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PRECOCITY OF YOUTH ASTOUNDS F. S. BREED

"THEY WILL CARRY ON WHEN WE ARE CARRIED OFF" EDUCATOR DECLARES

The members of the coming generation are a precious, but precocious lot. In innumerable ways they initiate their careers not where their elders started, but where their elders stopped. In affairs of the heart their precocity of late has become so pronounced, not to say sensational, that alarm is being sounded on every hand. They have the courage of their emotions, it is said, rather than their convictions. I pick up Collier's and find this type of precocity featured in an article by Booth Tarkington, and hardly is Collier's laid aside when the Atlantic arrives with Sherman's "A Conversation with Cornelia." Indeed, to the younger generation life is not a marathon where each competitor toes the same initial mark; it is apparently a relay in which the older generation is expected to negotiate the first installment.

I hardly finish counting my Christmas socks and handkerchiefs and begin to indulge in my annual reflections upon the wisdom of sundry donors who seem to divine precisely where I impinge hardest upon the universe, and hence most destructively, when I am aroused from my holiday meditations by an ultimatum from The Campus. The significance of the editor's letter is startling. I one time functioned myself in some capacity or other on this ancient and worthy sheet, and thus happen to be in a position to judge. As regards the application of the principles of scientific management and the transaction of business on a national scale, I am prepared to say that those editorial days had nothing on these. In blocking out the first number of the new year, the modern college editor, released from our delinquent ghosts, passes a deft palm over his glossy coliffure, swings swiftly about in his swivel chair, summons his stenographer, dictates a series of letters delegating the preparation of his 'copy' for the next number to alumni scribes and then sallies forth to herald the advent of 1924 with captains of industry and other notables.

... And this is New Year's Day. While the youthful editor is wrapt in the toils of slumber, his deputy is wrapt in the toil of his pen. On this day of happy greetings and new resolves, what shall be our greeting to the coming generation.

Life is change. Progress is change. Education is change. Senility changes not. Youth moves on ahead with the courage of conquest in its heart; age critically sits by the side of the road and watches the world go by. When Margaret Fuller exclaimed, "I accept the universe," Carlyle remarked, "Gad, she'd better." In like spirit, on this felicitous occasion, I renew my resolve to accept the coming generation. They will carry on when we are carried off. Therefore, to you and youth, Mr. Editor, my cordial greetings.

FREDERICK S. BREED, '98.

Dr. Breed is Professor of Education at the University of Chicago. He returned to Allegheny last June to deliver the Commencement address to the local chapter of Kappa Phi Kappa, and was initiated into this education fraternity at that time.

ALLEGHENY MISSIONARY IS STRICKEN IN CHINA

HENRY LEITZEL DIES OF FEVER ON CHRISTMAS

Word has just been received of the death of Rev. Henry Leitzel, '12, who for the past nine years has been a missionary to China. Mr. Leitzel was graduated from Allegheny College about ten years ago, leaving for the foreign field after a year's pastorate in Boston. Mr. Leitzel rendered great service during the famine in China four years ago. For his work during this time he was decorated by the Chinese government and was called the "Herbert Hoover of the Shantung district."

He was stricken with typhoid fever in Tian Fu a short time before Christmas and died on Christmas day. It will be remembered that Mr. Leitzel paid a very pleasant and instructive visit at Allegheny two years ago.

PHILADELPHIA ALUMNI FAVOR BUILDING PLAN

COMMEND COLLEGE FOR SENDING CAMPUS AND BULLETINS TO ALUMNI GRATIS

The Philadelphia Alumni Association has not met since March 1923, when President A. W. Thompson of the Board of Trustees spoke about the present condition and prospective developments at Allegheny and exhibited the architect's drawings of the proposed new buildings. Mr. Thompson's address did much to stimulate the interests of the local alumni in Alma Mater, and the plan of the new campus and buildings to be added elicited much favorable criticism. The previous meetings of our alumni, when it was our privilege to hear President Fred W. Hixson and President W. H. Crawford about the developments at Allegheny, have been most interesting and instructive. It is gratifying to note that, whenever possible, the Alumni Associations will be kept in touch with College affairs through a representative from Meadville.

From our local alumni I hear the most hearty commendation of the steps that have been taken to keep us posted about College affairs through the sending of the Campus and the College Bulletins. I have notified our local alumni that the College will be pleased to extend these courtesies to all non-graduates upon request. We think that these efforts to keep those who have gone before from Allegheny in closer touch with her and thereby to increase their interests have resulted in great good to the College.

Those of our local alumni who are not in close touch with the College athletics and perhaps, like myself, have never seen our football team in action can visualize the progress that has been made along these lines when we find in the columns of the sporting page of the "Ledger" a full length picture of Coach McCracken, with the statement that he has been appointed Football Coach at Lafayette College. The fact that Lafayette has beaten the University of Pennsylvania in football not only recently but several times, is well known to us; so that when we are advised that the man who has been in large measure responsible for the recent splendid work of our football team has been appointed coach by the College that has beaten our local university, we can visualize not only the progress that Allegheny has made, but also what Allegheny has lost. But she has been fortunate in having had the services of a man about whom it has been a pleasure to learn through the Campus and other sources that his services have been of the utmost value to the student body not only in teaching them how football should be played as well as not played, but also that his clean life has been an example which has been good for those with whom he came in contact.

The Philadelphia Alumni Association will hold its annual meeting in April.

JOSEPH W. SILLIMAN, '89.

DR. HENRY V. HOTCHKISS DIES

Dr. Henry V. Hotchkiss, '84, died on Thursday, January 17, in the Clinic Hospital at Cleveland, where he had recently undergone a serious operation. After his graduation from Allegheny Mr. Hotchkiss was elected principal of the public schools of Meadville, in which position he continued for a period of fourteen years. His eminent success brought him into prominence as an educator, and in 1900 he became head of the great public school system in Akron, Ohio. He filled this position until 1922 when he accepted an executive position with the Keystone View Co. The degree of Doctor of Philosophy was conferred upon Mr. Hotchkiss by the College in 1889.

