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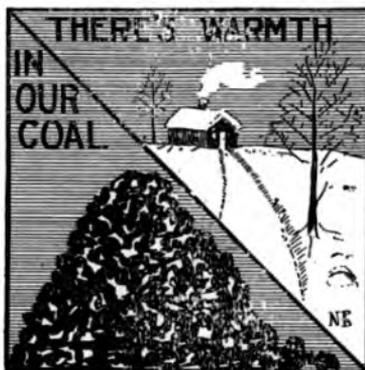
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Literary

THE RELIGIOUS SIDE OF COLLEGE LIFE.

Prof. Vera B. Blinn.

The term, education, has been given a multiplicity of definitions. The distinctive aim of the public school system, and of the colleges and universities of any country is necessarily colored by national characteristics. Hence, our definition, depends upon our point of observation.

Spencer believes that the function which education has to discharge, is to prepare us for complete living. But this is vague and uncertain; for it only leads us to ask, "what is complete living?" and this will vary according to ideals and circumstances. W. T. Harris tells us, that education is the preparation of the individual for reciprocal union with society; the preparation of the individual that he can help his fellowmen, and, in return, receive and appropriate their help. The ultimate aim, then, of education is character building. And character is not something apart from knowledge and skill, but rather a capacity and disposition to turn one's knowledge and skill to good account for human well being—it means such development of hand, head and heart as will prepare a man to serve his fellow, to bring out the best that is in him, and to fulfill the will of the Creator.

Our only logical conclusion can be, that the purpose of a college is to give not merely intellectual instruction, but to furnish such environments and influences as are inviting and conducive to the formation and growth of strong character. In a Christian college, furthermore, every department, when fulfilling its highest function, merges into

religious education and converges in the character of the Man of Galilee.

Religion, however, is, at the least, an unreal thing seen apart from life; and, it does not attract, but rather repels young people unless they know it through its expression in strong and winsome Christian people. The very first requisite of a college, with such a purpose as we have defined, is that the faculty be composed of men and women of strong Christian characters. No matter whether he be a professor of science or philosophy, of mathematics or history, of literature or of the languages, above all, he should embody in his own life as fully as possible the Spirit of the Master Teacher. College professors make their greatest impressions, not by the things they say, but by what they live. For "I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."

The student who comes to college, comes with religious views that have been taught him from his birth. He comes with a religious attitude, more or less stable. He comes, true to the faith of his mother, only to have that faith shattered by the why and wherefore. He no longer accepts unquestioningly the dogmas that have been taught him. He inquires into things for himself, and seeks to understand and fathom the mystery of life. This natural period of inquiring will result in skepticism unless he is guided by strong and steady hands.

Not only does the faculty play an important part in the religious life of the college, but the religious and moral

life of the student body, as a whole, moulds and shapes the religious life of each individual student. No student leaves the college, on the completion of a course, with exactly the same religious attitude that he had upon entering. It is urgent, then, indeed, it is imperative, that in the religious life of the student body, the best rather than the mediocre shall find expression. In other words, at the end of his college course, the great aim of the college will not have been realized, unless he holds for himself certain well-defined views on the fundamental truths of Christianity. He must give a personal answer to the question, "What think ye of Christ?" He needs that vital belief in the Christ, not merely as Teacher, but as very Lord of life.

The greatest factors in this religious life of the student body are the Christian Associations. The most fundamental mission of the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. is to bring together students, who, though belonging to different denominations, have a common belief in Jesus Christ; and to unite those students in working for the bringing of their fellows to an acceptance of Jesus Christ as Savior. At the same time, loyalty to an interdenominational organization

only serves to make one more increasingly loyal to his particular church, to which he is indebted for his early religious education and inspiration.

Christ came to give the abundant life, and life as He used the term, means the whole range of human experiences, interests and activities. He comes thus to enrich and enlarge, and it is in association with Christian fellow students that this large life is first brought to the individual. His self-hood is enlarged by means of his widened interests, and he loses himself in his services to others. Within the Association, the rich and varied life of the student body finds a congenial place of fellowship and the largest opportunity for individual growth. It is the peculiar task of the Christian College by its inculcation of high moral ideas, by its cultivation of religion pure and undefiled, to produce men and women who will give their lives to the great tasks that are awaiting accomplishment. Christianity is a religion of spiritual power, and the individual whose life is hid with Christ in God and who inwardly reveals to the world life divine will reveal to the world Him who said "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life."

THE CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION AND ITS PLACE IN A COLLEGE COURSE.

All organizations and movements have their mission to fulfill; so, too, the Christian Association. How much good has been accomplished by them, how many young men and women have been saved from utter destruction and ruin through their influence. The Associations are scattered all over the U. S.; they have even penetrated China, Japan and some of the other foreign countries; but we can best judge what they are doing for the world, by seeing their influence here at home in our colleges.

What a blessing the devotional meetings are! Many times when a student is discouraged and attends these meetings, he is reminded of the Great Helper, who is always present. He is bene-

fited and goes away, feeling that he is not alone, that there is a Father in Heaven, who keeps a watchful eye over him. His confidence and trust in God are strengthened and he goes forth with new hope and brighter prospects for the future, for he realizes anew that, "What e'er befall him Jesus doeth all things well."

But not only to the discouraged ones, are the devotional meetings a help, but often the heart of one who does not yet love Christ has been touched and brought into the fold. How sacred is the remembrance of such a day to many of us! How we rejoiced to see one of our fellow students take the step and begin to love and live for our Redeemer. And we have watch-

ed the progress of these. We know how their heart burned with the love of God, but on account of timidity hesitated to express it. We noticed how they became stronger by hearing the testimonies and prayers of others and then they took the courage and gave their first testimony or offered their first prayer in one of the Association meetings. Ah, yes, many a battle has been fought, but also many a glorious victory has been won in a Christian Association meeting.

Let us for a moment look at the benefit we may receive in taking up the Bible and the Mission Study offered by the Associations.

Is it not true that "our hearts burn within us", when we study God's wonderful plan of salvation? We realize more and more how clear human beings are to the heart of the Creator. Some how the Kingdom never seemed so large and the King of Kings so great as it does after studying about it carefully. What a wonderful book the Bible really is! We read and re-read the same passages and still there is something and reviving in them every time. The more we read, the more we learn God's will and plan for each individual, and a prayer arises within us that we may not fall short of doing anything what God may have in store for us to do and that our life may not be a hindrance to some other life that is yet unsaved. By further study we see what compassion Christ had when He saw the multitudes, who were as sheep without a shepherd, and by living close to Him, we too, may receive this passion for souls.

