

Van Riper's Defense

B. W. Van Riper, '05, Defends Himself on Charge of Plagiarism.

In the December number of The Literary Monthly the serious charge was brought against Mr. Benjamin W. Van Riper, '05, that he had plagiarized one of Allegheny's best songs, "Loud Let the Sons of Harvard Sing," publishing it under his own name in the song book of the Nebraska Wesleyan University, where he has been holding the chair of Philosophy. On the face of it, the charge seemed true; for there were the two songs, almost identical, the one published at Allegheny under the name of R. W. Freeman, '04, and the other at Nebraska Wesleyan under Van Riper's name. But in the light of recent developments, it appears that Mr. Van Riper was not to blame for the creation of the impression that he had written the song himself. At the request of The Campus, he has set forth his defense in a letter, exactly like one addressed to The Literary Monthly some time ago. The letter follows:

Editor Literary Monthly,
Allegheny College,
Meadville, Penna.

Dear Sir:

I have just read the editorial in your December issue concerning the song that has, unfortunately, been published here under my name. I shall give you my explanation; whether or not it will serve as an adequate defense, you must yourself determine.

The first year I was here I undertook, with the help of a few students to whom the idea appealed as a good and feasible one, to inaugurate the custom that has proved so good a one at Allegheny—that of a general banquet. To that end we held a "convocation of the whole student body to boost the matter. As convocations of that sort are very frequent occurrences, we thought a special song for the occasion would help to fasten interest. It fell on me on short notice to provide it. It was made very plain to those concerned that the song offered was only an adaption of another. Indeed as the comparison shows, there was no effort to conceal the similarity; the original was changed as little as possible and still have it appropriate. Its sole purpose was for use that morning.

It happened, however, that a committee of the senior class was at that time preparing a surprise for the college community in the form of a new song book, and they incorporated the song into that book. When, some months later, they announced the book for sale, it was, of course, too late to correct the oversight.

One important point remains to be added. The song as printed for the convocation in question was left anonymous. The reason for that is apparent when one considers that the purpose of our meeting was to appeal to local college spirit. I was forced, however, to disclose the fact that I had arranged it because, as the form of it doubtless shows, I know very little about that sort of thing and felt obliged to profit by the criticism of others. Incidentally, I should be very much surprised if my arrangement should be found to tally at all with that in the Allegheny song book. I regret that I do not own a copy of the latter, so I am unable to make the comparison.

Your remark that use had been made of the original "without even an attempt to give any credit for it" must have been based simply upon error in the song book itself. If your informant had taken the trouble to inquire on the Wesleyan campus he would have found that the very reverse is the case. Not only have I taken every reasonable opportunity to explain it in a quiet way, but have gone to the extent of submitting such an explanation in the local college paper. I think I shall be able to send you a copy of that article as soon as the editor or manager returns from the holiday vacation.

I trust that you will give this version as wide notice as your accusation received.

Very sincerely yours,

B. W. Van Riper.

It appears that perhaps Mr. Van

PREPARATION BEGUN FOR ANNUAL COLLEGE DINNER

Committees in Charge of Washington's Birthday Banquet are at Work.

The Faculty committee on college organizations, composed of Dr. Akers, Dr. Lockwood and Professor Ross, held a meeting last week to choose the general committee for the Washington's Birthday banquet. Those chosen were R. W. Thomas, C. L. Nevins, N. L. Ramsey, I. Cohan, Miss Barbara Deane, Miss Eva McKinney, Miss Miriam Shryock, Miss Carroll, '08, and W. D. Lewis, '05. A meeting of this committee was called for Wednesday afternoon, at which time officers and committees were chosen as follows: Chairman executive committee, R. W. Thomas; secretary, Miss Barbara Deane; treasurer, C. L. Nevins; program committee, Thomas, chairman, Dr. Lockwood, Ramsey and Miss Carroll, '08; finance, Nevins, chairman, Dr. Akers, Miss Shryock, O. C. McLean, G. P. Alliger and W. D. Lewis, '05; decoration, Miss Deane, chairman, Professor Ross, Cohan and Miss Eva McKinney. The general committees are already at work and it is probable that the final arrangements for the dinner will soon be made.

Once more the class rivalry between Freshmen and Sophomores will reach its climax and end in the good natured spirit of that evening. As usual there will be the profusion of decorations, the class stunts, the witty toastmaster, the clever toasters, songs, yells and, last but not at all least, the dinner. But of course the real interest of the evening will once more center around the rivalry of the two underclasses which will again vie with each other in producing original and unique costumes and class stunts. On this evening the Freshmen headgear will cease to be the style and for the first time the colors of the class of 1915 will be displayed.

As in past years the tickets for the banquet will sell for fifty-five cents and visitors may have seats in the balcony for ten cents.

Contrary to the usual custom each class will be allowed only one speaker. It is felt that this will make the affair less tedious and will help in maintaining to the end the spirit which is present during the early part of the evening. The speakers for the three classes have been chosen and are Miss Margaret Megirt for the Seniors, Miss Edna Yost for the Juniors and J. R. MacGowan for the Sophomores. According to custom, the toastmaster will be the member of the Faculty who has most recently had sabbatic leave of absence. This year it will be Dr. R. S. Breed.

