

PRESIDENT WORST.

Our Next President

Time and events bring many changes, and one of this year has been the appointment of a new head to the Agricultural College.

Over twenty years it has been a source of pride and pleasure to alumni and students to call John H. Worst their president or "Prexy," but on February 29, Dean E. F. Ladd of the Chemistry Department, took over the reins of government and became our new "Prexy."

President Ladd is not a stranger to the alumni, for twenty-six years he has been connected with the institution as head of the department of chemistry and for twenty years he has served on the discipline committee, in which capacity many of the alumni have doubtless come in contact with him.

It would be useless at this time to recount President Ladd's many sterling qualities which are familiar not only to alumni, but also to the people of our state.

In what might be termed his inaugural address to the student body, he made the following statement: "As long as I am president of this institution no big business or little business shall control it." Knowing E. F. Ladd as we do, and connecting this with another famous phrase of his, "I will not budge an inch," we as alumni feel assured that there will be little danger of the press and people of our state referring to the North Dakota Agricultural College as a political dumping ground, but instead it will rank still higher as one of the leading educational institutions in the United States.

Therefore we, the alumni, should each strive to do our share in attaining this end and pledge ourselves to stand back of President Ladd and help him in his efforts to reorganize the College and place it on a firm and constructive basis.

Twenty-three years ago, a green German farmer boy entered the North Dakota Agricultural College, at the age of fifteen, having come with his parents from Germany seven years previously. Seven years in America were spent on a farm in Cass County. His boyhood ambitions seemed to fall in line with his father's earlier avocation in Germany, a contractor and builder. He matriculated at the N. D. A. C. and graduated from the Department of Engineering in 1899.

The close and particular interest of President Worst in all his boys, is at once one of the happiest memories and the greatest inspiration of those college days. A mutual fondness thus began, has developed into a reverend regard for President Worst, the man, the master and the educator.

As dreams of boyhood have met the trying experiences of matured years, he has frequently sought out the patron and friend when counsel and direction seemed imperative, and never has this master builder of a great school of applied science been found too busy to lend an ear or an hour. In the practice of their professions in North Dakota, frequently in hamlet and city, have the alumni of the Agricultural College met and discoursed upon those early days. We have watched with jealous pride and rapid and consistent strides of our Alma Mater in a pioneer state, as she took the strides of progress from her older sisters in the commonwealths of the nation.

The older alumni will remember the disparaging experiences attendant upon the financial stringency of 1893, when the happy remnant of the college family—sadly reduced in numbers—grew into the close intimacy of an impending peril to the institution, which had gathered the boys and girls from the farms of North Dakota to equip them for the severe industry attendant upon the development of a greater new commonwealth. It was during these dark days, that John H. Worst, alert of mind and resolute of purpose, his ambition setting fire to the "mustard patch" of the college campus, was appointed president of the college, began to lay broad and deep the foundation of our present magnificent institution.

These twenty years have seen rise from the pall of imminent failure, an institution which has attracted to its halls a student body of 1,500, 20 organized departments, and 70 specifically trained instructors. The little family of those early days, with its wholesome and refined spirit, has only become a family a little larger grown.

Every brick or bit of stone, every trowel of mortar in which they were laid, as well as every throbbing ambition in the student mind and heart, has been built into a cathedral of knowledge, high efficiency, and noble ambitions by the master hand of this master builder.

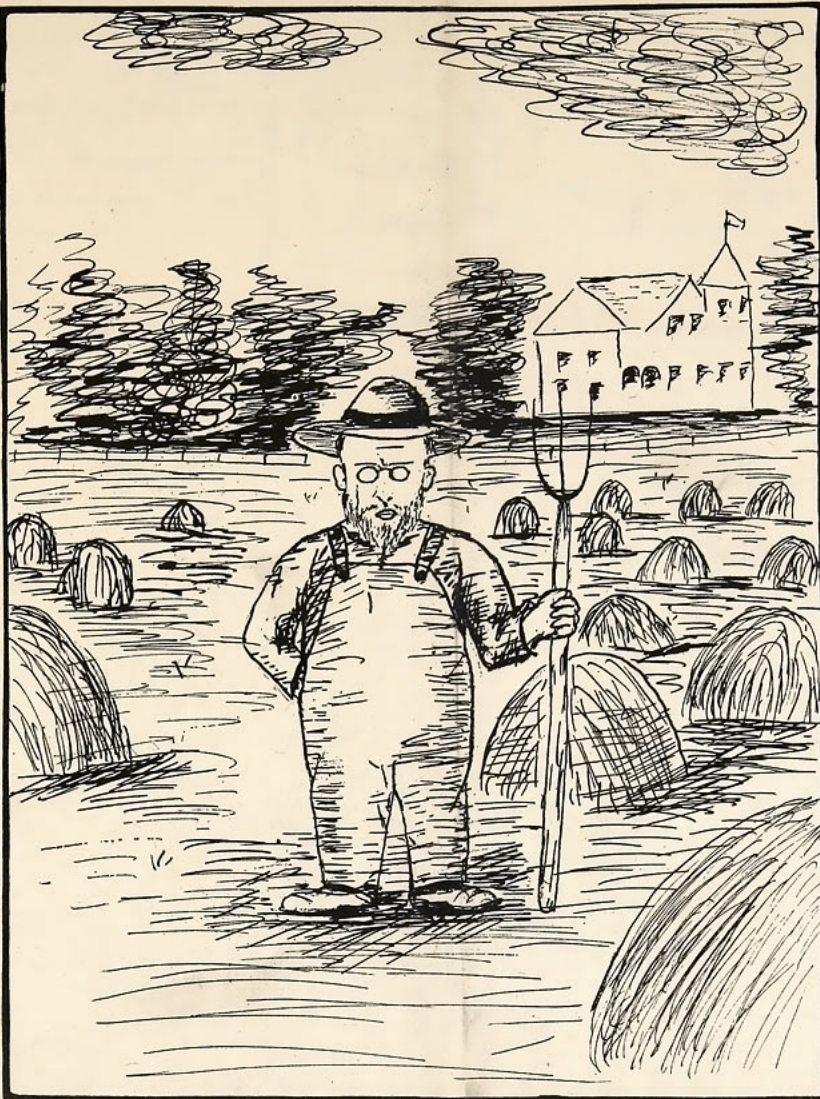
Who will not remember the genial smile and democratic manner of our benevolent Prexy.

We, who have known him all these years, yearn to lay at his feet, the modest laurels we have won, and can only hope in some modest way to emulate in our lives the character, industry and efficiency imported to us under his able direction.

President Worst lives in a thousand hearts in grateful memory.
B. F. Meinecke, '99.

NOTICE.

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THE OLD FARM IS TURNING OUT BETTER CROPS EACH YEAR IN SPITE OF A FEW BAD YEARS

Industrial Course Commencement Program Announced

Frederick C. Howe, United States Commissioner, Immigration Speaker This Year.

Thirty-Five Students To Receive Completion.

The Twelfth Annual Industrial Course Commencement of the North Dakota Agricultural College will be held on Sunday and Monday, March 19 and 20, 1916. Thirty-five young men and women will receive certificates of completion from the Farm Husbandry, Power Machinery and Home Makers courses at this time.

The program is one of unusual merit. Frederick C. Howe, United States Commissioner of Immigration, Ellis Island, New York, will address the graduates on Sunday afternoon, March 19 in the college armory. Preceding Mr. Howe's address a sacred concert will be given by the young men of the Industrial courses.

On Monday afternoon, March 20, an original play "A Bee in a Drone's Hive" by Cecil Baker will be staged in the little country theatre. The play will be followed by an indoor field and track meet in the college armory. At six o'clock the graduates, their parents and relatives will be banqueted at Ceres hall. The commencement exercises will be held in the little country theatre. The program is as follows:

Sacred Concert.
Vocal music—Industrial Male Voice Choir.
Quartet selection—Messrs. Strand, Poe, Solberg, Hertzgard.
Duet—Vera Poe and Grover Poe.
Trombone and Cornet duet—Messrs. Froemke and Bachman.

Address: "The Immigrant in the Northwest"—Frederick C. Howe, U. S. Commissioner of Immigration, Ellis Island, New York.

Vocal music—Industrial Male Voice Choir.
Class Exercises
PART ONE
Music—Industrial Course Orchestra.

President's address—Ingval Bjerkan.
PART TWO
The Yellow and the Green—Class.

PART TWO
"A Bee in a Drone's Hive."
Mr. Benson, a retired farmer—Bernhard Aamodt.

Edwin F. Ladd.
Music—Industrial Course Orchestra.

CLASS OFFICERS.
President, Ingval Bjerkan; vice-president, Harry Johnson; secretary, Charlotte Horne; treasurer, Vera Poe.

Mrs. Benson, his wife—Charlotte Horne.
Ethel Benson, their daughter—Vera Poe.
Hiram Johnson, a neighbor—Cecil Baker.

Mr. Asterbilt, a city man—Joseph Guss.
Mrs. Asterbilt, his wife—Margaret Jerdahl.
Walter Scott, a hired man—Arthur Rygg.

Harry Benson, a son of Mr. Benson.—Harry Johnson.
Jennie Benson, his wife—Bertha Else.

James Caldwell, band director—Grover Poe.
Leslie Larson, band boy—Don Williams.

Mr. McDonald, state senator—James McLauchlin.
Clarence Wilyard, Ethel's beau—Nathaniel Crockett.

