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COLLEGE DAY OF PRAYER.

VERY HELPFUL AND INSTRUCTIVE DAY.

Fine Sermon by Rev. B. Canfield Jones, of Park Presbyterian Church of Erie.

The College Day of Prayer proved to be a most helpful and uplifting day. The services of the day began with the sunrise prayer meeting, led by H. L. Smith. Almost one hundred students were in attendance, and the meeting proved to be very helpful to all who were interested enough to attend a prayer meeting at that early hour.

At 9:30 Y. M. C. A. meeting was held in association hall, led by Scott Trosh. This meeting was also remarkably uplifting, and all who attended join in saying that a great spiritual uplift was experienced.

These meetings were but the preparatory services preceding the annual sermon, and at 10:30 a large congregation assembled in the chapel to hear Rev. Jones deliver the sermon of the day. The service began promptly at 10:30, with a short song service, which was followed by the responsive reading of the xix Psalm. The glorious old hymn, "How Firm a Foundation," was followed by prayer by Rev. R. E. Brown, pastor of State Street M. E. church. The scripture lesson was read by Rev. Jones from the 1st Epistle of John, 2d chapter.

Following the reading of the scripture lesson, Dr. Crawford made the announcement for the remainder of the day, and added a few remarks. He spoke of the Ford Memorial chapel and its donor, saying in substance: One year ago to-day the announcement was made in this building, that Capt. John Ford had donated to the college an amount of money to be expended in building a fine new chapel building, which we had hoped to occupy by this time. The doctor then made the sad announcement that Capt Ford is now in darkness. The one eye with which he looked so keenly upon the affairs of life a year ago, has been so affected by disease that to-day he cannot see the light of day in a natural way. The message he would have me bring to you to-day is that "It is God's will.

Before the sermon Miss Marian Alta Moyer sang a solo, "Come Unto Me," by

Rev. Jones selected as the text for his sermon the 14th verse of the 2d chapter of the 1st epistle of John: "I write unto you young men because you are strong."

Rev. Mr. Jones began his sermon by stating what he thought John's real character to have been, and painted a vivid picture of the times in which he lived. John, the last of those few personal friends of the Christ. John, the one who had leaned on Christ's bosom at dinner, was a stalwart, manly, fearless follower of the Christ.

John wrote to the young men because they were strong.

Something can be made of a strong man whose strength may be directed in the wrong line, but nothing can ever be made of a weakling.

Rev. Mr. Jones stated further that moral error is synonymous with moral weakness. Nine-tenths of all crimes committed are committed by weak men. Manliness and uprightness always mean strength.

Strength is the result of struggle. Everything in nature recognizes this law.

Virtue untried is not virtue at all.

In speaking of the growth of Christianity Rev. Mr. Jones said: There are ever pessimists who see the future as a dark picture. When John wrote, the affairs of the Christian church were in a deplorable state. The church now almost a century old was feeble, yet John had faith in the young men and women of the day and had faith in their ability to work out the great problems. He had faith in them because they were strong.

The lesson was now brought home to the young men and young women of to-day. Rev. Mr. Jones asked, Can the work of God be entrusted to your hands.

The great movements in the moral world have been instigated by young men. Luther was but a young man when he nailed his thesis to the cathedral door. Savonorolla was in but the flower of his manhood when he aroused the nobles of Florence, John Wesley was but a youth when he started one of the greatest movements in the Christian church.

The hope of the church, the hope of the nation lies in the hands of the young men of to-day. Rev. Mr. Jones closed his sermon by saying: If the 20th century be not much greater than the 19th century was greater than the 18th it will be your fault, young men, and now the work is yours. After the sermon the meeting was in the hands of the student body, and that the sermon made a deep and lasting impression, was plainly felt from the expressions of many earnest young men and women.

The great questions concerning Christianity were presented by Rev. Mr. Jones in such a straight-forward, manly way that all who heard the sermon were much moved. The result of such an effort at such an opportune time can only be measured by eternity.

