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M. E. Graham Wins Wakefield Contest

Elton Hickman Receives Honoable Mention—Large Audience Hears Best Contest of Many Years

Advocating law enforcement in his oration, "The Leak in the Dike," Mortimer G. Graham, '22, won the prize of $50 in the Wakefield Oratorical Contest, which was held last Friday evening in Ford Memorial Chapel. Elton Hickman, '23, was awarded honorable mention, presenting "America, Our Dream," which dwelt with the future of our national life.

"Christianity's Supreme Task" was the subject of Hugh Buchanan's oration.

A large attendance enjoyed the contest, which was spirited with cheering, led by Byron Hafer. Miss Mussler sang several solos before the speaking and the Misses Hovice sang a duet while the judges were making their decision.

It has been said that the contest was the best one held in years.

The judges awarding the decision were Prof. R. J. Hutcheson and Pres. F. C. Southworth of the Unitarian College, and Mr. M. A. Hirsh, of Meadville. The results:

Graham—One first and two second places. Points, 5.

Hickman—One first, one second and one third. Points, 6.

Buchanan—One first, two third places. Points, 7.

The contest was instituted by James A. Wakefield, '91, of Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1901, in honor of his grandfather, and is an annual event to determine the orator who attends the Intercollegiate Oratorical Contest which is to be held in Pittsburgh next spring.

Mr. Graham said:

"We gather here this evening with a sure feeling of our safety and sanctity in a peaceful assemblage. We have come here through the streets of the city, under cover of the night, and without visible protection, but nevertheless our lives and our property are secure. In this assemblage we do not depend upon sentries to guard the gates of this building while we proceed with our activities. We feel no fear of bodily harm, no misgivings for our lives, no apprehension for our businesses, our families or our properties. Confidence born of long and continual experience with perfect law and order gives a freedom to our actions. Such are the fruits of civilization and of a sound and stable government. Law and order prevail, individual safety and sanctity is the rule, and lawlessness has its place in fiction instead of in fact.

The great danger to such a peaceful and prosperous regime is the fact that we are prone to believe this to be the natural order of things, that this peace has come of itself and is such a concomitant to earthly existence that the two cannot be separated. We must bring ourselves to see that such is not the case. We must pause a moment in the midst of the peaceful humming of the wheels of industry and consider that social order did not spring up of itself. It is not the offspring of idle wishing, nor was it established in a day. It is the result of labor—painful labor—and has slowly grown from the seeds of righteous denial, nurtured by the sacrifice of heroes in war and peace. First, there existed an idea, vague and intangible; then came a framework of governmental organization, making the idea more real; then came denial, sacrifice and patriotic suffering through a century and a half until today the idea stands validated by a great and powerful government, surrounding our national life like a great stone wall, a vast and mighty dike protecting us from the raging sea of lawlessness which beats upon it from the outside. The surging waves of blackest murder, misery and disorder pound continually, hungry for the least chance to prey upon the peaceful, the cheerful, the happy life which we enjoy behind the protection of the law. The black, murky menace of lawlessness is never absent; it never rests; it never once ceases in its search for some weak spot, some small hole in the dike, through which it can begin an insidious attack upon life and property.

"It is well to consider that the great protecting dike of law is built of two substances. It has, first, its statutes, its legal and governmental organizations, which serves as the skeleton, the backbone, from which the whole wall derives its unity and its plan. But still these are only a skeleton, a framework; and of themselves they would be powerless to keep back the sea of lawlessness. The black, surging flood would rush through and drown our very national existence were it not for the cementing fabric which bridges the gaps in the framowrk and gives impregnable strength to the whole structure. This cementing fabric is Law Enforcement, the validity of law, the soul of government, the life-blood of peace, the one factor which can transform the government from a weak, impotent, senile framework into a verile force necessary to social peace and progress. Enforcement is the one constituent of the protecting wall of government which most determines whether it shall fail in its fundamental purpose of weathering the storms of the sea of lawlessness.

"Two years ago, while our country was beset with the gravest troubles in its history, the people saw fit to reconstruct the skeleton of government in its most fundamental part—the Constitution. After the necessary steps of legislative deliberation the eighteenth amendment, prohibiting the manufacture, transportation and sale of intoxicating liquors, was passed by Congress. This statute was put in its place in the framework of government, it was apportioned its share of the task of government, and it assumed its part of the responsibility of keeping the governmental wall strong against the onslaught of lawlessness.

"Thus far did the process go—the statute was paced as a part of the skeleton of government. But now, after two years have elapsed, it has become painfully evident that the law has gone no further. Enforcement in

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Juniors Promise a Real Prom

GOOD EATS, GOOD TIME, GOOD ORCHESTRA WILL BE THE FEATURES.

Good eats, good time, good orchestra. These are a few of the features that are going to make the Junior prom a great success this year. It is the opinion of those who have ever attended a prom that it is the most enjoyable of any annual college event, and this one is going to be no exception to that rule.

The prom this year will be held in the college gym on Thursday, Dec. 15, and the music will be furnished by Gage's Orchestra, which will supply sufficient pep and music for every one. In former years the Seniors have been treated somewhat as guests of honor at this time, in that they were not required to pay the same admission, but the Class of '23 is a great promotor of equality so this year all will be treated alike in that every couple will be charged $3.50 admission.

If you don't know how to dance, learn before the prom, and be at the gymnasium Thursday evening, Dec. 15, at 7:30.

JAPANESE BAZAAR IS HELD IN GIRLS' GYM.

Hulings Hall was the scene of a fascinating Japanese bazaar conducted by the Y. W. C. A. Saturday from 3 until 6. The appropriate decoration of the gym and the Oriental costumes of the "shop girls," the tea room and the fortune telling booth added to the general effect of a real Japanese store. Pictures and novelties of all kinds had been secured from a wholesale firm in New York for the bazaar. A home-made candy table attracted considerable attention. Almost everything was sold and many wished there had been more novelties to buy.