NOTICE

Class of 1911.

Graduates and non-graduates. A permanent organization is being formed.

Send name and address today to—W. B. COLE, Humboldt, Kansas.

CLEVELAND ALLEGHENIANS HAVE FLOURISHING CLUB

ALLEGHENY COLLEGE CLUB HAS WEEKLY LUNCHEONS AT THE MAY COMPANY

The Fifth City Alumni have recently changed the name of their association to "The Cleveland Allegheny College Club," in keeping with their policy of broadening the organization to include not only alumni but also former students, former residents of Meadville and vicinity, and any others especially interested in the College. The Cleveland alumni claim to be the first Allegheny College Club in the country.

Prior to the last decade, comparatively few of the graduates of Allegheny College located in Cleveland. A review of the alumni lists discloses the fact that of those who did go to Cleveland, a very large percentage became conspicuously successful. Such names as Frank A. Arter, '66, Judge S. S. Ford, '81, James R. Mills, '96, Dr. Helen Hempstead Furrer, '00, Superintendent Chas. P. Lynch, '86, Howard A. Couse, '91, Mark A. Copeland, '99, and Addison C. Wald, '01, have ever been a source of pride and inspiration to Alleghenians in northeastern Ohio.

The Allegheny College Club has reserved a table for luncheon every Monday at The May Company, Ohio's largest department store. It is not expected that this reservation will impose any obligation upon any member of the Club, but each member knows that if he is downtown on Monday, he will find at least a few Allegheny College folks at the Allegheny table at The May Company Monday noon.

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VETERAN ALUMNUS TELLS OF CLANDESTINE LODGE

S. H. BIRDSALL, '60, RELATES EXPERIENCES OF CIVIL WAR DAYS AT ALLEGHENY

In reading the columns of the Campus this morning the article by Mr. Wayne Whipple attracted my attention and brought to my mind events that took place in the late '50's.

In 1852-53 the excitement over the Know-nothing party ran high.

A student by the name of Bonnyfield from California organized a clandestine lodge just north of Dr. Go's boarding house—what is now the Odd Fellows' Home. The lodge room was an abandoned shack. The stunt was to get a green student excited and have him initiated. It was so arranged that the new members were stationed at points near the side down towards the city, a cry was heard. The novice then hurried out and running at top speed down the hill could hear at every step shots. This kind of sport continued until one unfortunate student ran so hard that when he came to his city rooming house, he fell prostrate on the porch and died.

Bishop Thoburn and the writer were good friends, and at the urgent request of our beloved President, Dr. Barker, we went to country school houses and held meetings. This was before he knew how to preach or I to sing. We could simply make a noise. However he from small beginnings made good in his missionary work, and I think that my work in its line has not been a failure. When the Bishop died last year, through the influence of President Fred W. Hixson the Missionary Board of New York, a set of the "Birdsall Helps" in music teaching was sent to the Thoburn School in India. And now, my dear sir, if a young man or woman, now at College can be found willing to undertake the teaching of music as I have been doing for years, I will gladly send a \$30 set to Alma Mater.

I see that John Henderson and Conrad Smith are the only two left with whom I associated in my College course. Both like myself served our country during the Civil War.

I am now nearly 88, but I am still active and serve as the local post commander of the G. A. R.

I wish the old College great success, and if our new wonderful gas gusher proves a success, I will share my gains with her. I own property at Wellington the nearest railroad station to the great well.

Respectfully yours,

S. H. BIRDSALL, Ft. Collins, Colorado.

KIPLING PRAISES WORK OF EVELYN WATSON, POET

ALUMNA ACHIEVES LITERARY SUCCESS UNDER GREAT PHYSICAL HANDICAP

Among the most noted and talented of the alumni of the College is Miss Evelyn M. Watson, ex-'09, whose poems and other writings have been so enthusiastically received that even the masters of the age have complimented her upon her talent. She has succeeded in expressing thoughts and emotions in some of her works which others have as yet failed entirely to do, and has thereby won for herself and her writings no small amount of praise.

The latest product of her pen, and the one which has given her considerable recognition of late in the press, is "Niagara," a poem portraying the mystic beauty of America's greatest natural wonder. For many years poets as well as prose writers have tried to express the magnificence and grandeur of Niagara, and all have admitted failure. Miss Watson has, however, succeeded in her initial attempt in producing a masterpiece in description. She writes in plain and simple terms and with a style so unobtrusive that it succeeds where more literary attempts have failed. This in substance is the opinion of the leading newspaper of Buffalo, N. Y., as well as that of numerous noted writers. Even Rudyard Kipling has broken his hard and fast rule of never commenting upon verse sent him by writing Miss Watson a letter commending the quality of her work as that "born of genius."

Among Miss Watson's other works of note are "Divine Fire" and "The Kingdom Beautiful," books of verse which were published in 1922 and 1923. She is also a frequent contributor to several literary magazines.

During her days at Allegheny, Miss Watson was particularly active in the Quill Club and has faithfully sent autographed copies of her books to the organization.

What makes Miss Watson's success seem even more remarkable is the fact that for some time she has been almost totally blind, and she has accomplished her work in spite of this handicap.

DR. EPHRAIM MILLER DESCRIBES ECLIPSE

ALUMNUS OF '55 ADVOCATES ASTRONOMY COURSE FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Dr. Ephraim Miller, '55, of Pasadena, California, in an article describing the solar eclipse of September 10, 1923, voiced the opinion that elementary astronomy should be taught in high schools. Dr. Miller was for thirty-six years professor of mathematics and astronomy at the University of Kansas.

Dr. Miller's description of the celestial phenomenon follows: "On the tenth of September, 1923, my wife, daughter and myself witnessed the total eclipse of the sun at San Diego. From the moment of the first contact of the sun and the moon until totality began, the view was obstructed by fog clouds at times, then good views would follow. So this continued, fogs alternating with well defined views, until the moment of totality.

Then, at the very moment of totality, darkness began; the fog had passed, the corona of pearly white came into view, clear and well defined, forming a very beautiful border around the edge of the hidden sun. This view of the corona remained unobstructed during the nearly three minutes of totality.

