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## Exhibit At St. Paul Was Grand Success

**We Took High Place  
Won Almost Everything in Sheep  
And Took Good Prizes  
In Battle.**

The judging team is back from St. Paul, and considering what they were up against and the preparation they had, did very creditable work. We took fifth place and a "U" of Minnesota man took first place, but conditions in stock judging are different at that institution, than they are here. There the men have to practice for four or five years before they are allowed to enter the contest, and then too they have a great deal more stock to practice on, the college herds are larger and they have the benefit of the live stock that is shown in the markets. While here all the training a man ever has is two years experience in judging before he enters the contest, and this fall there was no class in judging so that our men were not fresh from the judging ring when they went to St. Paul. So that we are well contented to get even fifth place.

Some of our exhibits at this show were particularly fine. We took practically every thing in sheep. Our exhibit consisted of 7 sheep: three pure bred wethers, one pure bred lamb, and three grade wethers.

Upon these we won placings which would have entitled us to two hundred and twelve dollars and three diplomas. But since we are an institution instead of an individual we had to give up the prize money as they will not pay the prize money to any but individual breeders.

We won first and third on pure bred yearling wethers; first on pure bred lambs and Champion and Reserve Champion wether.

We also took first on a pen of three pure bred yearling wethers, and we had the Champion pen of all ages of pure bred stock.

We did equally as well on the grade stock taking first and second on yearling wether, Champion and Reserve Champion wether of all ages, first on a pen of three yearling wethers and the Champion pen of all ages.

We also took Grand Champion and reserve Grand Champion wether or ewe of all breeds or crosses. We had the Grand Champion pen of all breeds and crosses.

In cattle we also took a large number of prizes. In Shorthorn steers we took second with Grand Baron, third with Pansy Star and seventh with Ross.

In Herfords we took fourth with Best Ever.

And in Aberdeen Angus we took eighth with Ashorn.

Altogether our showing was a grand success and we expect to do even better next year.

### Declamation Contest.

All those wishing to enter the declamation contest must hand in their names to Prof. Arvold, so that the selections may be assigned before the first of December. The contest this year will be thrown open to all students.

## Debating Teams Now Announced

**Contestants In Inter-Society Debate At Last Chosen And Are Hard At Work.**

The preliminary preparations for the Intersociety Debate to take place between the Athenian and Philomathian Literary societies are now completed and the two teams are hard at work on their arguments. The Philomathion team was definitely decided upon early last week and sides were immediately chosen. The choice fell to the Athenians who chose the affirmative of the question; Resolved that a graduated income tax, with exemption of incomes of less than \$5,000 per annum would be a desirable modification of federal taxation.

The teams as they are now lined are Athenian, P. J. Olson Ray Towle and Ole Nereal; Philomathian, S. V. Anderson D. J. Ford and Dike. The positions have not been decided upon but will be made known in the next few days.

The Intersociety debate is no longer an experiment as the great favor which it gained last year insures it a permanent place among the college events. Besides the mere interest of the debate a spirit of rivalry is engendered that tends toward a higher efficiency in both societies.

Most of the men who will take part in the debate this year are rather new in that particular field of public speaking but nearly all have had experience before the public and finished arguments may be expected from all.

Members of both societies are taking a lively interest in the outcome and by December 10th, the date set for the debate a great deal of enthusiasm will undoubtedly be manifest.

A number of the students left for their homes Saturday morning to spend Thanksgiving week.

### Notice.

Prof. Slocum has recently received a number of books on "Concrete Construction About the Home and on the Farm." These books are issued by the Atlas Portland Cement Company and are of great value to any one interested in cement work. A full account of the many uses to which cement is now put is given along with complete directions for each case. The book is distributed free of charge and students would do well to secure copies. Any one wishing a copy may get it by handing or mailing his name and home address to Prof. Slocum.

Clarence Plath, '09, came in Saturday from the Edgeley Substation, where he has been working during the summer. Mr. Plath will spend this week with his parents in the city and will then proceed to Washington to take up his winters work in the government laboratories.

Mrs. Ash spent Friday and Saturday in Breckenridge, visiting friends.

## College Catalog Will Be Changed

**To Be Issued As A Quarterly Henceforward.**

At the Faculty meeting held Friday a radical change in the college catalog was decided upon. In the future it will appear as a quarterly. Four of these will be printed during the year, each of which will be devoted to a separate division of the work of the institution. The college, high school and special courses will be treated separately in the first three issues while the fourth will contain general information. This will greatly simplify the work of compiling the catalog and at the same time differentiate more definitely between the three principle divisions of the courses offered at the institution. The catalog of the college courses will be ready to go to press in about two weeks and will be out for distribution far earlier than usual.

## NOTICE.

There will be an important meeting of the Student's Organization at eleven o'clock today. Every member of the Senior Prep and College classes should make it a point to be present.

## MAY DEBATE "U" IN NEAR FUTURE

**Date For A Debate Next Year Is Discussed.**

Negotiations have been under way for some time to arrange an intercollegiate debate with the University, but of no avail. The University is particularly anxious to arrange for such a debate but it is impossible for it this year or next, on account of the agreement of the Hamline University and Manitoba. Since these two debates have been arranged, the student body would rather concentrate their efforts on these two debates. The S. D. University is very anxious to debate with the U. of N. D. This statement was made by Prof. Cox, who is an intimate friend of Prof. Arvold who also states that the best of feeling exists between the two departments.