Another phase which is given is the Mission Study. We never realized before we took up the study, with what a very small part of the world we are acquainted. Our view has been so

narrow. How little did we think that while we are resting, there are hundreds of people on the other side of the globe, who are laboring and toiling; many of them under a burning sun; but what is worst of all with a heavy burden on their heart, and knowing nothing of Him upon whom they can cast all their cares! We look at the world in an entirely different light, and a vision comes to us of the great field in which we can work and how great a responsibility for our fellow-men rests upon each one of us.

The Christian Association fills a great place in our Colleges. It is, so to speak, a safe guard of Christianity which helps the student over that period, "when he knows so much that he doesn't know what he does know." Many questions that arise concerning spiritual things are answered here; doubts must flee and the light of God shines into our hearts anew and makes us happy. We can hardly realize what the Association means to a College or University. Sometimes it seems that it accomplishes only a very little; but if on the other hand it would be extinguished we would find our College and Universities to be of an entirely different type. It is because of the influence of these Christian Associations that educational institutions send out so very few skeptics and unbelievers, and so many Christian workers, workers developed in spirit, mind and body, ready to go forth to work in the vineyard and with unceasing labor. So let us not ask, "Is it worthwhile to work in the Association," but trusting in Jesus Christ for strength and guidance let us put our enthusiasm and efforts into it, and we too will share in the blessing which has come to so many other Christian Association workers.

—LYDIA SCHAUM '13.

"He whom temptation never has assailed,
Knows not that subtle sense of moral strength,
When sorely tried, we waver, but at length,

Rise up and turn away not having failed."

"He who has lived most is not he who has numbered the most years, but he who has been most truly conscious of what life is."



Y. W. C. A. CABINET.

Much of the success of a Young Women's Christian Association depends upon its cabinet. It must be one which can plan and execute wisely the necessary work of the Association. Our cabinet is one which has striven conscientiously for the betterment of our Y. W. C. A. It is composed of the President, Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer of the Association together with the chairman of the various committees.

Mrs. Carpenter, as president, has been most efficient in leadership. She has the interest of the Y. W. C. A. entirely at heart and devotes much of her time and energy to the work of the Association. She is wholly unselfish in her aims and work, planning to leave the affairs of the Y. W. in as prosperous a condition as possible for the new cabinet which must take up the work next month. Mrs. Carpenter has the admirable faculty in one of leadership, of being able to obtain the co-operation of those with whom she works.

Miss Ruth Schell, as vice-president, and therefore leader of the membership committee has succeeded, especially in the suggesting and carrying out of the membership campaign which has been one of unusual success.

Miss Lydia Schaum is chairman of

the Bible Study Committee and more interest has been aroused in that study this year than formerly. The classes are being taught by Mrs. Weller and Mrs. Feemster and the books studied are, "The King and His Kingdom," by Veach, and "The Gospel by John" by Adams.

The Social Committee under the leadership of Miss Sadie Beaver has been a more important factor in the Association this year than ever before.

Miss Nellie Holt, as chairman of the music committee has provided inspiring music for practically every meeting throughout the year, thus adding much to the interest and helpfulness of the meetings.

The other members of the Cabinet are Blanche Gilmore, secretary; Jennie Johns, treasurer; Gertrude Shafer, Corresponding secretary; Zula Johns, Chairman of the Mission Study Committee, Georgietta Steven, Chairman of the Room Committee, and Eva Stuckey, Chairman of the Devotional Committee.

We think, the Cabinet as a whole is a good one, but it could not have brought the Association to the success it has attained this year, without the sincere co-operation of the Committee members which each of the cabinet girls has had.



THE Y. M. C. A. CABINET.

The cabinet is a large committee, whose duty it is to superintend the general interests of the Association. This executive force consists of the elected officers and the appointed chairmen of committees, the duties of whom are to stimulate interest in the several departments.

The president has general supervision, and it is his duty to appoint the chairman of each committee. Upon him, in a very large measure, rests the success of the association. This office has been creditably filled during the past year by Mr. Mason. To a large extent the gratifying results of this association year have been due to the untiring efforts and wise discretion of the members of the cabinet, the personelle of which has been especially strong.

Mr. Porter has served as secretary, and has proved himself to be a reliable and efficient member of the cabinet, always ready to assist in any work that is for the advancement of the Y. M. C. A.

Mr. Sterl Austin was compelled to resign his position as Treasurer on account of ill health, but his successor, Mr. Vannice is a most enthusiastic worker. By virtue of his being treasurer, he is also chairman of the Finance Committee, whose duty it is to devise plans for raising the regular budget and securing the necessary

funds for carrying on the work of the Association. One budget this year is \$150., all of which has been secured by personal pledges from the students.

The Social Committee has supervision of all social functions, and its work is by no means to be depreciated. Besides this special duty, it is its responsibility to conserve and foster the "best" rather than the "good" in the social life of the college men. Mr. Ray Arnold is chairman of this committee. Mr. Arnold is qualified for this position.

It is the duty of the Music Committee to provide music for the regular devotional meetings. Mr. Wayne Soper has this in charge, and our sessions have been helped in no small degree by the inspirational music.

Perhaps the most important departments are those of the Bible Study and Mission Study. Mr. Davidson directs the work of the Bible Study, whose business it is to organize and maintain Bible classes, and to urge upon the members of the Association the keeping of the quiet hour and the habit of daily Bible Study. The duties of the Mission Study Committee are very similar, organizing classes in the study of both home and foreign missions. A steady and energetic worker, Mr. Robert Weller, oversees the work of this department.

Mr. Roy Rogers, as chairman of the membership Committee, has the real

practical work of the Association in hand. About fifty college men are members at present.

The Devotional Committee is largely responsible for the success of the regular weekly meetings—in securing leaders, choosing topics for study, and in general, in having under their care

the cultivation of a religious atmosphere not only in the Association, but in the w110-1e -school. Guy Buswell is deserving of the credit for the inspirational meetings, and as chairman of this committee, and by his own life and religious attitude, has proved himself an able leader among the college men.