"I wish to call attention to the great need of a course of study in elementary astronomy in all the high schools of this country. It is an inspiration to be able to locate the constellations of the heavens, the names of the stars, especially of the first, second, and third magnitudes, the planets and moons of the solar system, the equinoctial, the elliptical comets, nebulae, star clusters, and many other celestial matters.

"Let boys and girls learn that there are things of beauty to be seen in the heavens that are incomparably greater value than hundreds of things that they learn here on earth."

"MORE PUBLICITY" PLEA OF NEW YORK ALUMNI

METROPOLITAN ALLEGHENIANS DIVULGE TOWNEY'S PLIGHT WHILE IN CITY

Allegheny College Alumni in New York City are evidently very much alive, witness, the large and very enthusiastic gathering at the annual alumni dinner at the Madison Square Boys' Club last Tuesday evening.

A wonderful chicken dinner prepared as only a southern mammy knows how disappeared to the tune of Allegheny songs and the telling of incidents of days gone by.

Graduate Manager Townsend represented the college at the banquet despite the efforts of a traffic cop to apprehend him for driving against red lights on Fifth Avenue. Evidently Towney thought he was back on Chestnut street in Meadville, and was only having a good time. As it was his first offense and he had the appearance of being honest the officer let him continue to the banquet. Towney more than made up for his lack of knowledge of the ways of the big city by his very vivid picturing of activities on the campus and among the alumni.

Football was naturally the center of the open discussion which followed Manager Townsend's speech, since Allegheny just finished her most successful season in football, winning the Class B Championship of Pennsylvania by defeating Grove City, Geneva, Westminster, Thiel, St. Bonaventure, University of Rochester and finally humbling the great Bucknell team in the last game of the year. The first game of the season with the University of West Virginia was the only game lost and that to a team that hadn't lost a game in two years' playing with the best schools in the east.

The assembled alumni enthusiastically applauded when told that the spirit on the campus was much better even than it has been in the past few years. Incidents showing the harmony in the student body and between students and faculty were related, particularly those showing that fraternity prejudice and the Poster Scrap had been relegated to the days gone by never to return. Evidences of advance in scholarship and of a stricter selection of students who enter were received as an indication of the constant attempt on the part of the college to better her standing and to remain within the small college of the "500" class. The fact that no man on the football team had a mark below C was proof of the high type of student that Allegheny is drawing as a result of her selective policy.

A letter from President Hixson was read in which he announced a gift from Francis A. Arter, of Cleveland, an alumnus of the college which will make the much needed administration building possible.

Mr. Wm. P. Beazell, City Editor of the New York World, gave a very interesting address on "Publicity" and pointed out the possibilities in that field for the college if proper arrangements could be made. He gave examples of the kind of incidents in college life that make good news articles and that would be used by most newspapers. In the open discussion that followed there was strong sentiment displayed culminating in a motion referring the matter to the Board of Trustees.

W. N. Ridge, one of the trustees of the college, pointed out some of the needs of the college and the progress being made toward their fulfillment. Ida Tarbell, an alumna of the college and a writer of note was to have addressed the gathering but sent her regrets on account of illness.

"All hands" were called upon to make a few remarks giving at least their names, class and present occupation. Needless to say there was a wide divergence of occupation from ministers to one who worked in a laboratory. Just what he prepared couldn't be ascertained to the satisfaction of the merry-makers.

Mr. Roland George, '10, was elected president of the New York Alumni Association for the ensuing year and P. A. Beck, '15, Secretary-Treasurer.

An endeavor is to be made to get in touch with every Allegheny alumnus between now and the banquet next year as there are some that do not appear on the college lists as residents of New York who are in this city.

The streets were already deserted when the meeting broke up though the spirit of fellowship is sure to remain to be rekindled next year.

ALLEGHENY SHOULD HAVE MORE THAN STADIUM FAME

H. K. BROOKS, '15, IS NEW SECRETARY OF PITTSBURGH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

During the recent months, Pittsburgh Alleghenians have been able to follow college affairs more closely and more intelligently than was heretofore possible. This has been due partly to the increased publicity given to Allegheny in the Pittsburgh newspapers. Still more has it been due to the wise policy of the college in sending The Campus to the alumni. The result has been a greatly increased interest in college events and happenings. We have learned with great pleasure of Mr. Arter's magnificent gift and of Mrs. Parson's generous one. We have followed with increasing pride the progress of the football team, and lately we have been grieved to hear that the college is to lose the services of the very able gentleman, Herb McCracken, who has done so much, for football at Allegheny during the past few years.

This latest item suggests a comment on the great college sport. There is no doubt but that the alumni wish Allegheny to have a winning football team. In that wish the writer heartily shares, especially as he is constantly dealing with high school pupils who frequently learn about colleges through the medium of the sporting page. But personally I hope Allegheny will never pay a football coach anything like five times the salary of a full professor, as I am reliably informed has been done by at least one Pennsylvania institution. Good teams are highly desirable and good coaches are essential, and we hope that Allegheny will get another coach as good as Herb McCracken. But it is also to be hoped that Allegheny keeps up its noble tradition as a seat of learning. Heaven knows the world needs properly trained intellects just now!

As to the Pittsburgh Alumni Association, it is not only alive but actually showing signs of activity. A men's meeting was held at the new University Club on Wednesday, November 21. Our efficient secretary-treasurer, Mr. J. E. Isherwood, '20, having resigned, Mr. Harold K. Brooks was elected to the position. It was decided at this November meeting to hold a smoker the latter part of January at which time plans for the annual dinner will be discussed as well as college affairs in general.

One subject for careful consideration just now is the increased number of alumni trustees under the new system. In the past it has sometimes seemed as if the trustees had been chosen for the interest they might show in the college rather than for any special interest they had shown, or for the sake of conferring an honor rather than for giving an opportunity to serve.

The Pittsburgh alumni are devoted to Allegheny, its noble past, and its splendid present. They join with all other alumni in wishing for it a still more glorious future, and thereto they pledge their earnest effort and hearty cooperation.