Both Fargo College and Concordia desire debates with us, though at present no definite arrangements can be made until letters are received from several other institutions. However the chances are that the two debates will be held during the school year. There is sufficient interest manifested by the students, but the number of those that will really get down and work for a debate is small. Students should manifest their interests in this matter. Of course our chances for victory would be few, for several years but the only way to win is to attempt. No debaters will be taken on to the team who is not up in his classes and who is not willing to work, and work hard.

Mr. Greeg and Superintendent Hooverstad stopped over at the College Thursday on their way from one part of the state to another.

## Band Dance Proves Highly Successful

**Nearly One Hundred Couples Enjoy Hop Given By Cadet Band.**

The second of the season's balls was given by the cadet band Saturday evening in the College Armory. This is the first dance which the band boys have given and accordingly has been looked forward to with no little interest. The results however proved quite flattering, as a large crowd was in attendance and in every respect the function was a success.

The dance began shortly after 8:30 and the first six numbers were played by the band. The orchestra then played four numbers to give the band members an opportunity to dance and the remaining nine numbers were given by the band.

Nearly one hundred couples were present, and the dances were thoroughly enjoyed as evidenced by the hearty encores which followed nearly every number. Refreshments in the form of frappe were served throughout the evening.

The hall was simply but effectively decorated in the college colors, banners and flags, while the floor was in its usual excellent condition. Besides a large number of the college students, the dance was well patronized by the Fargo people and the Faculty.

As a whole the boys are well pleased with their first ball and will probably make this an annual event.

## C. E. DEPARTMENT RECEIVES REPORT

**Interesting Bulletins And Report Add To Efficiency Of Work.**

The Civil Engineering Department has recently received a report for the year ending June 30, 1909 on "New South Wales Government Railways and Tramways," by the Chief Commissioner of that country. "Contributions from the Sanitary Research Laboratory and Experiment Station," Boston and "The Annual Report of the Board of Health of State of New Jersey," for the year 1908. Such reports are not only of interest but provide most valuable information for the students in that department. In the sending of such literature it is a strange fact that in many cases the requests sent to other states or even far more courtesy than those sent to the different parts of our own state.

### Editors Entertained.

The editors acknowledge a most pleasant time Thursday evening when they were the guests of the Alpha Mus at a social session held in the fraternity room. Refreshments were served and a pleasant entertainment was furnished by the two candidates now on probation, who took turns at telling humorous stories and singing. A jolly time was had by all (with the possible exception of the afore mentioned candidates).

## Teacher's Meeting Very Successful

**Association of Science and Mathematics Teachers Hold Interesting Session.**

The Association of Science and Mathematics teachers met in the Normal building at Mayville with President Bolley presiding. The opening number was a selection by the normal chorus under the direction of Miss Brant teacher in music and drawing at the normal. President Bolley then called on Mr. Hillyer, president of the normal for a few words of welcome. He expressed his appreciation of the coming of such educational gatherings to the normal school and commented favorably upon the evidence of the sciences having invaded the teaching profession as it has not done in recent years. He encouraged all educators to continue with renewed energy and enthusiasm in this line of investigation.

The normal Senior Glee Club rendered two selections—An evening Hymn by Gottschalk, and The Miller by Vearzie.

Following this the regular program was given.

President Bolley read an able paper on, Observation and Teaching. He first presented the fact that so many students coming to college are deficient in observational ability, then analyzed this defect, giving in an able manner what seems to be the cause of it and showing how the causes may be removed and defects corrected. He attributes the error to poor teaching. We do not make proper demands on the observational powers, hence the pupil does not acquire the observation tendency. The speaker gave at length methods of presentation which would if adapted detract nothing from the present value of instruction, while it would add much by training these powers of observation.

In the paper "The Teaching of Agriculture," which Supt. Foster of Harvard presented clearly and forcefully showing the weakness of the present methods of farming which might easily be removed by the proper education in agriculture, showed that there was an urgent need for better results in farming, else the United States will have to import food stuffs within ten years because the increase in population is so much more rapid than that in food production. He then outlined the method of procedure for the schools which will result in instructing the coming farmer. His strong plea for the study of agriculture and related topics in the high school and in the grades as well, met with a hearty approval from all the teachers assembled. It is impossible because time and space to summarize all the papers of this convention.

### Geography Discussion.

The paper on Geography Teaching by Professor Pope of the Nor-

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## MIXED PAINT MEN INSPECT FENCES

Second Delegation Visits College To Study Results Of Paint Tests.

Last Friday the second delegation of Paint Inspectors visited the College, some of them went home on the same day and some of them stayed over until Saturday. This delegation consisted of Mr. Gregg, President of the Paint Manufacturer's Association, Mr. Harry Gardiner, Director of the Scientific Section of the Paint Manufacturer's Association, Mr. Geo. Butler, Master Painter of Philadelphia, Mr. Chas. Mac Nichol, Master Painter of Washington, D. C., Mr. Ludvig Patton, of The Patton Paint Co., Milwaukee, Mr. M. W. Neal of the Aeme White Lead and Color Co. Detroit, Mich., Mr. Houston Lowe, of Lowe Bros and Co., Dayton, Ohio, Mr. L. S. Hughes of the Pitcher Lead Co., Joplin, Mo.