THE VALUE OF BIBLE AND MISSION STUDY.

The most charming language of all literature is found in the Bible. Here is found the answer to every serious question a man can ask ; here his mind is refreshed by recitals of historie's most important epochs; here the information as to whence he came and why he is here, where he shall be through the cycles of the eternal ages; here is poetry and drama, far surpassing the masterpieces of Milton and Shakespeare; description that Byron, Whittier and Tennyson could not equal; character sketches Conan Doyle, Dickens or Hawthorne could not approach; language so tender with love and freighted with hope, the most despairing mortal takes heart and plods onward with renewed courage; messages so pointed, the sluggard takes up again his discarded life's task; sentences so drastic, the strongest and most sin hardened tremble. Characters immortal are sketched on the curtain of time by an invisible spirit in color of deepest hue, that, dissolve again to leave only the moral' of the soul's relation to God as the cause, effect and end of the image.

Written by a large number of men, and extending through more than two thousand years of time; it is a work that will remain when all transitory things .have passed away. Moses at the head of the Israelite camp in the wilderness, wrote its opening chapters; and was succeeded by warriors, who fought valiantly for righteousness, whose deeds are recorded here. The home life of God's chosen people is described, Shepherds come from the sheep cote to sing and play for the amusement of kings and their poems become immortalized. The wisdom of

their sages are recorded as proverbs for unborn generations. Prophets, like meteors, flash upon the sin darkened shy, and remind idolaters that a jealous God looks with contempt upon their sacrifices; they fortell causalities that shall follow unless the people repent of their wickedness.

Christ the perfect man—God's ideal man—is given as a pattern for the faithful to follow, he becomes God's sacrifice to reconcile us unto Himself; the culmination of God's wooing and our hope of salvation. A perfect Church Discipline for all men in every age is found in the Gospels and the writings of the Apostles, John, the Disciple whom Jesus loved, while an out-cast on lonely Patmos, wrote the last pages of the Word that shall never die.

Who would not wish to become acquainted with this marvelous Book? It is a library of a single volume, so small it will slip in a man's coat pocket, or a woman's handbag; embracing the wisdom of science the charms of harmony, the passions of human hearts, and the love of the Eternal God.

Mission Study is a further dissertation on the Bible. It is the effect of the Bible upon individuals and upon nations. The noblest characters of all time have been those sublime spirits whose lives, uplifted by the messages of the Bible, have pressed its claims upon leperous lives and transformed them by its magic. Of all biographies the men of missions must be given first place. Their sincere devotion to truth, they love—aye, their passion so intense, that they utterly abhor self's every claim to home, companions, and all life's endearing opportunities that they may be privileged to go to the

rescue of perishing millions, would induce us to nobler lives.

Would you relish a bit of romance? Then read how some man born and reared perhaps in obscurity, educated by contact with life's problems, ennobled by fellowship with Jesus, in a land where an alien, he spends his days in strenuous labor and untiring nights of vigil, sowing the seed of the Kingdom.

Though surrounded by perils of every conceivable sort he fearlessly pursues his way. Rebuked, he answers kindly ; forgotten, by old associates after a final plea for assistance, he comes to rely on his own resources and his God.

Mission Study is at once a study of History and Custom, Geography and Geology, Botany and Zoology, and Sociology and Economics, as well as Religion. There is nothing narrow about this great theme. It is the applied, consecrated and sanctified result of Bible Study. Whatever the

curriculum of a school may contain or omit, no person can afford to leave these two most valuable studies out of his life's preparation. One must be well acquainted with these two subjects in order to be a well educated person.

Every student in York College should enroll at once in one of the two men's Bible Classes under Prof. Adams or Mr. Davidson whose enrollment contains twenty members; or one of the two women's Bible Classes under Mrs. Weller and Mrs. Feemster with an enrollment of thirty ladies. Girls enroll for Mission Study under Mrs. Weller and Miss Zula Johns; there are about fifteen in these classes. Prof. Weller teaches the Men's class of ten members.

Are you in your niche? Are you preparing for it? Then let these studies be part of your equipment whatever you expect to do or be.

—RUTH E. CARPENTER, '12.

THE COLLEGE MAN AT CASCADE.

The Y. M. C. A's. of our colleges and universities are usually student organizations. They are backed by regents and faculties but the work and progress of the associations are left to the student bodies.

The national secretaries saw the great burden and responsibility resting upon the college men and organized schools or rather conferences where the college leaders and prospective leaders might go and learn from the experienced great of ours and other nations.

Several of these great schools have now permanent homes in the land. We, because of the division lines are members of the Cascade, Colorado conference. Many York College men have attended this conference and the efficient association is the logical result

The Y. M. C. A. with its three-fold purpose, if it is properly and shrewdly managed, is one of the greatest institutions for religions and moral training ever organized. It has been criti-

cised however by theologians and churchmen for its lack of zeal and its tendency to move away from its chief purposes. The summer conference cannot be assailed for that respect. It is three-fold and purposeful in every department.

A faculty of very learned men, some lawyers, ministers, professors and others are engaged to lead classes and do individual and personal work. The spiritual side of association work is especially well treated. First of all, the morning watch and the quiet hour are required. Great lectures each day on religious vexations and questions and heart to heart talks on life-work etc., build up the spiritual nature. Bishop McDowell was perhaps the greatest leader along that line in the faculty.

For the less interested moral student the conference is also a pleasant place. It awakens his interest and zeal and it also teaches other great lessons besides bible truths. The social and economical questions of missions are studied.

The bible as history and literature only is studied. And the intermingling of man with man affords a pleasure for all. To any average man the third phase of association work, athletics, are enjoyed either by taking part in them or by witnessing their execution. The athletics of the summer conferences are the best possible. They represent real sportsmanship and are in the first class

because of the number of competent men enrolled.

Hundreds of collegiate men are students at these summer schools. The conference is an up-to-date, live organization for practical, college men and many such men are seizing the opportunity yearly.

CHAS. A. BOWERS, '13.

Y. W. C. A CLOSES MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN WITH BANQUET. All But Four Girls Now Members of The Organization.