FRED L. HOMER, President, Pittsburgh Alumni Association.

ALUMNUS URGES REVIVAL OF WASHINGTON BANQUET

KARL A. MILLER, '08, PRESENTS PLEA FOR ANNUAL DINNER ON FEBRUARY 22.

The Washington's Birthday Banquet is too unique and fine a tradition to be allowed to fall by the wayside. No other function so completely expresses the real spirit of the student body of Allegheny College; no other function offers such opportunities for the display of individual ability, for the expression of class spirit, or for proof of love for the old college. After last year's fiasco, if the dinner is not held this year, it will be hard or impossible to revive it in the future. The present student body will lose much, more than they realize, and their loss will be saddled onto future generations of students. Any alumnus of the years from 1900 to 1915 will tell you that the Washington's Birthday Dinners stand out among the brightest (Continued on page 4)

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OUR ALUMNI

Like old Gaul, all colleges are divided into three parts: students, faculty, and alumni,—and the greatest of these is the alumni. A student body and faculty are a necessary part of any institution of learning, but the real worth of that institution is judged by the finished product—the alumni. Upon their success depends in a large amount the success of the college. Even though their achievements or failures are not due to college training, the shining light of their illustrious deeds or the dark shadows of ill repute are certain to reflect on their college.

Allegheny has attained a position among colleges throughout the country of which every Alleghenian may be duly proud. For over a century this old College has struggled to reach the place which she now occupies. Mainly through the efforts of a loyal and devoted body of alumni has this point been reached. Those who have gone before have built up an institution rich in traditions, honor, and glory. The history of Allegheny College reads like a fairy tale; yet it is real, it is still growing, and it will continue to grow and prosper. The alumni are the roots of this tree of knowledge. They form the foundation and background of this worthy College. There are over two thousand members in this Allegheny family. That number represents men and women in all walks of life,—doctors, lawyers, teachers, ministers, missionaries, and business men. They are scattered throughout nearly every state in the Union and in many foreign countries. They are good citizens. They are prosperous. A few of them are wealthy. They are happy. They are influential in their particular places of residence. They are religious. This wholesome outlook on life and success in the art of living seems to characterize an unusually large percentage of their numbers.

The new athletic program which brought such well deserved success to the Blue and Gold last fall was initiated and sponsored by those who were anxious to see Allegheny stand as high in athletics as in scholarship. Keen interest was shown by the old graduates in the games played last season. Those who were unable to see the team in action followed the play of our championship team in the newspaper write-ups. Under the able direction of our graduate manager and with the cooperation of the alumni, the type of athletes who have carried the Blue and Gold standards to victory will do much to keep other college activities on the same high plane. A glance at the letters from the various alumni associations will reveal the interest which has been manifested for the past two years by Alleghenians in these several areas.

Evidence of alumni fidelity are shown in a more specific form in the ten-year building program and in the numerous scholarships offered this year. These contributions corroborate the fact that a new interest and a new enthusiasm have been aroused in the new Allegheny. In order to keep pace with the high scholastic and athletic standing of the College, our alumni are now exerting their efforts to improve the material surroundings of the campus. These sacrifices and efforts will not be in vain; for they will inspire the coming generations with a greater love and devotion for Alma Mater.

WEEK-END COMMENCEMENT

Commencement exercises will be held over the week-end this year in order that more alumni may arrange to return for the occasion. This innovation will no doubt be welcomed by alumni who have heretofore been deprived of the opportunity of coming back to Allegheny as long as this event was held in the middle of the week. The many Alleghenians in the teaching professions as well as those in business and other professions which prevent mid-week vacations will be able to witness the exercises for the first time, perhaps, since their own graduation. Whatever practical difficulties may be encountered in the arrangement of the program will certainly be counter-balanced by the increased number of returned alumni. And from present indications the Commencement of 1924 should be more spectacular and better attended than any previous ones.

ANOTHER SUPREME SACRIFICE

Woodrow Wilson, the twenty-eighth President of the United States, died Sunday morning after a long period of ill health. Another martyr has succumbed to a life-giving service—the Presidency. The ideals towards which he worked so earnestly will live on forever, not only in the minds of the statesmen and diplomats, but in the hearts of the common people as well. Bearing up under the strain of severe criticism, he strove "to make the world safe for democracy." He lived too far ahead of his time, and, like many other pioneers, his great service will not be fully appreciated until biographies and histories have venerated his name.

CLEVELAND CLUB PROSPERS

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Special luncheons are arranged frequently, the recent luncheon at the time of the annual meeting of the Northeastern Ohio Teachers' Association attracting thirty-three, a number of whom were from out of town.

The Association endeavors to function as a clearing house for Allegheny information and seeks to stimulate interest in all Allegheny College matters. A considerable number of Cleveland people are getting the habit of attending the football games and other College events in Meadville, and with the improvement of roads leading to Meadville, it is expected that this habit will grow. Meadville is eighty-five miles from Cleveland by

the most direct automobile route and all but a few miles of the road are now improved.

The Cleveland Club is very proud of the recent gift by one of its members, Frank A. Arter, '66, of a new building as a part of the Ten Year Program. Mr. Arter is one of the first citizens of Cleveland. His philanthropies are many, and this crowning gift to Alma Mater is cause for great rejoicing to Allegheny people everywhere.

The officers of the Cleveland Allegheny Club for the current year are the following: John W. Barkley, '11, President, c/o Board of Education; C. C. Laffer, Jr., '20, Vice President, c/o The American Surety Company; Ida F. Preston, '11, Secretary-Treasurer, c/o The Lindner Company.

Baked Beans and Culture

The Alleghenian who comes from Boston will not long feel himself a stranger. Despite all traditions to the contrary, the people of Boston are friendly. They have to be. The early settlers made the streets so crooked that even old residents must inquire the way about. And not only are most of the streets crooked, but they also have two names or three, where one would serve. A certain street bears the name "Summer" for most of its length and then capriciously changes to "Winter." (Perhaps it was meant as a symbol of the changeable weather here. Mark Twain said that New England does not have a climate but only samples of weather.) Whatever the reason may be, it is a fact that civic cooperation is more in evidence in Boston than in most other cities, and the visitor quickly learns to like the city and its people.