Hattie Ansdorf, the maid—Edna Bjerkan.
Opal Benson, Harry's little daughter.
Floyd, Opal's little playmate.—Harold Phillips.

PART THREE.
Indoor Field Meet College Armory.

PART FOUR.
Commencement dinner, Ceres hall.
For guests of honor, graduates, alumni, parents and relatives.
Toastmaster, James McLauchlin.
Addresses, Frithjof, Skaar, Ernest Atwood and Vera Poe.
Commencement Exercises.

PROGRAM
Music—Industrial Course Orchestra.

DEMONSTRATIONS
The Babcock Milk Test—Bernhard Aamodt. Representing the Farm Husbandry Course.
A Few Essentials of Bread Making—Charlotte Horne. Representing the Home Makers Course.
High Frequency Electricity—Joseph Guss. Representing the Power Machinery Course.

PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES.
Clarence B. Waldron, Minnie J. Stoner, Edwin S. Keene.

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HOME MAKERS COURSE.
Horne, Charlotte, Penn, N. D.
Poe, Vera, Saries, N. D.

POWER MACHINERY COURSE.
Anderson, Eli, Fort Ransom, N. D.
Guss, Joseph, Wolford, N. D.
Hansen, Herman, Sidney, Mont.
Johnson, Harry, Moorhead, Minn.
McLauchlin, James, Cavalier, N. D.
Munkeby, Louis, Englevote, N. D.
Skaar, Frithjof, Hampden, N. D.

Register Now.

REGISTRAR EARNESTLY REQUESTS THOSE WHO EXPECT TO BE HERE DURING THE SPRING TERM TO MAKE THEIR REGISTRATION AT THIS TIME OR BEFORE GOING HOME FOR THE SPRING VACATION. IN SO DOING YOU CAN AVOID THE RUSH AND ALSO THE LATE REGISTRATION FEE.

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CLASS MOTTO
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Class Roster.

FARM HUSBANDRY COURSE.
Aamodt, Bernhard, Blanchard, N. D.
Atwood, Ernest, Tuttle, N. D.
Baker Cecil, Edmunds, N. D.
Bjerkan Ingval, Lansford, N. D.
Brandenburg, Howard, Michigan, N. D.

Craft Martin, Spiritwood, N. D.
Crockett, Nathaniel, Langdon, N. D.
Dawson, Philip, Monango, N. D.
Dehlfesen, Andrea, Oakes, N. D.
Gullerud, Edwin, Staddock, N. D.
Hansen, Hans, Valley City, N. D.
Martinson, Elmer, Minnewaukan, N. D.

McCormick, Walter, West Bend, Iowa.
Miller, Max, Bismarck, N. D.
Nicholls, Stanley, Ypsilanti, N. D.
Olson, Oscar, East Grand Forks, Minn.

Poe, Grover, Saries, N. D.
Riebe, Grover, Pingree, N. D.
Rygg, Arthur, Clifford, N. D.
Solberg, Carsten, Portland, N. D.
Strand, Anton, Colgan, N. D.
Wiencke, Oliver, Loma, N. D.
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Wigman, James, Cando, N. D.
Williams, Donald, Woodworth, N. D.

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SHORT COURSE SPECIAL.
1 Cransdahl 570 8
3 Northrup 545 2

The official judges were Professor Peters, Professor Thompson, Professor Kietheley, Mr. Critchfield, Mr. Gunnity, and Mr. J. L. Thompkins.

BUY YOUR TICKETS FOR BASKETBALL BANQUET.
Buy your tickets for the basketball banquet to be held at Ceres hall on Thursday evening at 7 bells sharp. Don't forget to come with an optimistic atmosphere. No pessimists allowed.

The convocation hour next Monday morning will be taken up by Mr. F. C. Howe, who will address the students on "Denmark, A Farmer Commonwealth."

PRIZES ARE AWARDED IN BIG LIVE STOCK CONTEST.

Philip Schuyler Carries Away Chief Honors.

First prize in the stock judging contest held at the pavilion last Friday was won by Philip Schuyler, who made a score of 624 points out of a possible 700. The contest started at 7:45 in the morning and closed at four o'clock, after which Mr. Dan Gauntnitz of St. Paul, gave an address on marketing live stock.

A great deal of enthusiasm was shown among the students and the contest was a very successful one. The contest was open to all students in agriculture, farm husbands.

There was a special class for short course students with prizes of \$8, \$5 and \$2.

The contest placed ten rings during the day, some from a breeding stand point and some from a market stand point. Fifty-one students took part and every man went at his work like an experienced judge.

The prize winners were as follows:

Open Class, Possible 700 Points.

1 P. Schuyler 624 \$20
2 T. Sundstrom C. 600 10
3 S. F. Nichols F. H. 584 6
4 S. M. Troyer 584 6
5 H. Hanson F. H. 578 3
6 K. Gradsdahl S. C. 570
7 H. Holland S. C. 560
8 Johansson F. H. 560
9 E. Larson S. C. 559
10 C. Solberg F. H. 559

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More Unity Between The Alumni and Our Alma Mater

Alumni of the North Dakota Agricultural College, are we doing our duty to our Alma Mater? To answer this question properly we can well afford to review our obligations to the College that gave us our education and then the subject of "giving something in return" can be approached with a more open mind.

In the first place, the State of North Dakota had prepared an institution of learning which was equipped with the buildings, apparatus and teachers necessary to give us a liberal education in the profession we had chosen. Up to the time we entered College, we had not turned a hand toward assisting the State in building up that institution. Then, we spent those "never to be forgotten" four years enjoying the direct benefits of the gift which the State and Nation had provided for us. We came in contact with men on the faculty of broad experience, teachers who still exert their influence on our lives and daily work. We met young people representing different communities and different walks of life; we mingled with them and learned to "mix" with men; we formed friendships that will be as lasting as time. And, we were prepared for our life-work in the laboratory and classroom and gymnasium so that when we got out into the world of business, we could stand shoulder to shoulder with the graduates of any institution of learning and hold our heads up. In brief, we received from the North Dakota Agricultural College all of the training for our life of usefulness that our homes could not supply and, I say that the greatest debt we owe, outside of our debt to our parents, is to the College which gave us our education. First our home and then our Alma Mater, for, loyalty to these include loyalty to the State and Nation.

I am sure that we all realize the truth of the above and would honestly like to do all we could to support and strengthen an institution that has meant so much to us. The difficulty is in knowing how best to show our appreciation. We all satisfy a part of our obligation by living good, clean lives and doing our daily work in such a way that we are constantly occupying positions of greater trust which reflect honor upon the College, but, we must also exert a direct effort in behalf of our Alma Mater. And, this brings us to a consideration of the Alumni Association whose function is to gather all of the individual efforts of we graduates and present them to the College at intervals in lump form. Only a few men amass enough power and wealth to make a gift of considerable consequence but we all can contribute our thought, our work and our money to an associated effort, which is directed by the Officers of the Alumni Association, and in this way be a part of a force which is organized solely and entirely for the welfare and progress of the North Dakota Agricultural College. And, we as members of that organization occupy a unique position for we represent the only organization that exists with that as its object, remember that! No group of business men no party in politics, no officers of the State Administration are organized with that as their sole purpose. Any activity that we undertake must be unselfish in its motives for we are inspired by gratitude, not by avarice; we are paying a debt, not promoting a scheme to "line our pockets."

But, right here is the place to repeat the subject of this article—it is imperative to have "more unity between the Alumni and our Alma Mater." This can only be accomplished by having more unity between the Alumni. In other words, we must have a stronger Alumni Association; we must perfect a better organization for, not until then can we get in as close touch with the College as we must in order to be effective in our efforts.

Attend the Convention.
Now, if we all truly realize our obligation to the College, it will be easy to perfect our own organization. We can do that by making an exceptional effort to attend the next convention that will be held this coming June and, in attending, we should make up our minds that our duty has not been accomplished by being present at a short business session in the afternoon and taking in a banquet and dance at night. We should visit all of our old haunts, have a talk with our friends on the faculty, mingle with the active student body, acquaint ourselves with the improvements on the campus, in short, feel the pulse of the institution. Then, we must pay particular attention to the members of the graduating class, for they are going to be the young blood of our organization and their hearty cooperation from the start will mean much toward the success of the activities of the Association. In the past we have been negligent in well—

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ADA ROACH AND COMPANY IN THE HEART OF THE IMMIGRANT.

I stood at Ellis Island, New York, and saw the Immigrants. I saw why they came and how they came. I saw their home conditions, the glowing reports sent back, their final decision to say goodbye to life's dearest ties to go to that far country—to America. I saw them land, downhearted, perplexed in mind, in the depths of homesickness. I saw shivering through all the miseries of their situation an abiding faith that they would succeed, and that eventually all would be as they had hoped. I saw the Heart of the Immigrant.

Ada Roach and Company, in "The Heart of the Immigrant" expresses what I saw that day at Ellis Island. It is a music program with a powerful theme. Miss Ada Roach has been selected as the most capable person in the Lyceum for heading the company. She is a woman of deep sentiment, broad sympathy, unusual natural humor, wonderful powers of impersonation, herself of good Immigrant blood, and just the right rollicking spirit to head such a company as is needed to give "The Heart of the Immigrant."

DINNER TO MILITARY STAFF.
Following the Cadet Ball Thursday evening, Lieut. and Mrs. Comenous delightfully entertained the members of the Military Staff at dinner. A buffet luncheon of three courses was served to the officers and their lady friends were invited. A color scheme of yellow and green was carried out, the flowers used being Jonquills and ferns. The dinner was a very charming one.