Riper is partly to blame for the error because of his failure to state when the song was introduced at the rally he speaks of, that it was not his song but merely an adaption. To this, he says in another letter:

"The question you ask with regard to the rally is a perfectly fair one. The reason I did not announce the source of the song that morning was simply that I did not want to seem to be doing the whole thing. I was to make the speech of the morning, and I did not want to preface it with the statement that I had also provided the song for the occasion, an adaption of one from my college, etc. I had suggested the banquet and was in reality trying to "push" it through, but it must be evident to you that it would not have been good policy for me to make it too apparent. Therefore I left it anonymous that morning. The rest you already know."

DR. BREED BEFORE CITY COUNCIL

Dr. R. S. Breed has been taking an active interest in the question of sewage disposal, which is now under discussion by the City Council of Meadville. At a recent meeting of the Council, Dr. Breed presented and explained the principal phases of the question and urged that some better plan of sewage disposal be adopted. A resolution, expressing the thanks of the Council and of the City, to Dr. Breed, for his interest, was unanimously passed.

Sermon Tomorrow

Fourth College Sermon to be Preached by Dr. S. J. Herben in Chapel Tomorrow

Tomorrow afternoon in the Chapel at three o'clock the fourth of the series of college sermons which are the gift of Mrs. Sarah B. Cochran will



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Since his ordination as a Methodist minister, Dr. Herben has been prominent in the affairs of the various church papers. In 1890, he was made assistant editor of The Epworth Herald, with which paper he was connected until 1895, when he was chosen to the assistant editorship of The Christian Advocate of New York City. He continued with this paper until 1904 when the elevation of Dr. Hughes to the bishopric left vacant the position of editor of The Epworth Herald, and he was chosen by the general conference of 1904 to that position. He is a graduate of Northwestern University and Garret Biblical Institute and has the degree of Litt. D., from Syracuse. Though an Englishman by birth, Dr. Herben has spent most of his life in the United States.

Carnegie Tonight

Pittsburg Scotchmen to be Met in Basketball in Gymnasium This Evening.

This evening the basketball team meets the team from Carnegie Technical Schools of Pittsburgh. Although this team has not shown any signs of strength this year they may be counted upon to play their best game against Allegheny this evening. Those who saw the game last year when an overwhelming defeat had been predicted will remember what an exciting game ensued and it is safe to say that the game this evening will be different from the one with Geneva in spite of the fact that Carnegie Tech has twice been defeated by Geneva. The rivalry existing between Tech and Allegheny always tends to lend an added interest to the games and the game this evening should not prove an exception.

Allegheny goes into the game this evening in as good if not better condition than at any time this year. Thomas will again be seen at his guard which means an added strength to both the defensive and offensive work of the team. The men have been practising regularly and hard every evening since the opening of the second semester and have been travelling at a fast pace. They are getting into the best of condition for the German game on the next Friday and consequently may be counted upon to give a real exhibition of the game this evening.

Fred Bright, '10, at present professor of Latin in the New Castle High School, was a visitor at the Phi Delta Theta house over Sunday.

R. R. Yost, '10, who has been studying law in the University of Pittsburgh, has left the university to enter the office of the District Attorney.

J. G. LANE, '14, WINS WAKEFIELD CONTEST

Big Oratorical Event is Won by Sophomore with Temperance Oration.

In the Wakefield Oratorical Contest held in the Chapel on Thursday evening, J. G. Lane, '14, was declared the winner after one of the best and most enthusiastic oratorical contests that has been held here in recent years. Seven men were entered in the event. Dr. F. C. Lockwood, head of the English department, presided, H. S. Leitzel, '12, and Thomas Hughes, '12, tied for second place, but the only prize is that of fifty dollars for the winner. In addition to this, the winner is the representative of the college in the annual contest of the intercollegiate Civic Oratorical League which will be held this year at Wooster and in which the University of Pittsburgh, Wooster, Ohio Wesleyan, Allegheny and possibly Colgate University will be represented.

The orations in point of thought and composition were judged by Professor L. M. Brown of Cleveland, Miss Louise Kahler of Conneaut, O., and Francis K. Swartley of Philadelphia. In judging from this merit, Maxwell and Hughes tied for first place with Leitzel second. On delivery, first place was awarded to J. G. Lane and second to C. L. Nevins, '13, the judges on delivery being Rev. J. T. Nichols, Prof. F. C. Doane and Hon. G. B. Luper, all of Meadville.

At the present time, the Wakefield Contest is the only contest conducted here. Until last year, the class of '90 offered a prize for a similar contest, but this was withdrawn on account of the apparent lack of interest. The Wakefield prize is offered by James A. Wakefield of Pittsburgh in the name of his grandfather, Rev. Samuel Wakefield, D. D.

The orations together with the speakers in order of the decision are: America's Second Emancipation—J. G. Lane.

Our Duty—H. S. Leitzel.

The Responsibility of the Newspaper—Thomas Hughes.