Mr. Hughes, a member of the party which inspected the fences a few weeks ago, returned to make further examination and to secure some special photographs

All of these men are prominent in the paint world, Mr. Gregg, is well known and is to be found whenever there is anything in the line of paint work going on. Mr. Gardiner does the research work for the association, and has his own laboratory in which he conducts his work, Mr. Mac Nichol, the master painter from Washington does considerable work for the Government and is one of the most prominent workers in the paint line. Mr. Neal is the General Manager of the Aeme White Lead and Color Co., and is of course interested in this work. Mr. Lowe is the junior partner and General Superintendent of Lowe Bros. and Co., and is one of the energetic young men in the paint business.

This party made quite an impression on the people who saw them pass as they were all dressed in the most approved fashion for those who have to face the rigors of a North Dakota winter.

They all had brilliant colored toboggan caps, high arctic and sweaters and went around from place to place in a bob sled. Indeed their appearance was so odd that at one of the houses which they got out to inspect, the lady of the house thru up her hands and ran.

On their way back to college some of Nemzek's football warriors used them for a target for their snowballs. It is not known whether they were aiming at "Liz" or at Mr. Gregg's red cap.

Some new milling experiments were carried on at the college mill last week when a quantity of bamboo seed was ground into flour. This was done for D. G. Fairechild of the Department of Food and Plant Introduction of the Bureau of Agriculture. No definite results can yet be given but are awaited with interest.

## SECRET PRACTICE COMES TO LIGHT

Staff Detective Unearths Sensational Facts On Eve Of Military Ball.

A few of the "pseudo" dancers, among the Junior Faculty gave an informal dance preparatory to the Band Hop, last Friday evening at Music Hall. This will in a large measure explain the way Dolve, Ziefle Kirschman, Seull, Bergmen and others tripped about on the following evening at the Band Dance. Prof "Bob" Miller tendered his services as Musical director, piano player and orchestra combined.

At a late hour the party broke up and the tired and worn piano player hied himself to the Hub to secure a club sandwich as a reward for his labors. Whether or not the Junior Faculty men and their fair ones did the same is as yet a matter of speculation, as the principles in the affair are somewhat reticent, and the details could not be learned.

Dramatic Club Will Stage  
Good Play Next Spring

Preparations Now Under Way For  
Dramatic Production Of  
High Grade.

The Dramatic Club will stage a play during the spring term at the Opera House, providing a suitable play can be selected. All students who are up in their class work will have a chance to try out for the various places. The object of the department is to get the students having the best talent in each place regardless of class or department. There will be little doubt about a trip if a good play is staged here. The manager of the Minot Opera House has guaranteed Prof. Arvold a packed house if a trip is made, as well as at Velva and Harvey.

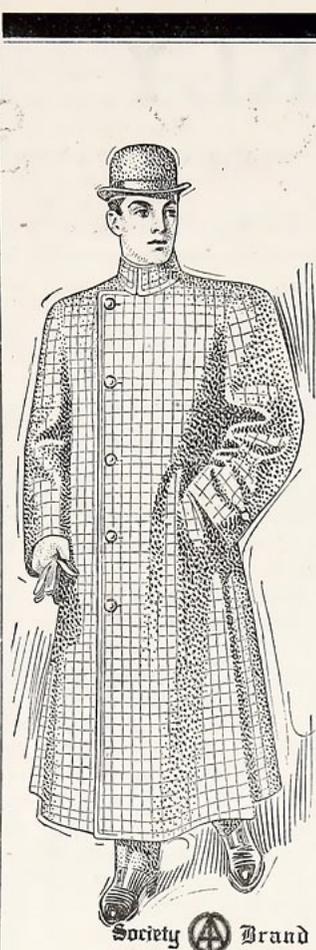
Two or three towns will be taken on if the trip is made which will be during the spring term vacation. The amount of good to be derived from this trip by the college as well as to the students can not be over estimated. Fargo College and the University both send Glee clubs each year and it is about time the A. C. does something along this line.

### Inspection Shows Improvement

The Inspection and Parade last Wednesday showed a marked improvement over the preceding ones. Both the band and the company now march in fairly good form. The appearance of the band is somewhat marred by the fact that a number of the older members have not yet received their uniforms for reenlistment. In point of numbers there is no room for complaint. The band numbered thirty-three and the company is larger than ever before.

All those who expect to enter the Oratorical contest should hand in their names to Prof. Arvold.

It is rumored that a cash prize of either \$15 or \$25 will be re-



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ceived by the winning orpar. It is anticipated that the enthusiasm this year will be very marked and it is up to the students to make the event a grand success.

Hugh J. Hughes has been contributing practical facts about agriculture to over 150 papers of the state. The compliments Mr. Hughes has received upon his work are very numerous and a great deal of interest is manifested by the farmers of the state.

Professor: "What would you call a man that pretends to know everything?"

Student: "Why, ah — a professor."—Ex.