In the afternoon a platform meeting was held. Rev. Mr. Bugbee, of First M. E. church; Rev. Mr. Brown, of State Street M. E. church; Dr. Earnest Smith and Dr. J. Montgomery each gave a very interesting and helpful talk. While the attendance at the last meeting of the day was not as large as was hoped for, the meeting was undoubtedly one of the richest in results.

In fact, the Day of Prayer of 1902 will long be remembered by all who attended the various meetings. Who can measure the good accomplished? How many young men and young women have higher ideals of life and duty? Who can say? How many have a clearer conception of Christ and of practical Christianity, time and eternity alone will tell.

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The Next Game

OF BASKET BALL ON FRIDAY EVENING—WESTERN RESERVE VS. ALLEGHENY.

The next game of basket ball will be played on Friday night in our own gym. The team representing Western Reserve university will be the opponents of the local boys. Those who remember the exciting game played by these two teams last year will not fail to see the contest this year. The score of last year's game was 16-19 and was won by Allegheny but only after the closest game of the season. This year Reserve is fully as strong and comes to Meadville expecting to carry off a victory. After the close game of football played between these teams a rivalry has sprung up which will do much to create an interest and excitement in all the contests between the teams.

Base Ball.

A COACH HAS BEEN PROCURED AND INDOOR PRACTICE SHOULD SOON BEGIN.

It is not too early to prepare for the spring sport, neither will it in any way interfere with basket ball. Most of the colleges have their schedules completed, and are already at work getting their men in shape. From all accounts there is plenty of good material in school this year and the manager, Mr. Whitehill, has about closed a contract with a competent coach. Now, there is no reason why we should not have a winning team this year. In years past we have not been enthusiastic enough. We have not demanded a good article of base ball and we have not had it. It is the fault of the student body very largely. Last year not more than a third of the entire student body ever thought of attending a game. It is a deplorable state of affairs and now is the time for us to begine to get up a little enthusiasm. Let us talk it over among ourselves, let us heartily co-operate with the manager in his every effort.

At present he is figuring on a splendid schedule. In fact, the best we have had for years. Now it is up to us to turn out a winning team. We have an outfield in Endean, Loffingwell and Turner that is not excelled in strictly amateur circles, and plenty of candidates for each of the three positions to make the competition very interesting. We have most of our infield of last year with us again and a number of new candidates for each position.

Let us agitate the matter of indoor practice, for it is impossible in this climate for a team to get in condition for base ball by two or three weeks of outside work. If the men wish to avoid glass arms and Charly horse in the early part of the season, they must begin now and get in good physical condition.

There is nothing better to develop that quickness of eye and hand which is so essential in base ball than indoor hand ball. The arm may be put in good shape for the severe strain imposed upon it by the spring game, by the daily use of dumb bells and Indian clubs. Now we urge all who expect to try for the team in the spring to report for work.

Y. M. C. A.

Harry Mansell led the Y. M. C. A. meeting Saturday evening. The topic of the service was "Missions."

The following text was used: "All authority hath been given unto me in heaven and on earth. Go ye, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the earth."—Matt. xxviii:18-20. The first two sentences here quoted are related. All authority or power in heaven and on earth is back of us—"Go ye, therefore," for that reason.

And, too, "Lo, I am with you," etc., is a promise but is closely allied with the commandment immediately preceding. People too often separate the two." There was a large attendance present to enjoy the earnest words.

Will those who subscribed to the fund for a new organ kindly be prepared to pay their subscriptions to Mr. Fornear before Saturday next?

Due. What? Membership dues. Pay to Harris, treasurer.

MAY STOP FOOT BALL.

Strong Movement Against the Game Started by Michigan Faculties.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Feb. 1.—The faculty at Kalamazoo college is considering forbidding football playing. The matter has been exhaustively discussed at faculty meetings and it is believed that action against the big college game will be taken in the near future. President A. G. Slocum says that a strong movement has been started in several colleges throughout the intercollegiate association to drop the game from state college athletics on the ground that it is brutal.