INDIANA PASTOR DELIVERS MONTHLY VESPER SERMON

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The Rev. Virgil E. Rorer, pastor of the Meridan Street M. E. church in Indianapolis, Ind., discussed different ways of building character at the chapel vesper service Sunday.

"It is almost impossible to overestimate the value of a good foundation," said Mr. Rorer. The proverb has it that a good beginning is half of the whole. When people propose to build character which is to last through all the years, there is but one sure foundation, "to quarry it in the rock of Christ Jesus."

But it is one thing to begin well and another thing to build well. It is necessary to build well first, because all men are builders. Everyone makes his mark in the world, his individual character.

Second, man must build well, because of the variety of the material which may go into the structure. The individual must decide whether he shall use hay, stubble, chaff or gold and silver. Can a Christian character be built with a "hot temper, a discontented spirit, and evil tongue and a jealous life?"

Third, man should build well, because his building will be imitated. The slang idiom of dropping the "g" and "h" in New England, the custom of Sabbath desecration are imitations. Kant realized this in his Categorical imperative which may be summed up, "So live that your life shall be worthy of universal imitation."

Fourth, man should heed how he builds, because his building is to be tested. Every man's work is to be tested by the fire of God, when the wood and stubble will burn. Man may cheat his fellow men, but he cannot cheat God.

Fifth, the builder should heed how he works, for he may be called upon to tear down his structure. "It is sad to discover in interest of truth the necessity of tearing down life's superstructure," said Dr. Rorer. After his conversion Chaucer wished it were possible to gather together all the bad he had written and destroy it.

A rich plantation owner wanted to show his appreciation to a superintendent who had been working for him for twenty-five years. He submitted plans to the superintendent, who was an architect, for a magnificent house and told him to use only the best material. The planter went to Europe for two years, and the superintendent fell from grace. But when the master returned, the house looked perfect and he paid him for the work, then gave him the deed for the house. The poor superintendent was so stunned that he could only repeat, "Take it! Live in it! My home!" When men stand before God's throne will their buildings be like the superintendent's or will they be built well, strong, straight, and true?

GLEE CLUB BEGINS SEASON AT CORRY

JAMESTOWN AND SILVER CREEK CONCERTS WILL COMPLETE TRIP.

Yesterday afternoon the Glee Club left Meadville for the first concert of its 1921-22 season. Last night the club sang at the High School in Corry. The club will appear at Silver Creek tonight, and tomorrow night it will appear at the Jamestown Methodist church, returning to Meadville on Friday.

The club is carrying twenty-five men, including: J. A. M. Stewart, director; Chase R. Gage, leader; William Jordan, manager; K. Hines, assistant manager, and Walker Kinkaid, accompanist.

The program includes club numbers, orchestra pieces by the club orchestra, readings by John Bozic, a chalk talk by Charles Bollinger, a piano monologue by Charles Wolz, and several numbers by the quartet. The quartet consists of Sidney Carlson, first tenor; Chase R. Gage, second tenor; Kenneth Hines, first bass, and Sam Bates, second bass.

FOOTBALL BANQUET WILL BE BIG EVENT

TICKETS FOR ANNUAL AFFAIR IN HONOR OF GRID HEROES AT A PREMIUM.

H. McCRACKEN WILL SPEAK

On Saturday evening, Dec. 10, the annual football banquet given by the Block A Club in honor of the football letter men will be held in the Cochran Hall dining room.

Previous to last year this affair was solely for the football men, but as the precedent of opening it to every man in the college was established at the banquet last year, it will be continued.

As is the custom for this affair, the varsity letter men will be the guests of honor. They will occupy a table of honor, which will be in the middle of the room, surrounded by the other tables seating the men of the college.

Owing to the fact that this season's team lays claim to the Class B championship for this part of the state and because of the attractive program offered, a large turnout of students for this affair is confidently expected.

The main speeches of the evening will be by Coach McCracken, who will return especially for the occasion, and Dr. Lee. There will be some other interesting speeches on the program.

A nominal charge per plate will be made to those of the student body who attend. Tickets for the banquet have been and still are on sale and can be obtained from any member of the Block A Club.

NOTED EVANGELIST AND "Y" WORKER HAS GREAT CAREER

Dr. Sherwood Eddy, who will long be remembered by the students of Allegheny because of his wonderful talks on November 30, last, was graduated at Yale in 1891. Dr. Eddy is at the present time a world figure in Christian leadership. For fifteen years he was engaged in work among the students of the Indian empire.

In 1912-1913, Mr. Eddy was engaged with Dr. John R. Mott in conducting meetings for students throughout Asia. During the early years of the war, he was with the British army in France, and during the closing year, on the American, British and French fronts. Since the armistice, his regular work has taken him across Asia, including Egypt, Palestine, Syria, Mesopotamia and Turkey, through the stricken countries of Europe and around the world. His twenty-four years of service in lands abroad have fitted him to deal in truer perspective with the present world situation and have given him a very broadened vision not only of the various peoples, but their needs, their desires and their moral standings, all of which he presents as a moral challenge to America.

Sherwood Eddy has just returned from Europe, where he made a study of political, social and industrial problems. Last year he visited or worked in eighteen of the principal countries of Europe and the Near East. He has made a special study of the social and industrial problems of the three continents of Asia, Europe and America.

He has met in conferences and private interviews, the big men of all the leading countries of the world. It is out of living experience with men that he can speak upon the present world situation.

The work of Mr. Eddy is known in the student world of Asia, Europe and America. He is indeed capable of talking to the college student especially the American, for, Mr. Eddy is a western man, born in Kansas, a graduate of a large eastern school and a post-graduate student at Princeton. His travel for years among American colleges has acquainted him with all phases of American student life.

Mr. Eddy is a civil engineer, who left his special profession to turn to human engineering as the greatest life calling.

Prof. Frazier gave an interesting paper on Roman Curses before the Classical Club on Nov. 29.