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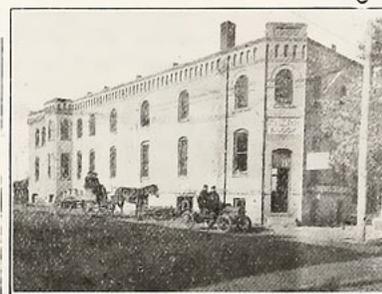
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**The Literary Society**  
In College Life

By Alfred G. Arvold

One of the salient features of our educational system is the literary society. Its significance is due chiefly to the initiative spirit manifested by the student in his eagerness to obtain knowledge outside the so-called "dry" classroom. Its weight of existence lies in the great purpose behind it. To develop the power to present great economic, political, scholastic and moral truths—to give and to interpret the master-pieces of literature, and to promote sociability among its members is the great aim of this splendid organization. A society of student bound together under solemn pledge to support a constitution of their "own make" and desirous of improving their ability to think, to reason and to express is ever to be encouraged and never to be condemned. The working of a literary society is like a mighty engine that never sleeps, but ever moves and pushes ahead. Its engine is—"Great speed is the result of the highest training."

From the knowledge gleaned from the pages of scanty magazine articles, literary societies existed in England long before they did in America. This would naturally be expected. The famous coffee house, was a meeting place for the choice wits of England. Addison, Steele, Ben Johnson, Goldsmith and Gladstone were ardent literary enthusiasts and exponents of public discussion. The Oxford Union—the great literary society of that traditional institution still flourishes and boasts of its great ancestry. Many influential members of the present parliament received their first impetus for public life in this historical society.

The literary society has had its greatest development in the United States. The reason for this is obvious. The spirit of democracy pervades our free institutions. Education is the safeguard of our Republic. Young men and women are encouraged to organize for their literary betterment. Tradition and ancestry do not hinder them. Scarcely a rural, a village, or a city community can be found where literary societies do not exist.

Conservatively speaking there are about five hundred and fifty first class universities and colleges in the United States. There are seventy two literary societies in fourteen of the distinct, agricultural colleges and one hundred and fifty-five societies in thirty-five of the leading universities and colleges. In other words, forty-nine of our principle educational institutions have two hundred and twenty-seven literary societies. (science, agricultural and engineering clubs not included). It is a safe and fair estimate to say that each institution will average four literary societies. Each organization has a membership of about forty young men and women. If there are five hundred and fifty universities in the United States—each institution supporting four literary societies and each society having a membership of forty—the aggregate number of literary societies will total something like twenty-two hundred organizations with a membership of eighty-eight thousand. Bear in mind reader, this number does not include the numerous literary organizations so prevalent in the rural and village schools, the high schools, the normal schools and the private schools. What does this all mean? What is the significance of this mighty army of nearly one hundred thousand college bred men and women meeting weekly to discuss the great public questions of the day—to interpret the best works of writers and orators through the medium of the declamation and the spoken word, to practice parliamentary procedure—to become better acquainted with each other? It certainly presents a sublime spectacle of the eagerness with which students seek information, on their own initiative and outside the class room. It means that our libraries are being used, our magazines read, our books perused and our public documents examined. It is one of the greatest assets of our educational system. It insures a healthy growth of democratic institutions. It quickens and inspires a public conscience and above all it confirms the words of the sage—"Knowledge is Power." Reason and right must ever lead. The true literary society workers of our colleges and universities are destined to become the moulders of public opinion and the leaders among men.

The University of Wisconsin furnishes a unique example of the relative strength and power of literary societies. Many men who were members of the respective societies in this democratic institution have become national figures and moulders of public opinion. There are seven strong literary societies in this institution with a total enrollment of nearly four hundred. Two of the societies, Athena, founded in 1850 and Hesperia, founded in 1854 have practically grown up with the university. Philomathia and Olympia were founded at a later date. The first three named, Athena, Hesperia and Philomathia form what is known as the Joint Debate League. A public debate is held between two of these societies annually—usually during the month of December. This "joint debate" as it is called has been a feature of the University for nearly forty years. It is sustained with a great deal of enthusiasm. The members of the two respective debate teams study the question night and day for seven months. They send letters to official authorities all over the world and make trips to Boston, New York and Chicago to seek interviews with noted men, obtain reliable data and positive proof. Their debates are usually recognized as authorities and often used for reference. King Oscar of Sweden at one time sent for certain debates on taxation and frequently referred to them. The Joint Debate in Wisconsin is nothing but an outgrowth of a great literary society spirit.

The Michigan Agricultural College maintains sixteen creditable literary societies with a total membership of about five hundred. The Iowa State College has nine, while the Oregon Agricultural College supports twelve organizations. The North Dakota University, the Minnesota and Kansas Universities all maintain a goodly number and keep them in an excellent condition. In the East, Harvard, Dartmouth, Yale and Cornell support excellent literary societies and give them a great deal of attention. The Oxford Union—the literary society of Oxford University, England has al-

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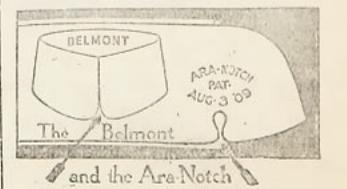
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The meeting of the Student Organization last Tuesday showed a decided improvement over the former attempt so far as attendance was concerned. While there were still many who stayed away, there was no question as to a quorum and all the classes were well represented. The only criticism that could be made on the meeting was that nothing was accomplished. Nearly an hour was spent in lengthy discussion which led to no definite point and in the end the meeting was adjourned without accomplishing anything. There is to be another meeting this noon to take up the same matters which were considered a week ago, and it is to be hoped that something definite may be done. If some of the people who come to these meetings would take the trouble to inform themselves before as to the business to be considered, and what has been done, much valuable time would be saved. Intelligent discussion is to be encouraged but those who are not informed on the business in hand would do well to either rise for information or keep still.