The Saloon Must Go—C. L. Nevins.

Moral Efficiency—A College By-Product—W. F. Maxwell.

The Sword or the Plowshare—B. F. Barrackman.

The Mission of the Doctor—C. V. Calvin.

The oration which won first prize, "America's Second Emancipation," took up the liquor question and dealt with its evils to the home and those who are indirectly under its influence. The speaker presented in a graphic manner the misery which accompanies the acquirement of the habit and the results which inevitably follow to the home. It was a winning appeal for the destruction of America's greatest foe of the day.

IRISH DRAMA TO BE DISCUSSED IN QUILL CLUB MONDAY EVENING

A certain student, whose face betrayed the fact that he had originated in the lesser of the British Isles, was recently seen standing in front of a notice on the bulletin board, which read something as follows:

Quill Club, Monday, Feb. 12.

Subject: The Irish Drama.

Leaders: Miss Margaret Beebe and Clyde V. Sparling.

Program.

1. Ildathach.
 2. Erin go Broagh.
 3. Cronan.
 4. Cumau na Gael.
 5. Grauma chree Ma Cruiskeen.
- "Oi say, Pat!" he called to a comrade, "did ye see this?"
- "Shure I didn't see it, but I've heard about it."
- "It'll be a fine meeting, Pat."
- "That it will or Ol'm a Scotchman," replied Pat, who seemed more loyal to his native land, than his friend.
- "What's it about?"
- "Can't ye read? It's about the Irishman on the stage. Ye surely want to be there, Pat."
- "You're right, my man, I do."
- "It's Monday night at seven o'clock. Ye'll not forget, Pat."
- "Shure, an' I'll remember it. Hurrah for Ireland!"

President Dissatisfied

With Plans Proposed by Fraternity Men in Recent Conference.

Following the request of President Crawford, made in the conferences with the representatives of the various fraternities in the latter part of last term, each fraternity presented to the President on last Tuesday a written letter setting forth its views on the proposed measures for changing the present method of rushing and bidding Freshmen to fraternities. These letters were taken in charge by a special committee from the Faculty which went over each one carefully. A conference was then held on Wednesday afternoon at which the letters were discussed. The President then expressed the opinion that the letters submitted by the fraternities displayed too much egotism and not enough of a sincere desire to better college conditions. He also thought the fraternities distrusted each other too much.

President Crawford has decided that a change of methods is necessary and he has submitted the problem to the fraternities to solve for themselves. His plan is for a "Sophomore spike" or a "second term spike," neither of which, however, are acceptable to all the fraternities. The "second term spike" however, is regarded favorably by some of the fraternities. One plan suggested was for bidding at the beginning of the college year but deferring initiation until the Freshman has completed 14 hours work with a grade of C. In addition it has been suggested that all the college men congregate for at least one meal each week at Cochran Hall in order to improve the college spirit. President Crawford has deferred action for a month and in the meantime the men are expected to investigate similar schools where bidding restrictions are in vogue and plan for the institution of some new system here.

VARSITY DEBATERS AT WORK,

The two 'varsity debating teams consisting of Hunt, MacGowan and Depp with Bright as alternate on the affirmative, and Shetter, Hughes and Nevins with Koehler as alternate on the negative met last Saturday evening in the Sigma Alpha Epsilon house with Professor Swartley, for a general discussion of the material at present available on the popular recall of the state judiciary. It was decided to pit the two teams together on February 17 for the first of the usual preliminary debates in preparation for the intercollegiate debates with Wooster and Pittsburgh on March 15. After this preliminary contest on February 17, several Meadville lawyers are expected to address the teams jointly on the subject of the recall of judges, and, so far as possible, to answer any question that may arise. Somewhat of a departure is the fact that the alternates are doing as much work as the regular 'varsity men, and are to receive more recognition than has heretofore been given them.

The Calendar

TODAY 2:00 P. M.—Competition for cast of "Comedy of Errors," in Duzer Du room.

TONIGHT, 8:00 P. M.—Basketball game, in the Gymnasium. Allegheny vs. Carnegie Tech.

SUNDAY, 3:00 P. M.—College sermon by Dr. S. J. Herben of Chicago.

MONDAY, 7:00 P. M.—Quill Club, in the Library. Discussion of The Irish Drama.

TUESDAY, 7:00 P. M.—Classical Club, in the Library.

WEDNESDAY, 6:45 P. M.—Y. M. C. A., in Cochran Hall. Leader, H. T. Lavelly.

WEDNESDAY, 6:45 P. M.—Y. W. C. A., in Hulings Hall.

THURSDAY, 4:00 P. M.—Senior Tea, in the parlors of Hulings Hall.

THURSDAY, 7:00 P. M.—Mission Study class, in Chapel.

FRIDAY, 7:00 P. M.—Meeting of the Forum, in the Oratory.

FRIDAY, 8:15 P. M.—Allegheny-Buffalo Germans basketball game.

