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BETHLEHEM.

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To the christian traveler in Palestine the city of Bethlehem is of deep interest. Early one morning in March a little party of us started from Hebron, where we had spent the night, and rode to Solomon's Pools, thence to the pleasant hill-town which was once the home of the strong ruddy shepherd boy David, the son of Jesse. Here are the fields where Ruth was gleaning when Boaz came to visit the reapers. On the north side of the town is David's well. "And David longed and said, 'Oh that one would give me drink of the water of the well of Bethlehem, which is by the gate!' And the three mighty men brake through the host of the Philistines, and drew water out of the well of Bethlehem, that was by the gate, and took it, and brought it to David, nevertheless he would not drink thereof, but poured it out unto the Lord." (II Sam. 23.)

Not far away is the tomb of Rachel, who died and was buried in the way to Ephratah, which is Bethlehem; and Jacob set a pillar upon her grave. The tradition regarding the location of this tomb seems unusually clear.

But above all, there are the fields where the shepherds were keeping watch over their flocks by night, when they heard the burst of angel-song, and the hymn of "Peace on earth, good will among men." The sad thing about Bethlehem is that superstition has run riot here, and a splendid church has been erected over the traditional Cave of the Nativity, which has been a fruitful source of conflict and bloodshed. This is superstition, not religion. In spite of the superstition, however, there is a strange impressiveness about it, as you cross the marble floor, pass

under the archways, go down the winding stairs, and enter the room where, tradition says, the Word was made flesh. Rich offerings from all parts of the world cover the altars. Lamps are kept always burning. A silver star gleams in the pavement. Near by is the manger. Here also is shown the tomb of Jerome.

But I received a better idea of the simplicity of the scene of the nativity from an experience in the town of Iron. There was no room for us at the inn, and we were quartered in the next best house on the outskirts of the village. This "house" consisted of a single room. It was built of mud, like most of the houses of Palestine. In one part of the room was a platform about two feet high. Here the family ate, drank and slept. The rest of the room was bare ground. Here were the animals belonging to the family—a cat, a calf, and several asses. In the edge of the platform was a trough, or manger, scooped out to make a sort of crib, where the food of the animals could be placed. Even at the present day babies are often laid in this "manger" to keep them from rolling off the platform to the ground, where they would be trodden under foot by the beasts of the stall. There for the first time in our lives we understood what the manger was. As we lay down to rest that night, the roof over our heads was composed of branches, laid from one wall to the other, and covered with pitch or mud—just such a roof as was broken up in order that the paralytic might be let through, and laid at the feet of Jesus.

One of the party said that that experience alone was worth the entire trip from this country to that, illustrating as it did so clearly these two scenes in the life of Jesus.

THE STUDENTS' XMAS BUREAU.

BY "Q. E. D."

A BUREAU OF INFORMATION!

For the benefit of the College students a Xmas Bureau, the object of which is to do away with the presentation of undesired gifts, has been opened at 1402 East Erie Street. Any person desiring some particular gifts, make it known to the manager of the Bureau. To this anyone can refer to see what gift to present to a friend. Save the feelings of everybody by giving them what they want. All business carried on strictly in private. A small commission of *ten cents* will be charged for the use of this Bureau. The money, however, will be refunded in case of dissatisfaction. For particulars call at 1402 E. Erie.

JOHN WYLLIS, *Prof'r.*

Such was the notice with its glaring headlines and staring exclamation points which attracted the attention of the students on their way to chapel, a few weeks before the Xmas holidays. Every tree, every stone, the bulletin boards and even the sidewalks were covered with the brilliant red and yellow posters. Many were the questions asked and many the jokes passed as one after another read and re-read them and noticed the name of the "proprietor." One, a tall strapping fellow, as he read gave vent to a prolonged whistle. "Whew," he said, "Johnny's in for business," and regardless of the fact that he was skipping chapel rushed away to 1402 E. Erie to interview the owner of such an inventive mind, who he well knew would be committing a like sin. He ran up the steps and pulled the bell vigorously; the very man he was in search of opened the door and ushered him into his 'office' or as the notice upon the door informed him, "Office of the Students' Xmas Bureau."

"What on earth, Johnny!" the excited caller exclaimed. "What are you up to? What is a Xmas Bureau?"

"A money-making scheme, of course; but this is the best on record. Take a look at this." On the long table lay two long charts ready for use, but as yet unused. One, John explained, was for gentlemen, the other for ladies; and as the friend looked them over John unfolded his brilliant plan.

"You see," he said, "every Xmas we are all just about distracted wondering what to give to our friends as well as having the bother of thanking them for a lot of useless trash they see fit to give us, and my scheme is to do away with all that as well as to earn money. People come in, pay their ten cents, and tell me what they would like to have given them. I take their names and a list of gifts, then, when a friend comes in, he pays the price, puts down his name and list of gifts and at the same time finds out what his particular friend wants. You see the surprise is just as great for no one really knows whether they'll get anything or not, or just what they will get if they will get anything. Don't you want to head the list, Ralph, and bring me good luck?"