It will be noticed that in this issue that the last step in the organization of the staff has been taken in the appointing of Mr. Anderson to the position of Chief Reporter. In this capacity he will exercise a general supervision over the work of news gathering with special reference to advanced assignments, and will be first assistant in the office. The appointment of Chief Reporter is purposely delayed until near the middle of the fall term, so that it may go to the one who shows the greatest industry and aptitude for the place. In this case the excellent work of a number of the reporters made the choice rather difficult but in giving the position to Mr. Anderson we are assured of having an able chief for the reporting staff.

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In cooking the class is departing from the old schedule and is bringing Domestic Science to a more economical basis, by learning to prepare meals which are not only wholesome and nutritious, but also at a reasonable price. The girls are given a certain amount of money and out of this they buy all the things needed for their use at market price. The girls are trying now to see who can serve the most nutritious the cheap meal.

Luncheon was given for six people which cost eighty-six cents. Dinner was served for the same number of people for \$1.17.

#### Freshies Elect Officers.

Last Tuesday the Freshmen met and organized for the year. Rommel acted as temporary chairman and the following officers were elected:

Robert Miller ..... President  
Hammond ..... Vice President  
Beatrice Alm ..... Secretary  
Olive Porter ..... Treasurer

Another meeting will be held the near future to decide on class colors, class yells and other class matters.

#### Drains Work Well.

The superintendent of the Grandin Farm reports that the tile drainage system put in under the direction of Prof. Dolve on that farm is doing satisfactory work.

The land thus drained was located on the lowest portion of the farm and had never yielded satisfactory returns. This year however, after the heavy rains during harvest, this same land was in condition for the binders several days before the higher land which was worth forty to sixty dollars an acre. It remains to be seen how well the land will be drained in the spring. If satisfactory, land worth but little can, with the expenditure of about ten dollars per acre, be worth many times this amount.

Prof. Dolve is getting repeated inquiries in regard to tile drainage. This indicates that much work will be done in this line next spring, especially in the Valley.

A most valuable addition has been made to the Y. M. C. A. room in the form of a piano which has been rented for the next few months.

Messrs. Babcock and Whitecomb left for Washington yesterday where they will spend the winter in the government laboratories in connection with the Department of Agriculture.

Prof. Richards will move his office to the room on the north side of the stairway on the second floor of Francis Mall this week. The old office was getting too small.

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Word has been received from Magoffin, our former coach. "Mag" is now at Washington, D. C. But on his way home he stopped off a couple of days at Ann Arbor to help Yost lick his team into shape.

Among the out of town visitors at the dance last Saturday were the Misses Miller and Mr. Dick Hutchinson from the "U".

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Farmer is King." The occasion was a special meeting of a farmers institute, and a great deal of enthusiasm was manifested. Following his address Prof. Arvold enjoyed an automobile ride of 60 miles across country.

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The sight of the beautiful white stirred the seedy bachelors of the Alpha Alpha Delt's to thoughts of the open, and on the first pleasant evening after its sudden arrival activities were started with a suddenness that laid out three centrals and necessitated an extra wire crew to repair the telephone lines. None of the members of the club have shown such interest in life since Bryan was defeated and before the receiver was hung up a sleight and team has been ordered ann a full load guaranteed.

The twelve quiet and dignified bachelors thawed out surprisingly when mixed with pleasant feminine society under the influence of jolly chaperonage and, though there was room for more, this made a lively party.

After an hour of open air jollity the party adjourned to the club house where a light lunch was served and a brief opportunity given for the members of the party to get acquainted before continuing the disturbance of the pleasant evening air on the homeward stretch, in time to observe the dormitory rules.

Professor and Mrs. Parrott chaperoned the party.

### Castalian.

The first regular meeting of the Castalian Literary society was held in the college chapel last Friday evening. A goodly number were present and the girls now report a membership of eighteen. The following program was rendered:

President's Address. Emma Welo  
Music ..... Ethel McVeety  
Reading ..... Ethel Walker  
Original Story ..... Edna Abel  
Vocal Solo ..... Selma Olson  
Reading ..... Inga Sundahl  
Song—Yellow and the Green ..... Society

### Miss Knight Entertains.

Unique invitations were issued for a costume party which was

given at her home Saturday evening. The young ladies responded in an appropriate manner. For originality and cleverness of costume Miss Thompson was unanimously awarded the favor. Dainty place cards suspended from the central bouquet of chrysanthemums marked the place of each guest at the service of an elaborate menu. Numerous favors were in evidence during the impromptu minstrel show which followed. At a late hour the young ladies departed very sorry that the evening had ended so quickly.