DYNAMIC MESSAGE BY SHERWOOD EDDY ELECTRIFIES AUDIENCE

Christian Statesman Speaks on Student Problems

That the world has now to meet its greatest crisis in history, and that only by a thorough change of humanity and its individuals will this crisis be met, was the message of Dr. Sherwood Eddy, world famous lecturer, in his two talks in the Ford Memorial Chapel on last Monday.

The Men's Glee Club made its initial appearance before an audience as an introduction to the afternoon meeting at 4 o'clock. The speaker was then introduced by President Hixson with a short preface, as in the morning chapel talk.

As he had promised to do in the morning, Dr. Eddy began his lecture with a short discussion of world problems, developing the statement that Europe today is in the same condition in which she found herself immediately prior to the Great War. It devolves, he said, upon the Washington Conference to take some definite action toward permanent maintenance of peace, if this period is to pass over without war.

"War is wrong," he said, "because of six elements which constitute war.

"First, it is wrong because of the wholesale loss of life which it entails. Over ten millions lie dead as the result of the European battles.

"It is wrong because of the wholesale loss of life among non-cambatants, from various immediate causes. Over thirty millions have died since the last war as a direct result of that war, from out-growing wars, from famine, from disease.

"It is wrong because of the wholesale impoverishment and debt which ensues. All the countries of the world have increased their indebtedness many per cent. until now, the entire world debt is ten times that prior to the war.

"It is wrong because it mortgages the future. The whole world is now in a mad race to supremacy. Each nation has increased its armaments since the war, with our own country at the head of the list in proportionate increase.

"It is again wrong because of the inevitable hatreds, reprisals and atrocities which war engenders. Warring nations form a circle, and each atrocity of one country, produces a counter-atrocity from the enemy, and so on.

"And finally, was is wrong because of the inevitable victimizing of both sides by propaganda. Each side strives to suppress that which is unfavorable of itself and is favorable of its enemies."

"We should act now. A generation ago race slavery was battled for on American fields, after centuries of dispute. How much longer need we grapple with the question of world slavery before a settlement? The duty of every American is to back disarmament with public opinion and public opinion with votes.

"The time has come when world problems are led by individuals, and each individual should ask of himself three fundamental questions of his fitness. These three touchstones of individual character are:

"Am I honest? In speech, is the predominating element profanity or clean talk? It is not fair for the college man to break over the confines of honesty of speech or action.

"Am I pure? Impurity in a man's or woman's life is certain to come out at some time. In a man's later life, he lives his youth over again. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"

"Am I earnest or rather drifting, sliding, indifferent? The worthwhile things demand attention and unless attended to, gradually become of no value to the individual."

The speaker continued by empha-

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ALCHEMISTS ENJOY A TOUR OF ERIE

HONORARY FRATERNITY INSPECTS HAMMERMILL PAPER COMPANY PLANT.

When some seventeen fellows crawled out of their beds at 6 o'clock last Saturday morning and boarded a northbound trolley, something important and far-reaching must have been the occasion. And surely enough it was, for when the said car arrived at its terminal, The Gem City of the Lakes, there were men awaiting the new-comers to receive the visitors to their city.

That these seventeen might be better taught the intricacies of the places of interest, they were divided into fours, and to each section apportioned a guide. The morning's time was devoted to an inspection of the paper-making process as in use at the Hammermill Paper Co. Here, these aspirants for knowledge were treated to rare and educative sights from the manner of procedure of barking timber, cleaning the bare strips, digesting the material, and bleaching the color, even to the final mashing of the pieces into long threads of paper pulp.

By the time that the visitors had thoroughly looked over the manners of cutting, sorting and counting into boxes, lunch was announced and the men were invited to appease their appetites.

The East High School building was visited in the afternoon, and here many valuable additions were made to the minds of the inspectors, as to equipment, teaching methods, etc.

In the early evening, Allegheny's prospective chemists returned to their home town, expressing pleasure at the courtesies which had been theirs during the day. The guests composed the membership of Alpha Chi Sigma fraternity.

DEBATERS WILL HAVE HEAVY SCHEDULE

TRYOUTS WILL COMMENCE BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

With the meeting of twenty-five contestants for the debating team and the Wakefield contest, the oratorical activities opened last week. An interesting season for the debaters is in prospect. First comes the triangle contest with Wooster and Washington and Jefferson on March 17, on the question, "Resolved, that the Kansas Court Plan of settling industrial disputes should be adopted in other states." Semi-final trials for the team to represent Allegheny in this debate will be held on January 6 and 7, while the finals will take place on the 13th and 14th of the same month. Trials for the Freshman-Sophomore teams to participate in the inter-class debate will be held before the Christmas recess, and the debate itself will be featured sometime in January. The varsity schedule for debates after the first triangle contest is as yet rather indefinite, but it is thought that the second debate will be another three-sided affair with Ohio Wesleyan and Mt. Union.

The Philo-Franklin Oratorical contest on March 10 will be the next opportunity for the college Ciceros to make known their forensic power.

Election of officers and an interesting debate featured the meeting of the Philo-Franklin Forum last Friday afternoon. The men chosen as the club's leaders are: Mr. Neely, speaker; Mr. Ross, speaker pro-tem; Mr. Cusick, secretary; Mr. Greenwood, sargeant-at-arms. The debate on the question, "Resolved, that the Kansas Court plan of settling industrial disputes should be adopted throughout the United States," proved of exceptional interest to the members, since it is to be the inter-collegiate question for this year. The affirmative of the discussion was capably defended by Messrs. Hanst and Greenwood, but the negative side upheld by Braun and Boynton won by virtue of superior logic.

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EDITORIAL

That Dr. Eddy helped to open the eyes of the college is an undisputed fact. It has been a long time since the students and faculty have had the opportunity of listening to a clearer and more convincing speaker. That Allegheny needed to know some of the things that were told is evinced by the amount of discussion which followed the two addresses.