Mr. Dan Gauntnitz of St. Paul, formerly of Minnesota University was on the campus last Friday.

"Leonarda" Will Be Played Saturday Night

COSTUMES AND MAKEUP TO BE SUPPLIED BY THE CELEBRATED LUIS KAUFMAN.

Saturday Evening at Eight O'clock the Curtain of the "Little Country Theatre" will go up on the First Production of "Leonarda" in the United States.

The members of the cast have been very ably coached by Miss Delia Lunwell of the public speaking department and have put in a long period of training for the play. It is certain that they will be well received as it is doubtful if a better cast could be picked.

While in Minneapolis Miss Lunwell spent several days in the selection of costumes.

CADET BALL.
At the armory Thursday night occurred the first annual Cadet Ball, which came after a very enjoyable series of Cadet taps.

Arrangements were in charge of a committee of five who were chosen from the five companies of cadets.

The ball was a program affair and dancing began at 8:30. The music was furnished by the Cadet Band under the direction of Professor Orr and a goodly number of couples tread lightly to its charming accompaniment. The armory was tastefully festooned in a very attractive manner and punch was served for the refreshment of the emany dancers. The dancing stopped at 11:30 and each partaker of the armay voiced the sentiment that it truly be an annual ball.

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coming the new members to our ranks. We have not made it a business to see that the graduating class attended the business meeting in a body. We have not properly entertained them on their advent into the Association. We have contented ourselves with notifying them of the meeting and have invited them to a banquet and dance for which they had to pay a price which is oftentimes prohibitive to a student just finishing a College course. I think we should keep in touch with the officers of the graduating class through a special representative elected from our membership whose duty it will be to see that they attend our meetings, meet the Alumni, and get to the banquet and ball. Further, we as a live organization ought to invite them to our social events as our guests and, in reality, have the events in their honor. To do this we should have a fund in our treasury that will cover the attendant expenses and, right here is where the question of alumni dues comes up. The payment of a small sum every year toward the support of the running expenses of the organization is something that every alumnus can do and ought to feel ashamed not to do. We, probably, all are not in a position to attend the conventions but we can help to make these conventions a success by contributing toward a fund which will cover the expenses of properly entertaining our new members. After we have given these young people an initial impression of the virility of our organization and they observe that we are sincere and in earnest regarding our efforts for our Alma Mater they will soon "get the spirit" and prove to be our most active members for their minds are still fresh with the needs and conditions of the College.

After strengthening our organization from within we must provide for some source of information concerning the activities of the College and the Association, during the time intervening between meetings. Only by keeping in constant touch with the School can our loyalty remain active. The weekly publication of the student body is supposed to acquaint its subscribers with the news of our Alma Mater, but I wish to state my experience with the "Spectrum" since leaving College. Two years ago I mailed in my subscription and after receiving two or three issues they ceased to be delivered. I wrote the business manager two different letters concerning the matter, one of which was answered, but, even then, I failed to receive the paper. I have inquired of several other alumni and they have a similar complaint to register. Now, such a condition ought not to be tolerated, for it is impossible to expect the support of the Alumni toward a publication they cannot receive, even after paying for it. The result of such carelessness tends to divorce a man from his interest in the College activities.

I think this idea of putting out an Alumni issue of the "Spectrum" is splendid for it will acquaint the student today of the thoughts of us who have graduated and ought to serve as an inspiration to their continued loyalty to the College after they graduate. Also, it serves the purpose of giving the Alumni an opportunity to contribute a story, word of advice or something which they have gleaned from their experience

in the world, which might prove of interest to the undergraduates, and also of benefit to themselves, by simply stopping for a time in the midst of their business and giving an hour or two to thoughts of their Alma Mater.

Alumni Publication.

But we should also support a publication of our own in which would be reflected the thoughts and aims of our organization and which would serve as a record of our achievements. To start with, this could be published once a year to be distributed say six months after our annual meeting and thus serve as a reminder of what was done the June before and what is expected to be done by the following June. After a few years this should, undoubtedly, be made at least a semi-annual publication and I am sure that every alumnus will gladly support a good editorial staff with money and literary contributions.

With these mediums of information constantly being applied to the members of the Alumni Association, and with a deep sense of responsibility on the part of each of us, we will soon accomplish what is most needed at the College at the present time and that is a close relationship between we graduates and our Alma Mater.

You may ask why the close relationship is so much needed at the present time. Surely, no one that has kept in touch with the situation at the North Dakota Agricultural College for the past two or three years can raise that question. I feel sure that if we, as Alumni, had an active, effective organization we could have avoided much of this scandal and publicity which the College has received in the press and at the hands of men who are interested in the welfare of the College in a very indirect way, if we had taken a stand at the very outset of the trouble. As I have said before, we are the only organization which has as its sole object the success of the North Dakota Agricultural College and we, as graduates of that institution, are more directly concerned with the conduct and good name of that school than any other persons or group of persons. We received our degree from that College; we must carry her name with us through life; just as truly as we reflect honor or dishonor upon the institution by our actions, so are we affected by anything that uplifts or degrades its reputation. We are more vitally interested in the North Dakota Agricultural College than any non-graduate, banker, farmer, business man, any state official educator or officer of the College. They if possessing more than the usual interest that any educated person ought to have in the affairs of our educational institution, are either doing it because their position depends on it or because they are exploiting the College for their own selfish ends.

We, as Alumni, do not care what the merits of the present controversy are. We should not care to know who is to blame, or who is responsible for the disruption and discord that has existed for the past two years, but, we do know this: The good name of the College is greater than the good name of any individual or group of individuals that have precipitated this affair and, for that reason, it should not have been dragged in the dirt and held up to receive the scorn and derision of public opinion in order to satisfy the greed of one party or the pride of another. If this calamity has been the result of "well-laid" plans to transfer all of the educational features that do not apply directly to agriculture to the University the men behind these plans ought to be brought to account for the methods they have employed in trying to accomplish their ends; if it is found,

upon investigation, that certain business men have dictated the policy of the institution so as to benefit, in a monetary way, they should be brought to justice, for, nothing is so despicable as an act that will "rob" the many of their rightful heritage in order that a few might profit by that act.

Alumni, I ask you frankly, what are you going to do to assist in safeguarding the reputation and honor of our Alma Mater? It is impossible to even imagine how derogatory the press notices and rumors that have been circulated concerning the College and its administration are. Parents of prospective students would never be encouraged to send their children after reading or hearing such matter. The active students have been directly affected, for, work cannot be up to standard in an atmosphere such as this condition has created. And, finally, we who are representing the institution in our chosen professions are shadowed by the publicity of the whole affair.

Our immediate duty lies in giving our whole-hearted support by voice and written word to the man who has, so providentially, been selected to place the College back on its deserved pedestal of respect and honor. Surely, we who have come under E. F. Ladd's kindly influences in the class room and on the campus have unlimited faith in his executive ability, sterling character and good judgment. Let us, then, assist him in his new duties by acquainting him and the public of the fact that we are behind him individually and collectively.

And, finally, Members of the Alumni Association of the North Dakota Agricultural College, I ask you to join me in making a firm resolution that hereafter we will keep in close touch with our institution, that we will gladly support our graduate organization, that we will give some time and thought each year in boosting for the College and make every effort to attend the commencement exercises so as to renew our love for her. I ask you to dedicate a part of your time toward seeing that our organization will become an active, live body that is actually shaping the destiny of our Alma Mater for, who, I ask you again, has her welfare more closely at heart?

CHESTER A. HOLKESVIG, '11.

A FLORIDIAN FARMER.

The easiest way to learn the truth about Florida is to take the exact converse of what your popular conceptions are. For instance, you imagine it to be an inferno in the summer time, well it is "warmish like" but the highest temperature ever recorded in the south half of the state (it's hotter in the northern part) is 96 degrees in the shade and there's no end of shade. (This is no allusion to the Afro-American population). Alligators are rare and as harmless as Teddy Bears; snakes are chiefly of the moonshiner's variety, though I have a trained rattler which shakes his tail in front of my door every morning at 5:30; I call him "Big Ben." Our insect population is doing well, thank you, though we are in the same position towards them as is the Kansas man with the cyclones, "we don't pay no attention to them." One gets fewer mosquito bites in a year here than in three minutes in Fargo at certain seasons.

Our rainfall is "powerful unanimous" as the Cracker said, but it soon soaks down on these light lands, in fact we would rather see more than less precipitation. In the summer it rains every day, which explains why that season is cool.

If official death rate figures are any criterion then Florida is just about the healthiest place in the union—it is considered very bad

taste for a Floridian to die, excepting, of course, the niggers. Wrecks from the north come here to die, but become rejuvenated and prosper.

Agriculturally, Florida is not yet as great as North Dakota, but it has by far a greater number of plant products to depend upon. The soil varies all the way from white sand a mile deep and so poor that you can't raise a fuss on it, to rich black land that will raise a crop of hay so dense you can roll a baseball over the top of it.

Citrus fruit growing is a minor industry, being greatly surpassed by the phosphate, lumber, turpentine, live stock, trucking and cigar industries; the value of the cigars made last year in Tampa alone being twice that of the citrus crop for the whole state. The citrus and trucking industry is practically all in the hands of northerners, while the corn, cattle and razorbacks are controlled by the Crackers, many of whom are good farmers, though their bank deposits would doubtless increase if they would place a little more faith in the department of Agriculture and a little less in the moon and other astrological prognosticators. It is a labor of Hercules to get a Cracker to change his belief regarding the efficiency of lunar signs, rabbits' feet, etc., but agricultural, cooper and county agents are gradually getting him to see the light.