### A. C. P. C.

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Martineau ..... Parker  
Baritone Solo.... Prof. Beckwith  
Story ..... McDonald  
Critic ..... Prof. Ziefle

### Y. W. C. A.

The Association met in regular session on last Wednesday evening in the parlors of the dormitory. At this time the Recognition meeting for the fall term took place and twenty-four girls were publicly recognized and received as members into the Association.

The next meeting takes place on next Wednesday evening and will be of a nature pertaining to Thanksgiving. Miss Agnes Halland will lead.

### Philomathian.

The following program was given at the last meeting of the Philomathian Literary Society on last Friday evening Nov. 19.

Roll Call ..... Quotations  
Piano Duet  
..... Misses Alm and Lawrence  
Reading ..... Clarence Waldron  
Vocal Solo ..... Mabelle Piers  
Locals ..... Ruth Aaiken  
Piano Duet  
..... Misses Lawrence and McKee

### Athenian.

The Athenians met for their fortnightly program on last Friday evening in the Society room, and the following program was enjoyed.

Vocal Solo ..... Esther Evans  
Declamation ..... Edwin Evingson  
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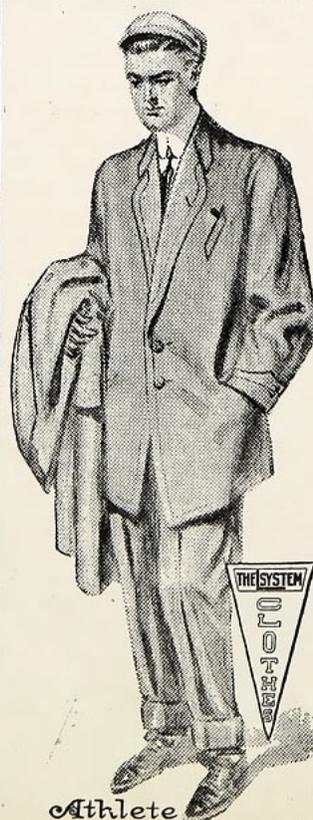
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**THE LITERARY SOCIETY  
IN COLLEGE LIFE**  
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ready been mentioned. Suffice it to say that every university and college encourages literary societies and attach a great deal of importance to them. They mean much to every student.

How about the farm boy and the literary society? There is an idea prevalent in the minds of many that the literary society is an organization for the exclusive use of those students who wish to become lawyers, teachers and literary workers. This conception is wrong in spirit and wholly unreasonable. If there is one young man in a thousand who needs literary training and parliamentary practice it is the farm boy. Agriculture needs men to expound its sound and lasting principles. It needs farmers—who farm to stand upon their feet and with a ring of sincerity in their voice tell the swaying multitude that agriculture is one of the noblest vocations of man, that the farmers prosperity is everybody's prosperity. It is then and not until then that agriculture will ever be classed as one of the great arts. It is then that farmers will be leaders and not followers. What is so dull, so dry, so uninteresting as a farmers meeting where not one soul knows anything about parliamentary procedure where scarcely one farmer has the ability to express his views? This condition can be easily remedied. Farm boys should become active workers in college literary societies. It will broaden them and teach them to reason, to think and to express. Hard work, may have calloused their hands and stiffened their joints, but continuous appearances in literary societies will wear away these honest defects. Many a man in public life today (who was once a farm boy) owes his polish and dignity to the training he received in a literary society.

The question is often propounded—"What constitutes a good literary society?" This is difficult to answer because everybody has a different formula. There

are, however, certain underlying principles which must be carefully regarded, otherwise the society becomes an absolute nonentity. Active workers are absolutely necessary, young men and women who are in earnest—who have a certain amount of that peculiar, indefinable "stick-to-it-iveness"—who are not afraid to go on the program more than "one or two times a year because they have too much work." A young man or woman can't get on the program too often. An appearance before people means preparation and sacrifice. This cannot be too strongly emphasized. Macready, the famous English actor, while staying at a hotel in one of the English provinces, locked himself up in a room and for two hours shouted "murder" in varying tones of voice. All the tourists became intensely excited and the hotel manager much alarmed. He feared the reputation of his hotel and was about to rap on the door when Macready opened it and said—"I am endeavoring to find the one intonation which will produce the effect I desire." It is also said "that when Macready played Hamlet for the last time, he took off the velvet mantle he should never wear again, and laying it aside he muttered, "good night, sweet prince"—then turned to a friend and said, "I am just beginning to realize the sweetness, the tenderness, the gentleness of this dear Hamlet." This man spent a life time in the study of the role. How familiar is the story of Demosthenes—how he spoke with pebbles in his mouth—how he talked in stormy weather on the seashore—how he pronounced sentences in marching uphill—how he passed two months in a subterranean chamber practicing day and night on declamation—and all for the sake of learning to think—to reason and express. One time he shaved one-half of his head in order to disqualify himself from going abroad. These two men demonstrate the fact that a public appearance means work and sacrifice. Regular attendance is the key note of a literary society's success. A young man or woman

have no business in an organization when they can't be present to at least seventy-five per cent of the regular meetings. "Absence may make the heart grow fonder" but it doesn't make the work of a literary society grow better. Nothing cripples a literary society so much as irresponsible members. Live debatable questions and declamations carefully selected are good assets of a program. Loyalty to your society and a willingness to help those who represent you in contest spells success to an active literary society.

