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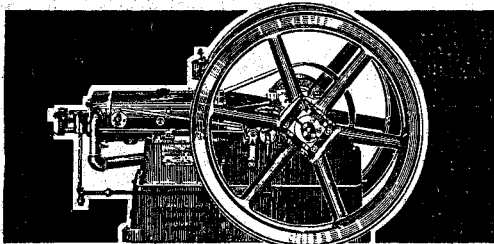
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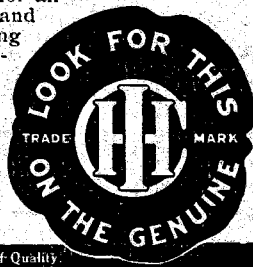
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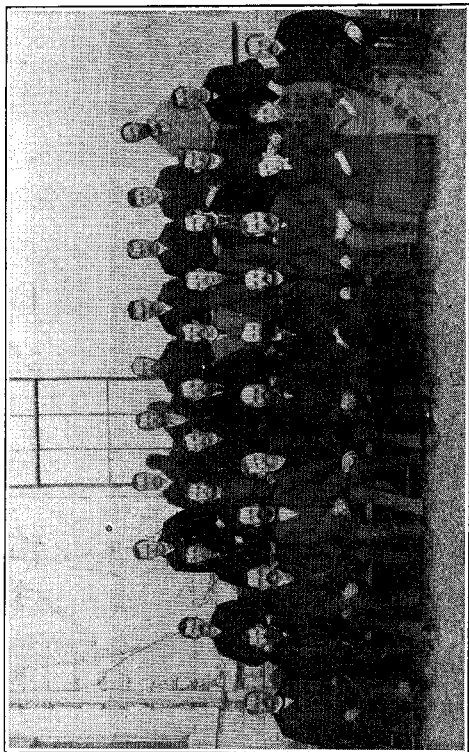
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The County Work of the Young Men's Christian Association.

A. D. Halloway, '07.

A new field of service for men interested in rural welfare is to be found in the county work of the Young Men's Christian Association. We say a new field since the county work as an organized department of the Young Men's Christian Association has existed only six years. This department, as did also the railroad, student, army and navy, industrial, and other departments, had its origin with that aggressive pioneer in the association work of North America, Robert Weidensall.

Those who are familiar with the development of the Young Men's Christian Association know the place that Robert Weidensall occupies. He entered the work in 1868, and until January 1, 1907, was in active service; at that time he became honorary secretary of the international county work department, where he serves to-day in an advisory position. Some one has truly said that the work of this man of God reads like the second Acts of the Apostles.

Naturally the first field of the association was in the place where the largest groups of men were found, as in the cities and colleges, the army and navy; but many years ago Mr. Weidensall became impressed with the need for work in rural fields and the great possibilities of such work.

The first work of this type was carried on by a business man who voluntarily gave of his time to conduct the work in a group of small towns within his home county. This effort was successful, and Mr. Weidensall reasoned that if a volunteer could be successful

in this type of work it could become very efficient if conducted by a trained man who would give his entire time to the work. Accordingly, he set about to organize counties on this basis. Despite the magnificent work which this man had done in other departments of the work, his latest venture was considered impractical, and it was treated as a joke; but Mr. Weidensall had a vision of work for men and boys in the country, and he worked on with little support or encouragement, save that which came from the strength of his convictions and a steadfast faith in God.

No one knew what type of work could succeed in the country, and necessarily the work for a number of years was experimental; but the leaders persevered, other men came to have faith in the work, and six years ago the county work was organized as a regular department of the international committee.

The sub-committee for county work of the international committee consists of Dr. D. H. McAlpin, a prominent business man of New York; Fredrick Billings, of New York; Noah Rogers, a New York attorney; John Penman, a manufacturer of Ontario; A. J. Nason, a real estate dealer of St. Paul. These men, together with the international secretaries, John R. Boardman, A. E. Roberts, and Henry Israel, with Robert Weidensall as honorary secretary, supervise the work in United States and Canada.

When the state committee of any state desires to organize county work within their state they secure the cooperation of the international committee. They, through the international secre-

taries, go into the state and a sub-committee of the state committee is selected to supervise the work. The department is financed for a year, and a secretary is placed in charge. As state secretary for county work, he begins a study of the state in preparation for the organization of counties.

The state secretary in turn goes into a county on the invitation of business men of the county and begins an investigation relative to the organization of the county. If after careful study it is determined to organize the county, a committee of fifteen to twenty representative business men, who are willing to give time and effort to a study of conditions and direct a systematic effort to help the young men and boys of the county, is selected, the work is financed, and a secretary is placed in the field.

The county secretary is the only employed officer of the county—all other leaders are volunteer. As will be pointed out later, the success of the work depends absolutely upon volunteer leadership, and the work of the county secretary is the discovery, enlistment and training of leaders for the various activities. The successful secretary must of course be a man who has knowledge of country life and is in sympathy with it, and who has a sincere desire to better conditions. Who could be better fitted for this work than a man who has grown to manhood in the country and received the training of an agricultural college?