While here and there we hear joking comments upon the remarks of the speaker, we feel nevertheless, that most of the students realized the truth back of what he said. Allegheny proved that it has fallen, along with other colleges and universities, in the slump that followed the war, when it voted to abandon the honor system. It was shown not by the fact that the college voted against the system, but rather in the fact that such a vote was necessary. We don't feel that the morals of the college are utterly depraved, but be do feel that a slight laxness now prevails.

The motion to bring Dr. Eddy back again should be heartily endorsed. No better way can be found to point out the faults of our college, and thus bring about the conditions favorable for their improvement. Allegheny has needed something of the sort for some time. It is to be hoped that Dr. Eddy will be able to give his entire course of lectures.

ORATIONS.

The oration, as we conceive it, is the loftiest type of public speech, and it marks the highest attainment of the public speaker. It it dignified and formal in style, clear in logic, forceful in thought, sound in philosophy, eloquent in language, imotive and persuasive in spirit, and withal, it is constructed with the plot and motive of a great drama. It gathers up the salient facts of history and experience bearing upon the subject discussed, holds them up in the searchlight of the present day and generation and weaves them into the fabric of the future. It moves the audience by persuasive, climatic impulses and stirs men to action. It must spring from the orator's own conviction and bring a message that is genuine, unmistakable and generally optimistic. Its object is to educate and inspire the masses, elevate the standards of morality and citizenship, or bring about great civic reforms and national movements. The stamp of its influence is clear in the national life and the character of the past, it is a vital, living force in the civil policy of the present and its promise of power and usefulness in the future is so great that it should be placed in the curriculum of every college and university that lays claims to a thorough preparation of youth for the duties and responsibilities of life.

THE PLAN OF DISCOURSE—

I—Introduction:

The importance of the first impression is of great moment to the speaker as well as to the audience. With a good introduction, the critical attitude of the audience gives place to open-mindedness and acceptance of the truth as it is presented in the main discourse and inforced in the peroration. At the start the speaker must consider the occasion, the object of his speech and the mood of the audience he confronts. He may enjoy the support and sympath of his hearers, or he may have their prejudice, false impression, or ignorance to overcome before he can discuss his subject successfully. To cover all cases we may say that the introduction should be local as to time, place and object of the speech, generally concrete and always definite in statement, differential to the audience and to the preceding speakers if their be any, conciliatory if concentration is needed, dignified both in commendation and conciliation, calculated to awaken attention and interest, brief as the occasion will allow, and it must name the subject or proposition to be discussed.

II—Main Discourse:

The distribution of materials, the statement of facts and the logical trend of the discussion are closely allied to the subject itself and must vary according to conditions, but the following order is applicable in many cases:

(1) Historical Order—

The historical order arranges the facts, events, statements, proofs, and conclusions, with regard to the time of occurrence. Antecedents relating to the past, circumstances relating to the present and consequences relating to the present and future are all arranged chronologically. Webster's speech in the trial of Knapp for the murder of Capt. Joseph White, delivered Aug. 3, 1830, is an excellent illustration of the historical order of discussion.

III—The Conclusion or Peroration:

This is the crucial point for the skill of the speaker; it is the place of deepest interest and also of greatest peril. It leaves the final impression which may prove a triumph or a dramatic catastrophe for the orator. It should be carefully prepared in thought, language and even in delivery. The essential requisites of a good Peroration are Summary, Brevity and Termination, and in formal oratory the brightening effect of eloquent language should be added.

The Qualities of Discourse—

Various qualities of discourse from Quintilian's three to Professor Bain's seven have been described by rhetoricians. We suggest the following as inclusive terms of speech.

I—Clearness, which is the quality by which the thought and emotions are presented intelligently to the audience. It deals especially with the diction and syntax of sentences and the logic of thought. To insure clearness the speaker should cultivate the habit of clear thinking study authors who are notably clear in style, have a definite knowledge of the subject and the main issues, follow a well ordered plan of discourse and yield to wholesome criticism.

II—Force, is that quality which renders discourse capable of strong, vital utterance and energetic, impressive action. It is acquired by the selection of mighty idiomatic words whose meaning and phonetic constituents are full of power, by the use of strong, figurative language, by a skillful interweaving of short, energetic sentences with the necessary longer ones and by arranging the plans of discussion with special reference to climax and dramatic strength.

III—Persuasion is that quality of discourse which appeals to the will through the emotions. Persuasive passages should be in proper proportion to the thought-action of the speech and follow only when the minds of the audience have grasped the situation and when the enforcement of situation and when the enforcement of truth has been accomplished; hence persuasion is the special function of climaxes and the peroration. The language should be fraught with expressive words, pathetic or stirring associations of ideas and experiences, there should be a judicious use of expletives and striking figures of speech, and, above all, the speaker should manifest an earnestness of purpose and a full mastery of elecution or delivery.

ROBERT IRVING FULTON,
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EDITORIAL.

Every activity deserves publicity. In this issue Oratory is given considerable space. Next week the Glee Club will be featured.

When only three contestants aspire for the Wakefield Prize, it plainly signifies that oratory is on the wane. For the purpose of stimulating interest in this worthy activity the article in the editorial column is published to aid students who decide to master their power of speech.

Read 'Em and Weep

THE FRESHMEN DATE.