He who comes to Boston should come with a mind open to receive new impressions. There are places here to be seen. Nearly every city block is rich in its historical associations. Next door to this dormitory lived William Dean Howells (no wonder he was a critic!) and four doors away lived Louisa May Alcott. At the top of the hill is the site of John Hancock's home and nearby is the State House. Beyond is Faneuil Hall and to the north is Old North Church where the lanterns were hung for Paul Revere and William Dawes. Across the river is the frigate Constitution and not far away is the Bunker Hill Monument. In Cambridge (eight minutes from Boston by subway) is Harvard University; near the campus one finds Longfellow's home, the church (still used) where the village smithy's daughter sang in the choir, and the site of the spreading chestnut tree. The people are proud of their heritage from Colonial days, and the visitor quickly finds himself entering into the same attitude. Boston is noted for its very old and peculiar tombstones. One of these is especially interesting to Allegheny Alumni. It is the tombstone of John Alden, the ancestor of Timothy Alden who founded our College. This stone has been removed from its first site and is set in the wall of the Old South Church at Copley Square. For those who have the time there are near-by towns to be visited, especially Lexington, Concord, Salem and Plymouth.

The casual visitor to Boston will find a hospitable people, and a wealth of national shrines. If he should be an Alleghenian, he will find himself in the midst of fellow alumni also. There are about forty of us here and we meet together as often as circumstances will permit. Sometimes we try standard New England dishes, at other times we experiment with chow mein or egg-fu-yong. An increasing number of Allegheny alumni are coming to Boston for their graduate work. Boston University, Harvard, M. I. T., Radcliffe, Simmons, Sargent, Emerson, New England Conservatory, and Wellesley are some of the schools that make Boston "the hub of the universe."

What may one expect to receive in Boston? Baked beans and culture. The baked beans are symbolic of the New England way of doing things; they represent something arrived at, set up, and established. The culture is essentially an attitude. It has little to do with syntax or grammar, though it is said that even the owls in Boston parks have learned to say "to whom." Culture is rather a breadth of view by which one may enter into sympathy with the old and the new, with Hawthorne and Hardy, with Afghan archaeology and Sat-Sanga, with Aeschylus and George M. Cohan. It is an attitude that develops the eternally human and keeps us out of provincial ruts. Boston promotes during graduate work that breadth of view which is encouraged at Allegheny during undergraduate work.

The alumni of New England send their greetings to the faculty, to Allegheny alumni elsewhere, and to the present student body. May the year 1924 be even more generous to you and to the College than the past has been.—Durward B. Brown, '20.

BUTLER ALUMNI DECIDE TO FORM ASSOCIATION

On December 19, Allegheny alumni of Butler, Pa., attended a dinner in honor of Dr. F. G. Henke. Miss Bertha Miller, '01, presided. It was decided to appoint a committee to form an Allegheny College Alumni Association in Butler. Dr. Henke spoke on the present day condition of affairs here and of the building program. The dinner was very well attended, there being twenty-eight present. It is to be hoped that a strong organization will be effected.

Campus Filings

From the Campus Files of the Younger Allegheny.

October, 1889.

After the usual amount of puerile wire pulling the third Preparatory Class have elected the following officers: President, F. H. Murphy; Vice President, Higley; Secretary, Miss Grace Trumper; Treasurer, Tuttle; Orator, Shattuc; Essayist, Miss McFate; Poet, Derrickson; Historian, Miss McQuiston; Chaplain, Quick; Sergeant-at-Arms, Smith. As the class ran out of officers at this point they adjourned.

November, 1892.

In keeping with the old college spirit, Allegheny boys decided to celebrate Halloween in an appropriate manner. Having secured a section of the Academy of Music, about forty students attended "Little Lord Fauntleroy." The seats were tastefully decorated with college colors, cadet blue and old gold, and the party wore Little Lord Fauntleroy sashes. Something novel in the line of refreshments was served between the acts. The ushers brought in large trays of doughnuts which disappeared rapidly before the jolly students. The college yell was given several times without the usual accompanying \$2.97.

Calling night at Hulings Hall has been changed from Saturday evening to Thursday evening which all vote a decided improvement.

October, 1892.

There is one little matter we would like to call the attention of the trustees to and that is the unpleasantness of having the campus and drill grounds used for pasturing cows. The students don't approve of it and probably won't stand for it long before doing something.

January, 1893.

On the evening of the 16th shortly before 9 o'clock fire broke out in the wooden apartments in the rear of Bentley Hall occupied by Janitor Wilson. A telephone message was sent down town and the alarm was rung from box number 15 at the corner of Chestnut and Water streets. It was some time before the fire companies could reach the college and then there was scarcely any water. But the good work of the hook and ladder companies soon tore off the roof and then the fire was quickly extinguished. Had the fire once gotten into the main building it would have been almost impossible to save it. Most of Mr. Wilson's things were saved. Mr. Wright was hurt quite badly but has fully recovered. Some of the young ladies of the Hall did splendidly carrying water, taking out goods, etc., with a willing hand until the firemen came. Professor Dutton was one of the first at the fire and worked "like a tiger." Now the question arises why in the world don't we have a fire alarm box on the campus?

November, 1894.

The Allegheny football team met the Thiel eleven at Greenville. It was the first game of the season. The score was 12 to 0 in favor of Thiel. A special train conveyed the students to and from Greenville.