Monday, February 5, was a great day in the Association, for at 4:30 in the College chapel, the girls who had been working in the campaign for new members, were rewarded by receiving their diplomas, which conferred upon them the degrees they had earned by their efforts. Fourteen diplomas were given, the highest degree M. A. (Master Asker) being given to Miss Agile Sinamark, who succeeded in getting three new members. Every girl worked hard in the campaign and the Association was greatly benefited by their work, for twenty new names were added to our roll. This makes the membership number sixty-one and we now have every girl in school in the Y. W. C. A. but four.

Mrs. Carpenter, the president presided at this meeting and gave a hearty word of thanks to the girls. A beautiful vocal duet was given by the Misses Lydia and Emilie Schaum. Mrs. Oeschger of Cotner University was with us and gave us a few splendid words of commendation and impressed on our minds very strongly the benefit of the Y. W. C. A. to every girl. She told us why we should work for the Association that we might be a progressive instrument in God's hand to build up the Kingdom of Heaven here on earth.

Some of our city friends were present whom we are always glad to have with us. At the close of the services in the chapel, everyone was invited to the Philo Hall where a banquet was already spread in honor of the new girls and in honor of those girls who had worked so diligently to secure the new

members. Sixty-two people sat down to a three course supper which was served by the Cabinet. After the delicious banquet, toasts were given by Mrs. Weller, Miss Blinn and Mrs. Caster, which were spicy and interesting. Miss Strickler favored us with a beautiful solo. The girls all declare that they had a very pleasant hour.

The Y. W. C. A. is not a dead organization nor is it sleeping for a great many interesting things have come to pass in the last month.

On Jan. 15, the Y. M. C. A. invited the girls to the chapel that they might hear Mr. Turner, the Student Secretary. It was a splendid meeting for Mr. Turner gave us a most impressive talk on the "Missionary Spirit." He brought to our minds the great need of men and women who would sacrifice their all, and go to the foreign lands that those in darkness might be shown the light.

Monday Jan. 22, was our Mission Rally Day. Mrs. Weller led this rally. The purpose of it was to show the girls why they ought to take Mission Study. The leader gave as the main reason, that the girls might know the conditions that exist among their sisters in the lands beyond the sea. She said we owed our thanks to those who worked as missionaries and raised the standard of womanhood in this land of America, altho this has always been a free land yet womanhood was never so revered as now. It was not until a few score years ago that women were educated for people thought it unnecessary. Thus we girls who are blessed

with all these grand privileges should learn the condition of the girls of other lands and by our best possible means aid in educating and christianizing them. All of the girls present were convinced that they should take Mission study, no matter what the cost of time or labor.

Jennie Muir led the devotional service on Monday Jan. 29. The topic was, "The King's Daughter". It was a beautiful service for Miss Muir present-

ed the topic in a splendid manner and she accomplished the purpose of it, which was to show how each girl might become a daughter of the Great King.

On Tuesday Jan. 30, the Y. W. girls gave a noon day luncheon in Miss Blinn's room. The menu consisted of sandwiches, coffee, salad, doughnuts, pickles and pie. A jolly time was had and quite a profit was realized by the Y. W. and we wish to thank those who patronized us so willingly.

Y. M. C. A.

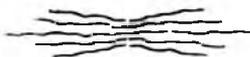
Ray Arnold could not be present at the meeting of February 5th, so he asked Prof. Weller to lead in his place. The new gymnasium was a drawing card for many of the men besides those on the team, so the attendance at Y. M. was not up to the standard. However the subject for the day was a good one, "Life Principles". The leader emphasized the importance of young men, especially college men, getting a firm grip on true life principles, early in life. In the general remarks following it was asked how a young man may know, with certainty what are the true life principles. This led to the discussion of some things taught in 'Evidences of Christianity,' which were interesting, indeed. All who were present seemed to enjoy the study of the topic for the day. The college man of today has convictions. It is therefore highly important that he should know the true life principles and inculcate them in his life.

A splendid body of young men filled the Amphiction Hall, at the association hour, Monday, January 29.

E. R. Turner, the state secretary of the College Young Men's Christian

Associations was with us, beginning a three days series of meetings. The one thing Turner emphasized in his earnest address was the fact that anything which is not used loses whatever strength it already has. This law applies just as truly to the powers of a man's soul, as to those of his mind or muscle. He told of men he had known who made no use of their religious nature, and thereby lost all power, apparently of religious activity. The Y. M. C. A. orchestra played at this as well as the other meetings of the series.

At the last meeting of the Y. M. C. A., Feb., 12, Chancellor Oeschger of Cotner University was present with the inspiration of his life and thought. His theme was the "Price of Power." To gain power he said, we must meet the conditions, & pay the price. The conditions were four, a self-surrendered life, separation to the work God intended we should do, identification with Christ's cause, and communion by prayer and the study of God's word. "As you identify yourselves with a noble cause, you will gain power." His address was very earnest and impressive.



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Editorial

The staff takes great pleasure in presenting this, the Christian Association number of the Sandburr. Each student activity should find expression through the columns of a college paper, and we think that there is no other college organization more deserving of extended notice than these two religious associations. Very few students graduate from college without having been identified with and taken interest in one or more organizations, but far too many fail to realize that a college course is incomplete without the development obtained in the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. But we would not have our readers think that even a small part of their influence could be learned from the few facts given in the various articles in this issue. It is difficult to conceive or even to imagine just what a college would be without a Christian Association. It determines the religious tenor of the entire student body and moulds the religious life of the individuals.

Don't he a mugwump or a tightwad, either,

Whom are you going to vote for this fall? The members of the Sandburr staff are unable to come to any agreement as to their political beliefs and party alliances. Only this we know—six of them are woman suffragists and the other five are too young to have any very sane views on such subjects.

At the Cascade Summer Conference one year, one of the speakers in his address, used this word—"Sanctifigump-tion". There's a whole lot in it.

Some people get credit for what they don't do.

COLLEGE PARASITES.

There are trees, like the butternut, which impoverish the ground; but the olive tree enriches the very soil upon which it feeds. If you will look about you in college and in other spheres of life, you will find that the natures of people are as unlike as the butternut and olive trees. There are persons who are so cold, selfish, and absorbing that they chill you with their presence.