"Why, yes, Johnny, I'll help you that far. Put down my name. I want — let's see — I want — O gracious — I don't know what I do want. Tell 'em for Heaven's sake not to give me pen wipers or neckties. I've got all I want of the former and I'd rather buy for myself what I need of the latter. Tell 'em not —"

"But see here, Ralph, this isn't to tell what you *don't* want, it is what you *want*."

"Oh, that's right. Well, I do want some books. Conan Doyle's, Kipling's or something of the sort. That's good. Please encourage some fair maid to present me with one. Success with your plan; I'll call tomorrow and see how it works."

But in spite of the good wishes of the friend the Student's Xmas Bureau didn't have very much of a rush of business that day and when the firm figured up its accounts at night it found one name upon the chart and 10 cents in the treasury. However, its proprietor argued that one customer the first day was as good as one could expect and he felt unbounded confidence in the success of his plan.

The next afternoon John had just opened his office and was preparing for the day's business when a ring at the bell announced a caller; it proved to be Miss Ruth Smith as

gay a girl as could be found on the campus.

"O Mr. Wyllis," she cried, as soon as she had been admitted to the office, "I think your plan is just *dear*. I could hardly wait until this afternoon came to hand in my name. Am I the first girl? O, whose name is that on the boy's list? I think you might let me see for I might want to give him something." And so she rattled on giving no chance for answer to her questions until at last she said: "Well, here's my ten cents — I really do not think you charge enough — put down my name — Ruth Smith, Division street — and I want lots of things; I've got the list all made out," and she pulled a lengthy memorandum from her muff. "I want a box of gloves — nice ones, tell them — number five and three-quarters — don't let anyone get six's, because they are *awfully* large for me; then I want a silver belt, a purse — this one is all worn out — a fancy hat-pin, some stationery with my monogram and a box of roses. There! I guess that's all — but if anybody wants to give me something after these are all taken have them send candy, I can stand *lots* of that — chocolate creams, caramels and everything. Have you got all down? Now just one thing more. Has — here the chatterer paused and blushed — promise me you won't tell." John promised, and Miss Smith continued, "Has Harry Wright been here yet? No? Well, when he does come, just telephone up and let me know just what he wants, I think your plan is perfectly lovely, Mr. Wyllis. Goodbye."

After her departure, one after another of the students kept coming, some merely out of curiosity and others purely for business, but one and all agreed that it was the best plan that had ever been originated in the College. Truly the Information Bureau was doing a remarkable business. One girl wanted rings, another a fan, one perfume, another handkerchiefs, while still another, a man-hating maiden lady, a U. B., announced herself as "just *dying* for an Angora cat."

The boys' wants varied only slightly; most

of them wanted photograph holders, books, or knives, though one capped the climax by asking every pretty girl to send him her photograph. By the end of the week the proprietor found it necessary to enlarge his business by making arrangements with merchants in town to supply his customers' wants and to send a price list to the Bureau for the use of those who must of necessity consider the length of their pocket-books. John even thought of taking charge of the mailing of the articles, but a rush of business made it necessary for him to lay this aside. "Next year," he said, "I can afford to hire an assistant and enlarge the business, but not this year."

Just at this moment Miss Hill entered. It might be well to state here that Miss Hill was a freshman; but of uncertain age, a combination of facts, which, to say the least, is uncommon. She was very evidently embarrassed and ill at ease. "Are we alone?" she asked, and when informed that they were, she said in a half whisper: "You may put down a diamond ring for me. George wanted to know if he couldn't give me one, and I — I said he could, but I was afraid he would forget it so thought I'd come here. You'll tell him won't you? But if Fred Hunt wants to send me anything have him send roses." By this time John's embarrassment was as great as Miss Hill's for he realized that the Xmas Bureau, among other things, was to be one of the factors in a love affair.

Clear up to Xmas day the Bureau was rushed for business. The charts were nearly full and many were the gifts sent according to their advice. Its fame had spread abroad in the college until over one hundred names had been added to the list and over ten dollars reposed in the bank to the account of "the firm," and it was all due to the success of the Bureau that one fair maid could boast a tightly locked bracelet upon her wrist while the key reposed in the note-book of the proprietor of the Bureau.

All the world seemed particularly fair to

John that Xmas Sunday; but, as is too often, the case, people in such a mood are apt to be brought to a realization of the fact that the world is really cold and hard and so it was with John.

Monday morning he was just congratulating himself that he was really a man of business, brought into this world for the especial purpose of keeping it revolving on its axis, when the U. B., the man-hater, entered. In her hand she carried a sparkling diamond which she viciously flung upon the desk. "I said," she snapped, "that I wanted an Angora cat and just look at this." She spread before him a note which read as follows:

"Just why I was selected for the peculiar privilege of presenting you with a diamond I do not know since I have not the honor of your acquaintance, but please accept the enclosed with my compliments.