THE KALDRON.

The Kaldron box in the hall of Bentley is now open for business for the season of 1902, and those who have grievances against anyone—or think they have—can obtain sweet revenge by writing them up in caustic style and dropping them in. Make your contributions short and very mub to the point. If in verse, so much the better—the college poets will find a ready hearing. Don't be afraid because of the name, fame or worldly position of the one you are roasting, even if it be a member of the faculty. Everything that reflects life at Allegheny in any of its phases will be welcome. Keep this in mind, and be sure to visit the Kaldron box at least once a day with your sKalds and things. You will reap your reward in the 1902 Kaldron.

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College Day of Prayer for 1902 will long be remembered by all who were in attendance at the several meetings. We are glad to note that unusual interest was displayed in the various services of the day.

The great truths of Christianity were presented in such a manly and straight-forward way that we feel that many were convinced that their lives are narrow and incomplete without the broadening and mellowing influence of the Christian life.

Our attention has been called to a statement which appeared in the January number of the Holcad. We have thought it advisable to publish the statement in this issue of the Campus as it appeared verbatim. We do not blame the author of the foolish remarks insofar as they have to do with basket ball, for naturally he is just a little bit sore, and we graciously grant him the privilege of knocking just a little, but when he begins to generalize and make statements concerning our athletics which are entirely uncalled for and ungentlemanly, we feel that he is deserving of our passing notice.

In the same issue in which the statements referred to above occur, appears the constitution of Westminister's Athletic association, also the constitution of the Inter-Collegiate Athletic league of Northwestern Pennsylvania. Now, several things in this constitution attracted our attention, and which we feel we must make note of. In the constitution of the league, article II, section A, under qualification of players, reads according to Holcad, as follows:

II—Qualifications of Players.

a No player shall represent any college in this league in any athletic contest who receives compensation in any form for his services or who by direct or indirect pecuniary inducement has been led to register as a student in said college. (This is not understood as applying to a man serving as instructor in gymnastics provided he is an under-graduate student and a candidate for a degree from the college which he serves in this capacity.)

We do not say that the part inclosed in parenthesis is an interpretation of the article by a Westminster man, and no doubt our representative were aware that such a loophole for professionalism existed in the constitution, but we do assert that the part of the clause appearin parenthesis is a revelation to our Athletic Association.

The Campus last year published the constitution of the league bearing the same date as that published by The Holcad, and Article a, under Section II reads as follows:

No player shall represent any college in this league in any athletic contest who receives compensation in any form for his services or who by direct or indirect pecuniary inducement has been led to register as a student in said college.

We further assert that we, as an athletic association, did not know that an authorized interpretation of such a nature existed, nor would we as a college countenance such a clause. The chief aim of the league, as we understand it, is to make professionalism impossible in the colleges of the league. And yet here we find a loophole which admits the very thing we have been fighting against. Surely we have been contesting on the athletic field and on the gymnasium floor at a great disadvantage.

We have prided ourselves on our pure athletics, and defy anyone to prove that our athletics have not been of the cleanest kind. And yet we have been contesting with colleges who apparently have been playing men who are hired as physical directors. What would hinder us from hiring a half-dozen men who are professionals, to enter college and give them charge of a gymnasium class?

The author of the article in the Holcad states that our base ball team of last year "was not" simply because we could not turn out a winning team. True. We realized that we did not have the material in school to make a representative team, and we forfeited to Westminster the two games of base ball which we should have played them.

Rather than take advantage of the loop-hole appearing in the constitution as published in the Holcad and be represented by a team composed of professionals, we chose to adhere to our principle of pure athletics and "go way back and sit down."