On the basis outlined above, the work is organized at this time in about fifty counties in seventeen states and the province of Ontario. At no time has the growth of the work been spectacular, but rather an effort has been made to proceed conservatively and build a broad foundation on which the future work shall rest.

A county, to successfully conduct the work, should fulfill the following conditions: A population of not less than 12,000; no town of more than 4000

population; reasonably good railroad facilities; without too large a per cent of foreign-speaking people who have not been thoroughly "Americanized." In these days of prosperity practically any county with these conditions could finance the work. A budget of \$2000 is sufficient to conduct the work for a year. It will be readily seen that a large per cent of our counties in the Middle West fulfill these conditions. In fact, there are 1600 counties in North America that could be organized next year if men were available as state and county secretaries.

I referred above to the fact that the work depends upon volunteer leadership. It follows then that the work will vary in different communities and will vary somewhat in the same community from year to year as the leadership varies. The association in the small town cannot be a city association on a small scale but must be determined by its own environment. Doctor Bailey, of Cornell, has said: "To do anything of permanent benefit for the country the enterprise must be indigenous to the country. You cannot grow a city proposition in the country any more than you can grow an orange tree in Maine." This principle is followed in county work.

The work of the county association is along four lines; namely, religious, educational, social, and physical. In one town we will have a young man who can gather around him a group of young men or boys in Bible study; another leader will be a mechanic, who will lead a group of boys in manual training; another group will study electricity; a doctor will lead a class in first aid to the injured; another leader will be an athlete, who is willing to use his ability in directing the athletics and play life of the community. So we have it that a group of men of several abilities are willing to use their talents in Christian service for men and boys. The county work department takes the

position that each man in the community has something to contribute to the welfare of the community and seeks to relate each man to his particular task. "There is a task for every man and boy in every community and a man and boy for every task in every community" is one of the fundamental principles of county work.

The average rural community and small town is depleted of its young men because of their constant migration to city and college. This makes it evident that a large part of the association activities in county fields must be with the boy. "This is not only the line of least resistance, but the line of greatest interest, readiest response, and largest permanent results. To work with the boy conserves the time, money and energy of the working force to the maximum degree."

There is a growing interest at present in rural progress, and eminent men are giving much time and thought to the solving of problems that must be solved in order that the country shall occupy its proper place in our life and contribute its maximum to the welfare of the state and nation. Men who are leaders in rural welfare work and who are conversant with policy and operation of county work are giving it their unqualified endorsement.

When the Country Life Commission, appointed by President Roosevelt last year, made a tour of the country, holding hearings to study existing conditions in the country, the international department of the county work was asked to send a secretary with the commission to aid in the study of moral and religious conditions.

In making their report to the President the commission endorsed the county work in the following words: "There should be a large extension of the work of the Young Men's Christian Association into rural communities.

There is apparently no other way to grip the hearts and lives of the young men and boys of the average country neighborhood. This association must regard itself as an ally of the church, with a special function and a special field."

In his special message submitting the report of the commission to Congress the President included the following: "Our object should be to develop in the country community the great ideals of community life as well as of personal character. One of the most important adjuncts to this end must be the country church, and I invite your attention to what the commission says of the country church and of the need of the extension of such work as that of the Young Men's Christian Association in country communities. Let me lay special emphasis upon what the commission says at the end of its report on personal ideals and local leadership. Everything resolves itself in the end into the question of leadership."

To assist the international committee in studying rural conditions and formulating plans of work there has been formed an advisory committee, consisting of such experts on rural problems as Doctor Bailey, of Cornell; Gifford Pinchot, United States Forestry Department; Ex-Secretary of the Interior Jas. R. Garfield; Henry Wallace, of *Wallaces Farmer*; President Butterfield, Massachusetts Agricultural College; Dr. Chas. W. Stiles, U. S. Marine Hospital Corps; Professor Taylor, University of Wisconsin; Professor Hetherington, University of Missouri; Doctor Myron T. Scudder, of Rutgers; Professor Hibbard, Iowa State College; W. M. Hayes, assistant secretary of agriculture, U. S. Department; Dr. A. C. True, director U. S. Experiment Station, and others.

The United States government is co-operating very effectively with the army and navy departments of the

Young Men's Christian Association; and there is also coöperation between the government and the county work department, as Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Hays has offered to place at the disposal of the county work department the machinery of the Department of Agriculture in closest coöperation, and an international secretary has been asked to come to Washington for a conference.

Doctor Stiles, of the Marine Corps, who has recently come into prominence through the "hook-worm" investigations, is much interested in sanitation and health in rural districts and believes that the county work is to have a vital part in the solution of these problems.

Doctor Taylor, of Wisconsin, who is at the head of the agricultural section of the 1910 census, was a member of the faculty at Lake Geneva last summer in the school for county work secretaries, and there is coöperation between the census bureau and the county work department.

President Butterfield, of the Massachusetts Agricultural College, has said: "It would be nothing short of a national calamity if anything should interfere with the fullest development of the county work plan."