GEORGE ROGERS.

John picked up the little brass ring with its glass setting and meanwhile the irate damsel continued: "I have come for the money I paid you and I demand that you make the proper explanations to Mr. Rogers." John mechanically returned the money while the wrathful voice still went on and the flashing black eyes never transferred their gaze from his face. Explanations he had none and she would not have given him opportunity to make them if he had, but after relieving her feelings as much as she could, she flounced angrily out of the room.

Next came Miss Ruth Smith with her eyes red and swollen from weeping. Her grievance was even more pitiful than the previous one. With her handkerchief to her eyes and in a broken voice she also asked for her money. "There, I gave you a l-long list," she said, "and n-nobody, not a single p-person gave me a single thing. I-I think you're just as mean as you can be, so there."

And so they came, one after another; the Information Bureau did as large a business that day as it had before Xmas. No one was suited evidently.

The perfume was the wrong kind, the books went to the wrong person and the

Angora cat never reached the proper destination. At the close of the day John sat down to figure up his accounts once more. In his possession he had still ten cents and the diamond (?) ring, and with his hands in his pockets he mused over the philosophy of the fact that the only satisfied person was the boy who had asked for the photographs of all the pretty girls in the College.

A GENERAL VIEW OF BIOLOGY.

HARRIETT PUTNAM, '99.

To the thoughtful person the study of Biology opens a new and inexhaustible world. Beginning with simple forms and watching the gradual development as we ascend the scale of life, questions that have long seemed unanswerable are solved.

Biology as Biology is a valuable study; but far exceeding in importance its information value is its usefulness as a means of disciplining the mind.

When the student first enters the laboratory and is given a form to examine, he feels that ten minutes or surely a half an hour will suffice to thoroughly acquaint himself with it. A term's work in the laboratory convinces him that years could be spent on that small organism alone, and that even then his labors would but be begun.

Why does the child acquire such an enormous fund of information during his early years? Because of the everlasting questions; and the more observing, and brighter the child, the greater the number and more searching they are.

Thus the questioning and observing habit is cultivated. What does it signify? It is the keener perception that gives the college bred man an advantage over the non-graduate; the training of the mental faculties and the engendering of a deeper love for truth. Only thus equipped can he hope to win life's battles.

The study of Biology is not a cold critical examination and classification of animate forms; not simply the tracing of comparisons from one to another, but it is the study of

life, the development, the unfolding of the living thing as it comes from the Creator's hand. Here may the student come close to nature. Man is small if he does not come in contact with the Great Heart of the universe. It seems to me that if one knows not God, he must surely find Him here. If the study fails to quicken the perceptive powers, fails to broaden the understanding, fails to make one more sympathetic with nature animate and inanimate, the man or the method of his study must be wrong.

The systematic study of Biology continued through one year, begins with the lower one-celled forms and ends with the most complex. During this time the student continually asks himself the question, "What resemblance do I find to preceding forms?" Thus the work becomes comparative.

In this manner types of every important class of the animal kingdom are examined and classified, and the gradual advance from lower to higher forms becomes a fascinating study.

The careful examination of any one animal or plant opens up questions that are vital to all. Let us then consider one of the simplest of all—the amoeba. Seen under the microscope it appears nothing more than a drop of jelly-like substance—protoplasm—almost structureless and possessed of nothing that could be called a definite organ. Yet it feeds, digests and assimilates its food, grows, moves and reproduces its kind. All the varied functions of life are perfectly performed, though all are, so to speak, reduced to their simplest terms. If we wish to study locomotion in its very essence, stripped of all the multitude of special organs employed in higher animals, we go to the amoeba. If we wish to see the fundamental basis of reproduction, often well called discontinuous growth, we go to the amoeba and other closely associated forms. And so we might prolong the list.

What is life? We know it only by the phenomena it presents and these are wonderfully restricted in this humble organism, yet

even here it baffles us. By just such research must science grow and the student here drinks from the very fountain of knowledge. Original observation gives the surest knowledge that we possess, and only as we thus, by our own investigations, learn the truths of nature, and the problems she presents, can we hope to understand her and thus to understand ourselves.

In the biological laboratory the student is ever led from the object immediately presented for his study to the wider interests that it suggests, and thus it is linked to the great body of truth that constitutes the common heritage of mankind.

ATHLETICS.

ATHLETIC
COMMISSION
REPORT.

The following is the report of the Commission appointed to formulate a new Constitution for the government of athletics in Albion College. As we go to press only part of this constitution has been adopted, but the remainder, with some slight changes, will probably be accepted soon.