Again we note a palpable inconsistency on the part of Westminster in playing her physical director, in reading Article III, under Section 2, under the head of Eligibility, as it appears in the constitution of Westminister's Athletic association. The section reads as follows:

No student shall be allowed to represent Westminster College in any public athletic contest, either individually or as a member of any team, who, either before or since entering college, shall have engaged for money in any athletic competition, whether for a stake or a money prize, or a share of the entrance fees or admission money; or who shall have taught or engaged in foot ball, basket ball, base ball or track athletics as a means of livelihood; or who shall at any time have received for taking part in any athletic sport or contest any pecuniary remuneration.

It occurs to us that the Holcad could somehow manage to fill its pages, by attempting to straighten out the apparent inconsistencies of her athletics, without throwing mud at her neighboring colleges.

Phi Beta Kappa.

A CHAPTER OF THIS HONORARY SOCIETY WILL BE FORMALLY INSTALLED AT ALLEGHENY.

On February 18, 1902, a chapter of the honorary fraternity of Phi Beta Kappa will be formally installed. The exercises will take place in the parlors of the Lafayette hotel at 4:30 o'clock. After the exercises of the formal installation, a banquet will be given in the dining room of the Lafayette. The menu is most elaborate; in fact, the most elaborate menu ever served in Meadville.

Charles B. Thwing, president of Western Reserve University, is to convey the charter to Allegheny and make the address of the occasion. President Thwing represents the president of the united chapters of Phi Beta Kappa.

There will be present at the installation many of Allegheny's most noted alumni.

The number of foundation members will not be large, including only Allegheny's most noted alumni of twenty years' standing.

This, without doubt, will go down in the history of our college as one of the events of greatest importance. Indeed, the admission of our college into Phi Beta Kappa means the recognition of Allegheny as a college of very high standing among the leading educational institutions of the country.

More definite announcements will appear in this paper at a later date.



ALLEGHENY.

February 10, 1902.

Essay—Stockton, H. Saxman.

Declamation—Hanks.

News of Last Week—Smiley.

Debate — Resolved, That women should have equal privileges with the men at the polls.

Affirmative, Gaston, Harris; negative, Mudge, Scouten.

Five-minute talk:

Hewit, "The Charleston Exposition."

Thompson, "The People of the Farthest North."

Taylor, "The Journey of the Birds."

PHILO-FRANKLIN.

February 10, 1902.

Roll call answered by quotations from Tennyson.

Biography of Tennyson, T. T. Crawford.

Declamation—Selection from Tennyson, Appleby.

Talk—Legend of the Holy Grail, Baramore.

Paper—Traditions and Nature of the Idyls of the King, Marsh.

Declamation—Selection from Tennyson, Mansell.

Paper—Tennyson's Treatment of Classical and Historic Themes, Barkley.

The Evolution of Tennyson's Religious Belief as Indicated by His Poems, Nelson.

Paper—Tennyson's Views of Woman's Sphere as Seen in the Princess, R. T. Wilson.

Declamation—Selection from Tenneyson, Edmunds.

Tennyson's Nature Poetry, with Illustrations, Wood.

Tennyson's Characterization His Ideal Personages, W. J. Miller.

A Critical Estimate of Tennyson, Slease.

OSSOLI.

February 10, 1902.

News Items—Miss Ball.

Literary Notes—Miss Appleby.

Book Review—Miss Townley.

Paper—Women Poets of the Victorian Era, Miss Rowley.

Original Story—Miss Rogers.

Paper— Paul Trowbetzkay, Sculptor, Miss Wintermute.

Recitation—Miss Thickstun.

Paper—French Drama of 1901, Miss Shadduck.

Reading—Miss Taylor.

Paper—Errors Touching the Schley Court of Inquiry, Miss Steffner.

Extemporaneous Speeches—Misses Tuholski, Thomas, Blair.

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GIRLS' ATHLETIC ABILITY.

The following true story about girl's athletic ability is told by a brother of the man to whom it happened:

Two members of the University of Pennsylvania crew were out rowing one day in a double-oared boat on a river, when they met two girl friends, Vassar College girls, who were also in a double-oared boat. Just as a joke, the men challenged the girls to a half-mile race. The challenge was accepted, and the girls won.