Dr. Myron T. Scudder, an authority on play life for children, in an article in the September magazine number of the *Outlook*, entitled, "Play Days for Country Schools," wrote as follows: "In country places playgrounds will have to come, if they come at all, through the generosity of some individual or club, or on the initiative of some organization like a powerful school, an institutional church, or the county work department of the Young Men's Christian Association. . . . Of the several agencies which are interesting themselves in behalf of adequate and supervised play for country children, the work of none is so thorough and comprehensive as that which is being done by the county

work secretaries of the Young Men's Christian Association. These men have rendered invaluable aid at New Platz and elsewhere; indeed, it is difficult to see how a play festival on a large scale can be carried on without them."

We refer to these men and their opinions not in the spirit of boasting, but to show that men of affairs see in the county work large possibilities.

The greatest need of county work to-day is men. Men who can see the need of a strengthened and more virile country church; the great possibilities of supplementary education and a reformed curriculum in rural schools that will attract and hold the boys; the need of a newly directed social life; an appreciation of the proper place that athletics and play life should occupy in country life; men who can get a vision of service so absorbing that they will be willing to pay the price and put their lives in for service in this needy and attractive field of labor.

The rewards of service in county work, both for the paid secretary and the volunteer leader, are great. The remuneration is not all in gold or silver, but more in that sense of satisfaction and joy that comes from having inspired a boy or man to hold higher ambitions and to see his life become dominated by the life and teachings of Jesus Christ and dedicated to service in the advancement of the Kingdom.

American Influence in the Philippines.

H. A. Ireland, '07.

People who are interested in the Philippine Islands and in the work the United States is trying to do here are hopeful that American influence on the Filipinos may have been greater than is sometimes apparent. Of course, there are evidences of the effect of American ideas and example—sometimes, it is to be feared, the evidence is all too strong—but in

numerous respects the results of our efforts are visible only to a vivid imagination. The combinations of these two opposite conditions that one everywhere meets are often quite striking. While traveling on a "tie pass" along the right of way of the Philippine Railway Company a few days ago, I came upon such a combination in the shape of a baseball game, being played under conditions so novel that I joined the crowd of three or four enthusiastic rooters, on the amphitheater of the railway grade, to watch the game. The diamond was not all that might be wished, having a considerable slope and being so rough on one side that third base was eliminated, and runners came straight home from second. The arrangement seemed entirely satisfactory, however, as, under the circumstances, a third base would have been a superfluity, anyway. The participants in the game were boys of but twelve or fourteen years, but it was evident that they knew the game. Each team lacked six players, but what they wanted in numbers they made up in enthusiasm, and they were playing surprisingly good ball.

Equipment, like the players, was reduced almost to the essentials. A piece of bamboo did service as a bat for both teams, beside which there were only a ball of doubtful make and a contrivance that passed as a catcher's mitt; but lack of equipment didn't interfere with the game. The catcher took the ball hot off the bat, the pitcher didn't require it to touch the ground before it got back to him, and the fielder "froze" to the "hot ones" in real professional style.

The official language of the game was a very good grade of English, and the pitcher, who was also umpire—an arrangement, by the way, that saves a lot of time and "rag chewing"—called "strike one," "strike two," "foul ball," "you're out," just as well as Coach Quigley himself could do it.

Compared with these things, which seemed quite American, it was the uniforms worn by the players that presented the rather un-American feature of the combination. They could hardly be called uniforms either, for no two of them were alike, but they answered the purpose, so what's the use of being particular? Two-thirds of the players on one side were fairly well concealed, but the members of the opposing team were uniformed a la "Gunga Din." You know Kipling said, speaking of that gentleman, "The uniform he wore was nothing much before, and rawther less than 'arf o' that be'ind." The catcher boasted a much abbreviated pair of trousers and a broad leather belt; the pitcher, a shirt rolled up at the bottom like the trousers he didn't have would have been rolled up if he had had any, and a "gee string," while the fielder, in filling his numerous positions, found a "gee string" and sunshine sufficient. As long as I watched them they didn't do any sliding stunts, but I thought that showed prudence rather than lack of spirit.

So perhaps we should not feel discouraged about American influence in the Philippines. Our language is fast gaining ground and soon (the *Asemblea Filipina* willing) will be the official tongue throughout the Islands; our national game is taking a strong hold upon the younger generation and in time may supplant the Philippine national game of cock fighting; and everywhere, over schoolhouses and government buildings, Old Glory waves as proudly as he can, though sometimes looking a little ashamed to be seen in such a place. True, the Filipino refuses to show a proper amount of enthusiasm in regard to anything that resembles work, persists in the practice of some very un-American customs, and evinces a strong aversion to many customs that we think would be good for him to follow; but, since we are here and can't get

away, let's stay and be as optimistic as we can as to what the results of our unwelcomed sojourn will be.

The Fraternity Question.

By F. A. Waugh, '91, in *The College Signal*,
M. A. C.

The fraternity question is a large one, and it will be a long time before the last word on it is said. In fact, one would be obliged to write a whole book in order to discuss fairly the many points involved. The discussion proceeds under one special disadvantage; namely, that, while the defects of the fraternity system are perfectly obvious to the whole world, the big advantages are felt only by those on the inside. Even the body of fraternity undergraduates only half realize these substantial advantages, just as they underestimate many of the other best influences in college life.