THE LAST QUIZ

The bell's harsh sound tells me it is my invitation to the quiz I craved for all night long. One farewell glance at notebooks sweet, one hurried look at outlines neat, before the final gong! Repeating with unheeded zest the points brought in last year's test, I number and define, until upon the old gym floor, 'tis mine, a fatal chance to score, a fatal chance to shine. Professors stare, now deaf and dumb, on student victims, helpless, numb, half wishing they were dead. "Get set!" commands a wicked voice, "Select eight questions of your choice; this thing's a snap all right!" A "snap," yet I jot them down, fair visions of a cap and gown fade quickly from my sight. Cold chills park all down along my spine when swift and brainy friends of mine stalk boldly from the place, their blue books filled from back to front with information that I want, to save me from disgrace. Three hours I sit in dazed dismay; no flashes seem to come my way; the time is almost gone. Presto! My pen must not be still! I let it skid along at will, just on, and on, and on. The bell! The bell! It's time to go! Can't help it if my mark is low! Can't help it if I flunk! With beaten air I hurry by the prof who with condemning eye, accepts my novel bunk. Outdoors, the crowd who draw the "A's", are whining their "D. Minus" lays—"We flunked; they played us dirt!" When I have listened to their lies, I dine on sixty ice cream pies, with poison for desert.—Lois Halderman, ex-'24.

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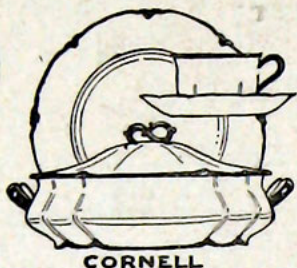
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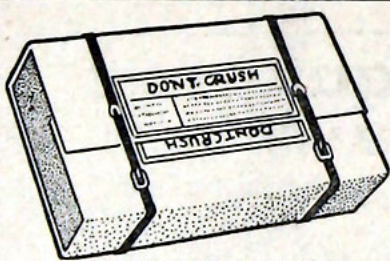
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Dr. H. R. Hunt, '12, Head of the Department of Zoology and Geology, Michigan Agricultural College, has been elected a member of Phi Sigma, the national biological society.

Dr. Albert C. Knudson has been given the Degree of Doctor of Theology by the University of Berlin. It is the only degree given this year to a non-German, and we understand that it is the first time that the degree has ever been awarded to a Methodist minister by the University of Berlin. Dr. Knudson was professor of English Bible at Allegheny 1902-1906; he is now professor of Systematic Theology at Boston University School of Theology.

Allegheny Alumni in Boston were delighted last week to learn that President Hixson had come to Boston. On Tuesday evening, January 29, arrangements were completed for a luncheon and by noon the next day enough people had been reached by telephone and postals so that nineteen were present for an Allegheny reunion. Arrangements are being completed for a banquet on Washington's Birthday.

Allegheny Alumni in New England who are not on the mailing list of the New England Association are requested to send their names and addresses to D. B. Brown, 2 Louisburg Square, Boston, Mass.

Miss Amanda Hoover, '22, has recently moved to 1629 Columbia Rd., Washington, D. C., where she is taking up her work as a member of the teaching profession.

Mary Smith, '11, (Mrs. J. William Sprouts) is now living in Washington, D. C. Her former home was in Tennessee.

Margaret Ross, '16, is now teaching in a high school at Trenton, N. J. She is taking English courses with Professor C. G. Child at the University of Pennsylvania. During the Christmas holidays, she visited Miss Marion R. Miller, who is now living at Washington, D. C.

Miss Doris Gamble, '20, recently moved from Henry Street, Warren, Pa., to 69 Durham Avenue, Buffalo, N. Y.

D. G. Dunbar, '15, is connected with the Humphreys Oil Company Division of The Pure Oil Company and spends most of his time in the field trying to separate the farmers from leases on ground which he hopes will be oil territory. Mr. Dunbar's field is the whole state of Texas, so he spends much time traveling. His home address, however, is Humphreys Oil Company, Box 657, Mexia, Texas.

Glade G. Fuller, '21, who is with the United Fruit Co., at Port Limon, Costa Rica, writes to Allegheny friends of his interesting experiences in engineering and of an exciting adventure with a boa-constrictor.

The following note is found under the personals of Banta's Greek Exchange for January, 1924: "The head of the Library School of the University of Texas, and also the president of the Texas State Library Association, is Miss Elva Bascom, graduate of Allegheny College and of the New York Library School." Miss Bascom was graduated from Allegheny in the class of 1894.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Gibson (Helen Andrews, '21) have moved to Washington, D. C., where Mr. Gibson is Oil and Gas Valuation Engineer in the Income Tax Unit.

The father of Mrs. C. W. Gill, Mr.

T. J. Wilson, who has been living with them, died just before the holidays.

Dr. Charles Willis Proctor, '85, of Buffalo, N. Y., spent the month of December in Miami, Florida, with his son, Heath, and his daughter, Ruth Proctor Tracy, ex '09. Dr. Proctor did some deep sea fishing out in the Gulf Stream on New Year's Day and can now match fish stories with the best of them. Dr. Alice Heath Proctor, '84, his wife, is spending February and March in Miami with her children. Both Mr. and Mrs. Proctor are osteopathic physicians practicing at their home, 897 Ellicott Square, Buffalo, N. Y.

Kennedy Crumrine, Jr., '22, who is an instructor in English at Penn State College, has returned to his home in Mendville for an indefinite stay as a result of an injury in the foot sustained during a European tour this past summer.

Frank L. Jolly, '23, has been connected with the Humble Oil & Refining Company at the Dayton Refinery, Goose Creek, Texas, since last July. His work in the oil fields has been mostly in the laboratory. Frank is quite a distance from Allegheny and Alleghenians, but he intends to come back to Pennsylvania in the near future.

Rev. Clyde L. Nevins, '13, familiarly known in college as "Dutch" Nevins, made an extensive tour of Europe this summer, and for the past three months has delivered his Sunday evening sermons at the Knoxville Methodist Episcopal Church on texts taken from his experiences abroad. His sermons have been of such an interesting nature that he has been invited by Station W. C. A. E., Pittsburgh, to deliver a series of radio talks about his trip to Europe, on Thursday evenings, at eight o'clock. All alumni having radios should listen in at this time to hear Dr. Nevins talk.

FACULTY NOTES

Last Sunday Mrs. O. P. Akers was notified of the death of her father at his home near Kansas City, Mo. Miss Anna Tarr, '09, a sister of Mrs. Akers Ohio, where Miss Tarr is an assistant librarian.