His friends suggested that he call a Freshman girl in Hulings Hall to ask her for a date. They warned him he had better start to cultivate his infant heart before it was too late. He thought the matter out himself, decided to get off the shelf and be the kind of sport whose frequent bills are hard to meet from promenading Chestnut street and crossing Diamond Court. Since dating seemed a proper phase of other fellows' college days, it would be part of his. Along with Freshmen piety, he wanted more variety than cramming for a quizz. He called the object of his choice, who answered in a startled voice that stammered, thrilled and sank. But while she thought he must be bold, his Freshman blood was running cold, his Freshman mind a blank. Their talk was painful and concise, before he heard, she told him twice that she would take the date. She pictured running to the Dean; he pictured being on the scene that day a week, at eight. He came and gave the card engraved that he from high school days had saved for "such a night as this." While waiting in a green plush chair, he sat with green effected air, pretending inward bliss.*****They started down Park avenue — the customary thing to do (and safest, so to speak)*****Three minutes flew on cast iron wings. Then she commenced on Cambridge Springs and he on Turtle Creek. They re-enjoyed a movie show that both had seen five years ago, laid in the Wooly West. They talked of every movie queen that flits about upon the screen, deciding which was best.*****Above a soda and a "coke," they giggled long and tried to joke, employing Freshman wits. He laughed at stories long years dead; she grinned at everything he said; both tore their straws to bits.***** Talked out, they stood at Hulings' door, but there remained ten minutes more before the bell would ring. To kill the time, they had to walk and as they walked they had to talk, not saying anything. Before they joined the homing line it had come ten-twenty-nine, he told her on the side how much he had enjoyed the date. While both agreed it had been great, each knew that he had lied.

Lois A. Halderman.

She—Do you know I find it so much colder out here than it was back home. There I wore light undergarments, but since moving here I have had to put on heavier clothing. I'm from Oregon, you know.

He (with a polite show of interest)—Is that so? I'm from Missouri.—Puck.

On Sunday afternoon two of the young ladies of Hulings Hall decided to "dress up" and promenade the campus. The much "made up" young women turned out to be the president and vice president of the Women's Senate. Perhaps the weighty duties left on their shoulders by the dean's illness has made them irresponsible.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE LIMITATION OF ARMAMENTS.

Offers prizes for the two best editorials on what will constitute success at the Washington Conference in bona fide college newspapers prior to December 15th.

Conditions of the contest:

SUBJECT—"What will Constitute Success at the Washington conference."

PRIZES—First prize, $100; second prize, $50.

CONTESANTS—The contest is open to undergraduates.

PUBLICATION—The editorial must have been published prior to Decem-15th in a regular issue of some bona fide college newspaper.

COMPETITION CLOSES December 21, 1921. Editorials received after that date will not be eligible.

FORM OF PRESENTATION—Two complete copies of the paper containing the editorial must be submitted.

JUDGES—The National Student Committee will appoint the judges and award the prizes.

Send editorials to
Mr. Charles Denby, Jr.,
131 Little Hall,
Princeton, New Jersey.

HISTORY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE CLUB MEETS AT LIBRARY.

The History and Political Science Club held its regular meeting Tuesday evening, Dec. 6, in the history room in the library. Dr. Littell spoke on "The Progress of the Disarmament Conference to Date."

At the meeting of the History and Political Science Club, Tuesday, Nov. 22, Dr. F. J. Joshi, of the University of Bombay, India, gave an interesting and enlightening talk on the political conditions existing in India. Dr. Joshi said that the people of India are very restless under the control of England and are anxious to become independent. At present there is no solution of their problem in sight. America may be called on to aid in settling the dispute between England and India because the Hindus feel that the United States has accepted the leadership of the world.

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FRATERNITIES

PHI GAMMA DELTA.

The annual fall party was held on Wednesday, Nov. 23.

Leo McKay, '16, visited the chapter last week.

W. A. Armstrong, '16, visited the house Friday, Nov. 25th.

Mark Brown, '17, was the dinner guest at the house last Tuesday.

Al Collins spent the week-end at the house.

George Booth and Dutch Parent were dinner guests at the house Wednesday at noon.

Dr. McLean was a dinner guest of the chapter Saturday evening.

PHI DELTA THETA.

Dr. Sherwood Eddy was the guest of the chapter Tuesday night.

Another fifteen couple party was held at the house Thursday evening. The guests were the Misses Avery, Kerr, Anderson, Lane, Curry, Brown, Veith, Mussler, Minch, Morgan, Berry, Houser, Robinson, MacDonald, Henderson and Barnes. Prof. and Mrs. Doty chaperoned. Stewart Zurbach was a guest.

J. H. Tate spent Sunday at his home in Erie.

The pledges of the chapter were dinner guests Sunday.

ALPHA CHI RHO.

The chapter held its annual fall party at the Saegertown Inn Friday, Dec. 2. The chaperons were Dr. and Mrs. Lee and Dr. and Mrs. Henke.

Gale R. Kirschner was at his home in Edinboro Saturday and Sunday.

After touring the chemical department of the Hammermill Paper Co., Erie, with the Alpha Chi Sigma group on Saturday, H. C. Eaton left for his home in Warren, to remain over Sunday and Monday.

Rev. C. J. Warner, of Oil City, was a dinner guest Wednesday evening. Rev. Warner is a graduate of Princeton, class of '76.

Mrs. J. J. Johnson, of Salamanca, N. Y., visited her son, Tracey, at the house last Friday.

ALLEGHENY CLUB.

M. J. Brovort, M. E. Russell and M. Mook spent the week-end at Erie.

George Hedrick, ex-'24, visited the club over the week-end.

An enjoyable five-couple party was held in the hall Thursday night, with Mrs. Thurston as the chaperon.

Clyde Friend and Ralph Powell enjoyed two days' hunting at the latter's home.

KAPPA ALPHA THETA.

Miss Katherine Barnes visited Louise Hammond at her home during the Thanksgiving holidays.

Dorothy Morgan had as her guests over the week-end: Miss Katherine Morrow, Miss Rachael Rouse, of Union City, Pa., and Miss Dorothy Gordan, of Erie, Pa.

Elizabeth McClaren spent several days at her home in Warren, Pa., last week.

Elizabeth Bates spent several days with Katherine McDonald at her home in Reynoldsville, Pa.

Mary Yard, of Erie, visited Martha Schall over the week-end.

Dorothy Davison visited Eleanore Taylor at her home in Chautauqua, N. Y., last week.

KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA.

The chapter held its fall party at Saegertown Dec. 1. Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Lee were guests.

Louisa Smith, '16, of Waynesburg, was a guest of Eleanor Gill, of Meadville, last week, and visited the chapter.