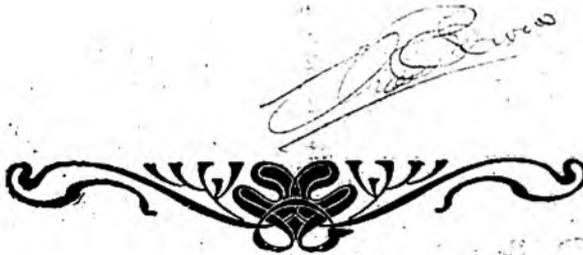
How different from these are those in individuals. whose spirits radiate sunshine and gladness wherever they go, and who are always willing to give the best they have. The longer we live, the more convinced we are that there are a good many sponges in the world. We don't believe that York College is entirely free from them, either. There are some students who go to college to drink in all the good things they can—they want to be sure to get their money's worth. They can cheat in examination or ride a pony, and congratulate themselves on their ability to get ahead of the teacher. They feel that to attend a recitation is to bear weekly a terrible punishment inflicted by a merciless professor. They are willing to be benefited by the good moral and Christian influences of college life, but they will not join the forces that help to make this pleasant condition of things. They wouldn't join society for fear it will take a little time or extra energy, and yet they stand around and tell you how you ought to manage your organizations. They study and recite with a class occasionally flunked, and hang around the college, then say they are getting a college education. The only thing they are willing to do, is to gorge of the good things—they miss the whole aim and purpose of college life and don't know it.

In the month of February, we are called upon to rededicate ourselves to the unfinished work of our two foremost Americans. Now, we should firmly resolve to give increased devotion and loyalty to the memory and purpose of Lincoln and Washington. What better way to celebrate the anniversaries of the birth of these two men than in the perpetuation and realization of the great motive power of their lives as "Honest Abe" expresses it, "With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widows and orphans ; to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations."

As this issue of the Sandburr comes the same week as the Campbell-York debate the Associate Editor has planned and managed this number. The Editor-in-Chief was too busy thinking debate to attend to the paper.

Poem for Edi. filler.

"The struggling tides of life that seem
In wayward, aimless course to tend,
Are eddies of the mighty stream,
That rolls to it appointed end."





Societies



PHILOMATHEAN.

The Philomathean Literary Society is wide awake and doing things.

The remodeled Constitution is now in the hands of the printer.

The society work is at present conducted on the semester basis. The officers are elected to serve for eighteen weeks instead of eleven as formerly. Friday, February 9th, was the time for election. The following people were elected for this term of office:

President, Evangeline Myers.

Vice President, Nellie Holt.

Secretary, Lena Johnson.

Treasurer, Bina Sidwell.

Chaplin, Hazel Johns,

Corresponding Sec'y, Nina Francis.

Chairman of Program Committee,
Ruth Schell.

Sargeant, Mae Rodabaugh.

Critic, Prof. Mrs. Weller.

Pianist, Mae Brownell.

Chorister, Josephine Epley.

These ladies will take the oath of office Friday evening, February 16th.

The attendance so far this year has been very good. The interest taken in the work is due to the fact that the programs have been exceptionally fine and well rendered.

The censor, Georgietta Steven, who now goes out of office is to be highly commended for her excellent work. The programs have been well prepared, and beautifully decorated. The art work has been done by Miss Bess Olmstead, we wish to take this opportunity to thank her for her services.

Begin to get ready now to attend the play which will be given in the near future by the P. L. S. girls.

Keep up the good work girls, better attendance, better programs hence a better society.

Come girls and join our band,
We'll sing thruout the land ,

Loyalty, loyalty to the P. L. S.
Where the boys' banners float,
We'll send this bugle note

Loyalty, loyalty to the P. L. S.

AMPHICTYON LITERARY SOCIETY NOTES.

The newly elected officers for the year took up their work enthusiastically, which is a good omen of a progressive term of literary society. Our new Censor has shown his skill in arranging good programs, that have meant much to increase the interest.

A campaign for securing new members has been on, but on account of the many other absorbing interests, it did not result in many new additions to our ranks.

The last session was ideal in one respect at least, in having every number of the program filled by those assigned to the place, which should be the rule and not the exception.

There is still some room for improvement in the A. L. S. even though it

has been doing good work. There should be a wave of enthusiasm sweep over it that will cause each member to redouble his efforts to make this the banner student society ni York College. There should be a greater pride in each member that will inspire him to put forth his best -efforts to make each session a success.

No member should ever be absent unless from an unavoidable cause and if he must be absent when on the program, hs should secure a substitute to take his place.

New society song books, with true college ring, would acid much toward interesting the large number of boys, who seem to be asleep as to the inestimable value of a literary society.

These books should be purchased at once to help induce more life into the ones, who attend our meetings.

Any organization must reach out after new things if it would keep abreast with the progressive spirit, and our society too should seek more men methods and try new schemes of enlisting a greater interest toward this important student organization. Every male student who enters our halls of learning

should be made to feel that he is making a grievous mistake if he does not join the Amphictyon Literary society and do a number of years earnest work in her sessions, for it is here that he gets a training that develops him for the stern realities of life. Then let our aim be—every man in College an active member of our beloved literary society.

DEBATING AND ORATORY.

If all other associations of the college are just a little inactive at this time of the year, the Debating and Oratorical Association is not. This is the busiest time of its life. With the State Oratorical Contest, which occurs Feb. 16, at Grand Island ; the Campbell—York debate which take place on the 17th; and that large sumptuous banquet following the debate, it can be noticed that the members of this association have plenty to do. We are sorry that the Sandburr can't be delayed a few days in publication so that all these big events and their outcome could be put in this issue. But unfortunately it will be in the press at the time these are transpiring. But there is another publication next month in which they can be thoroughly detailed.

The debating team has been especially busy for the last two weeks. There is a vast amount of work necessary in preparing debate of this kind. Those who have never tried it cannot realize this. It means practically the suspen-

sion of most of one's school duties plus all the social functions which he had intended to enjoy. So if you have chanced to meet two or three fellows in the hall carrying a haggard look and a most serious expression, remember that they were members of the debating team.

This debate with Campbell is the only intercollegiate debate that York will have this year. It is to be regretted that more could not be held. But no other delegates were especially anxious to get into the fray and the present team did not wish to carry off the honors, so that no more debates were planned.

At the State Oratorical contest York will be represented by Wayne Soper. This occurs Feb. 16 at Grand Island. In last year's contest, York received last place in respect to honors. We would certainly be pleased if this could be raised somewhat, this year.