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The two men, C. E. Vogel and R. A. Piersol, who have won the right to represent Allegheny in the College test are truly deserving of the congratulations of the entire student body not only for their personal success in being chosen from so large a number of competitors but also for the distinction which their success has brought to the college. Such interest as these men have manifested in this contest and such effort as they have evidently exerted to gain the recognition which has come to them is always deserving of the highest commendation. The entire student body will undoubtedly join with The Campus in wishing these men continued success in the final contest to be held later in the year.

H. J. W.

PETERSON IS IMPROVING.

The latest report from the Summit Hospital at Kane, Pa., where Leroy Peterson, '13, who was the victim of a very deplorable and serious coasting accident on Tuesday afternoon, January 30, is confined says that although the patient is suffering intensely from his injuries, he is improving very satisfactorily and far greater hope for his complete recovery is now entertained by the attending surgeon. Several operations have been performed upon his legs both of which were broken, the left at the ankle and the right at the knee and although several pieces of shattered bone have been removed the doctors say that it is very possible that no permanent lameness will result. This comes as a most encouraging report, since before his removal to the Kane hospital it was thought for a time that the amputation of one leg would be necessary.

The accident occurred while a party of college men was coasting down the Main street hill. When the turn was being made at the school house near the bottom of the hill, Peterson who was guiding the "bobs" was thrown against a telegraph pole with great force, sustaining as a result two broken legs. He was removed to the City Hospital at once and was given medical assistance. On Thursday following he was removed to the Summit Hospital at Kane where he is now being attended. Many unauthentic reports were circulated at the time of the accident and some very serious doubts were expressed as to whether he would regain the use of either limb. However, his many friends will undoubtedly be relieved to learn that no serious permanent lameness will result from the injury.

THE TWENTY-THIRD PSALM.

The Y. M. C. A. held its first meeting of the new term on last Wednesday evening. J. D. Van Horn, who acted as leader, gave an excellent interpretation of the twenty-third psalm. He spoke in particular of the depth of feeling, the spirit of trust, and the "terary beauty of this wonderful portion of the Bible. It was strongly fought out that much of the psalm reflects the life of David, who regarded God as a personal Saviour. By several vivid examples, Van Horn showed that it was impossible to find rest in any way other than on implicit reliance in Jesus.

The Adventurer

The Adventurer anticipated with much pleasure the proposed visit to the Hill School at Pottstown, which is a small town near Philadelphia. He had heard of the institution and knew of its reputation for being one of the best as well as one of the most aristocratic preparatory schools in the east. He was anxious to see the school which furnishes such a large number of the men who go to Princeton and Yale. Naturally he expected to see beautiful grounds and buildings incased in an atmosphere of wealth, refinement and aristocracy. He expected to see in many boys and young men a considerable display of that "savoir faire" which frequently distinguishes the cultured lad from his untutored companion.

In all of these things, the Adventurer was not disappointed. The approach to the buildings, on the top of a small hill, was by a winding road which found its way through well kept lawns and trees. The buildings were large and impressive. Many of them seemed new, but there were several which showed the marks of age. The buildings, on the inside, seemed to have the advantage of every modern equipment for school rooms. The whole institution seemed well planned and well ordered.

Dinner was just over and a whole swarm of boys poured forth from the dining hall, moving about the campus in groups, a few standing here talking with one of the old professors, several others over there with that young master who is just out of Yale, and who was a Hill boy himself not more than five or six years ago. Some are hurrying to their rooms; others appear to have all the time there is. There are many professors and masters among the crowd. Sometimes it is hard to tell the young masters from the boys of the higher forms. One noticeable feature of the scene is the intimate contact of the masters with the boys.

The Adventurer was well impressed, and after watching the scene for some time, and then seeing the buildings and grounds and meeting some of the boys and masters, he was led to suspect strongly that the Hill School is a good place for making men.

SENIOR-SOPH REVELRY.

'Twas a bitter, bitter cold evening on the seventh and twentieth of January when thirty of the representatives of the sterner portion of the classes of Senior and Sophomore slipped quietly away from a few Juniors and Freshies who tried to impede their departure and rode in ease to the burg of Greenville where at the Hotel of Spier they celebrated the annual Senior-Sophomore banquet. But while they in peace and comfort did quietly enjoy the pleasures of a glorious repast, their rivals at home did fret and worry, did plan and scheme and e'en tried strategy, but alas to no avail for neither tender imploring nor money itself could persuade the officials to carry them to the scene of jollity. So upon the advice of some of the elders they did quietly gather to themselves an abundance of ripe eggs, lamp black, paint and shears to await the return of those whose faces they so longed to see. At two in the morning would they meet for the annihilation and at two they did verily meet. At two they met and at three they still waited for the departed ones, but alas the Erie alone could bring them home and so they sat them down to wait some more. Then at last did the train appear but behold without its cargo of those to be so warmly received. A few angry roars, an unburdening of their burden of egg and then home again with many mutterings of revenge.

But meanwhile those whose return had been so desired were hearkening diligently, between bites, to the orating of their clever, jovial ones. Then when the last bite had been partaken and the last word had been orated they hied them to the homes of friends and there reposed safe from the anger of their brethren at home and from the wintry blasts.