The importance of the position a literary society holds in college and public life cannot be over-estimated. It is the training school for citizenship. It is the one medium through which our educational institutions keep in touch with the public life of today. Through the discussion of great political and educational questions it teaches the young man or woman that reason combined with right are the powerful sources of strength in citizenship. The true literary society teaches the wonderful lesson of work. In the words of one of our great American citizens—"It is the doer of deeds who actually counts in the battle for life, and not the man who looks on and says how the fight ought to be fought without himself sharing the stress and danger." A literary society is an organization for building men and women into truth loving, truth seeking characters—to make them feel that they are in honor bound to take an active part in the affairs of the community, the state and the nation. It is the school of citizenship in our educational institutions. College men owe a service to the state. The state educated them with that view in mind. The one great aim of our college graduates should be to serve—to lead and to take an active interest in the great public questions of the day—questions that need thinkers and actors. There is no place in a college curriculum where men can learn to serve, to lead and to discharge the sacred duties of citizenship as in the literary society. The power to see more than one side of a question—to present great economic, political and educational truths is bound to win influence among ones fellow men.

The ability to express ones view in good idiomatic English and in a clear and forcible manner is one of the great lessons taught in a literary society. Speech is an essential qualification of an American citizen. The engineer who can appear before a committee and in a clear forcible manner give reasons why his plans are much superior to those of his competitor is more apt to get the contract than the man who can't do it. Speech gives him an advantage. Likewise the plumber, the carpenter, the clerk and the farmer—all who have the power of speech have an undue advantage over their competitors who have not. Public speaking in this day and age is something more than culture. It is culture combined with practical purposes. A man must have facts and the power to present facts—otherwise he is a failure as a public speaker. Eloquence informs as well as inflames. Schools and colleges through courses of instruction and literary societies should aim "to cultivate the gifts of public speech. Nearly one thousand men are employed in our colleges and universities today to give instruction in the grand and noble art of public speech. Their positions were created mainly be-

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Of what benefit is the literary society in our educational institutions to the American Republic. Public opinion usually demands tangible results. One hundred thousand young men and women, between the ages of sixteen and thirty—in reality the plastic and ambitious years of their life using our libraries—reading the different opinions of the master minds of all ages—perusing the magazines, absorbing new ideas—examining doemets and organizing materials must certainly have a decided effect in shaping and moulding public opinion. This great army of literary workers is undoubtedly the cause for the "Whys" in American life today. The day of "When Caesar says—Do this It shall Be Done." is past. The young men and women of today want the facts and the truth of the case before they decide. Blind prejudice is not sufficient. This quickening of a public conscience has undoubtedly been due to the valuable training our young men and woman have received in literary societies. The names of a great many American statesman will substantiate this fact. Whenever a literary worker is found he is generally a leader—a citizen—a man who asks "Why" before he gives his opinion. A literary society means enlightenment—intelligence—and initiative. It is something worthy of existence and encouragement in our school system. An organization that invites public discussion is a means of the life of a republic."

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**PERSONAL**

Robert Pearson, one of last year's band men is back and is once more back in his old position in the horn section. That section is now full to Dr. Putnam's great satisfaction.

Jack Marcks one of our former students was elected Captain of the Darmonth Football team for next year.

Coach Rueber went down to Minneapolis last Saturday to take some training in the Minnesota-Michigan game.

Qualitative analysis will start immediately after Thanksgiving, and a record breaking class is expected.

The Alph Alpha Delt's were heavy betters on the Saturday games. Bookmaker Dynes had over fifty-three cents placed before the end of the day.

Rex Willard, '08 put in an appearance at the Athenian meeting Friday evening. Mr. Willard has been engaged in geological work in South Dakota for some time past and is now visiting Prof. Willard of this institution.

Albert Faust, formerly of the class of '10, stopped over at the college last Thursday on his way to the Twin Cities.

The college teams and laborers were kept busy the first of the week clearing the snow off the walks on the campus.

Miss Happy Boyce of Chicago who has been visiting Miss Edyth Grasse for the past month left for her home Thursday evening.

Miss Boyce is the daughter of W. D. Boyce the Millionaire publisher and newspaper man who is at present on a hunting trip in South Africa.

Work on the new Chemical Laboratory is still going on at a good pace in spite of the cold weather. The roof trusses are now in place and as there is only one wall to be built the enclosing of the addition will progress rapidly.

The equipment for the Veterinary Department which Dr. Van Es ordered in Germany has been shipped and will arrive in the near future. The supplies ordered in France will not be ready for shipment for some time.

The workmen in the Veterinary Building inaugurated an innovation in cement construction last week when they carefully sloped the floor of the dissecting room away from the drain in the middle. Either the floor will have to be changed or a method discovered to make water run up hill.

Harry Slingsby, a former student at the college was in town on a visit last week.

Carl Yerrington pleasantly surprised his old friends by appearing on the campus Saturday morning.

Miss Grasse, who is now a member of the Faculty is planning to extend the work of the department of voice and piano.

Messrs. Fitz, Thomas, and Bailey had a house cleaning Saturday morning when the baking laboratory was given a thorough overhauling.

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The Daily Cardinal, issued at the University of Wisconsin recently came out on red paper. This is a yearly event near the close of the football season.