For myself, I was brought up in a non-fraternity college, and am still, in pure theory, opposed to the fraternity system, and especially in state institutions. However, having become acquainted with the intimate workings of one great national fraternity, and having taken the pains to learn about other fraternities in several other institutions, I am compelled to relinquish my theoretical objections in favor of the unimpeachable fact that the fraternities are a powerful influence for good in most circumstances.

Of course, there are good fraternities and bad ones, strong ones and weak—and even if some fraternity does go wrong it no more proves the failure of the system than an occasional divorce proves that matrimony is iniquitous. Outsiders, including undergraduates, commonly fail to recognize this very great difference amongst fraternities.

Admittedly the great value of the fraternity comes to its members, especially the undergraduates. Though these advantages have not been sufficiently dwelt upon, nor sufficiently developed in practice, I must pass

them over here in order to speak of the important advantages which a sound fraternity system offers to the college management, and especially to the faculty. A good many faculty men are learning that the fraternities may easily be a very great aid in discipline and in the promotion of high ideals and a good "spirit." The fraternity under wise management (which is the rule) does not generate a clique spirit opposed to college government and college loyalty, but fosters ideas of an exactly opposite nature. I recently heard a fraternity leader coaching his mates. He said: "Look here, fellows; there's a lot of bad talk going around the campus about such and such a matter. Don't any of you fellows take any part in it, and whenever you get a chance, you kill it!" No member of the faculty could have done anything so effective nor better in spirit.

I think we may fairly emphasize the value, both disciplinary and educational, of the steady effect of the fraternity on undergraduate life, especially in its influence on lower classmen. This steady effect is secured in several ways:

1. There is the influence of high ideals, systematically inculcated by all fraternities.
2. There is the reputation of the fraternity to be maintained at any personal sacrifice.
3. There is the pressure of great personal responsibility toward fraternity brothers.
4. There is the influence of upper classmen exercised more wisely and more efficiently within the fraternities than anywhere else in the realm of college life.
5. There is the influence of the alumni.
6. There is the influence of instructors and professors who are members, and who can reach a footing of complete understanding with students

inside the fraternity which exists nowhere else.

7. In national fraternities there is the powerful influence of the central organization, always composed of leaders and representing the highest ideals of college honor, college traditions, and college service.

In fact, the only fraternity question is the one already pointed out by your correspondents. It is not what to do with the fraternities, but what to do with the men outside the fraternities. This is truly a serious question, for such men are obviously missing one of the great benefits of college life, and one to which they are often just as fairly entitled as those who have the will and the opportunity to join the fraternity of their choice.

The Magazine Spirit.

Your December issue was a hummer! Three articles were of regular first-class magazine grade. R. S. Kellogg, of '96, in his Alaska article ("punched out" on a typewriter while on the way there!) held us delightfully while read aloud at the evening family circle. Surely he does credit to himself, the ALUMNUS, and K. S. A. C.

The "Mind Reading" article was timely, for out here the air is vitiated with Christian Science vagaries. Sorry the writer's name was not given.

Then the Football Review, showing so grandly for the sinew, brain and system of the "Aggies," made us feel like shouting "Jay Rah, Gee Haw!" And so on, all through the number from first page over to the last—advertisements and all. (We are sorry "The Smiths" card was left out; we looked through three times for it.) The "Christmas Thoughts," the editor's remarks, even Shakespeare's "Winter," were all read with enthusiastic relish. And the "Personals!" How do you get so many? Every one of them interests us here, though most of the names are new.

And that was the way we felt at the

reunion at Seattle, last July. We "old ones" were, of course, in the minority, but we were none the less enthusiastic. Professor Shelton, Gregeory, Jeffery, Rushmore and others of the grandpa circle were as lively as the youngest, and perhaps enjoyed "Kansas Day" and the K. S. A. C. social and "eats" even more. Then, as we marched down Pay Streak with Rushmore and some bright-eyed member of the Domestic Art Department leading the crowd in

Jay! Rah! Gee! Haw!!
Jay! Hawk! Saw!!!
Ki! Si! Ai! O!!!!
Rah! Rah! Rah!!!

didn't we make the spellers "sit-up and take notice?" Well, I guess yes!

One of the best things the freshmen and all other undergraduates could do would be to subscribe for the ALUMNUS. It would prove to be the inspiration to them as to their future. I hope it will grow until it rivals the biggest and best monthlies in the country and can sell its advertising space at an equal price. But may it ever keep its individuality, for it is as different from them as the Kansas State Agricultural College must ever be from the University of Kansas.

W. C. HOWARD, '77.

Brentwood, Cal.

The *Kansas Farmer* of October 30 contains an article, "College Boy on the Farm," by Charles M. Harger. The "college boy" referred to is James R. Garver, '07, and the article is accompanied by a half-tone of Mr. Garver in typical farm dress and one of his model barn. Excerpts from the article are as follows:

"I always wanted to be a farmer—a dairy farmer," was the way James R. Garver, son of C. M. Garver, put it as he stood at the door of the big barn on his father's farm three miles east of town. "That was why I went to college, and I spent my time trying to learn how to be the best farmer possible."