"It was not gallantry, either," one of the men said afterwards, speaking to a friend. "I never worked harder in my life than I did there for a few seconds. It simply shows that endurance and unusual strength do not come in at all in a short race. If the distance had been greater we should have won, for the above reasons, but as it is, it was only a question of good form and practice, and the young women had that even to a greater degree than we men who had been in training all spring."

ENGLISH FIELD HOCKEY.

A Few Pointers in Regard to the Way the Game is Played.

The following clipping from a college paper may be of interest to any one not understanding English field hockey:

"The game is never in the least rough or unwomanly when it is played properly. The girls are coached not to stoop when striking a ball with the hockey stick, and as an added precaution, the stick is not swung up higher than the shoulder. If a player swings her stick to vigorously or too far, the opposing side can cry 'Sticks!' and is entitled to a 'free hit.'

It takes two elevens, or 22 girls, to play a match, and there are two umpires and two referees. Thirty five minutes is allowed for each half of the game, and the side that scores most goals in the 70 minutes, wins. When a goal is made the umpire whistles, and the game stops.

It takes a firm, and pretty closely-clipped ground for the game. The distances are always 100x60 yards, and this is marked off by the 50 and 25-yard lines in white. The ball is very hard and always white. It is about three or four inches in diameter, a little larger than a baseball. The goal posts at either end of the field are four yards apart, and the game is to send the ball through the opposing side's territory, between the opposite goal posts.

The players are divided into forwards, halfbacks and backs. The usual line-up is, five forwards, consisting of one center, two insiders, and two wings; three halfbacks, and the right and left backs. The eleventh player is stationed at the goal, and is called the goal keeper. The goal keeper has the privilege of kicking the ball when it becomes necessary for her to do so. She is the only player so privileged. She has, however, a hockey stick like all the others. The captain is generally center-forward, and leads the game.

Starting the game is technically called "the bully-off." To watch the center-forwards each trying to get the ball is very interesting. They strike the ball and each others' sticks three times in quick succession and then in a flash, aim for the first knock.

The forwards must be fast runners; the halfbacks must have endurance and agility, but the backs do not need to work so hard. The goal keeper must be calm and steady, for when the ball gets into the circle the excitement is tremendous, and only a self-contained person can serve well at this point."

Miss Ada Hunt will reprsent Denison college in the state oratorical contest this year. On Jan. 24 she was the successful contestant in the preliminary contest.

And Still Another.

ALLEGHENY WON FROM WESTMINSTER.

The game of basket ball at New Wilmington, last night, was won by Allegheny in a very neat manner. The score was a handsome one, 33-17, and the playing was fast and furious.

AMONG THE COLLEGES.

Harvard conferred its first degree of LL. D. upon George Washington.

Common version: "People living in glass houses shouldn't throw stones."

The University of California is to have a new library with a capacity of 1,000,000 volumes.

One of the finest church organs ever built has been given to Yale University. It has between 4,500 and 5,000 pipes.

Princess Sophia Bamba, of the famous royal family of India, has entered the woman's medical college of Northwestern University.

The annual report of the treasurer of Harvard College for the year ending July 31, 1901, shows that the invested funds of that university amount to $13,119,538.61.

Senior version: "Individuals inhabiting domiciles wrought from crystalline structure, should refrain from projecting missiles of granite formation."—Phreno-Cosmian.

Under the new elective system at the University of Michigan, which includes the abolishment of all baccalaureate degrees except the A. B., English is the only study still required.—M. A. C. Record.

Oliver F. Cutts, right tackle of the Harvard foot ball team, whose athletic standing aroused so much discussion last fall, has been declared a professional by the Harvard athletic committee.—Syracuse Weekly.

By the narrow margin of a few hours the trustees of Oberlin College raised the $300,000 necessary to secure the conditional offer of $200,000 from John D. Rockefeller, made a year ago. The offer was to expire Jan. 1, 1902.