ALBION COLLEGE, }
Dec. 9, 1898. }

Resolved that we recommend:

- I. That term fee for athletics be placed at one dollar (\$1).
- II. To the Trustees such additional appropriation as may be needed to secure a physical trainer and coach.
- III. That all teams elect their respective captains, except that the base ball and track captains for the ensuing year be elected by the respective teams with the addition of Professors Barr and Ford.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

The name of this association shall be "The Albion College Athletic Association."

ARTICLE II.

The object of this association shall be the promotion and regulation of athletic sports and physical education.

ARTICLE III.

SECTION 1. The membership of this association shall consist of (1) the members of the Faculty of Albion College; and (2) all students of Albion College who have paid the regular term fee for athletics.

SECTION 2. Any person may become a member of this association by payment of a fee of three dollars (\$3.00) per term and shall then be entitled to all the privileges of the association except that of voting.

SECTION 3. Members of this association shall be entitled to free admission to all games.

ARTICLE IV.

SECTION 1. The election of all officers of this association except team captains shall be vested in an Electoral College to be constituted as follows: two (2) members from each of the college classes, two (2) from the preparatory department, and two (2) from the Faculty.

SECTION 2. The members of the Electoral College shall be chosen by the qualified electors of each class or other body at a post chapel mass meeting to be held on some morning of the week following Thanksgiving. Notice of such election shall be publicly given at least twenty-four (24) hours before the election occurs. All elections shall be by ballot.

SECTION 3. The Electoral College shall meet within one week of its selection at the call of the senior Faculty member of such College, and shall elect its own officers and the following officers of the Association: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Director of Sports, and Managers of Base-Ball, Foot-Ball, Basket-Ball, Track Athletic, and such other teams as may hereafter be incorporated in the Association.

SECTION 4. There shall be elected a Board of control, which shall consist of eight members. Of these five (5) shall be elected by the Electoral College; two (2) by the Faculty; and one (1) by the Board of Trustees. There shall be a Board of three (3)

members from the city who shall act as general advisors of the Board of Control. They shall be elected by the Electoral College.

SECTION 5. The Captains of the Base-Ball, Foot-Ball, Basket-Ball, Track Athletic, and such other teams as may be hereafter constituted, shall be elected for the ensuing year by vote of the respective teams at the call of the President of the Association within one week of the last game or track meet of its season; provided that under no circumstances shall such election be deferred later than one week before the end of a term. Only such members shall be entitled to vote as have been granted the right to wear the "A," except in the case of the track team, where all who have represented the College in an intercollegiate field day shall be eligible to vote. In case a vacancy occurs in the office of Captain the teams shall, in all cases, elect.

SECTION 6. The Electoral College may be reconvened at any time to fill vacancies. In case the College be incomplete it shall be the duty of the appropriate classes to elect their representatives. They shall meet at the call of the President of the Association.

(To be concluded in the next issue.)

MAIDEN-BLUSHES.

A boy quite gay,
Went out one day
A maiden-blush to find;
The tree was high,
He then did cry;
"I'll seek another kind."
'Twas twilight hour;
Like a pretty flower,
Or peach, so ripe and luscious
Sat a charming girl
With golden curl,
Sweet face spread o'er with blushes.

"That tree was high,
And what care I
How sweet those maiden-blushes!
I'll steal a kiss—
O, me! what bliss!
How sweet *this* maiden-blush is!"

Karl der Grosser.

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HONEST WORK
IN THE
CLASS ROOM.

One of the greatest problems confronting college and university authorities to-day is how shall honest work on the part of the student be secured.