PROHIBITION LEAGUE.

Little has been said or heard of the Prohibition League since the second publication of the Sandburr. Of course York is a dry town and no actual activity along that line is, possible. But don't think that the league is dead beyond resurrection yet. There is still a class studying a helpful and interesting book in connection with the league. This class is taught by Prof. Weller and well deserves the good name that it has.

One of the league's traveling secretaries, Leon A. Moomaw, visited the college a short time ago, this at which time he gave a very interesting talk in Chapel on one of the chief issues of the saloon problem. We, living where no liquor is sold, sometimes forget that there are thousands of places where it is; and even though it affects us but little, it does affect the nation of which we are a part. For this reason we ought at least to have a passive interest in prohibition work,

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The second semester of this year started Monday Jan. 29. Several new faces were seen about the halls. After a brief interview with Pres. Schell each student began his work for the last half of the year.

A brief service at the Chapel hour was held in the new gymnasium on Monday Jan. 24. This was an informal opening of the new building. Several songs were sung and devotional service consisting of scripture lesson and prayer.

The first work in the gym started Monday evening Jan. 29. About thirty men appeared on the floor for basket ball. The idea of being in our gym and the sight of the men eager to learn basket ball was certainly an inspiring spectacle to all. And not only were the boys awakened but also the girls. They appeared on the floor after the supper hour and about fifteen were lined up for work. Miss Hazel Holt has been coaching the ladies team and with the practice and experience they have had they are making good in every respect.

Prof. Vera Blinn organized a Young Woman's Band in Lincoln Feb. 4-12.

The Y. M. C. A. with the aid of State Secretary Turner conducted a three-days religious campaign. Mr. Turner spoke each evening in the Y. M. C. A. Hall. The campaign was a success in toning up the spiritual life of the men in school,

COTNER 54, YORK 24.

The basketball team, accompanied with twenty loyal rooters left for Betheny, Jan. 21. After playing Cotner so close at home, York hoped to play her another close game. After some little rivalry in cheering, the game was called. The first half was

close and fast, the score being 14 and 10 in Cotner's favor, at its end. After the usual intermission the game was resumed but the Cotnerites started out at a neck-breaking pace and soon had piled up a very comfortable margin. After the first three minutes the game was about even but the York team was not able to overcome the lead gained in beginning of the last half. The game ended 54 to 24 for Cotner. Although we lost the game, the trip was enjoyed by team and followers. Both were well treated by Cotner. York always receives fine treatment from Cotner.

The following people went with the basket ball team to Cotner, Misses Eva Myers, Nina Francis, Johnson, Blinn, Loomer, Merchant, Holt and Bohner, and Messrs Merchant, McDonald, Buswell, Smith, Bernard, McFadden, Comiskey and Howe.

The Y. W. C. A. served dinner in Prof. Blinn's room on Jan. 30th. The good eatables and the hungry, happy men made the affair a success.

The student body was lined up on the campus, a few days ago, before a photographers machine. Nearly every student in school was in the picture. This one is to be different than those of former years as all the buildings and the entire campus are shown.

Mr. Harry Arnold, international secretary of the Y. M. C. A., spoke at the College church Jan. 28. Mr. Arnold was a very able speaker and gave us two fine sermons. Mr. Arnold is the son of our pastor, Rev. G. W. Arnold.

Rob't Weller acted as principal in the Shelby high school, for the week Jan. 19-25. We missed our Bob but learned that he was held in the same high esteem which we hold him,

Messrs Getty, Myers, Wells and Misses Williams and Conway accompanied the York crowd to the Cotner game. All of these persons were students at Y. C. last year and are now attending the state university. Mr. Myers was especially able to appreciate the game as he played with us against the fast Cotner bunch last year.

O. E. Nelson, our mighty swede, surprised the students one morning last week by handing in his text books and "quitting" school, as he expressed it. He doubled or better quadrupled the surprise of the morning in the evening by his marriage to Miss Lucy Schell of Y. C. - We expected fast things of Mr. Nelson in basket ball but hardly expected so speedy a match. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson left for Omaha the same evening. Although we regretted to lose Swede from our team yet we take this chance of congratulating both parties and we wish them a very happy life.

Our basket ball team was not spared by the loss of one, Nelson, we were doomed yet to lose another, Graham. During a practice game on Saturday Feb. 3, between the first and second teams, Tinker Graham tore the ligaments of his left wrist. We hoped the injury would not result fatal to his further basket ball work, but found out that he was out for the season. Tinker has been our stand-pat guard for four seasons and we regretted very much to lose him, His wrist is improving and he will be in fine shape for base ball. These books infuse.

Claude Burt visited relatives at Clay Center, Fehr. 10-12. 1912.

M. O. Arnold visited Y. C. Feb. 3. He pronounced the gym great and also said he expected to be with us next year and finish his collegiate work in '13.

Two new men have been worked into the regular basket ball squad since the loss of our guards. V. Rogers and Bud Gilbert. Both are doing good work. Ray Arnold has also worked

with the first team but we hardly consider him a new man as he has been sub for the season.

Blanche Bohner, over telephone, "Hello, Mother? Say, would you advise me to—" (blue penciled by editor). Miss Bohner's acts have been very commendable and we don't understand the objection to our item.

Miss Ruth Loomer was ill with tonsillitis a few days last week.

Word was received last week of the death of Chancellor Emertus Huntington. Although not personally acquainted with him, yet we know of his great work in Nebraska Wesleyan University and we express our sympathy to faculty and students of Wesleyan in the loss of their ex-chancellor.

Several boys enjoyed a feast on the morning following the ladies banquet in the Philo hall. The dainties were supposed to be hidden but a gentleman who was handy-man in the hall last year retained his key and we entered easily. The marshmallows and sandwiches were fine and we advise the ladies to banquet each week and allow us to repeat the stunt.

The Y. C. Team has dropped out of the City League. The reason for so doing was because of the inter-collegiate rule. We are expected to play inter-collegiate ball against our state colleges and we could not practice and play inter-collegiate ball and then turn and play by the other rules and do ourselves justice. No hard feelings are held against the Y. M. C. A. league and its officials.

On the evening of January 23, the young ladies class of the U. B. church entertained the young' hen's class at the home of Mrs. E. F. Bowers. Being leap year, the ladies of course had to do the escorting and asking the latter considered the more difficult. Twenty-five couples were present and the most enjoyable evening for four years was

spent. Games were played until a late hour after which refreshments were served.