The prospects for base ball the coming spring are now brighter than ever before. Many new men are already reporting to the gymnasium for winter practice. A strong schedule is now arranged. Games will be played with all college teams in Western Pennsylvania. From the outlook at this time of the season the team bids to uphold its former record—the inter-collegiate champions of Western Pennsylvania. The management has been successful in securing last year's "crack" battery—Frank Smith and Sam Brown, the Only and Best.—Grove City Collegian.

THE INTER-COLLEGIATE LEAGUE

A Few Remarks by "The Holcad" of Westminster, in Regard to Athletics.

A few words in behalf of the inter-collegiate league will not be out of place. The cause of Allegheny college withdrawing its basketball team from the league is the moving of the baskets twelve inches from the wall. This is alleged by Allegheny to be unfair, as all the teams they meet, except Geneva and Westminster, will play under the old rule. It can be as truthfully said that all the teams that Geneva and Westminster will meet will play with the baskets moved out twelve inches. The league is intended as a combination for mutual support of athletics in our college. Now, if when one college is dissatisfied in some decision, she withdraws her team, the idea of mutual support is entirely withdrawn. It is understood that Allegheny's captain thinks the new rule would injure his goal throwing. Why should he suffer more than any other player? All things being considered, the withdrawal seems to be unjustified. Allegheny's rule seems to be to keep before the public when a strong team is being supported and when their team is below their standard, to use a familiar expression, "Go 'way back and sit down." We do not mean by this that their basketball team will be weak, as we see no reason why their team should not be strong. But it does apply to their action last spring, when their baseball team "was not" simply because they could not turn out a winning team. However, they did play a few high school teams, and were about in their class. It takes more courage to lose than to win. Westminster is proud of the fact that she never lost courage to such a degree that her team has been taken out of the race.

The athletic authorities of some of our colleges are very brave under propitious circumstances, but when occasion calls for action when conditions are adverse, their "nerve" could not be weighed on a set of chemical balances.

A FOOT BALL COACH.

A rather amusing story has just come to light concerning one of our football men of last fall.

The young man in question had occasion to be home during the early part of the fall term, and struck his father for some money to help procure a football coach. Now the father was not a football enthusiast and had objected to his son playing the game, and in reply to the request of his son he said, "Well if you are bound to play that beastly game you may, but I'll be blamed if I will give you money to help hire a coach. If you are strong enough to play foot ball it seems to me you are able to walk to the games."



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LOCAL BREVITIES.

Mr. Whitehill visited his home in Brookville over Sunday.

Mr. Ward Sackett, of Pittsburg, was a visitor at the Sig house on Monday.

Mansell was in the spelling match at the Central Presbyterian church last Thursday night.

Prof. Morey, in Freshman Latin—"Mr. Young, do you mean to say that a barber is an evidence of civilized life?"

Look out for the game with University of Pennsylvania. If you want seats at any price you will have to be on the alert.

Well, the Gospel Team will be here in three weeks. Let us give them as good a reeption as we generally give to visiting teams.

The Westminster "Holcad" for January has just reached us. No doubt the recent snow storm is accountable for the tardiness.

Dr. Montgomery, in Physics I.—"You all remember the early navigators who came in search of the mouth of the Mississippi and went back without it."

Manager Freeman is at work on the foot ball schedule for next fall. He is already in correspondence with some of the best colleges in Ohio and Pennsylvania.

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Well, we have proved that we are the equals of W. R. U. on the gridiron this year. What will we do on the gymnasium floor next Friday night? You can't afford to miss it.

The basket ball team which was to have left for Westminster Monday morning at 5 o'clock, did not leave until 7:30 on account of the lateness of the train. Too bad, boys, you might have slept a couple of hours longer.

Geneva didn't do much to Grove City in basket ball last week. Only 70 to 17, and it was the first game Grove City had lost this year. "Little All Right" Campbell had better get his men down to good hard work before he allows his team to play college teams.