"It was difficult to realize that this frank-faced young Kansan, clad in blue overalls and dark shirt, with a wide hat shading his bronzed face, could write 'B. S., M. S.' after his name and that he had spent five years out of the twenty-four of his life in college halls. Before that he graduated from the Abilene high school, so was well prepared for his chosen work.

"'I went to the State Agricultural College four years with no other idea than farming,' he went on. 'Then took my postgraduate work in the Agricultural College of Wisconsin. Last February my father, who has been raising high-grade cattle and hogs, turned the farm over to me, and I began putting my own ideas into practice.'

"He is master of a half-section of fine bottom land equipped with buildings and conveniences usually found on a modern farmer's place. But it was not up to his idea, and the changes he has made and the new ideas he has put into practice are a good exhibit of what may be expected in western farming in the future.

"He began with the barn. A wind-mill had furnished the pumping power, but winds were uncertain. He built an engine-house and installed a four-horsepower gasoline engine. From this he ran shafting and belts until the workroom looks like a section of a factory, as indeed it is in a large sense.

"He learned that grain is better feed when ground, and a feed-grinder was put in. Then an elevator that would carry the grain to storage rooms above where, if necessary, 12,000 bushels can be cared for, was added. 'I do not propose to sell grain except on foot; it is more profitable that way,' said he.

"Pipes were laid carrying water to all parts of the farm yard and to the house, where the conveniences of a city water system are enjoyed. Tanks

give the cattle and hogs plenty of fresh water constantly, and it requires but the starting of the engine to set all the machinery in motion.

"'These are things that any farmer can have,' explained the young manager. 'It makes the handling of stock easy. It is especially easy and convenient for me, for I am a dairy farmer, remember.'

"To carry out this, the most important part of his ideas, required another innovation most interesting of all.

"The big barn was divided into long rows of stalls for the cows. Each animal has a swinging iron neck holder that gives it ample liberty yet keeps it in place.

"In front of each row is an iron pipe, air-tight, leading to a vacuum tank in the power-room, where are indicators telling of the air pressure. The engine pumps the air out of the tank and so out of the pipes, leaving a suction that is used to operate milking machines, of which eight are installed. These are the ordinary type used in the agricultural colleges and can be operated by a boy.

"'It takes us about an hour to do the milking of thirty cows,' explained the young manager. 'We shall have forty cows soon, and it will take no longer then. It is not profitable to use the milking machines with less than forty cows because of the expense of installation. Something like \$500 is invested in this apparatus. But it helps solve the hired-man problem. Few men like to milk. In the foreign countries and in some parts of this country where dairying by hand has been the custom for a long series of years it is easy to get milkers. The western hired man balks at two or three hours milking daily. This makes it difficult to secure help on the farm if attention is given to dairying. With these machines it is different. Any hired man will manage the machinery and likes it, for he is relieved

from the drudgery of the actual work himself. There will be easier work managing this farm than ever before and I expect to make more money out of it, too.'

"This is the first milking machinery this county has possessed, and the process is interesting. Compared with the old-fashioned way of struggling with flies and cows' tails in the hot summer days, it looks like play. The turn of a lever and the milk is gently taken from the udders and streams into the pails faster than the best milker can accomplish the task.

"It is rather unusual to find a farmer discussing the relative values of food products scientifically, but it is what one should expect from a young man who has two degrees from a college. When he talks of his future it is with the same broad showing of ability and study.

"I have a few theories that I want to demonstrate," he put it. "One is that of feeds and feeding, to get the greatest results from the material used. Then there is economy of production both in the field and at the barn. Balanced nutrition which will bring my cows through with the greatest possible production is a part of it, and economic breeding for the points desired is important. These four things are my ambition and I am working toward that end."

Editor The Alumnus:

A round dozen of alumni and former students of K. S. A. C. met on the evening of January first at the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Haselwood, 903 Filbert street, Oakland, Cal. We were to gather at 7:30, and by 8 o'clock all were present. The house was prettily decorated in royal purple, and under the influence of the College colors College spirit quickly manifested itself, old acquaintances were soon renewed, and reminiscences of the days spent on the "Hill" trav-

eled back and forth, interspersed with the happenings of more recent date.

In the midst of the chatter going on, a special delivery letter was received by our hostess from Lillian Bridgman, '86, expressing regret at not being able to be present and extending greetings and good wishes for the New Year to all present. Soon the ladies gathered around the piano and sang the College song for us, after which we listened to several musical numbers by Mrs. R. C. Mitchell and Mrs. L. W. Fielding (Crete Spencer, '05). Our hostess now served light refreshments, and during the lull that followed the storm of conversation suggested the forming of an Alumni Association.