Socially Florida will take a back seat to no one, not even California an alleged winter resort. It is the playground of the nation, the tourist record this winter being close to a million. With climate unsurpassed, fishing and hunting galore hundreds of water courses, unexplored tropical woods and mammoth hotels with their golf links, bathing beaches, etc., one can find more entertainment and recreation and can get rid of his money quicker than in any place I know of—come down and try it.

MAX WALDRON, '14.

OUR ALUMNI.

I have read with pleasure the North Dakota Agricultural College Alumni Directory. Besides bringing distant members at least in mental touch, it shows that we are all graduates from a worthy institution whose instructors are specialists of the highest class. The gospel which these men teach is not confined to North Dakota, but to the country at large. We have only to read Agricultural literature or attend meetings of national importance in agricultural matters and we find the state always well represented by men from our Alma Mater.

With pride we see that graduates from the North Dakota Agricultural College are filling useful positions of all kinds in this world's business.

We notice from our directory that most of our graduates are located in the west. The opportunities which exist today for western development and growth are boundless. There never was such need of trained men and workmen to lead the less fortunate who can only follow.

If one stands at the shore of that vast expanse of water known as the Roosevelt dam, he will marvel at the mind which conceived such a wonderful engineering feat which has changed a small desert into a garden or let him sojourn at Elephant Butte and see the waters which will irrigate the fertile valleys beyond the Mesas and he can then realize that a great work has only begun. But where does the west begin? Some say Omaha, others Chicago, a few feel "west" at the western side of the Rockies.

In a large room of the secretary of the Interior at Washington there is framed a photographed copy of a poem written by Arhur Chapman, a Denver newspaper man. The poem,

entitled "Out Where the West Begins," is a favorite of the head of that department who has had so much to do with the development of the west. It seems to idealize the spirit of a great empire and is well worth reading.

OUT WHERE THE WEST BEGINS.

Out where the hand clasps a little stronger,
Out where a smile dwells a little longer,
That's where the West begins.
Out where the sun is a little brighter,
Where the snows that fall are a trifle whiter,
Where the bonds of home are a wee bit tighter,
That's where the West begins.
Out where the skies are a trifle bluer,
Out where friendship is a little truer,
That's where the West begins.

Out where a fresher breeze is blowing,
Where there's laughter in every streamlet flowing,
Where there's more of reaping and less of sowing,
That's where the West begins.
Out where the world is in the making,
Where fewer hearts with despair are aching,
That's where the West begins.

Where there's more of singing and less of sighing,
Where there's more of giving and less of buying,
And a man makes friends without half trying,
That's where the West begins.
MRS. JOHN MUELLER, '03.

OUT-CLASSED.

The Devil sat by the lake of fire
On a pile of sulphur kegs;
His head bowed low upon his breast,
His tail between his legs,
A look of shame was on his face—
The sparks dripped from his eyes;
He had sent his resignation
To the throne up in the skies,
"I'm down and out," the Devil said
He said it with a sob—
"There are others that out-class me
And I want to quit my job.
Hell is not in it with the land along the Rhine;

I'm a has-been and a piker,
And therefore I resign.
One ammunition maker,
With his bloody shot and shell,
Knows more about damnation
Than all theimps of Hell.
Give my job to Kaiser Wilhelm,
Or to the Russian Czar,
King George or J. P. Morgan
Or some such man of war.
I hate to leave the old home,
The spot I love so well,
But I think that I'm not up-to-date
In the art of running Hell."

And the Devil spit a squirt of steam
At a brimstone bumble bee,
And muttered that he guessed he'd go
And hunt up young John D.

HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP.

The third annual tournament to decide the basketball championship of the state will be held at the College Army this week. On Friday evening two preliminary games will be played: Minot High School vs. Michigan City High School, and Dickinson vs. Valley City. The first game will be called at 7:00 o'clock. On Saturday evening the winners of the two preliminaries will meet in the finals to decide the state championship. The time of the Saturday game 8:00 sharp.

Every student in the College should attend these games not only because of the games themselves but because of upholding college traditions of large attendances at games. The admission for the three games only 75 cents.

These four teams represent the winners of the four district tournaments and three lively and thrilling contests are anticipated. On paper the Dickenson and Minot teams appear to have the edge on the East Side teams. Michigan city and Valley City each have strong teams however and dope may be badly spilled.

Students of the College cannot be so strongly urged to attend the games and show the real college spirit by cheering for all the contesting teams.

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upward mount.

Let every thing you say be sincere.
To be kind in word's a wondrous
lesson learnt.
Voice the good things learn to keep
the unkind back.
The things you never say will never
hurt.

Let your human sympathies come
freely out.
Learn to feel more kindly toward
your fellow men.
Serve men, and make your service
ful, and then,
ignoring self, give all and serve
again.

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1. Don't subscribe; read your neighbor's copy—be a sponge.
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On his face. If he worried, he hid it.

He started to sing as he tackled the thing.

That couldn't be done, but he did it.

Somebody scoffed: "Oh you'll never do that;

At least no one ever has done it."

But he took off his coat and took off his hat,

And the first thing we knew he'd begun it.

With the lift of his chin and a bit of a grin,

Without any doubting or quiddit.

He started to sing as he tackled the thing.

That couldn't be done, but he did it.

There are thousands to tell you it cannot be done.

There are thousands to prophesy failure;

There are thousands to point out to you, one by one.

The dangers that wait to assail you;

But just buckle in with a bit of a grin,

Then take off your coat and go to it;

Just start in to sing as you tackle the thing (

That "cannot be done," and you'll do it.

—Anonymous.

1914.—M. Jongeward, chemist at Washington; R. W. Smith, cereal investigations Dickinson substation. C. M. Yerrington, biological survey in Colorado.

1915.—Theo. Stoa, flax investigations, Fargo headquarters.

A Few Timely Hints

C. E. Lee, '07.

Assistant Commissioner and Dairy Specialist Wisconsin Dairy and Food Commission.

The problems that have taken my time, thought and energy for some 18 years have not been among those lines that will enable me to write an article of interest to the faculty and students of my Alma Mater.

As a student of dairy problems and factory operation, some facts as I have seen them may be put in such a form that some young farmer boy may take hold of these problems that are as yet largely undeveloped in North Dakota. The time may never come when the industry that is now the greatest of all Wisconsin's agricultural interests will be the largest factor in North Dakota's agriculture, but if wheat and cows could be given an equal chance the wheat crop for a ten-year period would be double what it is at present.

The advice given to Wisconsin by Ex-Governor Hoard in the early seventies should be read by the farmers of Dakota today, namely, "What saved Wisconsin from the wave of destruction in farm fertility and land value was the coming of the cow." That advice came at a time when wheat raising had nearly robbed the soil of its fertility and the chinch bug had a free hand.

The few men in Wisconsin who were the pioneer dairymen freely proclaimed the coming of the cow and lived to see the day when dairying was crowned the greatest industry in a great agricultural state. Hon. J. Q. Emery once said in an address delivered before a North Dakota delegation in the city of Madison:

"These peaceful leaders have always been found on the firing line at the front of the battle against ignorance and for dairy advancement. They have been ready at all times to take their places in the advance skirmish line and on the most advanced picket posts. They have been their own commanders. They swore allegiance to their own reason and their own intelligence and have proved true to their oath."

It is difficult for the man of mature years who has thought in terms of wheat all his life to place anything else first. He has had little chance to consider that his bank account in terms of soil fertility is almost depleted. The farms have ceased to yield abundant crops because of the high rate of interest that the store house (soil fertility) now demands. In place of thirty bushels of wheat per acre, thirteen is now the limit for a five-year period. Wheat could not make it known to the owner that for every ton hauled to the nearby elevator, some eight dollars worth of fertility was taken from the soil.

The dairymen of Wisconsin and other eastern states have long been grateful to a people living in the northwest who were willing to produce a grain whose outer shell, rich in milk producing qualities, could be bought for twenty-five to thirty dollars per ton and when fed to the dairy cow, fully one-third of the original cost was returned in the form of manure to be placed on his farm. In other words, the rich virgin soil of North Dakota has been traveling eastward, some of it to Wisconsin, and has helped to steadily increase the value of land to the one hundred dollar mark—yes, the two hundred dollar mark.

This land is high in value because the farmers have been producing an article made up very largely of air and sunshine, which, when hauled to the market, removed not to exceed fifty cents worth of soil fertility per ton. I refer to butter. Without hesitation I proclaim dairying and its allied interests the most important branch of agriculture. It is a profession that demands the best men. They must have a keen knowledge of the soil, crops and feeding. A dairyman must have a broad conception of breeding and the handling of the dairy cow.

The boys of the farm enter the College of Agriculture, not to be educated away from the farm but to the farm. Some return to their home communities to become leaders, others enter those lines of work that will further agricultural development, but at no time do they get very far away from the dairy cow. The first lessons were gotten in the home, then in the country or city schools and later in the University.

The slogan for Wisconsin for years past has been, "Sell Milk, Cream, Butter and Cheese and Save Your Soil Fertility." One is sure of steady work, abundant income and a happy home.