Below appears the list of oratings to which they did hearken:

Toastmaster—R. W. Thomas.

To the Banquet of 1912—J. R. MacGowan.

To the Banquet of 1914—W. E. Abbott.

To Our Enemies—Thomas Hughes.

Buffalo Germans

Hardest Game of Schedule With Famous Team in Local Gymnasium Next Friday.

The biggest game of the 1912 basketball schedule will be played next Friday evening when the Allegheny five will face the Buffalo Germans, the world's champion basketball players in the local Gymnasium. It was at the solicitation of the college students and a number of town people that the Athletic Board approved the game. The Germans have also been anxious to meet the local tossers and to this end they have been in correspondence with Manager Lore since early last fall. The team is on a trip through Ohio and West Virginia and out of sixteen games played so far on it they have won fourteen and lost two.

The record of the Buffalo Germans has been almost phenomenal since their organization in 1895. In that time 442 games have been played and out of that number 402 have been victories, making the percentage 910. Before the opening of the present season their record showed 111 straight victories. By defeating all other teams entered in a tournament at the World's Fair in St. Louis in 1904, the Germans won the undisputed championship of the world and since that time they have been able to hold it against all comers. In 1907 they were defeated in Meadville by the Allegheny team, this being the last time the two have met. Last year the Germans played a number of strong college fives and in each case were victorious by a large score. Colgate University was defeated by a score of 46-24 while the Carlisle Indians were only able to score 22 points to their opponents' 52.

The German team is practically the same as it was when the team was first organized. They have played together since their high school days and hence are trained to work with each other. Linneborn, one of the forwards, and Faust, a guard, played on the Spirella baseball team last summer and are well known about town. At the banquet of the team last year, it was decided to discontinue the team after this year and only a limited number of games are being played this season; so the local management is fortunate to secure this attraction.

The local lineup will hardly be changed for this game. It will require the best efforts of each member of the team in order to make a good showing against the famous tossers. Captain Hawk expects to put his team through the most strenuous practice of the season next week in preparation for the game.

On account of the number of people from town who expect to attend, the management has arranged to begin promptly at 8:15. The seats will be put on sale Monday at Ballinger and Siggins' drug store.

RALLY FOR BANQUET.

The Assembly period on Friday morning was given over to a rally in the interest of the Washington's Birthday Banquet. After the Glee Club had led in a number of the college songs Prof. Ross was introduced and he told briefly but interestingly of the origin of the banquet at Allegheny. In part he said "The idea was brought to us twelve years ago by Prof. Monroe of Wesleyan and has been an annual affair ever since that time. It has become truly an Allegheny occasion, however, as the original banquet had none of the distinctive class costumes and stunts which are such an essential part of the present banquet. The affair has come to be the one time in the college year when the entire student body lays aside all petty animosities and gets together for a real taste of the Allegheny spirit. We have many other so called get-togethers throughout the year but none of them can compare with the great meeting on the twenty-second. Not to go to the banquet is one of the great mistakes of a college career. A Freshman never knows what spirit is until he has been initiated into the mysteries of the Saturnalia of Allegheny. Don't fail to be there."

Following this talk, C. L. Nevins was called upon to explain to the Freshmen what was expected of them on the evening of their initiation.

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News Items

E. J. Hall, '13, is spending several days in New York City on business.

The Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority initiated Miss Margaret Yingling, '15, on Saturday, January 27.

Miss Edith Rowley entertained the Library assistants at dinner in the Library on Friday evening, February 2.

Miss Ethel Salmon, '12, who was at her home in Westport, Conn., during the first semester, returned to college last Tuesday morning.

So many of the women of Hulings Hall spent the between semesters vacation out of town that there were only about thirty left in the Hall during that time.

Miss Margaret Yingling, ex-'15, visited friends here on Saturday, January 27. Miss Yingling expects soon to leave for Colorado where she will make her home.

Dr. R. S. Breed entertained a number of college students and the Faculty at an informal reception in Cochran Hall yesterday afternoon in honor of Professor Prescott.

The regular meeting of L'Alliance Francaise will be held next Monday afternoon, at the Library. Professor Riddle will give a lecture on Gothic Architecture and Cathedrals.

The front cover of The Pittsburgh Christian Advocate for January 25 shows a photograph of the Methodist College Presidents taken on the steps of Cochran Hall, while the Association was holding its convention here.

The Sewanee Review Quarterly, a literary magazine advertised as one conforming more nearly to the types of English Reviews than is usual, contains an article entitled "Mr. Stephen Phillips as a Poet," written by Professor Frank C. Lockwood.

Mrs. C. J. Ling entertained the members of the Faculty, their wives and a number of town and student friends at a delightful afternoon tea on last Monday afternoon. Mrs. C. F. Ross, Mrs. F. C. Lockwood, Mrs. E. Snively and Mrs. Crawford Thoburn poured.

Professor Samuel C. Prescott of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology was in Meadville yesterday at the request of Dr. Breed to give a lecture on "Sewage Disposal." A talk was also given at the last period yesterday morning before a number of students who are interested in special biological work.