W. J. Wilkinson, '05, was sentenced to sit in the chair and then called on all present for remarks. As the unanimous sentiment favored the step, we proceeded to elect permanent officers and a committee to draw up a constitution and by-laws. F. W. Haselwood, '01, was elected president; M. S. Cole, '02, vice-president; and Maud (Zimmerman) Haselwood, '02, secretary-treasurer. A. J. Reed, '03, M. S. Cole and R. C. Mitchell will prepare the constitution, which will be presented at a meeting to be called later in the winter. Midnight arrived all too quickly, and the guests reluctantly departed with many expressions of pleasure to host and hostess for the pleasant evening. There were present: Lucy Waters, '94, F. W. Haselwood, '01, E. W. Doane, '01, Maud (Zimmerman) Haselwood '02, M. S. Cole, '02, and Mrs. Cole, A. J. Reed, '03, Retta Womer, '04, R. C. Mitchell, ex-'04, and Mrs. Mitchell, L. W. Fielding, '05, Crete (Spencer) Fielding, '05, and her mother, W. J. Wilkinson, '05, and Mrs. Wilkinson. Those who live near San Francisco, but who were unable to be present, are: May (Doane) Greenough, '04, E. E. Greenough, '06, Lillian Bridgman, '86, A. L. Worswick, Leon Davis,

Frank Neal, Rose Wilkinson, and Elmer Sieber. These will in all probability become members of our association. It is a curious fact that until the past summer there has at no time been a larger number of permanent resident alumni than six or eight, hence an association has not previously been formed.

E. W. DOANE, '01.

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*Editor Alumnus:*

I thank you very much for your good letter of the 21st and also for throwing the illuminating rays of your editorial upon my article. As I have apparently "started something" I feel it incumbent upon me to participate in the fracas which will doubtless follow.

In the first place, I want to confess that my principal motive in writing the opening sentence of "Christmas Thoughts" was based on the knowledge of human nature, which told me that ninety per cent of mankind, if they read the first sentence, would read the rest of the article just to prove that the author did not know what he was talking about. At least I know that is what I would have done, and I hate to believe that I am a great deal worse than the rest of the alumni. Having made my confession I will reply to the questions raised in your editorial by stating that, while I invariably read the editorials in the ALUMNUS first, I go over the other contributions very thoroughly, and not from a sense of duty I assure you. There is real pleasure in reading such articles as you publish.

Anyone who did not read R. S. Kellogg's account of his trip to Alaska missed as entertaining and instructive an article as I have ever read. The modest member of the class of 1903 who wrote on scientific mind-reading at least told as much to the lay reader as Henry James has ever done in a lifetime of effort along those lines, for she gave both sides of the

question and left herself and her readers standing in the middle alongside of Professor James.

The football review is intensely interesting and makes old grads. swell with pride like the man who "knew George Eliot when he was a little boy."

I will not take your time to give my individual approval to the other articles, but the whole issue is a delight, not only because of associations but intrinsic merit.

I hope that you will get many replies to your interrogatory, and trust that you are being properly supported not only by the alumni who write articles but by those who write checks.

Very truly yours,

J. U. HIGINBOTHAM, '86.

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Editor Alumnus:

The current number of the ALUMNUS has just been received and read, *including the editorials*, and I feel moved to express my opinion concerning the point raised therein. What do we read in the ALUMNUS? Well, I read all there is printed on its pages, beside a good deal in between the lines. I simply devour it from cover to cover, not even missing the "ads." Perhaps this is because I am of more recent times and "my enthusiasm still is fresh and my shell not too hard." (You may have found it pretty hard when trying to puncture it for literary matter for the ALUMNUS.) I'll confess that I turn first to the personal items and then to the locals, but everything gets its share of attention, and when I am through reading I start all over again so as to be sure I have not missed anything.

I think you chose a very opportune time to ask our opinion of the literary matter, as it seems to me this December number is the best we have had for some time. On second thought, I believe the reason this number is so enjoyable is because there is so much about the doings at College to-day—the football article,

and so on. We who are too far away to get many local papers become simply starved for College news. Not personals, of course, except concerning alumni or old-timers, but just the story of the College itself—its organizations and departments and what they are all doing. We enjoy the ALUMNUS as it is, but keep us more in touch with the College life and we will rise up and call you blessed.

JOSEPHINE EDWARDS, '05.
Candaigua, N. Y.

Dear Alumnus:

Recently my good fortune was to be in San Francisco, and having some spare time I decided to cross the bay to see the Oakland College people. I found a number, and I'm going to take the liberty to "tell on them." Roland Mitchell, former student and a brother of Bob's, lives right near the train I left on Seventh street. His wife is an Oakland girl. Mitchell is an engineer for a candy company in Berkeley. Just a block from the Mitchells I found Maud "Zim," '02, and her husband, Fred Hazelwood, '01. They have a beautiful home, and spend their spare time sight-seeing in the bay cities and taking in the big university games. The day before I was there they had been to Palo Alto and witnessed the big Stanford-Berkeley game. Hazelwood is the resident civil engineer there for the Western Pacific Railroad. Will Doane was near there, doing a job of contract work for the Western Pacific. Between contracting jobs Doane is interested in a ranch at Merced. "Zim" told me of Lily and Jay Secrest being in the city part of the summer. The former attended the Heald Dixon College and the latter kept busy with real estate. Our esteemed ex-Regent Secrest spent the last few months visiting at Vancouver Island. She also told me of a visit from Allan Cooper, '07, when she with her father visited the West during August. Crete