The dairy cow is in a class by herself. She makes men think in larger terms. She is the plaything of the men with or without money. Originally intended to produce milk to feed her offspring, but man has made her to produce in one year enough milk to make a trifle over 1,500 pounds of butter (80 percent fat.) This is a larger weight than attained by the average North Dakota steer at two or even three years of age. The dairy cow has always been the elevator of Wisconsin that has paid the highest price for grain.

In the early days of Wisconsin and even at the present time she is ready to come to the farmer's aid in time of low crop yield. For the North Dakota farmer, the dairy cow will come to the rescue when drought, hail, wild oats or too much rain has destroyed the crops.

The dairy cow is the best and the safest hail insurance company doing business in North Dakota and it given a chance will pay the Dakota farmer \$1 per bushel for the wild oats that are found in some of the wheat fields. She works 365 days a year and it matters but little to her whether it rains or shines. She has given to Wisconsin the honor of producing one half of the nation's supply of cheese and enough milk besides, used for other purposes, to float four battleships, while the butter industry of Wisconsin is of sufficient magnitude to require a train 40 miles long to haul its annual output.

The net work of some 3,000 creameries and cheese factories covering the state, with an income of some \$70,000,000 annually, from the sale of a product manufactured in these plants is the direct result of the dairy cow in Wisconsin.

THE FOLLOWING BOOKS HAVE BEEN CATALOGED AT THE LIBRARY.

Aristophanes—The charnians. 1911. Aristophanes—The frogs and three other plays.

Bjornson, E.—Three comedies. 1914. Boyle, Robert—The sceptical chymist.

Carleton, Will—Farm ballads. 1910. Carleton, Will—Farm festivals. 1909. Carleton, Will—Farm legends. 1903. Churchill, Winston—A far country. 1915.

Crawford, F. M.—The white sister. 1912. Dudley, E. L.—Benjamin Franklin. 1915.

Ellis, Havelock—Affirmations. 1915. Eucken, Rudolf—The truth of religion. 1913.

Frost, Robert—North of Boston. 1915.

Galsworthy, John—The freelands. 1915.

Gaskell, E. C.—Cranford. 1914. Gaskell, E. C.—Cranford. 1914.

Hanson, J. M.—Frontier ballads. 1910.

Hanson, Joseph Mills—The trail to El Dorado. 1913.

Hawkins and others—Hawkins electrical guide. No. 1. 1915.

Hobbes, Thomas—Leviathan. Holt, Henry—On the cosmic relations. 1910.

Jones, Henry Arthur—Michael and his lost angel. 1915.

Lindsay, Vachel—The Congo and other poems. 1915.

Lindeman, Frank B.—Indian why stories. 1915.

Lusk, Graham—Elements of the science of nutrition. 1909.

The publishers of "System" have recently sent to the library six books on "The knack of selling", for examination.

The library has recently received lists of magazines to be found in the Fargo College and Fargo Public Libraries.

CHANGE IN RHODES EXAM.

A change has been made in the method of making appointments for the Rhodes Scholarships. Examinations are now to be held every year, instead of every other year. All the states of the United States have been grouped into classes A, B, and C. North Dakota is in the C. group. Appointments will be made from each of these three groups of states two out of three years. The whole country is now placed on the same basis. Examinations will be held in North Dakota in the spring of 1916 and appointments will be made for 1917 and 1918.

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EDITORIAL

ALUMNI STATISTICS.

We have 249 alumni. This seems like a comparatively small family to be reared in a period of 21 years by an institution whose enrollment in the past few years has at times reached the 1,300 mark. However, if we will notice the number of graduates for each year since the class of '95, it will be found that until 1908 there was a very slight increase in the number graduating, there being five graduates in 1895 and five in 1907. Up to the year 1908 or over a period of 13 years there were only 55 alumni while during the last eight years there was a total of 194 graduated, or in comparing the last five graduating classes with a total of 153 alumni with the preceding 16 classes with a total of 96 alumni, one realizes that the A. C. has only within the past few years reached that stage where it will increase by rapid strides.

MORE ACTIVITY.

The North Dakota Agricultural College needs a stronger Alumni Association. The alumni of the North Dakota Agricultural College need a stronger and better North Dakota Agricultural College. That is, they need a college which is able to keep up with the rapid strides in education and that is continually pouring new alumni members out into the busy world.

It is the duty of every alumnus to aid the college in its building up process, but it is still more their duty to aid in supplying the raw Freshman material, which the college builds into new members for the Alumni Association. We should be interested in our Alma Mater to the extent that when we become tax payers in North Dakota, we do all in our power to see that she receives favorable legislation, when improvements are needed, and in this way do our share in helping the college keep up with the rapid strides in education, above mentioned. Individual effort in this respect, might go a great way, in some instances, and in others avail us nothing, while if a little more organization were followed out, far greater results might be secured.

Are we all united on this program? If so there must be some common ground upon which all can work. We believe that clear thinking in which personal ambition is subordinated and the past is forgotten can save the day. As we see it the program for each individual is to find his particular job and start pulling. Not trying to pull any particular thing down, or apart, but trying to move the whole institution forward.

When we were students most of us had more or less of a pipe dream as to the impetus our graduation would exert on the outside world, as well as on the alumni association. However, after spending a year or so in an endeavor to make the cruel world obey our futile commands, we began to realize we did not learn everything in the college class room.

Now the N. D. A. C. needs a stronger Alumni Association. Who is going to take care of the "old home place" if all or the children desert it? Who should be more interested in the Alma Mater than her children? Why not show our

interest by becoming an active member of the Alumni Association? We should have a bigger and better meeting of the Alumni during commencement week than we have had formerly. It would give us a chance to talk these things over and decide what we should do in regard to several problems which are facing our association. You can make that convention stronger and better if you will attend. How about it? It's going to be some convention, if the present plans work out well. What d'ye say? Let's go!

TEAM WORK.

There is no particular virtue in harmonious action when that harmony is dictated by any other motive than that of agreement which is based upon conviction as to what should be done and how it is to be done. Still it is apparent to us that more harmonious action is imperative in the conduct of the affairs of this institution in the future. The Alumni believe that a certain lack of harmony among those whom we are confident had no other thought or desire than the promotion of the best interests of the Agricultural College has come perilously near resulting in disaster for that very institution. As a consequence there should be from now on a great deal of steady pulling in one direction by the faculty, students and friends of the College. We do not want anybody to pull in the opposite direction from which his conviction would have him pull.

Service is a great word and one that challenges the best that is in any man or in any institution. The Agricultural College was created for service to agriculture and the people of this most agricultural of agricultural states. Its tools are research, demonstration and instruction, and its gospel is the emancipation of agriculture. The carrying of enlightenment, science and opportunity to the broad rolling prairies that wave "green and yellow" and part of the time with billows of snow is no mean task and this is the service which the College should and must render.

The Alumni directory which has just been out about two months is without a doubt the most complete, accurate and up-to-date record of the occupation and location of each alumnus as has ever been published. We wish to thank the college for its co-operation and financial assistance in the publishing of this directory and also Miss Handyside for her labor in compiling the data for we realize it was no small job to secure the exact occupation and up-to-date location of every alumnus.

If you have not received a copy of this directory write the secretary of the association who will be glad to mail you a second copy. Every alumnus was mailed a copy but may not have received them. After looking it over let us hear from you regarding the publishing of an alumni quarterly for next year.

LAST ISSUE OF THE SPECTRUM THIS TERM. This is the last issue of the Spectrum for this term. There will not be another issue until the second week of the Spring term. This is in order to comply with the Student Commission which has made rulings

why it was not called "completion." Possibly this is one cause for the tendency on the part of many of our alumni to become disinterested in the association. They are past the student activity stage where the student spends a large portion of his time in a half dozen different things and the small portion is spent in actual work. They begin to settle down to doing some line of real constructive work which demands a segregation of all their efforts in one direction and thereby do not care to take any active part in an association which seems to exist in name only.

In view of all this, however, every alumnus should do something each year, be it ever so small, to help build up a stronger alumni union. Express your sentiments at any time through the Spectrum. The students welcome any idea or suggestion regarding the college which it comes from an alumnus and, moreover, they sometimes wonder why the alumni members do not more frequently give expression to their sentiments through the Spectrum.

Owing to lack of space and the large amount of material coming in at the last moment it was necessary to omit considerable material.

Many kicks are registered against the college paper from alumni because they sometimes subscribe and do not receive the paper. Many of these are perfectly justifiable, but on the other hand, the business manager in most cases tries his best to please everyone. There has been managers in the past, however, who have been careless and all their sins are chalked up against each succeeding incumbent. Now how would it be to write the secretary of the association in case you are in trouble and have him take it up directly with the manager? The business manager changes so often that there is a tendency to shift responsibility and right here we believe is one of the main causes of the trouble. We are printing on this page a statement of the present business manager which explains his side of the question.

Some of our alumni think the manager should write them a personal letter every year asking them to take the Spectrum. This is a business proposition for him, and don't expect him to write two hundred letters to the alumni and get just a few subscriptions as he has done in the past. This don't pay and if you want the paper send your dollar in, but don't expect to be asked every year.

It has been reported that some of the alumni do not subscribe for the Spectrum because they were not asked. Last year we put on a campaign among the alumni and sent two issues of the paper to them free of charge. In each issue we printed a notice asking for their subscriptions. From this list we received only ten subscriptions, and for that reason we believe that no one need to withhold his or her subscription because of not being asked to subscribe. Every alumnus knows our address and ought to know that we welcome all subscriptions.