Dr. Coburn has received from Wm. Millward, '09, a flag of the new Chinese republic. It will likely be displayed at one of the Mission Study meetings in the near future, at which time, Dr. Benjamin will also speak, telling of some former student acquaintances who are now members of the Chinese cabinet.

President Crawford was invited to speak on the same platform with ex-Vice President Fairbanks at a meeting held in connection with the Men and Religion Forward Movement in Cleveland, O., on last Tuesday. But the train which he was to take was so late that he would have missed connections, and so was unable to go.

Owing to the large number of men who have left the college dormitories at the beginning of this term, it has been found wise to move all the occupants of Arter House into the vacant rooms of Cochran Hall. Some of the men who formerly roomed in Cochran Hall and Arter House are now staying in the several fraternity houses.

Last night in the Chapel oratory the Forum held its first meeting of the second term. Resolved, that the Federal government should own and control the express companies, was the question discussed, the affirmative being upheld by S. Smith and D. Dunbar; the negative by English and Zimmerman. The decision favored the affirmative.

President Crawford attended the session of the University Senate January 8 and 9, which was held at Syracuse. This body has to do with the revision of the requirements for an A. B. degree in Methodist colleges. A picture of the members of the Senate appears on the front cover of a late issue of the New York Christian Advocate.

During the past week, Dr. F. C. Lockwood has taken an important part in the services which have been held in honor of the memory of Professor N. P. Gilman of the Theological School. Professor Gilman was for several years connected with the faculty of the school and gained a large number of friends in Meadville. Professor H. H. Barber of the Theological School, and Dr. A. C. Voss of Pittsburgh, also spoke during the services.

Mrs. Mayme Rice, a Methodist deaconess who is here in connection with the evangelical meetings in the Stone Church, gave a short talk at the Wednesday evening prayer meeting of the Y. W. C. A. this week. In a simple, straightforward way the speaker urged the girls not to wound the Christ, and pointed out several ways in which it is easy to wound Him. The meeting was characterized throughout by a deep spiritual atmosphere such as has seldom been felt.

A new alumni register of the college is in process of preparation under the direction of Professor C. F. Ross. This register will contain, when completed, the names and present addresses, so far as known, of all the alumni of the college including the class of 1911. It will also contain a record of all the professors who have taught in the college. In this respect many changes have taken place since the last Alumni register was issued, in 1906. The oldest living alumnus is at present supposed to be David S. Morris, an attorney of New Castle, who graduated in the class of 1843.

Hulings Hall

Miss Laura Strickland, '13, spent the term vacation with her sister, Miss Alta Strickland, in Youngstown, Ohio.

Miss Caryl Reynolds, '15, and Miss Dorothea Abrams, '15, spent the vacation at the latter's home in Jamestown, N. Y.

Miss Lida Geiss, '12, was called to her home in Wilmerding last Wednesday on account of the death of an uncle.

Miss Jane Lockwood, '12, was the guest of Miss Weiniger of Meadville last Sunday.

Miss Dorothy Sansom, '13, entertained Misses Beulah Grauel, '13, Clara Hutchinson, '13, Marguerite Shelmadine, '12, and Ruth Dodd, '14, at her home in Clarion between terms.

Miss Mayme Rice was the guest of Miss Jane Lockwood, '12, at dinner last Wednesday evening.

Miss Marion Thomas, '13, was the guest of Miss Vera Foster, '13, last Sunday for dinner.

The Misses Emma and Lois Wiley of Elizabeth, the former an aunt, and the latter the sister of Miss Sarah Wiley, '15, spent Sunday and Monday at the Hall.

Miss Margaret West, '12, spent the vacation at her home in Jamestown, N. Y.

The Alpha Chi Omega fraternity was entertained by a delightful house party between terms at the homes of Ruth Dorworth, '12, Irene Beatly, '13, Janet Ellis, '15, Rose Platt, '15, Edith Askey, '15, and Ethel Gealy, '15, of Oil City. The program for the four days included a party at the home of Janet Ellis, a progressive dinner and an afternoon tea at the home of Mrs. Sweetman.

Miss Louise Gould, '15, spent the vacation at her home in Springfield, Pa.

Miss Nell Bollman, '12, spent a few days visiting friends in Erie last week.

Miss Fawn McDonald, '13, spent the vacation at her home in Union City.

Mrs. Della Kaufman of Oil City was the guest of her sister Miss Katherine Wheeling, '12, for a few days last week.

Miss Cena Dennis of Conneaut Lake was the guest of Miss Ellen Olson, '13, between semesters.

Miss Ruth Thomas, '04, and Miss Marjori Doolittle of Union City were guests of Miss Edith Rowley, '05, over Sunday.

Miss Grace Thomas, '09, was the guest of Mrs. Preston recently.

Miss Louise Jordan, '12, spent the vacation at her home in Orangeville, Ohio.

Miss Helen Harper, '13, spent the vacation between semesters at her home in Youngstown, Ohio.

Miss Margaret Megirt, '12, entertained her sister Miss Mary Megirt at the Hall between semesters.

Miss Mary Sowash '12, spent the vacation with Miss Elizabeth Ling, '12.

