling with?"

Jack.

"He's keeping the score," replied "Oh," said Grace with illumination. "and won't he give it up?"—Ex.

A map of hair his head doth grace.
Five dozen scars adorn his face.
On both his ears and nose, he wears,
Obstrusive guards, and so prepared,
To meet his fellows in the fray.
Beneath his pads and sweater, play
A wealth of muscles, some folks say,
Let's hope 'tis truth, for I'll be bound.
Lest he he spattered on the ground.
He'll need 'em all his pad and
strength.
E'en though the game be short in
length.

Right good at breaking bones is he,
O, who can this fierce fellow be?—Ex.



Alumni



Miss Effie M. Cline, '11 was exhibiting her old time smile in the city of her Alma Mater at Christmas time. Because of an early return to her duties in Utica H. S., she was unable to visit college.

Wm. C. Noll, '11 and wife, Blanche Bagg Noll, '09, were in town at holiday season and made the old chapel a visit on opening day, Jan. 2. They are at Fairmont where Wm. C. is principal of the schools.

It is not too early for Alumni folks to be planning a little visit to the old campus at commencement time. Certainly if it was ever worth while to visit it every day for years in pursuit of things worth while it is no less a privilege to come back occasionally and breathe in a few draughts of inspiration. Yes, college is still running there. They didn't stop it when you

and I finished and are probably working up some raw material equal in quality to any which ever shed its ignorance there in years gone by.

Doubtless the campus can never again appear to be quite natural to those of by gone years. The old hog back heating plant house is no more and in its place stands a neat and spacious gymnasium built of fine brick and constituting an attractive and useful addition to the college yard. Those of us who missed out on it can console ourselves by telling them "how it used to be" and congratulating the student body upon its fortunate position. And if things don't seem quite right as we come on to the campus we can remember that Columbus wouldn't know a steamboat from a cash register. "Has beens" with "has beens" must flock.

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