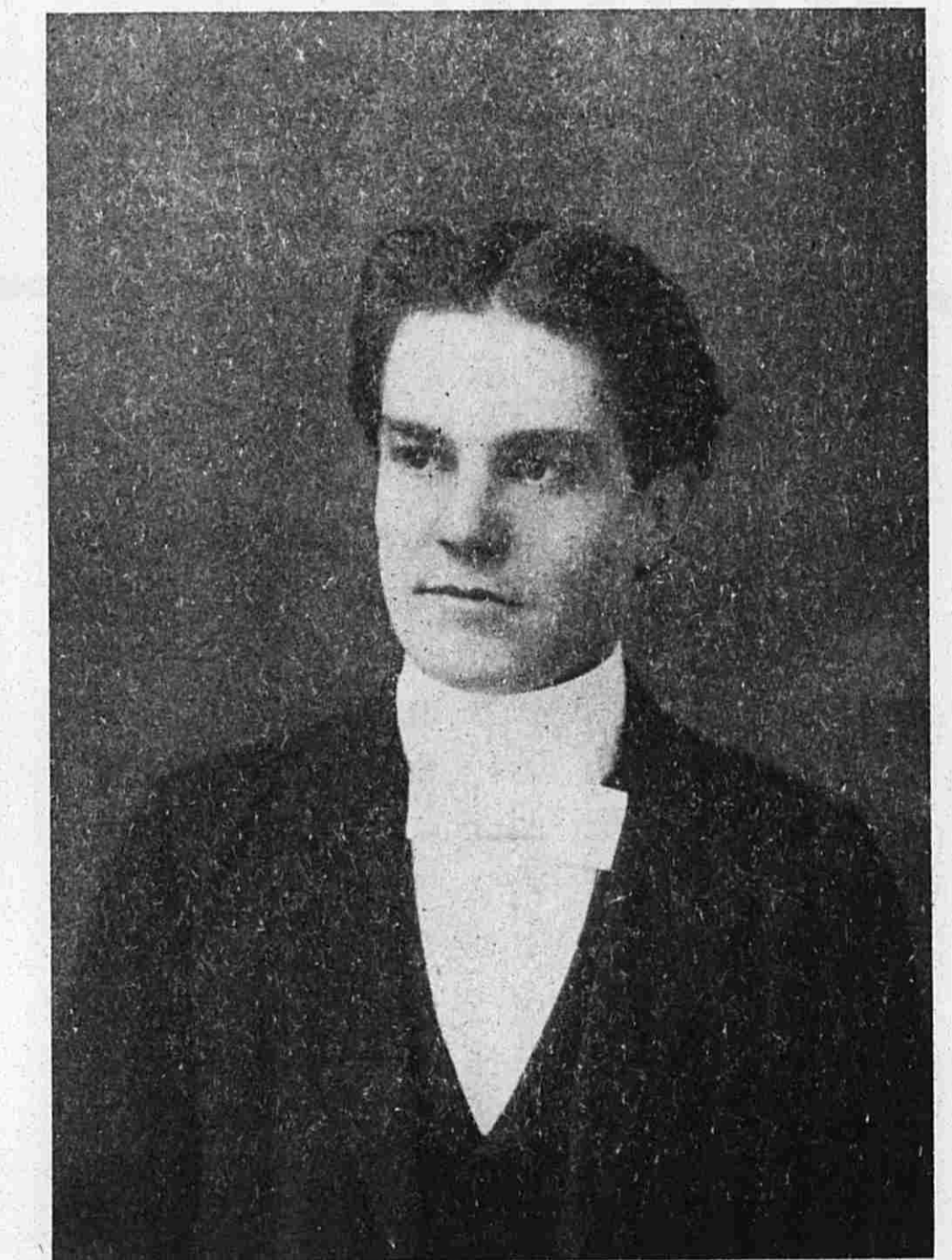
That students, who are perfectly honest and trustworthy in every other regard, will deliberately steal credits in the class-room is hardly believable, and yet it is a thing that has occurred and does occur even in our institution. How to account for this fact is more than we can vouchsafe to do. Even though the ethical consideration were removed, it would hardly seem possible that an intelligent person would permit his mental powers to be thus weakened and diminished. To copy an examination, or to recite from the text does not necessitate the exercise or promote the growth of the mind. Hence the very object of the collegiate course is defeated.

Furthermore, the moral plane upon which one must live while elaborating an abstract of a lesson—a method commonly resorted to—with the conscious intent of using the same during the next hour's recitation, is certainly dangerous. Such an individual

need not be surprised if he at some time finds himself deliberately plotting crime.

THE PRELIMINARY
AND THE FINAL
ORATORICAL
CONTESTS.

The unusually large attendance at the oratorical contest indicates that the student body is at last waking up to an appreciation of such occasions. At last year's contest hardly a corporal's guard was in evidence, and the orators were painfully conscious of the fact that their eloquence was, to a very great extent, wasted upon empty seats. Such a change is exceedingly hopeful. Our interest, however, should not be allowed to subside now that the contest is over. Every energy should be directed toward making the intercollegiate victory ours. Mr. Jacob has a strong oration, and with his excellent delivery will very ably represent the College. What he needs is the en-



H. F. JACOB.

Albion's representative in State Intercollegiate Oratorical Contest.

thusiastic support and encouragement of every student. Let us all endeavor to make this year's record in the intercollegiate oratorical field as complete as was last year's.

THE
DEBATE.

At the beginning of the term a lack of interest in the debate with Ypsilanti was lamented several times in our columns. We are glad to state, however, that there is no longer occasion to continue this wail. If we may judge from present indications we will be able to send forth a team equal in every respect to last year's. Practice debates have been held almost every evening for the past four weeks in which as many as twelve or fifteen students have participated. Very clear and close reasoning has been indulged in by many of the speakers. Another encouraging fact is that the student body is beginning to manifest an interest by attendance at these preliminaries. The decisive debate will probably have been held before this issue reaches our readers. We hope that as many students as possibly can will make arrangements to accompany the team to Ypsilanti.

THAT
ITEM
BOX.

Week after week the local editors find the PLEIAD item box void of contents. While we would not be so uncharitable as to wish any calamitous fate to befall our fellow students, yet we do wish that everyone might have to bear the burden of the local department for just one week. We cannot understand why the students generally are so reluctant in handing in items. Is it on account of thoughtlessness, or modesty?