(Spencer) Fielding, '05, and mother had been there recently. Lathrop Fielding, '05, is with the Home Telephone Company in San Francisco. To my surprise I found M. S. Cole, '02. He had just lately moved from Santa Cruz and works across the Bay for the Southern Pacific Railroad as draftsman. Mrs. Cole is a Garnett girl, and knows so many of the "big family" from there that she easily drops in with the crowd. Near the Coles live A. L. Worswick and W. J. Wilkinson, '05. Both are living up to Professor Walters' teaching and are architects. Out quite a distance on Broadway, A. J. Reed, '03, Laura (Paulsen) Reed and little Dorothy Reed enjoy life. Reed was transferred here from Chicago by the Western Electric Company, thinking it would benefit his wife's health, and the change has been beneficial. Retta Womer, '04, was visiting Mrs. Reed. My boat at the pier was soon going, so I had no more time to hunt up others there. I inquired if they had an association formed, and some of them told me that they hadn't formed one because if they did Seattle would feel so small. Now I want to say if you want to "sight see" go to Oakland. It is the most beautiful city in the West, and Oh, the good fruit those K. S. A. C. people did stuff a body with!

400 Central Ave.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Editor Alumnus:

I wish you would please make note of our new address, in the ALUMNUS. We are always glad to read about our College friends, where they are and what they are doing, and we also want them to know where we are so that when any of them happen to come our way we may see them. It is about as a College friend once said: "How this funny old world does shake us around, like so many dice." Well, it does seem that way, yet each day has

brought new pleasures, and the more one travels in the United States, the more one appreciates the beauties of our own country. I never half realized what grand scenery we have until this summer on our trip on the scenic route over the Rocky Mountains to California.

After leaving Manhattan last January, we went to Jonesboro, Ark., where we lived about six months. This is a place of about ten thousand, and we enjoyed our stay there very much, having made many good friends. From there we went to Chicago, where we stayed for about two months, missing the hot weather of the South and enjoying the many places of interest in the city—likewise our trip across Lake Michigan.

On leaving Chicago, September 20, we started for San Francisco, where we were to live, stopping on our way to make a short visit in Kansas City and one in Manhattan. We could not stay long enough in the latter place to see many of our old friends. We had another stop-over at Colorado Springs and we also visited Manitou, the Garden of the Gods, and many other interesting places. We enjoyed one of the grandest of trips over the mountains—the scenic route through Colorado.

And now that we are here in California there is so much to see that it keeps us busy sight-seeing.

San Francisco has undergone a wonderful transformation since the earthquake and fire of 1906; in fact, it is a newly built city and there is very little evidence of the disaster.

We have already found several K. S. A. C. people in our vicinity, but the only one we have seen, as yet, is Maud (Zimmerman) Haselwood, '02, and she and her husband are living in Oakland, which is only a twenty-minute ride across the bay. We understand there are others living in Oakland and Berkeley, so we may yet find enough to have some alumni

meetings for those in this part of the state, since we are too far away to join those of Southern California.

Wishing the ALUMNUS continued success, I remain, Sincerely,

CRETE (SPENCER) FIELDING, '05.

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*Dear Fellow Alumni:*

We have made at least one good resolution this year, and that is to subscribe for the ALUMNUS, which we have neglected heretofore. We have not lost interest in our Alma Mater, by any means, but have been very busy since coming here last June, where I have a position as foreman on a 1700-acre ranch in the fertile valley of the Sacramento river. It keeps me very busy, but I like the work. We like California immensely, so far, and expect to buy a little alfalfa ranch before long. E. Willis Doane, '01, was here for the holidays and said that the alumni of Oakland are going to organize an association.

With best wishes for a Happy New Year for ALUMNUS and alumni, we remain,

Sincerely yours,

E. E. Greenough, '06,

May (Doane) Greenough, '04.

Rio Vista, Cal.

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Institute Week.

Another Farmers' Institute, the greatest ever held for Kansas farmers, was in session at the College during the Christmas holidays. Farmers and farmers' wives, sons and daughters came from all parts of the State; and not only these, but dairymen, millers, poultry men, stock men, good roads men and all, were here to receive all the good that was their's for the taking.

The forenoons were spent in the laboratory and demonstration classes offered by different departments in the College, such as domestic science, grain judging, poultry judging, and stock judging.

In the afternoon, programs were held in the several departments and

the night programs were held in the Auditorium. A more industrious and enthusiastic class of students has never been upon the campus, and the benefit which they received from that week's work, and which the State of Kansas will receive through them, is too big to determine.

Local Notes.

The poultry department has arranged a plan to send out over the State eggs from pure-bred poultry, free of charge. Anyone who desires to take advantage of this opportunity should write to A. G. Philips, K. S. A. C.

The first series of intersociety debating preliminaries will be held very soon. The Debating Council has placed the order of the contestants as follows: Athenians *versus* Alpha Betas; Eurodelphians *versus* Websters; Hamiltons *versus* Ionians. The Franklins will later meet the winning team from the last-named debate. The judges for these contests will be Professors Kammeyer, Johnston, and Cortelyou; Ministers Burbank, Fisher, and Bright; Lawyers Brock, Springer, and Evans. These preliminaries are held in preparation for the debate with Fairmount College, at Wichita. Six speakers must be chosen for this debate and, according to the system followed, each society has opportunity to place its team of three members as one half of the team representing the College proper.