Winnie Arnett, who has left school, spent the Thanksgiving vacation here.

ALPHA CHI OMEGA.

"Christine Boggs, ex-'23, visited Mary Gealy the last of the week.

Margaret Shaeffer spent the week-end in Greenville, Pa.

ALPHA GAMMA DELTA.

Helen Millhoff, '21, visited the chapter and Dr. and Mrs. Shultz over the week-end.

Ruth Hammerton, '17, visited her sister, Olive, '22, over Thanksgiving.

Elizabeth Campbell, of Pittsburgh, spent last week-end with Gertrude Curry, '24.

Dorothy Curry, '21, visited at her home in Meadville over Thanksgiving.

Lucile Drake, '21, spent Thanksgiving with her grandparents.

Margaret Murray of Edinboro Normal School, visited Margaret Peters, '21, and Lucile Drake, '21, Friday.

Edna Mumford, '23, and her sister, Ruth, '25, were Sunday guests of their aunt, Mrs. C. W. Bossard, of Meadville.

Marion Hamilton, '23, spent the week-end at her home in Conneautville.

Grace Runninger, '22, spent Sunday at her home in Franklin.

Helen Watson, of Meadville, was a Saturday evening guest of the chapter.

TALLAGEWE.

Ruth Jones, '24, was the guest of Alice Skelton, '24, at her home in Sheffield during the Thanksgiving recess.

A tureen dinner was given Saturday night at 7 o'clock in the rooms. To the surprise of Mrs. Fred Byham (nee Ruth Dodge) the dinner party was transformed into a shower for her. Ethel Bacon entertained with a pleasing piano selection. Various stunts, cleverly executed, were another attraction. The guests were: Mrs. Beiler, Ethel Bacon, '14; Edith White, '16; Mrs. Fred Byham and Miss Harriet Rogers, ex-'23.

Adam stood and watched his wife fall from an apple tree.

"Ah, ho! At last I've found her out. Eavesdropping," muttered he.—Pelican.

He—I like your cigarette holder.
She—Why don't you use one?
He—Au, don't be so dense.

FACULTY NOTES.

Dr. Shultz gave a talk on Browning and the Art of Florence before the Meadville Art Association on Dec. 1, at the Unitarian Parish House.

J. A. M. Stewart spent Thanksgiving with his mother and sister in Beaver Falls.

Prof. Littell preached the sermon at the Congregational church of Meadville on Sunday evening Dec. 4.

Dr. Coleman is well enough to again resume his classes.

Dr. Elliott, in his chapel talk Tuesday morning, made an instructive comparison of the present times and groups with those at the time of Paul the Apostle. Taking as his subject matter Paul's shipwreck on the Mediterranean Sea, he likened the selfish action on the part of the sailors who tried to save themselves regardless of the passengers, to the deeds of various individuals who show no thought for interests not their own. He said that now and then we see groups who say, "We look out for our own interests; let other groups look out for their's." Dr. Elliott urged that we think in terms of others. His final appeal was that the world lies fast on the sand bars and needs the united efforts of everybody to save it.

PROGRAM ON HUGO GIVEN BY FRENCH CLUB.

The French Club gave a "Hugo" program at the meeting held at Dr. Church's on Monday afternoon. Varene Collins read a paper on Hugo's life and Marian Dusenbury summarized his works. "Extas," one of his poems, was recited by Gertrude Houser. Cora McMillin sang "Toute Passe." A scene from Hernani was enacted by Theodore Lorz, Kennedy Crumrine, Lucile Drake and Virginia Grenelle.

"LA POUDRE AUX YEUX."

The cast has been chosen for "La Poudre aux Yeux" and rehearsals will begin at once under the direction of Prof. Russo.

The cast of characters is:

Madam Ratinois.....Marie Charlton
Madam Molingear.....Mildred Ellis
Emmerline.....Virginia Grenelle
Alexandrine.....Varene Collins
Josephine.....Mildred Stoner
Sophie.....Helen Bowman
Un petit negre.....Martha Brown
Monsieur Ratinois.....Raymond Courtney
Monsieur Malingear.....Jerome Hixson
Robert.....Theodore Lorz
Frederic.....H. M. Maitland
Un tapissier.....George Happell
Un Maitre d'Hotel, Kennedy Crumrine
Un Chasseur en livrie.....D. J. Murphy
Un Domestique.....Arden Mook

Verene Collins will understudy the part of Madame Malingear, Coral McMillin that of Madam Ratinois and Lucille Drake that of Emmerline.

Dad Ling—I could do it myself if I had a little bit of assistance.

GIRL'S GLEE CLUB TO APPEAR DEC. 13

The Girls' Glee Club will give their first concert this year in Ford Memorial Chapel on Tuesday evening, Dec. 13, with Mrs. A. V. Leberman, of Meadville, as soloist. The concert will be in the form of a miscellaneous program, consisting of choruses, quartets and trios by members of the club.

The club has been hard at work on this program for many weeks and under the leadership of Miss Alto Postance and Mrs. Leberman there is no doubt but that it will be a success.

Tickets can be obtained now from any member of the club. The admission price is 50c

ALUMNAE NOTES.

Robert (Jerry) Black, ex-'15, and Elizabeth Black, '16, who have been touring the west and visiting Mrs. Black's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Best, in Meadville, are spending some months at Chautauqua, N. Y. Both Mr. and Mrs. Black are successful in having recent articles and stories accepted for publication in the recent magazines.

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ROSS AND STEENKEN WIN CONTESTS

HONORABLE MENTION AWARDED TO BOLLINGER AND SUTTON IN SPEAKING CONTEST.

On November 18 the chapel was the scene of two contests, one in declamation, open to Freshmen and Sophomores, another in extemporaenous speaking, open to Juniors and Seniors.

In the declamation contest six and vocal control that bespeaks oratorical ability of no mean grade.

"Spartacus to the Gladiators," delivered by Mr. Steenken, a Freshman, won the contest, and President Harding's Armistice Day Speech," by another Freshman, Mr. Sutton, received honorable mention.