Grove City and Westminster are once more to resume friendly athletic relations. For three years no athletic contests have been held between these schools on account of trouble in a foot ball game. The trouble has been forgotten and two games of basket ball will be played this season, one at each place. We are glad to know that they have kissed and made up like good little girls.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CONVENTION AT TORONTO.

As he date for the fourth Convention of the Students Volunteer Movement, to be held at Toronto, February 26 to March 2, draws near, preparations are being rapidly hastened, both at the Toronto headquarters and at the Volunteer office. So general is the interest in this gathering, that the utmost resources available are sorely taxed. Colleges and institutions of higher learning from the Atlantic to the Pacific are taking steps to appoint large and influential delegations in cases where this has not already been done.

Interest in the city where the Convention meets is most natural. Its architectural beauty, its high reputation as a scolastic center, and its dominating influence in the evangelical life of the Dominion combine to make it an ideal gathering place. To this may be added, in the case of delegates from the states, the charm of the transplanted English life as affected by early French traditions. It is a bit of England with something of the Sabbath atmosphere of Scotland, mingled with the spirit and enterprise of America. The student life of Toronto is likewise a unique composite of British and American ideas and customs, with which it will be most interesting to become acquainted.

Interest in the coming Convention is further justified by the acceptance already received. These include the leading missionary advocates of the United States and Canada, missionaries from all the great fields, many of them with a world-wide reputation, and persons whose fame is in every mouth in connection with the recent uprising in China—the falsely defamed and rightly lauded Dr. Ament, and Prof. Gamewell, defender of the legations, both of Peking, being among them. Young people's society leaders, whose names are household words, will be present, as will men and women of spiritual power, some of whom are already known to students. Mr. Speer and Dr. and Mrs. Howard Taylor, for example. Editors and educators of influence and wide reputation will constitute an important part of the personnel. Best of all, Mr. Mott, whose five years' tour among the students of Japan, China and India has been a prolonged experience of remarkable successes, will preside. His words will alike inspire and empower all who hear him.

Difficulties to be feared in case of a late appointment of representatives are suggested by the fact that at a number of remote colleges delegations twice as large as were sent to the Convention at Cleveland in 1898 have been appointed, and also the plans of large institutions like Cornell University and Yale, where the remarkable record of 1898 is likely to be exceeded. Since the delegates are to be entertained by the hospitality of the people of Toronto, it has been necessary to limit the total attendance to 2,500, of whom 2,000 will be students. From present indications, it is apparent that this number of men and women from fully 500 institutions will easily be reached—undoubtedly the greatest student religious gathering the world has ever seen.

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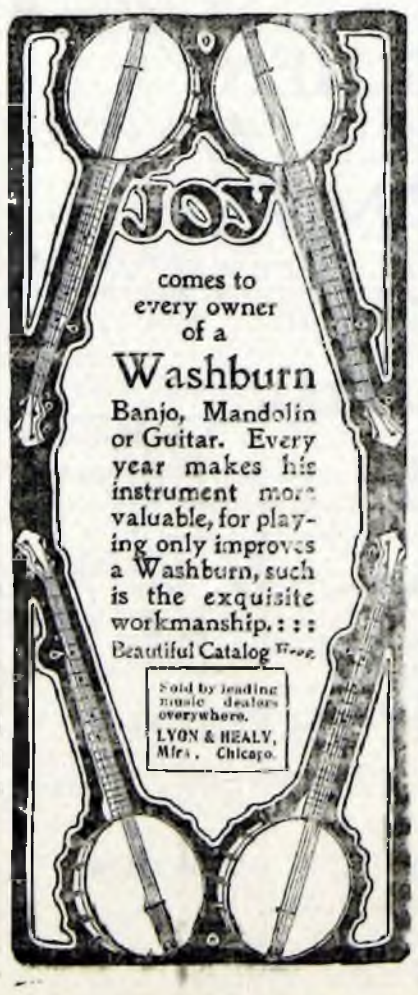

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