If your friends visit you, or you yourself are ill, out of town, contemplating marriage or suicide, don't hesitate to write it up in your own hand writing and drop it in the box.

A CALENDAR
OF THE
NEW YEAR.

A very dainty calendar of the new year, with half-tone cuts illustrating some of the lighter phases of College life, has been gotten up by Misses

Fannie Bartrem and Stella Coney, former students of the College. The workmanship is exceedingly artistic. The scenes are aptly chosen and are explained by appropriate verse. The young ladies are to be complimented upon the ingenuity and taste displayed in devising such a unique souvenir.

Professibus givibus,
Longi lessorum;
Boyibus kickibus
Non wanti somorum.
Boyibus readibus
Much Latinorum;
Professibus givibus
Him zeroum.
Boyibum gettibus
Poori gradorum;
Endibus termibus
Nonne passorum.

Biological Laboratory—

"Oh can't you warm my hands," said she,
As toward Prof. B--r she sallied.
He clasped them with a look of glee,
And her color quickly rallied.

—Miss T--p--e.

Ask Price if he takes the cake or whether some one takes it for him.

Mr. H--a--y.—(Saying grace at club.)—
"Keep us in love, O Lord."

Mr. M--re—(Biology class)—"Con-
gratulate Miss G--t--n and me."

Dr. A.—(In Psychology class)—"Absolute
rest is the natural condition of the hobo."

"That reminds me," said the young man,
"of a funny story I told while at Niagara
Falls. Not one of the party cracked a
smile, but I had one consolation."

"What was that?"

"The falls just roared."

Prof. W.—(In American History class)—
"Do you think Jackson did a wise thing
when he vetoed the Bank bill?"

Miss F.—"Yes sir."

Prof. W.—"Why do you think so?"

Miss F.—"Well, I don't exactly know;
but I guess it is on account of my politics."

LOCALS AND PERSONALS.

Mr. W. J. Beazan was in Lansing last Thursday.

President Ashley preached at Charlotte, Sunday, December 11.

Professor C. E. Barr will soon have a new furnace in his residence.

F. S. Monson and Owen Parkham are wearing the Sigma Nu colors.

James Trehella preached for Will Roberts at Rives last Sunday.

John Martin, '00, preached for Wm. Roberts at Rives, December 11.

T. H. Martin, '00, preached at the Fitch street chapel, Sunday, December 11.

President Ashley will spend the greater part of the holiday vacation lecturing.

Miss Ruth Lowry will spend the holiday vacation with Miss Lydia Ort at Clare.

Miss Mamie Rowley '99, entertained her uncle, Rev. John Paton, of Almont, last week.

A set of the students' missionary campaign library books has been presented to the library.

Miss Margaret Dixon will spend her Xmas vacation with Miss Hanlon, ex-'00 at Middleville.

The Freshman French class is using Professors Klug and Lutz's work on English Etymology.

The pledged members of Delta Tau Delta enjoyed a "spread" at the chapter rooms last Tuesday evening.

Miss Florence Smith has been elected by the Senior class as member of the PLEIAD Electoral College.

The indications are that the attendance of the Commercial Department will be nearly doubled next term.

Professor R. Clyde Ford lectured at Battle Creek last Friday evening on "A Boy's Trip Around the World."

Mr. Andrew Harvey, of Detroit, inspected the steam heating apparatus of the College buildings last Thursday.

Walter Healy, '99, completes his course this term and will enter Boston Theological Seminary the first of January.

Messrs. Harold Beal and Herbert Widrig were initiated into the mysteries of Alpha Tau Omega last Friday night.

The subcollegiate literary society has amended its constitution so as to admit the young ladies of that department.

The football team played the last game of the season last Saturday. They lined up before the camera at Miss Priestly's.

Mr. Henry Sheldon, of the Preparatory Department, preached for E. Parke Lyons at Jackson, December 11. Mr. Lyons is in poor health.

Professor and Mrs. D. B. Waldo entertained the members of the American History class at their home on East Porter street last Monday evening.

Last Thursday evening the Greenwood Avenue M. E. Church of Jackson, observed College Day and Professor F. S. Goodrich gave an address on "Higher Education."

A \$2,500 pipe organ has been presented to the College by friends of the institution, and will be placed in the chapel as soon as the contractors are able to undertake the work.

Dr. E. B. Bancroft and Dr. Wm. Dawe, trustees of the College who are in town to attend the annual trustee meeting, addressed the students after chapel Thursday morning.

The Membership Committees of the Christian Associations have elected Miss Ethel Cooper editor of the Hand Book for next fall. The business manager will be chosen next term.

The Sophomore class elected Miss Kate Calkins to fill the vacancy in their representation on the Electoral College of the PLEIAD and Roscoe Sleight as yell master at their meeting December 8.