On Jan. 8th, Hastings College defeated our warriors in the new gymnasium by the score of 28-13. The game was fast and rough but void of spectacular plays. Bowers started the scoring for York in the first few minutes by throwing one of his fancy goals. Three new men were worked in this game, Arnold playing forward for one half, Gilbert playing guard for a half and Rogers playing center for the last ten minutes. All did remarkably well. The Hastings team outweighed the local lads almost ten pounds per man but in floor work York outclassed them, the greatest weakness being the failure to get the goals at the critical moment. Ware played the star game for York, getting four goals, while Schisster and Runlop did the best work for Hastings.

"Tige" Wells spent several days, visiting old time friends about the college. He still has his familiar bark and growl, his chief characteristic, you know.

Robert Davis, a former student of York College and Miss Stella Stuckenholtz, both from Julian, Neb., were married on February 7. The Sandburr extends heartiest congratulations.

Ralph Mapps visited chapel on Feb. 13. Ralph was a student in the commercial department for several years.

Pres. Schell addressed the School Masters' Club in Lincoln, lately. We have received many congratulations on our president's address there.

Chancellor Oscherger, of Cotner University led the Y. M. C. A. meeting Feb. 12. He also spoke in chapel on the 21 of January. He gave us two very fine talks. Visit us again Chancellor.

The year 1912 brought with it many happy times. Among these leap-year-parties are first. The first French class

recently entertained the advanced French class at a leap year party. The party was at the home of Miss Eva Stuckey and about twenty guests were present. Progressive som'erset followed by dainty refreshments speak of an evening of glee for all.

Ray Arnold has been elected manager of the baseball team. The season of the big mitt and pitchers speed will soon' be here. Several line-ups for the coming season have been planned and we expect to appear in base balldom fighting hard.

Our pastor, Rev. Arnold, has been seriously ill for two weeks. At times he has been almost beyond recovery but is now slowly improving.

The Preps and Freshmen clashed in a double-header basketball game, Feb. 13. The Freshmen girls and Prep. boys were victorious. Quite a few rooters enjoyed the games and we will watch for other inter-class contests.

Tho' the roads were bad and the weather was cold, the Fourth Year Preps assembled at the College at 7 o'clock on the 29th of Jan. and walked to the home of Gertrude Shafer to hold their first social function of the year. Jolly games were played such as the entertainment committee knows how to plan, after which an excellent oyster stew was served. It was almost Tuesday morning before the class bade their hostess good night, and started for town, with the memory of another pleasant evening in their minds.

The big event of Jan. 17 was that Miss Agnes Merchant' and Mr. McDonald, two distinguished Sophomores, occupied the seat in front of the Seniors at Chapel and tried to look wise.

On Jan. 15, the fifth number of the Y. C. Lecture Course was given by Skovgaard with his thirteen thousand dollar violin. That his musk was appreciated was shown by the reluctance of the audience to leave when the curtain went down.

Mr. Porer is taking a post-graduate course in Botany this year. His specialty is the Fern.

After Literary, Jan. 19, the G. Y. P's went serenading on East Hill. Unusually sweet and harmonious sounds filled the air for a while. At Bachelor's Hall, especially, they were given a most enthusiastic reception. The one who was visiting there that evening gave appreciation. It is said that the water demonstrations of his thorough appreciation. It is said that the water pail was entirely empty the next morning.

The sixth number of the Y. C. Lecture Course, Edwin R. Weeks Company, came on Jan. 22. They gave a varied program and their humor was irresistible.

Victor Rogers and Agnes Merchant Impersonators and Entertainers, Office—the third floor. Manager, Prof. Adams.

Blanche Gilmore (translating in De-Amicitia): "Too intimate. friendships must flee." Mrs. Weller: "That sounds like an elopement."

Sometime ago Prof. Sherwood was asked the botanical name of a whale. Altho' a science teacher, he evaded the question by answering that they belong to the family of quadrupeds.

Have you noticed that Ray Brownell has ceased to look blue?

Jennie Johns: (walking where it was icy) : "I just now slipped behind two feet."

I wonder why Miss Francis sings, "Love Me and the World is Mine," so much lately.

Why do some boys wear their hats at an angle of 75 degrees? Because they, would fall off if they wore them at 76 degrees.

A Junior Girl "Laughter is catching."

1. Sing a song of taffy,
And a bunch of G. Y. P's, The
whistle blowin' six o'clock,
And a borrowed ring of keys.
2. A match to light the gas,
And then a skillet clean,
A bucket full of syrup,
Sugar and butterine.
3. A spoon, the kind you stir with,
Laughter and talkin' low,
And the stars a-shinin' outside
Upon the deep, white snow.
4. Of oil-cloth aprons sticky,
And a nice, big towel,
The dancing of the
broomsticks, And the hooting
of the owl.
Oh, sing a song of taffy.
And a bunch of G. Y. P's,
And the fate (which you can guess)
Of the jolly K. I. D's.

A Freshman Girl: "Who did you catch ?"

Friday evening, Feb. 2, at eight o'clock occurred the marriage of Miss Lucy Schell and Mr. Oscar Nelson, of Omaha. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride and was performed by her father, Rev. P. H. Schell. Miss Schell was attended by Miss Carrie Hiatt and Miss Myrtle Nelson, sister of the groom, while Mr. Louis Schell served as best man. Only immediate relatives of the young people were present at the marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson left on the evening train for Omaha where they will make their home. Both are well known in the city and will be greatly missed in college circles. Mr. Nelson's former home was in Osceola and he received his education at York College. The congratulations and good wishes of many friends will accompany Mr. and Mrs. Nelson to their new home.

—The New Teller.

This is Lea? Year, but wear your spectacles and look twice before you leap. Sandburrs are everywhere.

Ross (at the leap year party), "How long were you combing your hair, Cliffy??"

Clifton: "Five feet and eight inches."

Nellie Holt (after learning that another girl is going to take Chas. to a Leap Year Party): "It's a put up job."