It has also been stated that those who have contributed do not receive their paper regularly. We have received no complaints of non-delivery since the present management has been in office and we can not answer for nor be held responsible for the past managements. We admit that we are not beyond making mistakes, but we will not admit that we do not do everything possible to give the alumni good service. Commissioner of Publications.

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governing the number of issues per year.

Bulletin No. 108 of the Delaware Experiment station dealing with "Some New Bacterial Disease of Legumes and the Relationship of the Organisms Causing the Same," is the work of Thomas F. Manns, '01.

Charles Ruzicka, '11, superintendent of the Williston sub-station, spent several days in Fargo last week. Charley is just returning from Washington, where he spent a part of the winter.

Dr. M. C. Elmer of Fargo College will speak at the meeting of the Polytechnic Society this evening, on "The Industrial Situation in Fargo." Mr. Hardy, secretary of the Commercial Club, and Professor Shepherd will also speak.

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The Sophs took the offensive and Boe Dial tossed the first basket. Boe's first basket was soon followed by a second counter and the Sophomore rooters went wild, while McQuillan paced the side lines. The game then got red hot and five fouls were called before the half ended. The Sophs were in the lead 14 to 6.

NORTH DAKOTA CHAMPIONSHIP WON BY MINOT HIGH SCHOOL.

Minot Quintet Defeats Valley City by a Score of 37 to 20.

In the finals played at the North Dakota Agricultural College armory Valley City lost the state championship to Minot. Valley City failed to play as stiff a game as the previous evening, while Minot appeared twice as strong. The shots of Valley City were few and generally went wild, due to the close guarding of the Minot Five. Hayes and Jacobson for Minot played one of the best games witnessed between high schools. Coop of Valley City took the individual honors.

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In order to show our appreciation in a small measure for the great record made by the Aggie squad, we, the students, are to banquet the team at Ceres hall, Thursday, March 16.

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For several years L. R. Waldron, '99, has been superintendent of the Dickinson sub-station, but has recently been elected to the position of plant breeder at the experiment station. Mr. Waldron is succeeded by John Thysell, '08, who has also been connected with the Dickinson station for several years.

Mr. and Mrs. John Thysell spent a part of last week visiting friends in the city. They were enroute from Washington to Dickinson, where Mr. Thysell takes up his new duties as superintendent of that station.

Ralph Smith, '14 and F. S. Babcock, '08, of the Dickinson and Williston substations are doing some

special work in the office of grain standardization here at Fargo.

CLASS OF '09 PRODUCES POET.

While looking through the Literary Digest we found the following poem written by Hugh J. Hughes of the class of 1909, and copied from the Farm, Stock and Home, of which paper he is editor. We print the following comment from the Literary Digest:

"The name and purposes of the Farm, Stock and Home are not likely to prove irresistably attractive to the seeker after poetry, and yet, on the first page of a recent issue of this publication we find a distinguished poetic utterance, a poem not inferior in technique and strength to many a contribution to the most dignified of our literary monthlies. It is safe to prophesy that its author will be heard from again."

Our Fathers.

"We are the sons or our fathers—
 Passionate, free and bold;
 Bred from the storm of battle,
 Cast in their mighty mold;
 Proud of their ancient glory
 Strong with their ancient might,
 Reared with their world-winning story
 Sung in our ears at night,
 And we, as the sons of our fathers,
 Must live by the ancient light.

Our fathers they smote the forest,
 Our fathers they bridged the sea;
 Our fathers came down and built the town

Where the myriad peoples be.
 One hand on the sword-hilt riding,
 And one to labor withal,
 They loved and fought, and won, God wot!
 A place and a home for all,
 And we, as the sons of our fathers,
 Must follow the ancient call.

Our fathers sang, and their singing
 Was sweeter than prophets words;
 Our fathers rejoiced, and their gladness

Was lit by their leaping swords;
 One God, one land, one woman,
 And these with their lives to ward,
 They blazed their way from the East-land gray
 By mountain and sea bestarred,
 And we, as the sons of our fathers,
 We too, have the three to guard.

Our fathers bequeathed us honor
 And the glory of toil and song,
 And the deathless joy of longing,
 And hearts for the battle strong,
 And our faith; and a land, and our women,
 And the children that 'round us rise,
 And by God's good grace we will purge the race

Of wrong, lest their glory dies,
 That a fairer land than our fathers planned
 May for our children rise.

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Coach and Mrs. Davis entertained the members of the basket ball team very delightfully at their home in the Colonial apartments. Covers for twelve were laid at a delicious dinner which was served at 6:30 o'clock. The college colors, yellow and green predominated in the decorations of daffodils and ferns. Mrs. Davis was assisted in serving by the Misses Altine Kneatvold, Leona

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Impression

From the present back to the Agricultural College as it was in the first years from 1891 to 1895, is a far step. Then of a few days and full of trouble the college was new in name, new in aim and purpose, new in hope. Its buildings were built upon ground so new and oozy that the frogs croaked a new song of deliverance from the ooze of the primeval past. The buildings and their furnishings were resinous with new wood and fresh varnish. The professors, few in years, were new in experience, with new ideas, but with ambitious hopes for the future years.

In a new state, among pioneer people, this, our college, set up a new standard of education, which in a few years was to bear fruit and be as a light in a desert land, helping the settler in the semi-arid plains of the west to cope more successfully with nature in the conquest of the soil. Such were my impressions of the newness of things in those early years of the Agricultural College in the new town of Fargo.

Time brings its changes, and with the ripeness of years one should gain wisdom from the many experiences that give breadth of view. Our perspective changes and we view life with more conservatism than in earlier years.

It has been my privilege of recent years to "sit at the feet of the masters" in several of our large universities of the east. The ivy-clad walls of those old buildings of Harvard University are eloquent with a language peculiarly their own. Johns Hopkins, Yale, Columbia and others had each for me a message of their own, born of the ages. Each could speak for a past, of a beginning in poverty, without state grants or subsidies, but of men, strong and true, whose value was not of the dollar, but in their higher and nobler purpose of serving mankind for the betterment of man.

Our forefathers say little of the greatness that was to be theirs as they made their settlements upon "those stern and rock-bounce coasts" of New England and in the sandy stretches of the more southern plains. It was an infertile soil that offered no easy road to wealth. Here as in no other part of this "land of liberty" was the scriptural curse on man evident. "In the sweat of thy brow shalt thou eat thy daily bread." The thriftless and the pauper found no refuge no encouragement. But God's plan is eternal "and through the course of nature one eternal purpose runs." Thus this land of stone and sand was destined to bring forth a people, sturdy men and strong women were bred therein. Tried in a crucible where poverty and self-denial made for honesty and high purpose, they gave us our government, our literature, and our educational systems.

The west can learn much from the east, and let us not any longer thank Providence in our provincialism that we have been especially chosen from all people. Let us humbly bow before the master and acknowledge our debt to the great East—our mother—who has given us of herself that we might become a part of this great republic, who has given her sons on many a hell-swept battle field that this nation might be free, who is still giving the best that is in her to uphold the best traditions of state and government; that as a nation may be honored among the nations of the earth, that the stars and stripes may still mean protection to our citizens wherever they chance to be.

MERTON FIELD, '95.
B. S. Agricultural College.
M. S. University of Minn., 1902.
M. D. Harvard University, 1914.

WHAT AN ACTIVE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEAN TO THE A. C.

An active alumni association at the A. C. would first of all be a means whereby the alumni would be kept in closer touch with each other. All alumni must recognize how easy it is to lose trace even of their own classmates, after graduation, let alone retain or possess any knowledge of members of classes either previous or subsequent to their own.

The first year after graduation sees a class scattered over three or four different states, each member of which is pursuing a separate line of work, no two of which sees one another from month to month. The demands of a newly acquired position upon his time, and the acquired change of interest in beginning a life work from the interests of College life make it so easy for an alumnus to drift away from the Col-

lege associations, and cause him to forget the whereabouts and doings of his former classmates and his fellow alumni.

Toward the correction of this condition, which must exist when there is no well organized Alumni Association, it would seem that an active association would work. The publication of a directory as was done this last year is a concrete example of how active work of this nature can bind the alumni together. How many of the alumni did not read with interest the directory giving the present addresses and occupations of all other members? and what alumnus can say that this publication did not stir within him a greater realization and knowledge of what his brothers and sisters of the A. C. family are doing.

Besides keeping the alumni in touch with each other, such an organization also binds them close to their Alma Mater. An active association which through its directory and other publications builds up a permanent interest of its members one with another, will also foster and nourish the sentiments which keep alive their interests in the College of their choice.

This would probably be the most significant result of a strong alumni association. The alumni body must be continually interested and active in the various perplexing problems which confront a College from time to time. Their position as extension workers of the College demands it. They are a vast group of middlemen in disseminating the ideas, teachings and ideals of their Alma Mater; and to be influential in this position, it is absolutely necessary that the daily problems of the school be kept before them. An active alumni association could accomplish this.

Powerful as is the influence of the Alumni group in the College family, it remains for the students to be the greatest single factor in strengthening the various works and activities of the school. An alumni association which would cultivate the acquaintance of the students, and present to them a view of the work from the broader aspect of one who is applying a college course to daily life, could not but be beneficial to the students. It would enable them to see themselves through the eyes which they will possess a few years hence. Possibly it would jar to consciousness some student who is now trifling away the time he should be filling with constructive things. It would broaden the student perspective, and bring him to the realization that he is a powerful part of a great College family made up of alumni and student members, and a strong group of faculty workers, all of which should work in harmony to make the A. C. a strong institution, worthy of the ideals upon which it was founded.
GEORGE STEWART, '15

Community Leaders

In this day and age when civilization is making rapid advancements in all walks of life, a new field of activity has been opened for specially trained men and women; namely, that of community leaders.