Both Dr. Lee D. McClean and Mrs. Irwin Ross Beller, whose ill health has been a matter of concern to their friends, are improving rapidly and will soon be restored to good health.

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"Europe On a Tight-Rope"

By Frederick Palmer, '93.

War being the foremost of all sensations, the next great sensation is the threat of war. Every time European statesmen pick up their portfolios and walk out of a conference in the haughty manner that indicates that the limits of concession have been reached, the cables to America tremble with another threat.

Just as the American spectator's suspense has become acute, we learn that "go-betweens" are back and forth between the statesmen who walked out; then that there is a possibility of a compromise; and then that the statesmen are back at the council table again but looking very injured and self-sacrificing as each insists that his country has been wronged but is yielding for the sake of world peace.

Popular passion may beat the drum, old antipathies may be as keen as ever, statesmen may stare their hardest and pound the council table, but two reasons prevent war.

There are no funds to finance a war, though men can, of course, fight with clubs, or bite or kick, if they cannot get credit for munitions. In Europe they are not willing to fight even if they had ample arms, food and welfare workers.

When the statesmen reach the breaking point they get this message confidentially, but urgently, from the manhood of their nation: "Go ahead! Bluff all you want to! We're with you up to the point of carrying out the bluff. But, don't depend upon us for war! We've had enough of that in our time."

When the royalist and nationalist leaders tried to arouse the Germans to action, the answer of the people, as they packed their bales of paper money about, was: "You fellows at the top do anything you can to the French. But don't expect us to fight. What we want to know is if the war has left us with a loaf of bread costing a billion marks, how many billions or quadrillions will it cost if we have another war?"

Recently, when Premier Baldwin was about to break finally with Poincare, the British veterans said: "Cheerio! Speak right up to him—but remember, no more trenches for us. We won the war and we have a million and a half of unemployed. How many will we have if we win another war?"

Even the romantic Italians as they said: "Hurrah, and hurrah again for you!" to Mussolini as he bearded Greece, were thinking: "All the pyrotechnics you please short of another war."

It is said that the French are the one big nation which would fight—in defense. As the British or the German will not attack them, they will not have to fight in defense. When Poincare recently threatened to go it alone the French people whispered secretly in his ear: "Epantant! We're with you right up to the period of your gereration, but a hint! Let's not be too unsociable, lest we find ourselves in the trenches again."

The war business is down, but the diplomatic business is very much up in Europe. Where, before the war, the triple and Franco-Russian alliances—the groupings of the big nations—kept vital negotiations among themselves and told the little nations where they got off, now the little nations are speaking up for themselves. This further complicates and enormously increases the personnel and detail of negotiations which are conducted with the diplomatic cunning and resource making the most in new combinations of the cards, including its army, which each nation holds. France has the strongest force-card in her immense army. Each is striving, even at the expense of pushing another off, to keep his place on the tight rope, its balancing rod being the new Balance of Power in Europe.

Wit grinds on wit in economic rivalry with a sound that seems that of sword blade on sword blade when it is only the rattling of diplomatic scabbards. There was method in German inflation. Germany sends all her gold including the billion dollars in gold which she made from foreigners who bought marks for a rise, out of the country. Then, how can France collect from Germany what is not in Germany?

But France had a cordon of bayonets around the Ruhr, as customs police, and Stinnes and the other Ruhr magnates have found it best, in the end, to drive a bargain in paying tolls to allow them to send their goods to market and thus get back to work. Lenin, autocrat of Russia, is still all for the Internationale, but ready to make terms which will mean trade, while Germany continues desperately from Berlin to do anything she can to alienate France from her Allies and thus escape all the reparation payments she can.

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WASHINGTON BANQUET

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and most pleasant of his college memories, being surpassed only by those of his own commencement week.

As the tradition was handed down from year to year certain abuses crept in and grew, which carried the dinner far from its original purpose, and the fundamental idea back of it was lost sight of completely. The effort to outdo other classes in costumes and decorations was carried to the extreme where the cost became prohibitive to a large proportion of the student body. Some of the classes attempted to make up for the dearth of ideas and lack of preparation by bringing such noise making devices as buzz saws and firebells, and by throwing food across the room. By singular good fortune no eyes were put out, although many members of the faculty and their wives were struck. The dinners degenerated into riots.

There are so many better ways of showing spirit than by banging a buzz-saw with a sledge and throwing food; and it is so easy to put on a dinner, the cost of which, including the incidentals of costumes and decorations, will be within the reach of every student, that it is worth while to go back to the original conception of the Washington's Birthday Dinner and to put on a dinner along the lines of the earlier affairs which were so successful.

Time is short, but if you make up your minds to put on the dinner this year, and everyone enters into the affair with zest, you can have the best Washington's Birthday Dinner that the College has ever known. The real definite good that you, individually and collectively, and the College derive from it will exceed by far what you put into it.

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ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS ELECT

The following elections have been recently announced by the College Alumni Associations: The General Alumni Association, A. A. Culbertson, '01, president, and Miss Edith Rowley, '05, secretary-treasurer; the New York Association, R. J. George, '11, president, and P. A. Beck, '13, secretary-treasurer; the New England Association, F. H. Callahan, '12, president, and D. B. Brown, '20, secretary-treasurer; the Pittsburgh Association, F. L. Homer, '95, president, and H. K. Brooks, '15, secretary-treasurer; and the Cleveland Association, J. W. Barkley, '11, president and Miss Ida F. Preston, '11, secretary-treasurer.

EUROPE ON A TIGHT-ROPE

(Continued from page 3.)

Neutral Holland, between the shears' blades, is ready to look pleasant in any direction which promises relief from hard times without having the blades close upon her. Belgium is the honest little broker coyly playing between powerful neighbors, Britain and France, to get all the bacon she can.

When Poincare becomes irreconcilable he not only hears from the people, but Britain sets her diplomatic machinery quietly in motion. France must be warned that she may be isolated. No nation wants any other to have the tight rope all to itself. Especially is this true of Mussolini.