Miss Marian Carroll, '14, was the guest of Mrs. S. S. Swartley over Sunday.

Miss Katherine Wheeling, '12, and Miss Frances Norton, '13, spent the week end with Dr. and Mrs. Snively.

Miss Marie Howell, '15, was at her home in Westfield for a few days last week.

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Since the death of Dr. Borden Parker Bowne, two years ago, the authorities of Boston University have been endeavoring to fill the chair of Philosophy, which his death left vacant. Only recently has the matter been settled by the appointment of Dr. Benjamin W. Van Riper, Allegheny, '05, to succeed Dr. Bowne. Dr. Van Riper was head of the department of philosophy at Nebraska Wesleyan University until the end of the semester, when his services were terminated on account of his higher appointment. He will not take up his new duties at once, but will spend the time between now and next September, in study, in Germany, returning in time for the opening of the University in the fall.

The following is clipped from The Wesleyan, a weekly publication of Nebraska Wesleyan University:

"In its selection of Professor Bowne's successor, Boston University has obtained a man who has already proved himself a remarkable person of genius and talent and who is unquestionably destined to take a high position among the leaders of modern thought. Only twenty-six years of age: with the degrees of A. B., Ph. D. in Philosophy, and practically a Ph. D. in Psychology; with four years of teaching experience and considerable foreign study and travel to his credit, he has a record that is seldom surpassed. His A. B. was obtained from Allegheny College, Meadville, Pa., in 1905, at which college he also did graduate work and taught chemistry in 1905-6, 1906-7-8 was spent at Boston University under Professor Bowne, where he received his Ph. D. in Philosophy. During 1908-9 he taught Chemistry at Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill., and since 1909 has maintained his position at Wesleyan. His foreign travel and his work for his Ph. D. in Psychology, which he intends to take from the University of Chicago next August, has been done in addition to his college work during the period.

But of all the things that may be said of Dr. Van Riper there is no greater tribute to his worth than the fact that in all the field of men there was only one formidable candidate to balance against him in deciding the choice for the position. That man was Dr. Francis J. McConnell, president of DePauw University. Dr. Bowne himself having expressed his preference before his death, of the one to succeed him and ranking Dr. McConnell first and Dr. Van Riper second. The declination of Dr. McConnell to accept, in view of his present high position and his prospects for becoming a bishop in the near future, left Dr. Van Riper in direct line, on condition he met the requirements, which, as is evident, he has done to perfect satisfaction. In assuming the chair, it may be said, Dr. Van Riper will receive the title of assistant professor for a year, after which he will get the nominal title of full professor. From the very beginning, however, he will have all of Professor Bowne's classes and will be the virtual head of the department."

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FEBRUARY MONTHLY.

Although the January number of The Literary Monthly was unpardonably late, the editor expects to have the February issue out near its regular time of appearance. The greater part of the copy is already in the hands of the printer and the magazine will be ready for distribution sometime next week.

The advance sheets show that the number will be filled with a number of feature articles. Among the longer articles is one by Thomas Hughes on "The Literary Style of Robert Louis Stevenson." The fiction department for February is distinguished for the originality of plot disclosed in the various stories. One by C. V. Sparling on "Phillip Carroll—Deserter" is a story based on Allegheny's historical connection with the Civil War and the forming of a company in college. It is probable that a story by Miss Beulah Grouel, the author of "The Promise of the Whippoorwill" in the last number, and one by Miss Margaret Megirt will also be published. A. O. Parmenter, a new contributor, tells in "A Broken Pledge," of a sacrifice which a man makes for his only brother.

The department of "Book Talks" will be a short resume of a number of recent books. Several Sketches will appear under that department while the Organizations will be given over to a discussion of the developments in the various college activities. Gal Brune, a new contributor, has written a biographical article on Howard Pyle, the distinguished artist who died last summer. Mr. Brune is especially interested in art work and his article will be of unusual interest.

The whole number presents a variety of subjects that brings it more nearly to the ideal set for the representative college magazine.

BOOK ON THE CLOSED SHOP, BY FRANK J. STOCKTON.

There has lately been issued from the Johns Hopkins Press at Baltimore a volume called "The Closed Shop in American Trade Unions," the author of which is Frank T. Stockton, '07, Instructor in Economics and History at the University of Rochester. The book was issued under the direction of the History, Political Economy and Political Science Departments of Johns Hopkins University, and will be used for reference in classes of those departments. Dr. Stockton, after graduating from Allegheny, went to Johns Hopkins, where he received his Ph. D. in 1910.

The Campus of Rochester University says in the beginning of a long article in which the book is reviewed in detail: "This subject was investigated by the author while he was a member of the Economic Seminary of the Johns Hopkins University. The work is a result of documentary study, supplemented by personal interviews with trade-union officials and employers, as well as by an immediate study of labor conditions."