Many of the classes which meet in the Central Building were excused Wednesday on account of the cold. The difficulty in the

heating apparatus has at last been located and will be speedily remedied.

Students' Pentecostal services were held in the Chapel last week from 6:30 to 7:30 p. m., and were continued on Sunday evening. Dr. Ashley conducted the meetings. The attendance was encouragingly large.

The Athenæum elected the following officers for the winter term: President, W. A. Kelly; vice-president, Owen Moyer; secretary, B. V. R. Hall; treasurer, F. E. Wyant; chairman of program committee, Charles M. Perry.

The Erosophian society has elected the following officers for the winter term: President, Charles E. Boys; vice-president, Merlin Wiley; secretary, Miss Josephine Smith; treasurer, Fermor Coppens; chaplain, Miss Harriet Putnam.

The Junior class elected the following members to take part in the preliminary Horn Contest at their meeting December 9: Misses Gertrude Strickland, Grace Crooks, Messrs. John Grundy, Clyde DeViney, Herbert Widrig, T. H. Martin.

The Eclectic and Atheniades Society has elected officers for the winter term as follows: President, Alfred T. Gosling; Vice-President, Grace Crooks; Secretary, Ethel Cooper; Treasurer, Albert Balgooyen; Parliamentary Censor, Grace Collins; Critic, Mamie Rowley.

The following officers were elected by the sub-collegiate literary society December 16: President, Mr. C. L. Goodrich; vice-president, Miss Mary Riddick; secretary, Miss Mabel Combs; treasurer, Mr. C. A. Darling; parliamentary censor, Mr. G. D. Yinger; literary critic, Mr. Wm. Connibear; chaplain, Mr. E. J. Hawks; sergeant at arms, Mr. C. A. Curtis; members of literary com., Messrs. E. A. Carpenter and W. J. Taylor.

Last Friday evening the Erosophian society voted to ask the other literary societies to co-operate with them in holding a mock congress in the chapel on the evening

of Washington's birthday. Expansion will be the principle question discussed. All the students and members of the Faculty will be eligible to membership in this Congress which will be organized according to the rules of the House of Representatives. It is expected that this will be one of the great events of the college year. Every student is urged to come prepared to enter into an intelligent discussion of the question.

The annual meeting of the Co-operative Association took place December 10 in Professor F. Lutz's room. The report of the manager was read and, owing to the lack of a quorum, the meeting adjourned to meet Monday at one o'clock. The adjourned meeting was called to order by Professor C. E. Barr, and the following officers were elected: President, Professor F. Lutz, re-elected; vice-president, Miss Alice J. Temple; secretary, Will Gill, re-elected; treasurer, Palmer Dearing, re-elected. The different classes elected the following members to the board of directors: Seniors, Miss May D. Agnew; Juniors, Frank M. Cottrell; Sophmores, Harry Going; Freshmen, John Doelle; Sub-collegiate, A. G. Sheldon.

A stranger wandering into the Erosophian hall last Friday evening might have wondered where in the world he was, judging from the confusion and noise that prevailed. The occasion was simply this: The members of the society had resolved themselves into the House of Representatives and were earnestly considering a bill to improve the commercial facilities of the Kalamazoo River at Albion, and other measures of equal importance. Professor Waldo acted as Speaker of the House. During the session on a motion by the Populists the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole to consider the impeachment of Speaker Waldo for his partiality. President Ashley acted as Chairman of the committee, and after much discussion the decision was made that the Speaker was perfectly impartial and no charges could be brought against him.

Many eloquent speeches were made by the representatives of several states. The House finally adjourned *sine die*.

Monday evening, December 12, Hon. Horace Hitchcock of Detroit delivered his celebrated lecture on "Travels in Spain and Cuba," using stereopticon views to illustrate the points of interest. He first took his audience to Madrid and showed them the magnificent palace of the boy king of Spain and thence to the home of the Cortes. He then left the Spanish capital and visited the Escorial, that famous pile erected by Phillip II. Toledo was the next point of interest with its beautiful cathedrals and well kept gardens. Cordova, the ancient home of the Jews, with its spacious synagogues and narrow streets was pointed out, the Moors, with the Alhambra in which was erected the palace of Charles V. Then he crossed the ocean in company with "Romeo and Juliet" and arrived in Cuba. Here the interest was centered in the pitiful condition of the reconcentrados and their miserable surroundings in Matanzas and Havana. These pictures were interspersed by scenes from our own country "to remind us that we were not Spaniards." The last picture was that of Albion's "grand old man," Dr. L. R. Fiske, and was received with great enthusiasm by the audience.

THE ORATORICAL CONTEST.

Mr. H. F. Jacob Will Represent Albion in the Intercollegiate—Mr. F. M. Cottrell Alternate.