Hello, the King of Spain is visiting Italy, and Spain is back in European politics, demanding a place on the tight rope for itself, in an understanding with Italy which reminds France that while, to the north, she has Britain on the Channel she has, to the south, a new combination to face on the Mediterranean. Then France encourages the little Entente and Greece against Turkey, on the one hand, and Italy, on the other. So it goes.

A shrewd old American banker said to me the other day: "The main thing is that people must earn a living. That is what they are thinking of in the mass in Europe"—and sometimes at the expense of the other fellow, which is the main affliction of European statesmanship as it is with some individuals we know at home.

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A LETTER

Your issue of The Campus for January 22, 1924 sets forth two items of importance to the student world: the Youth Movement as reported by the delegates to the International Convention held at Indianapolis, and the question of the relation of college students to prohibition as set forth in "Student Opinion" by a Senior.

Permit me the liberty of saying a few words on prohibition and the college. I do not know what the sympathies of this member of the senior class are, other than this, that he seems to regard the sentiment at Yale as a magnified danger. His attention is invited to what follows. I have just returned from attending the Thirty Year Jubilee Convention of the Anti-Saloon League of America, held in Washington, D. C., January 12-16. One of the features of the convention was the emphasis upon the relation of the colleges to the enforcement of the Prohibition Amendment. Dr. Samuel Plantz, President of Lawrence College, Appleton, Wisconsin, gave a lengthy discussion of this matter on the basis of a survey of five hundred fraternities in three hundred and fifty institutions. His outlook was by no means that of a pessimist. Federal Commissioner Roy A. Haynes reported that he was urging the fraternities to stand for law enforcement, and that he was encouraged by the action taken in some institutions. For example, the University of Illinois sent out an appeal to the students of other state universities, asking them to maintain the Federal Prohibition Law at Penn State the students fell in line at once. This certainly counters the movement reported by the "Yale News." Similar action to that taken at Penn State would do honor to Allegheny. The student body could do no finer thing than promote regard for the Constitution which safeguards our true liberties by a forum on this issue, and by a consideration of the merits of the Intercollegiate Prohibition Association.

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BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Games Played

Jan. 2—Allegheny 33, Amherst 19.

" 11—Allegheny 30, Pittsburgh 35.

" 12—Allegheny 28, West Virginia 47.

" 18—Allegheny 21, West Virginia 31.

" 21—Allegheny—Geneva—

Games Remaining

Feb. 7—Bethany, at home.

" 11—Westminster, at home.

" 13—Bucknell, at home.

" 15—Grove City, away.

" 22—Thiel, away.

" 23—Westminster, away.

" 26—Grove City, at home.

" 28—Juniata, at home.

Mar. 3—Carnegie Tech, away.

" 4—Geneva, away.

" 6—Penn State, away.

" 7—Juniata, away.

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**Through Eyes of
Forty Years Ago**

If the alumnus of forty years ago were to enter college to repeat his college course he would be bewildered amid the many changes. Most of them he would hail with delight as improvements. But with surprise and regret he would ask, "Where are the old Literary societies? Allegheny and Philo-Franklin halls on the third floor of Bentley, the Athenian and Ossoli halls on the second floor of the wings of Bentley—Why, they are just bare, ordinary recitation rooms!" The furniture is dispersed—only the book-cases in the wall are mute witnesses of what once were the pride of the college. The organizations are shadowy memories. Philo-Franklin Forum is the only survival, standing bravely for the debating and oratorical activities but with wholly inadequate support from the men of the college and having a precarious existence in competition with the crowded activities of the campus. The one active remnant from the old days is the Philo-Franklin Oration Prize, yielding thirty dollars a year from the endowment raised for the purpose more than fifty years ago. All the other prizes,—essay, declamation, and oration,—have disappeared.

What a busy hive old Bentley was on Friday nights back in the eighties! With no lessons to prepare for Saturday; with no fraternity houses to enchain students to the fireside of their comfortable, if not luxurious, furnishings; with no weekly—or daily—athletic events to be fought over in prospect or retrospect by athletes and would-be athletes; with only a merest fraction of the social events that now enliven college life; with none of the numerous clubs of narrower appeal and more technical interest,—with none of these counter attractions the literary societies had a practically clear field Friday evenings.

For the most part they improved it profitably. The programs would be thought amazing today. Many of the essays were prepared with as much care as the present-day senior theses. Not infrequently the orators had toiled for months perfecting composition and delivery. The debaters often worked as hard as men today work to win an intercollegiate contest. The miscellaneous debate would not infrequently continue for hours in a heated contest between the fervid partisans and opponents of some supposedly momentous proposition in college or national life. The business session gave ample opportunity for parliamentary drill. However much better equipped in other ways the college man or woman of today may be, any alumnus of the eighties must nearly faint as he witnesses the inept helplessness of the average student now when called upon to preside even at a class meeting or a committee meeting. The man of the eighties was usually able to speak in public with definiteness, reasonable correctness, and general effectiveness. He could talk while standing; he could sometimes think while he talked; at least he showed that he had thought before he tried to talk.

The fellowships formed in those days of literary society primacy have turned out to be the most helpful and the most lasting in the whole range of college years. The fraternities were more incidental then. They were far less absorbing of student activities and loyalty. They rarely took much of his time except at their Saturday night meetings at the rented halls down town.

The declamation and oration contests of the societies were hotly contested and drew audiences to the old chapel on the second floor of Ruter that left standing room only in the hallway. The annual contest between Allegheny and Philo-Franklin was easily the tensest event of commencement week. If those contests were too long they were at least manifest tokens of the supremacy of the intellectual in college life.

No one of these concrete differences between the old days and today is exclusively to blame for the decadence of the institution that held so high a place in the affections and did so much for the education of the college man of the eighties. The real reason is to be found in the difference in life in general. The emphasis today is less on expression, more on material accumulation; less on personal recreation; more on being amused; less on intellectual activities, more on physical accomplishments. This does not mean that the world is slipping down hill. The new way doubtless marks an advance. The college activities of the eighties were not all ideal. Perhaps those of today are not much better balanced. Would not a course somewhat midway between the two be an improvement on either?

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