Every wide awake community has its club or organization whose aim it is to promote the welfare of the farmer politically, financially and socially. Having had special training in many problems that are of vital interest to farming communities, the college man or woman finds in such an organization a great field for activity. The influence for good that these specially trained men or women can do in these organizations is in direct ratio to the zeal and earnestness of their endeavors.

The masses have been in the habit of looking upon a college graduate as a failure if he does not engage in some professional calling. This view is erroneous. A college graduate, especially one with agricultural training cannot render any better service to his state than to go back to his own community and by his superior knowledge and ability help to raise that community to a higher level.

The farms need more college bred men and women as community leaders. Here is a field that is not overcrowded. To the zealous it offers opportunities for service, growth and development that cannot be surpassed by any of the "professions." Let us have more community leaders.
JOHN A. SWENSON, '06.

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An Alumni In Business

It has been stated that the younger alumni feel that the members of the association do not show the interest in the organization which might be desired. I believe that the old alumni have the same feeling, but so far no one seems to have taken any decided step to improve matters. As individuals, the graduates of N. D. A. C. are as loyal supporters and boosters of their Alma Mater as the alumni of other institutions but they have failed to secure a live organization for concentrating their action. Up to this time the numbers have been too small to accomplish much but the directory just issued indicates that there are enough members now for a strong organization.

The members are widely scattered and it is out of the question to secure a large attendance at the annual meeting. We must, therefore, look for some other means of holding the members together and keep up the interest in the association. I am wondering if it is too early to suggest an alumni publication. I realize that such a proposition would mean considerable work for someone, some alumnus located at the college. I believe, however, that the matter is worth considering. The alumni notes in the "Weekly Spectrum" have done very well in giving news from the alumni but more items would be sent in by members, if a regular publication were maintained. Such a publication would be necessarily have to be started on a small scale, but even a single page of letter size, issued monthly would be a beginning. The cost of such a newsletter would be trifling and arrangements could, no doubt, be made for meeting this expense.

This publication could first of all serve as a newsletter, giving items of interest sent in by alumni. It could further serve as a medium for informing members of the activity of the association and for discussion of questions of interest to the alumni.

The alumni association should lend its influence toward increasing the enrollment in the college courses of the A. C. The college has had a steady growth and made wonderful progress but larger classes would justify even better equipment and teaching facilities than what are found at the present time. There might be times when an expression from the alumni on questions concerning the policy of the college would not be out of place and such expression could most easily be made through a live alumni association.

To take up questions of this nature would require a more flexible organization than we have at the present time. An executive council made up of members who could meet at the college when necessary should be provided. It is out of the question to handle constructive work at the annual meeting at commencement unless questions to be settled have been threshed out and lined up by an executive committee. A monthly newsletter would serve as a medium through which the executive committee would reach the individual members and keep them informed of the committee's activity.
C. I. GUNNESS, '07

The College Man In Business

Some years ago there was a very widely diffused impression that the college man did not fit in business life; that his education was too academic, and that he was too prone to take an ideal and abstract view of life and was unable to get down to the realities of business. It was generally believed that it took a year or so for the college graduate to, as it were, sandpaper his finish and come to a realization that business is not made up of ideals, but that you must make the best of the world as you find it, and reforms are not instituted in a day but by slow and gradual process.

How much is this impression due to the college men who entered business and to the kind of education they had received from the institutions they attended, and how much to the attitude of the business man of that day, is hard to say. Probably both sides were to blame. Undoubtedly the colleges of the past that knowledge to everyday life for its own sake—for the mere purpose of acquiring knowledge—without developing the faculty or applying that knowledge to everyday life. The successful institution of today, however, is the college that not only educates its students, but also

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teaches them how to make the best use of their education. Then, too, the successful business man of 15 or 20 years ago, was in many instances, a man who had had very little opportunity for obtaining an education. He had hewed his way upward by main force and perseverance, with out other assistance than his native ability, and had a large contempt for the educated "college dude."

Today the prejudice against college men in business has practically disappeared. Instead of being looked upon as poor material he is welcomed with open arms. Let it not be supposed, however, that education is all he needs. If he has not the ability to use that education to advantage and to apply it in a practical way, he will soon fall by the wayside. Nor does it take long to discover whether he is fitted for the post he is to occupy. While the colleges have been striving to change their methods so as to better fit their students for business careers, business has taken just as great strides in discovering ways in which it can employ science to advantage. The psychologist, though by another name, is a very important member of the employment department of any big business organization, and before the new employee has run the gauntlet of this department he will, if he realizes what methods are used in passing judgment on him, have a very wholesome respect for a subject which, while at college, he regarded perhaps as a useless waste of time.

A college education, while not absolutely essential, is of very great importance in any line of business. The writer has since his graduation been employed in work for which his college course did not specifically train him. He might say that he has been fairly successful, and that his college training has enabled him to overcome difficulties that might otherwise have been a bar to his progress. Had he been without a college education, his advancement would certainly have been much slower. The best advice he can offer a young man is this: Get a college education if at all possible but remember that you must also prepare yourself to make your education a means and not the end your servant and not your master.
A. M. MIKKELSON, '05.

OUR AGRICULTURAL GRADUATES

There are some very interesting facts to be found in our alumni statistics and the summary to be found elsewhere in this issue shows in detail the various vocation chosen. It is often intimated, however, that few of the agricultural graduates go back to the farm. This, of course, is true to a certain extent, but on the other hand in view of the urgent need for agricultural leaders in various lines of endeavor there is, indeed, a surprising proportion that actually return to the farm. There are approximately 75 men graduated from the agricultural course and of these, according to the above table, 34 or over 45 per cent are farming and a number of those who are at present engaged in other lines or agricultural work are planning on going back to the farm in the near future. Fifteen per cent are engaged in educational work, while 40 per cent are engaged in scientific work. In view of the fact that very few men at the time of graduation have

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the necessary means or opportunity to start farming it is indeed gratifying to note that such a large proportion are actually engaged in tilling the soil.
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Extension Work

Agriculture can develop no faster than the home is developed. In raising the standards of rural life it is not possible to develop only the agricultural phase and to leave the home back on the lever with pioneer days where women and children were slaves to the dreaded farm drudgeries, and must still labor under the old unsanitary conditions. It is through the combined forces of farm and home that the standards of rural life must be raised. It must be remembered, however, that the country woman's problem cannot be solved by her city sisters. She inhabits her own realm and she alone can determine her needs and can develop a home-like atmosphere. She can make out of what has been a mere shelter a place radiating contentment and where there is time for self-development, social life and recreation. In this great problem, the home economics worker who is in sympathy with all the farm women's problems may be able to offer helpful suggestions.

Since the passage of the Smith Lever act which makes provision for "co-operative agricultural work which shall consist of the giving of instruction and practical demonstrations in agriculture and home economics to persons not attending or resident" in agricultural colleges, there has been given a new impetus to the extension departments in home economics. Practically every state in the union is now engaging in this important work.

To give instruction in home economics in such a manner that eventually either directly or indirectly the interest of every farm home in the state will be served is the object of the extension department in home economics.

The department of home economics in the extension service in Montana was organized in July, 1917. In one year 28 counties and 78 towns have been visited and 14,017 miles have been covered. One hundred thirty-two talks have been given and 26 short courses, or schools, for women have been conducted. These courses included 103 demonstration lectures, and the total attendance for the year was 18,469. Only the smallest beginning has been made, yet the work has met with such hearty response throughout the state that it is certain that the newly organized department has come to stay. In order to serve the state in its full capacity, the department is in need of additional funds and more workers.

Among the more satisfactory methods of carrying on the work we have at present the Home Economics Short Course. The Short Course is a school where a regular class assembles for three to five hours daily, for from two to five days, according to what the community desires and can support. The object of the Short Course is to give instruction in Home Economics subjects that shall be an end in itself. In the Short Course method sufficient time is given to warrant satisfactory results.

Follow up work is carried on through meetings involving only a few families in private homes to discuss work previously done and primarily to study home problems. Through this means an effort shall be made to reach individual home keepers for the purpose of discussing home and neighborhood problems.

Through talks and demonstration lectures, it is hoped to further interest the public in home economics as a factor in making better homes and to give instruction such as will actually tend to serve the interest of the farm home.

In order to bring the knowledge of home economics subjects in closer relationship to the homes of the states, bulletins and circulars are prepared and circulated.

The home economics extension service interests itself in both home and school, in fact in the betterment of all community conditions. It is hoped that the results of the work will be measured not by attendance, towns visited and miles covered, but rather by the increase in the number of country homes containing good heating, lighting and plumbing plants, running water and convenient bathrooms, conveniently arranged kitchens and labor-saving devices for the housewife.