The local contest preliminary to the Annual State Intercollegiate Oratorical contest was held Friday evening, December 9, in the Chapel. The attendance was unusually large, the literary societies having suspended their regular meetings. Rev. W. T. Jaquess presided. Five students from the three highest College classes participated. The subjects of the orations and the speakers were as follows: "A Plea for Statesmen," Mr. H. F. Jacob; "Opportunism," Mr. C. M. Perry; "Lesser Lights," Mr.

F. M. Cottrell; "Oliver Cromwell—The Man and His Mission," Miss Mable Joy; "The Power of Song," Mr. C. H. Jennings. This was one of the finest contests ever held in the College Chapel. Each speaker showed complete mastery of his subject. The orations were unusually well delivered. Vocal selections were rendered by Miss Kate Calkins, Messrs. Leroy McDiarmid and Merlin Wiley. While the judges were making their decisions and the averages were being prepared the audience was entertained by a selection from the College quartette. Upon motion by President Ashley, Professor Lyon and Mr. Goss were called upon to give a reading. Their selection was from the Quarrel Scene between Brutus and Cassius. The judges on thought and composition were: W. F. Sheridan, Pontiac; L. O. Hartwell and G. M. Buck, Kalamazoo. Those on delivery: W. J. McKone, Albion; H. B. Coleman, Kalamazoo; W. G. Coburn, Battle Creek. According to their markings which we publish below, Mr. Jacob received first place and Mr. Cottrell second.

The following gives the markings of the judges:

SUBJECT	THOUGHT AND COMP.	DELIVERY.	AVERAGE.
A Plea for Statesmen.....	87, 75, 85	87, 95, 85	85 2-3
Opportunism.....	85, 70, 92	82, 85, 55	78 1-6
Lesser Lights.....	90, 60, 95	89, 92, 80	84 1-3
Oliver Cromwell.....	82, 82, 90	81, 88, 78	83 1-2
The Power of Song.....	75, 54, 86	88, 82, 70	75 5-6

ALUMNI AND FORMER STUDENTS.

Zulu Fast, '96, of Mendon, is visiting at the "Octagon."

Rev. D. R. Lee, '94, is sick with typhoid fever at his home in Pentwater.

Miss Stella Long, ex-'99, is engaged is in revival work at Monterey, Ind.

Clement T. Rood, '95, of Chicago University, is visiting at Rev. H. D. Jordan's, on Fitch street.

Erwin D. McCormick, Commercial, '96, made a friendly call at the department one day last week.

Frank Fall, ex-'99, has been elected presi-

dent of the Epworth League, vice C. S. Jacobs, '93, resigned.

Carlton Horton, ex-'97, of Parma, was married to Miss Fannie Young, of the same place, last Wednesday.

Harry Howe, '98, at present superintendent of schools at Litchfield, visited his parents on Michigan avenue this week.

Miss Eva Pratt, ex-'98, who has been studying art in Boston the past two years, has returned to her home in the city for the holiday vacation.

Mr. Wm. C. Rowling, of Calumet, '98, is one of the head bookkeepers for J. Vivian, Jr., & Co., general merchants at Laurium and Opechee, Mich.

Misses Minnie Taylor and Maude Campbell, who graduated in the Commercial Department last June, have lucrative office positions at the "Soo."

FROM OUR EXCHA ;

" Evolution, quoth the monkey,
Makes all mankind our kin;
There's no chance at all about it,
Tails we loose and heads they win."—*Ex.*

" I draw the line on kissing, sir,"
She said in accents fine,
He was a football player
And so he "hit the line."—*Ex.*

After working all day in gymnasium,
I think it is not doing well,
When I go to an evening reception,
To have forced upon me a dumb belle.—*Ex.*

The November number of the *Kalamazoo Index* was edited by the faculty.

The number of college alumni now reaches about four hundred thousand.—*Argus.*

University of Pennsylvania will debate with University of Michigan next March.

California has awarded prizes for the three best football songs.—*Argus.*

A chapter of the Chi Psi fraternity has recently been established at the University of Chicago.

Plans for a new Alumni Hall and student club house for Cornell University are now being made. The building will cost about \$160,000.

Who wrote the most, Dickens, Warren or Bulwer? Warren wrote "Now and Then;" Bulwer wrote "Night and Morning," and Dickens wrote "All the Year Round."—*Ex.*

Besides the Freshman, Sophomore, Junior and Senior classes, there are four other classes into one of which each student unconsciously falls, namely: the Student, the Crammer, the Bluffer, and the Flunker.—*Guilford Collegian.*

On the evening of December 2 occurred the final debate, which decided the membership of the team which will meet Albion here the third Friday in January.

Great interest and enthusiasm were shown, each debater being supported by his society with lusty cheers, and hearty hand-clapping.

The prizes was given. The first prize of \$30 in gold was won by Mr. W. E. Videto; second, D. W. Kelley, \$20 in gold; third, J. M. Holloway, \$10 in gold.—*Normal College News.*

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