On the evening of Jan. 20, Professor Vera B. Blinn entertained the Sophomores at a seven o'clock dinner, at the home of Miss Bremer, 901 E. 8th St. The dining room was beautifully decorated with green and white crepe paper and Sophomore pennants. Smilax was used on the table, the center piece being a vase of white hyacinths, the class flower. The dinner was served in five courses, the last one being especially unique. It consisted of angel-food cake, and ice cream, covered with grated chocolate and served in small flower pots. With this course, each member of the class was presented with a hyacinth which appeared to be growing in the ice cream. After dinner, the evening was spent in illustrating life histories of the Sophomores. The guests departed at a late hour, thanking Miss -Blind for a most enjoyable evening,

If your watch stops, don't blame the jeweler. Lay it onto the stamp picture pasted in the back.

Rev. L. L. Epley was at Chapel Feb. 8th and offered prayer. We are always glad to see him.

How can you give your heart to two fellows at once without breaking it?

Jan. 22 at Chapel, when announcements were called for, by means of pulling a wire, five Sophomore pennants suddenly appeared in the front of the chapel. Wake up Seniors. It is your turn to pull off the next stunt.

LOST OR STOLEN! !

My last heart! If any person connected with the mysterious disappearance of the same will return it uninjured within three days, I will give that person Prof. Sherwood's heart in exchange.

CUPID

Mr. and Mrs. Whitney, old York College students, with their two children visited Chapel Feb. 9th.

Rev. Myers stopped off to visit Evangeline Feb. 9th.

We wonder if Mr. Bell enjoyed the basketball game Feb. 8th, Miss Hedbloom said she thought so.

On the evening of Feb. 12, the Sophomore class carried out a carefully planned surprise on their Sponsor, Miss Blinn, the occasion being her birthday. A happy evening was spent, such as only Sophomores can have, and just before leaving, they presented Miss Blinn with a beautiful York College Pillow.



Exchanges



With this, the Christian Association number of the Sandburr, we naturally turn in our exchanges to the pages containing the news of the Associations in other schools, and read with especial interest of their meetings, plans; and progress; not neglecting, of course, the other good features of the institutions and their publications.

In the January "Anemone," the editorials, society notes, and write-ups of various programs, which have been rendered, are intermingled. It seems that it would be better if a distinction were made between them, that the reader might know just where to find what particular articles he may be looking for.

One of the January "Antelopes" of Kearney Normal, contains in its Y. M. C. A. Notes some thoughts from a practical talk on "Influences," made before their Association. Another number of the same paper gives some interesting ideas on the subject of "Real College Life."

The Y. W. C. A. girls of Leander Clark College have just closed a membership campaign, evidently of the same nature as the one held recently in our Y. W. C. A.

The "Philomath College Chimes" although small, has its space well divided among the various departments. The story entitled, "Wanted at Last" is interesting and impressive.

The Y. W. C. A. Notes of a January "Cotner Collegian" explain briefly "A College Girl's Duty to Her College." The "Collegian" contains good editorials from week to week.

"The Doane Owl" does not appear natural without its customary yellow cover. However, the reading material is about the same as usual. A few well chosen poems are a new feature.

The Y. M. C. A. of Grand Island College has withdrawn from the Christian Association of G. I. C., feeling that better work can be done and more accomplished by two independent organizations, than by the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. united into one organization.

The Association Notes of the "Otterbein Aegis" are better in every way than those of any other of our exchanges. They are not so abbreviated in form as many of like columns, and contain something of more interest than simply the date, leader, and topic of each Association meeting. The January number contains an address on "Things Worth While for the Young Man," giving the requisite qualities of the "man who wins." Its editorials, too, are worth reading, "Don't be a Grind," and "First Things First," both

strike the keynote of the most practical student life. The description of the trip up the Ohio is interesting and the literary department contains an article on "Fairies," which is more practical than its subject would suggest.

Read the article entitled, "Y. M. C. A. Work and Its Value," in "The Cotner Collegian," for January, the thirtieth.

The "Black and Red" of Northwestern College, each month, contains two pages headed, "De Rebus Omnibus," which give short articles concerning affairs of national interest. The exchanges of this paper are good.

Bellevue's January, "Purple and Gold" contains interesting Y. M. C. A. items but its Y. W. C. A. Notes are too brief to be of interest.

The editorials of "The Volant" are good, although most of them are upon political and national, rather than College questions, such as "A Progressive Politics Club" and "Pension Legislation."

Both the literary department and the editorials of the Sioux Falls "Styles" are good.

Considerable space of a January "Wesleyan" is devoted to a description of the concert tour made by the Wesleyan Glee Club. Another number tells of the beginning of a half million endowment campaign.

The Leap Year number of "Gold and Blue" contains a commendable editorial upon athletic spirit in a school.

"A Woman's Mind" is the title of an amusing story in "The Magnet," a Leominster High School paper.

A number of the exchanges give enthusiastic reports of the work of their Gospel Teams which are a feature of the Y. M. C. A. work of many schools.

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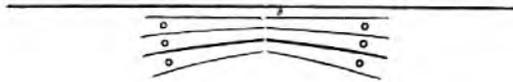
Hugh Wells, a former student of York College, is now pursuing a course of study in Nebraska University. "Tige was a loyal booster in the old days and is deserving of all the success in the world.

The Alumni Editor is kept very busy, wondering just why the "used-to-bes" don't send in a line or two telling about themselves and their work. We can think of no punishment sufficient for these delinquents except a term as Alumni Editor.

Slowly, but no less surely, the number in our little hand is increasing. The year 1911 added seven new names to the list. Perhaps there may be, among the Alumni, some who do not know the names of those constituting the last graduating class and for the benefit of these we are going to give them. Class

of 1911 was made up of Miss Effie Cline, Clarence G. Trout, Wm. C. Noll, Charles F. Feemster, Robert .E. Getty, Ralph E. Lynds, and Eugene A. Bishop. The number in this class was equal to that in the class of 1907 and will be exceeded, no doubt, in 1913. York College will, if all signs do not fail, graduate the largest class in its history in June 1913. The exact number is, of course, not known as yet but it will be the largest class yet graduated. To the Alumni this can not but come as a piece of glad news. And no less can we rejoice in extending, even at this early date, a hand of welcome to the class of 1912, now on the last lap of the race. It is smaller in numbers but is no less valuable and welcome. Greeting to the class of 1912.

R. E. Lynds, '11, is now engaged in agency work for Merriam's, the well known Webster Dictionary publishers.



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