Extracts from letters from farm women all over the United States in response to an inquiry "How the United States Department of Agriculture can better meet the needs of the farm housewives" show that most of the women are handicapped through lack of ready money. The tone of the letters infer, "Give us

the money and we will show you that we know how to spend it". A woman from Kansas writes, "The first thing to look at is the financial phase. Money is too dear. Make money cheaper and it will relieve the situation. Bettering the farm woman's conditions depends very largely on bettering the farmer's financial condition." The home economics extension worker cannot hope to realize her aims until the county agriculturist helps the farmer to solve the problem of securing better returns for his labor. It rests with the home economics worker to point out to the housewife the value of the butter, eggs and vegetables produced on her farm, as well as the economic value of her time. Recently the writer partook of a dinner consisting of potatoes, cabbage, tomatoes, beans, strawberry jam, honey, cucumber pickles, cnochow, apple salad steak lemon pie, chocolate cake, cider. The charge was twenty-five cents. Upon making inquiry as to how she could serve a meal so cheaply she replied, "Well, you see I raise nearly all these things on the place and I keep no help so the work costs me nothing and all I am out today is the can of tomatoes and the lemons," and yet this woman was trying to make money by keeping boarders. If that woman realized as have our state champion gardeners in the girls' canning and gardening clubs that \$148 may be made from a 1-10 acre plot, she would appreciate the fact that her time and the foods that she can supply are worth something in dollars and cents. A simple system of keeping accounts would soon show the farm woman that it costs her more to live than she thinks it does. Admitting that money is a consideration, extracts from other letters would indicate that in his desire to equip the farm with labor saving devices, the farmer forgets the equal value of time and strength saving equipment for the wife whom he so eagerly promised to love and cherish. Putting the cost of a washing machine, sewing machine, hot and cold running water, vacuum cleaner, light, bread mixer, and the numerous small time savers, against the saving of time, strength and disposition, would you not consider them of equal importance? A woman from Pennsylvania writes, "A farm woman is entitled to modern conveniences as well as her husband." From Illinois comes the statement, "home conveniences for the kitchen should not be put off until there is surplus money in the bank. If a new tool or machine is needed for out door work the money is put into that and the house mother gets along as best she can." The home economics worker familiarizes herself with home conveniences and is qualified to go into a kitchen and work out with the home mother a plan for greater efficiency.

It has been said that the ideal home economics extension worker must be able to inspire women with a desire for knowledge, and to teach them to use it and be eager for more; she must leave with them an outlook beyond that of their daily living; the technicalities of her work must be always at her command, and the importance of reserve material cannot be over emphasized for an audience is quick to recognize that the bucket is running dry; and more important still the extension worker should be in deep sympathy with the farm woman's problems, and have a personal knowledge through experience, of farm conditions. She must be willing to accept graciously such accommodations as are offered—the bed room without heat and the bed with insufficient covers; maybe no chairs, due to lack of space; very likely no curtain; and probably a lamp but no matches; cold water, a hunk of soap and the public wash basin. She must be willing to talk and be sociable when not so inclined; it must not phase her at appear the appointed hour for a demonstration and find nothing done, nothing ready; to have a nicely prepared speech and find that it will not fit and have to manufacture one on the spur of the moment. She must be content with an early breakfast, able to make trains day or night, carry her own suitcase and look pleasant when the sign board reads "No. 1 four hours late."

When a woman is considered for the position of home economics extension worker the following questions, among others, are asked:

1. Is she a mature woman and of dignified bearing?
2. Has she personal magnetism?
3. Does she thoroughly familiar with her subject?
4. Does she believe in her work herself?
5. Is she enthusiastic?
6. Is she a good mixer?
7. Has she physical endurance?

8. Does she possess cordiality of manner?
 9. Is she a good speaker?
 10. Is she able to clearly express herself?
 11. Is she in sympathy with the problems of farm women?
 12. Is she adaptable?
 13. Has she the necessary amount of tact?
 14. Can she at all times under varied circumstances present a neat and cheerful appearance?
- The above gives some idea of the possibilities in extension work, the field it covers and the need for properly equipped women. A few of the unpleasant features have been cited, but they sink into insignificance beside the joy of service that comes from being engaged in a work that is doing so much for the homes of our country. This is a reward in itself.

KATHARINE JENSEN, '04.

THE A. C. GRADUATE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

In writing this article on the topic suggested, I decided after much worrying as to the proper subject matter, to be guided by what I would like to know about my former friends and classmates. Accordingly I shall confine myself to a brief account of the only two alumni with whose recent history I am familiar, namely H. H. Dodge and myself, both of the class of 1911.

In the late fall of 1911 Dodge and I left our native state and set out for the furthest point we could find on the map, which happened to be Los Angeles. We were guided by the spirit of adventure and exploration rather than any logical plans as to what we were going to do in a strange country. Probably if we had known then what we do now we would not have had the courage to come, especially at that time of year. As the Mecca of every wandering engineer on the continent, Los Angeles, is probably the worst place in the country to come to in the early winter months when work is closing down in less favored regions. Happy in our ignorance, we came as far as our money would carry us and immediately stumbled onto work. By the time we had been here long enough to understand the chances we had taken we were acquainted and had little to fear.

Although neither Dodge nor I had any intention of staying in this section more than a few months, I have never left the vicinity of Los Angeles and steady work was pushed early plans for revisiting my native state further and further into the back ground.

Dodge, on the other hand, has wandered widely. After a year in various parts of California he returned to North Dakota in the spring of 1913, and from there went to Detroit where he worked for some months in the automobile factories. But the taste of California had gotten into his blood and the fall of 1914 saw him back in Los Angeles, where an uncanny intimacy with the anatomy of automobiles secured him profitable employment during the lean months that followed. This, however, was a means to an end. For a long time mining and metallurgy had claimed much of his attention and the fall of 1915 found him ready to take up advanced work along these lines. He has spent the past winter studying chemistry and metallurgy, and to such good purpose that at the time this is written he has just left for eastern Oregon where he will have charge of the metallurgical work of a large gold mine.

Of my own doings in the flying years since graduation there is little to say. The good fortune which enabled Dodge and I to find work on first arriving here, when by all tradition we should have starved, seems to continue in force. From a beginning on boundary surveys and tract subdivisions I got into road and street work. Two years experience in this enabled me to get the position of assistant city engineer of Manhattan Beach. This last in turn gave the necessary qualifications for a recent appointment in the department of land valuation with Los Angeles county, which brings the story up to the present day.

LEROY GIFFORD, '11

In one of the closest, fastest, and most exciting games of basketball played this year, Carleton defeated St. Olaf at the National Guard armory. The final score was 21 to 16. Both teams played at top speed during the entire contest and although Carleton lead all the way, the lead was never enough to allow the Maize and Blue supporters to sit back at their ease.



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Next year we hope to issue an alumni quarterly. If ten additional members will take out life memberships it will assure the financial part of this undertaking. Let us have the ten dollars before June 1, if possible, so that when we make plans at our next reunion we can cut the garment according to the cloth.

Below is the list of sixteen who have become life members to date:

- W. H. Foley, '11. R. B. Reed, '95. Mary Darrow Weible, '04. C. I. Guinness, '07. Angelina Gibson, '98. Addie Stafford, '12. Fern Dynes, '12. O. A. Thompson, '01. F. O. Olson, '00. Alice Tibert, '14. O. W. Dynes, '07. B. F. Meinecke, '99. E. W. Anderson, '14. Elmer May, '05. Alma Leeb, '12. Ben Barrett, '12.

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FROM ALASKA.

Most of us are interested in Alaska, that cold barren country which makes us think in terms of icebergs whenever it is mentioned. Paul Heath of the class of '08 has made several trips to this frozen north since his graduation and a short time ago he sent us the following poem which is one of his own composition:

The Old Prospector. For thirty years I've searched for wealth Among Alaska hills, And I shall hunt as long as health Stays with men,—and God wills.

So still in summer on my back And shoulders, bent and old, I strap my tiny little pack, And sally forth for gold.

My pick and shovel both are there, My bed, with cheese cloth screens, My skillet, and my bill of fare, Of bacon, flour and beans.

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I don't know why I prospect so, For every single fall A little streamlet that I know Gives me a grubstake small.

It's just the finding it, I guess, That keeps me at it yet; I want no fortune to possess, For all I need I get.

A paying mine would be a joke To me, for still right here I'd fill me up my tiny poke Beside my creek so clear.

The outside world would have no charms; No recognizing face Would greet me, naught but vague alarms; I'd feel quite out of place.

Here I am never lonely, for Each morning when I rise, Camp robbers hop outside my door In unalarmed surprise.

And from the alder ptarmigan "Good morning" seem to say, A squirrel chirps his welcome, then Back to his cache away.

Down for supplies each year we go, Me and that dog of mine, I help the old chap on the snow By pulling on a line.

My grub pile too is ordered right; At cookin' fairly smart This sourdough is, the chef not quite In culinary art.

Still there's my good sourdough pail, Its beat there's none at all, Still hangin' from the same old nail Against my cabin wall.

I'm not exactly what you'd call A target shootin' shark, Yet when I hear the bull moose bawl I know I've hit my mark.

And tho my breath is getting short I sleep both loud and long, 'Twixt sleep, and eat, and much of sport, I seem to get along.

Yes, mine's an independent lot, On none do I depend; I'm simply planted in this spot, Just waitin' for the end.

'Twill not be long I know for me, I like to sit and think That I'll cash in with speed, not be A hov'rin' on the brink.

Friend! See that hole there eight feet deep, This side of that spruce blaze? The boys will lay we there to sleep When I have spent my days.

'Twas 12 months later that I came To that same blaze remote, And after pencilling there his name, This epitaph I wrote:

Epitaph The poor in ownership of things, This man, contentment freed From bondage that mere getting brings, So he died rich indeed.

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