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Two In Contest

C. E. Vogel and R. J. Piersol Win Places in State Oratorical Contest.

Announcement has recently been made that two Allegheny students, C. E. Vogel, '12, and R. J. Piersol, '12, have been chosen among the foremost six of the hundred and fifty contestants in the annual oratorical contest of the Pennsylvania Arbitration and Peace Society. The plan of the contest is to choose six of all the competitors on the basis of thought and composition. These six then meet to deliver their orations, and on the basis of delivery two prizes are offered, one of seventy-five dollars and the second of fifty dollars. Both prizes are given by Andrew Carnegie. The time and place for holding the contest have not yet been decided, but it is likely that it will be held in this vicinity since four of the six contestants are from Western Pennsylvania colleges.

Both of the men who are to represent Allegheny have good opportunity of taking one of the prizes offered. C. E. Vogel, who has written upon "The Sceptre of Peace," was the winner of the Wakefield contest last year and was awarded second place in the intercollegiate contest at Pittsburgh. R. J. Piersol, whose oration is called "Christ of the Andes," while not having had much experience as a speaker has sufficient ability to make a good fight for a place. Last year the contest was won by the representative from Dickinson.

DUZER DU TRY-OUTS.

Last evening a mass meeting of all the men who expect to compete for parts in the Comedy of Errors, which is to be presented by Duzer Du this year was held in the club room on the third floor of Bentley. A large number of men were present at the meeting and the greater majority of them signed up for a tryout in one or more of the parts. The nature of the play was explained and a brief review of the various parts was given. A number of the members of the club explained in a few words the purpose of the club and the manner in which the parts are assigned.

This afternoon at two o'clock the first series of tryouts will be held in the Duzer Du rooms under the supervision of Miss Spalding with the assistance of Prof. Swartley and a committee of the members of the club. As many as can be heard in the course of the afternoon will be allowed to compete and in case all can not be accommodated they will be given an opportunity on Monday to be heard in the parts selected.

Immediately after the selection of the cast which should be made some time during the latter part of the week, rehearsals will be begun under the direction of Miss Eliza Warren of Cleveland who has been secured to coach the cast. In accordance with the Faculty ruling there will be two persons chosen for each part and the understudy will rehearse regularly with the cast.

At a meeting of the club on Thursday afternoon it was decided that the play will be given twice this year, once in March and again at Commencement. The dates will be announced later in the week.

RESOLUTIONS FOR PETERSOIN.

At a recent meeting of the Modern Problems Club the following resolution was passed by the members:

"In as much as Leroy Peterson has been forced to leave school through an unfortunate accident, be it hereby resolved,

First. That we, the members of the Modern Problems Club of Allegheny College, regret the loss of one who has worked with us so faithfully for the success of this organization.

Second. That we spread these resolutions upon the minutes of the Club.

Harold Gordon
Stanley Smith
William Sheffer
Committee.

Paul Weyand, '98, pastor of the Springdale Methodist Episcopal Church, recently delivered a eulogy beside the bier of an attaché of the Pittsburgh Testing Station of the United States bureau of mines, who died in performance of his duty. The address excited considerable comment because of the declaration merged in it that the government should provide a pension for the widow and children of the dead hero.

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MODERN PROBLEMS CLUB LECTURE.

A meeting of the Modern Problems Club was held on Thursday afternoon in the History room, at which time the two offices of president and treasurer of the club, left vacant by the departure of A. C. Nodine for the West and the injury of Leroy Peterson were filled by the election of H. J. Wieler, '13, as president and S. S. Townsend, '13, as treasurer. Plans were also made at this time for the remaining meetings of the year, the program committee reporting several interesting programs for the coming meetings. Resolutions of sympathy for Leroy Peterson, former treasurer of the club, were also ordered published.

The regular meeting of the club will be held on next Tuesday evening at which time Manley O. Brown a prominent local lawyer will speak upon some interesting current political problems. On the following Saturday evening C. M. Jessup a financier of New York City and the founder of the Civic League of which the Modern Problems Club is a chapter, will speak under the auspices of the club upon "The Responsibility of Citizenship." The lecture will be delivered in the Chapel and will be open to the entire student body.

As stated above, Mr. Jessup was the main factor in the formation of the chain of clubs throughout the country similar to the one in Allegheny and has been greatly interested in the work which they have done. He has been travelling recently giving addresses before the various colleges. Mr. Jessup is a man who has been actively interested in political conditions and is thoroughly acquainted with all the phases of this field of work.

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Bishop J. M. Thoburn read the scripture and offered prayer in Chapel last Wednesday morning, the first day of the new semester. After the singing of the hymn, President Crawford said in substance: "asked specially that we might sing this hymn this morning, because it was sung on a very impressive occasion during the Presidents' conference which was held during the Christmas vacation. On a bitterly cold morning from fifty to sixty of the college Presidents marched about three quarters of a mile up the road to the old house where "Jimmie" Thoburn lived while he was in college, and standing there they sang that hymn, 'The morning light is breaking; The darkness disappears. It was a wonderful sight. I don't know that we appreciate Bishop Thoburn as we ought. But I think I ought to tell you that the world does appreciate him. Get all you can out of him while you are here in college. I think he would not be offended if some of you would call to see him now and then. But whatever you do, I want you to thank God this morning for this son of the college, whom God has sent to bless the church."