The extemporaneous speaking contest, too, provided much genuine interest. The contestants were given one hour to prepare a speech on some assigned phase of the disarmament question. Mr. Ross, by his pleasing delivery and clear logic in dealing with the subject, "The Problems of Naval Disarmament," was declared winner. Mr. Bollinger received honorable mention for his discussion of "The Problems of Military Disarmament."

The winners of the two contests received five dollars each, and the other participants got a training in public speaking which can be obtained only by practice in appearing before audiences.

ALUMNI.

W. R. Grant, '11, who is chief office engineer with the Seaboard Air Line at St. Augustine, Florida, has just completed the construction of a huge hydraulic plant in connection with the railroad at St. Augustine. His work covers the construction of hydraulic plants and oil pumping stations. He has studied Standard Oil Company plants at New York and at Newark, N. J. Mr. Grant married Bessie Mansfield and they have one daughter, Barbara Jean. The Grants live in St. Augustine, Florida.

Paul Sturtevant, '99, who is connected with Harris, Forbes & Co., of New York, lunched with President Harding in Washington recently.

Harry A. Jones, '18, is one of a group of Alleghenians teaching in Windber this year. Irene Davenport, '15, is principal, assisted by Marian White, '19; Alice Robinson, '20, and Ruth Hammerton, '18.

Rev. and Mrs. O. H. Houser, '08, of Manila, Philippine Islands, writes enthusiastically of their work in the mission church. They have spent the vacation in the mountains, where they took long hikes through the beautiful hill country. Their accounts of the natives, the work in the schools and the country show that they are taking advantage of all of the avenues for service and development in their great mission field. Mrs. Houser was Ethel Mills, '09.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE FOR 1921-1922.

Friday, Jan. 6—Geneva, at home.
Saturday, Jan. 14—Alfred, at home.
Saturday, Jan. 21—Tech, at home.
Tuesday, Jan. 24—Pitt, at Pitt.
Wednesday, Feb. 8—Detroit, at home.
Friday, Feb. 10—Geneva, at Geneva.
Saturday, Feb. 11—Tech, at Tech.
Friday, Feb. 17—Grove City, at Grove City.
Saturday, Feb. 18—Westminster, at Westminster.
Thursday, Feb. 23—Grove City, at home.
Wednesday, March 1—Niagara, at Niagara.
Thursday, March 2—Hobart at Hobart.
Saturday, March 4—Colgate, at Colgate.
Friday, March 10—Westminster, at home.
Monday, March 13—Alumni, at home.

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VARSITY B. B. SQUAD CUT TO TWENTY-FIVE

LAST YEAR MEN APPEAR TO HAVE EDGE THUS FAR.

Varsity basketball practice started last week with about fifty candidates out. This number was soon cut to about twenty-five by Coach Hammett in his efforts to determine the best combination for the initial contest with Geneva on Jan. 6.

Thus far all of last year's five seem to have the call over any of the new candidates; nevertheless, some spirited scrimmages are being held every afternoon and the tentative lineup will be somewhat in doubt until the game time. Ross, a new man, from Albion, is making a strong bid for a varsity berth and will force some of the veterans to the limit to retain their places. Moore, a Brookville lad, has also shown a lot of stuff and is very fast. Myers is slowly rounding into shape and is making a favorable impression.

Manager Booth has arranged a fine schedule for this year's floor team. It calls for a three-day trip to Niagara, Hobart and Colgate, and two trips of two games each at Grove City, Westminster, Geneva and Tech. The Tri-State High School Tournament will be held on March 17, 18, and promises to be even better than that of last year. Inquiries have already been received from a number of the possible contenders.

DYNAMIC MESSAGE

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sizing the necessity of each one for introspection of his own soul, his own character. The cheater and the loafer have no place in the rebuilding of the world. He closed his address with an appeal to everyone to "get into the game and to abandon the sidelines of life."

After a short prayer, Dr. Eddy stressed the vast importance of the relief operations going on in various parts of the world, and asked the cooperation of the students in appriz-ing themselves of world needs, and helping to alleviate suffering wherever possible.

In closing the meeting, President Hixson expressed the desire of the college to have Dr. Eddy here during March for a series of addresses, as provided by the Sturtevant Foundation.

DR. LAISMON ADDRESSES YOUNG WOMEN CONCERNING LIFE WORK.

Dr. Laismon, president of the Chicago Training School, spoke to the young women of Allegheny College in Alden Hall, Thursday, Dec. 1, during the chapel period. He spoke of vocations and avocations, saying that he hoped some people would make their avocations their vocations. Dr. Laismon told of his school's importance. Already many Penn'a people are there training to become missionaries and teachers. The fact that graduates of this institution have founded forty institutions of learning in America and foreign countries, shows the good work started by this training school.

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this case is obviously a failure. Illicit manufacture, illicit transportation, illicit sale, all are carried on in full view of officers and people, and no action is taken. The authority of enforcing officers is held up to ridicule. Transgressions of this law are encouraged by the fabulous sums that the people will pay for the fruit of such transgressions. The bare skeleton of legal phraseology is preserved in the sacred Constitution of the nation, but this skeleton remains a mockery without the necessary authority of enforcement. One fundamental part of the great wall of government has become impotent, and fails to do its duty. Lawlessness, true to its character, has found the weak spot, and is concentrating upon it in a hitherto unparalleled orgy of lawbreaking. The dike has sprung a leak.

"We are prone to look at this leak and discount its danger as incidental. This one evil represents only a small phase of life, and violates one of thousands of statutes. Why concern ourselves about a small leak?

"The old story of the little Dutch boy has a vital lesson for us in this connection. You remember how the lad saw a small stream of water trickling through the giant dike. The leak was small—so small in fact that the boy could stick his thumb in the hole and thus stop the flow of water and then stayed there all through the night, listening to the ocean beating against the outside of the dike. That lad saved thousands of lives because he realized one fact—that the small size of the leak did not mean that it was not dangerous. He realized that it would grow in size, slowly at first, and then with increasing rapidity until the whole wall would finally be undermined and destroyed.