The Junior class in Steam Engines and Boilers plans to make a thorough test of the college plant during the Thanksgiving holidays.

The Seniors held a short business session last Friday.

Miss Margaret Keene spent Friday night with Miss Lulu Challey at the dormitory.

Bert Anderson of Churches Ferry visited his son Alfred and others at the College Thursday.

Robert Pierson is again playing his horn in the band. He was called home the first part of the term on account of the illness of his father.

Henry Mueller one of last years commerial students was seen about the campus a couple of days last week. His brother is a student here.

No reduced rates have been secured for students to the International Live Stock Show at Chicago this year, hence few if any of our boys will go. Prof. Richards expects to go tomorrow.

Mr. Ruzicka was putting in extra time last week. Mr. Geiken being at the Stock Show in St. Paul.

U. J. Downey of Sparta, Wis., has been selected by the Holstein Co-operative Breeders Association at New Salem. He is expected here in a few weeks.

Mrs. McVeety is making out a list of the referances upon all questions suitable, for debating in the literary societies as well as the class in debate which is offered during the winter term.

Miss Pelissier entertained Miss Rose at dinner, Tuesday.

The course of study in the Home Economics Department for next year has been arranged. The four year college course leading to a degree is an especially strong one.

The two year course has been cut out and in place of it a three year Home Makers course has been substituted. This consists of five months each for three years, and will meet the needs of the girls on the farm who are needed at home in the early fall and spring.

The Misses Pearson and Lettner will serve a luncheon this afternoon to six members of the Faculty.

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**TEACHER'S MEETING**  
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mal at Mayville was a valuable contribution and provoked much discussion of interest. He pleaded for the teaching of geography and for the use of the text instead of the abuse of it by a sort of slavery thereto. Messrs Chandler of the U. N. D., Johnson of Hillsboro; McMullen of Valley City; Heyward of the State Department; McFarland of Valley City and Johnston of Valley City, all contributed to the discussion. The one idea that seemed to pervade the papers and discussions as well, was that the subject matter of geography is sadly in need of organization and that the old texts fail to do this organizing, but present a mass of matter, some of which, if not very much, is irrelevant to the subject.

**Arithmetic Teaching.**

Principals Davies of Armenia came to the association with a message regarding the teachers of arithmetic. He pointed out the many ways in which classes might well be improved by making them relate to the various activities of the public's life in a more real way than they do now.

President Bolley in introducing this paper for discussion expressed his delight at the excellence of the paper, its saneness, and in the movement to improve the teaching of this subject. Professor Weeks fear the adoption of the ideas of the paper would do away with much of the medievalism now seen in teaching. He, however would welcome this change and hopes that the teachers will do all possible to bring it about.

Professor Johnson of Hillsboro spoke commending the study of geometry and the making of the study concrete and asked for further light that he might make it yet more real to the pupils. As his question was not answered, we take it for granted that there are many others who would like light on the same thing.

Professor Chandler advocated the appealing to the common sense of a thing more and to the formalism so much of which is seen in Geometry, less. He said the pupils should be asked: Is it reasonable; Is it true. Prof. Travis thought that much of the trouble in teaching Geometry might be avoided if the construction were made in conformity with the hypothesis. He said that it is the common plan to make say two triangles equal and then to ask the pupil to prove that they are equal. This is wrong. He protested against the long artificial forms

of explanations, which the pupils are so often compelled to use. Prof. McArdle seconded this protest and reminded the assembly that the work in Geometry or Arithmetic is often made into a mere language lesson. Prof. McMullen said in part, "What we have heard is revolutionary. What are we going to do, I do not know. Shall I bring a steam engine into the class room first or shall I teach physics first and let the student apply this knowledge to the engine when he has the opportunity? Is there not some mental discipline?" Mr. Frenche's paper on How to give the Sciences' True Cultural Value, was read by his brother and was a paper showing that every one who knows a smattering of science is not qualified to teach the same.

**F. H. Men Organize.**

The second year Farm Husbandry men organized their class last Thursday noon and elected the following officers:

Anton Christ ..... President  
 Robert Kerr ..... Vice President  
 Percy Donnelly ..... Secretary  
 Earl Robinson ..... Treasurer

The plan of organizing the Farm Husbandry class in its second year was first tried by the Farm Husbandry men of '10, last year. The experiment proved very successful, giving the class greater unity and better preparing them for the work of their Senior year. The Farm Husbandry men of '11 have not only profited by the example of their predecessors but have greatly improved on it by organizing in the fall instead of the winter term.

**Yellow Journalism.**

Prof. W. I. Thomas will speak at the Grand next Sunday on Yellow Journalism. Mr. Thomas is one of the leading sociologists of the country and a writer and lecturer of considerable fame. He has written a number of important works, the most worthy of which perhaps is a book on Sex and Society, which appeared a few years ago. This book caused a great deal of stir in the literary world and did much to bring the author before the eyes of the public. Mr. Thomas is professor of sociology at the University of Chicago and will give lectures at both Fargo and Grand Forks.

The girls in Cooking 1 made fireless cookers Thursday afternoon. The different materials used were cork, sheep's wool, sawdust, cotton and newspapers. The cookers will be tested to see which material is most efficient.

Miss—"I think all the Faculty are dears."

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