"The same principal holds true in the case of the great dike of government protection. Present size and danger of one small leak affords only a narrow view of the situation, for this same small leak has infinite possibilities. One law unenforced paves the way for two laws unenforced. The seeds of destruction sown by continual transgression on one law will reap a harvest of transgression of all laws. The violation of one section of a document invalidates the sacredness of the whole document. One man's convenience to violate the eighteenth amendment, if permitted to have any force, will soon be another man's convenience to violate the sixteenth amendment, or the twelfth, or the tenth, or some article of the Constitution itself. Thus the trickling of the black slime of lawlessness slowly grows into a rivulet, the rivulet into a stream and the stream into a flood. Piece after piece of the dike gives way, law after law loses its validity, until only the mocking legal phrases will stand. Law and order will be stifled, national and personal life will be outraged, physical force will be the only security—all as the result of one small leak in the dike.

"I call as silent and pitiful witnesses to the truth of this statement, the ghosts of the greatest governmental organizations which the world has ever seen, and which have fallen prey to even lesser evils than the one which confronts us now. I summon the shade of ancient Rome, overcome by luxury, the seed of license. I call the shade of militaristic Germany, overwhelmed by the harvest of hate grown from the seeds of egotism. And unless our own laws are enforced, unless violations cease to be encouraged, unless the leak in the dike is stopped, I can summon the corpse of America, strangled by the rank weeds of outrage, the harvest from the seeds of encouraged lawbreaking.

There is one salient difference between the failure of these other great governmental organizations, and the possible breakdown of the American structure. We can discuss the failure of Rome and assign the responsibility to a succession of weak emperors who were unable to halt the progress of disintegration; or we can lay the failure of the German machine at the door of Kaiser Wilhelm; but if future generations discuss the failure of our American government, the blame can be laid at only one source—the weakness of the people. Democracy is something deeper than liberty; it is responsibility. Each of us is an emperor, each a kaiser, each a controlling and responsible factor in America; and the solution of this as well as of all American problems lies with us. The failure of the republic is our failure; the crime of law unenforcement, of encouraged lawbreaging, is our crime; and the solution of the problem must be our solution. The dike is in danger and the people must be relied on in an emergency.

"On each citizen's shoulders rests an individual responsibility in building a mighty will of sentiment in support of our failing legal bulwark. All individual and personal influence, all financial influence, all corporate and social influence must be bent in support of law. The power of the press must be used to spread broadcast the righteous doctrine of enforcement. The complete forgetting of self in the call of society must be brought about. Convenience must be cast aside for the more stern alternative of sacrifice.

"My friends, I ask you to preserve but one thought; the great dike protecting your lives and my life; your homes and my home, is failing. We are called to an unheralded and unsung service in saving this bulwark. Those pioneers who by virtue of sacrificing life, fortunes and their sacred honor have brought this country to its present standard of peace and honor, are watching us from their pinnacles in the heavens. They call on us to rise in a mighty force against the growing force of lawlessness. Their plea is that their work shall not be undone. Their call is for us to shoulder the responsibilities of democracy which we have inherited, for us to throw up an impregnable wall of sentiment in support of the failing bulwark of law. Their demand is only that we see our duty in snatching this nation from the clutches of licentiousness and in starting it once more onward on the brilliant path of justice, peace and glory."

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"America's need is no longer self-preservation, but self-forgetfulness. Our dream must be: America first—in the service of humanity! last in the shameful self-service that defeats its own ends! For the time has come when a nation can excuse its existence only on the ground of useful service to all mankind. Already our people have awakened to a sense of their responsibility. We shall do our part to bring about the fulfillment of the dream that by long, slow, painful processes of history shall ultimately bring peace to the world.

"But what of the future of America? The great states of Greece and Rome no longer exist. And yet they are not dead. Their spirit still lives. The literature, the philosophy, the art of Greece are immortal; the language, the laws, the system of government that Rome gave to the world have defied all efforts of time to cover them with oblivion. And we might well be content if, looking ahead into the future, we should see that America, too, had fallen as Greece and Rome fell, if only we should leave a heritage as splendid as their's to future generations. But we need not believe, we do not believe, that America will go the way of the great empires of the past. We can profit by the accumulated wisdom of the ages. We can sit at the feet of the lowly Galilean and learn such precepts as are necessary for nations as well as for individuals to follow; we can listen to the clarion voices of the great Hebrew prophets arraigning the evils that undermined their nation, as they will undermine every nation that tolerates them; to Demosthenes, Cicero, Savonarola, Luther, and profit by whatever truth we find in their words. The future of the nation depends upon our clarity of vision. America's great history speaks to us today. Her very flag is eloquent with warning and with plea. Not a stripe in its folds, not a star in its field of blue but that calls to our minds the untold thousands who have dreamed great things for America, and lived and died to make their dream come true. But there is in our hearts a glad thrill that today we are privileged to dream the greatest dream of all—the dream of making America, in some sense, the good Samaritan to the rest of the world. If our leaders are statesmen, not self-seeking politicians; idealists, not mere opportunists; and if the whole land is filled with millions of sane, practical men and women who are not ashamed to dream only the best and noblest things for their country, America's future will be secure.

But whatever becomes of material America—of American wealth , of American territory, of American sovereignity, let us hand down to future generations America, the spiritual conception, the ideal—Humanity's dream."

Dr. Coleman's book, "The Treatise Lorenzo Valla," is almost ready far publication. It will be published by the Yale Press and will probobly be on sale before Christmas.

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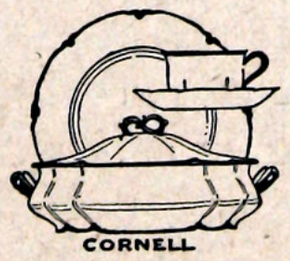
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