For a time last fall it seemed that the question of intersociety debates had rather crowded out the usual interest in the annual oratorical contest. Now, however, as January 29 draws nearer, some of the accustomed enthusiasm is beginning to manifest itself. The fact that so many society members are preparing themselves to win places on the College debating team is probably responsible for the small list of aspirants in the pre-

liminary contests of some of the societies. The societies to be represented and their respective contestants are as follows: Alpha Beta, Clyde McKee; Eurodelphian, Lilla Farmer; Webster, James Bond; Hamilton, E. A. Vaughn; Athenian, L. G. Folsom; Ionian, Wilma Orem; Franklin, Jesse Keeble.

The following amendments have been made to the constitution of the Intersociety Oratorical Association:

SECTION 1. All quotations must be enclosed in quotation marks. Any infringement of this rule shall be considered plagiarism, which shall incur forfeiture of rank. Each contestant shall be allowed 200 words of quotation.

SEC. 2. For every word of quotation more than 200, the fraction four one-hundredths shall be deducted from the sum of the contestant's grades.

SEC. 3. For every word more than 1800 in an oration, the fraction one one-hundredth shall be deducted from the sum of the contestant's grades.

Basis for grading orations. Delivery:

I. Physical expression.

- (a) Bearing—10.
- (b) Gesture—20.

II. Vocal technique.

- (a) Articulation—20.
- (b) Rate—20.
- (c) Inflection—10.
- (d) Quality—10.
- (e) Force—10.

Total, 100 per cent.

The New Regent.

Thomas Blodgett, of Wichita, will succeed the late Col. W. A. Harris as a member of the Board of Regents. Mr. Blodgett is a wholesale merchant in Wichita, Kan., and is the business manager of the Kansas Magazine Publishing Company.

Basket-Ball.

- K. S. A. C., 60; Fort Riley, 6.
- K. S. A. C., 27; Nebraska, 15.
- K. S. A. C., 61; Baker Univ., 39.

EDITORIAL

It is perhaps early to begin to talk about Commencement, yet we hope that many of the alumni are already planning to come to Manhattan at that time. This year there will be an added feature to the exercises of Commencement week which should bring such a crowd that the town will be filled and overflowing with visitors. The annual musical festival, which has heretofore been given early in the spring term, will this year take place on the Monday of Commencement week. Extensive preparations are already under way to make this event by far the finest musical treat which the College and town has ever known. This, to be sure, is the foreword of every annual affair, and as regards the annual concert, the promise that it would be "the best ever given here" has been fulfilled on each occasion. This year, however, since it is to be a part of Commencement, the plans are so unusually elaborate as to place it in another class from the concerts previously given. The celebrated Hinshaw Grand Opera Quartet, of Chicago, has been secured, and anyone who heard the two members of this quartet who sang in last year's concert will have some idea of the exquisite music in store for this year. The quartet will give a matinee concert in the afternoon. In the grand concert that evening they will assist the Choral Union in "The Holy City" and in the mixed program preceding, when their selections will be chiefly from grand opera. This is a new venture for the Music Department and its success or failure will depend upon the way it is supported by students, alumni, and friends of the College. Everyone who can possibly do so should plan to visit the College at

that time and help to make this Commencement the greatest in the history of the College and the forerunner of others even greater.

We rejoice in so many expressions of opinion in answer to our question: "What kind of material do you want to find in the ALUMNUS?" We are especially glad of the suggestion that the ALUMNUS contain more about the College life of every-day student movements and department news, and we shall endeavor to act upon it. This month has brought in many more than the usual number of letters from graduates of the College, with a word or two, and sometimes more, of what they are doing and how the world moves with them. Such letters, long or short, are what we "long have sought," and it is superfluous to say that we hope they may continue to come in.

We are glad to announce in this issue the formation of a branch Alumni Association in Oakland, Cal. Letters to the ALUMNUS from that part of the world indicate an abundance of good, strong K. S. A. C. spirit which we wish might invade and infect other sections where associations might be organized. Especially do we desire to see the organization of county clubs in this State. County clubs among the students are growing in numbers and importance. Each one has for its aim the pushing of College interests, and each is doing good work. In a number of counties the alumni population is considerable, and good, strong organizations might be perfected. There is much that the alumni can do for the College, and once more we plead for organization.

The Rushmore Prize.

Sometime last year we announced that Mr. H. C. Rushmore, '79, had offered three prizes, aggregating one hundred dollars, to students in the class of 1909 who should write the best theses under the Department of Philosophy on some subject under social psychology. The first prize of fifty dollars was won by Miss Lulu Porter, whose subject was: "A Young Woman's Preparation for Her Life Work." The second prize, thirty dollars, went to Miss Alberta Wenkheimer, who wrote upon "Instructing Children in Relation to Fear." Mr. Albert G. Kittell won the prize of twenty dollars, with his thesis: "Determining a Young Man's Vocation." The results of the contest were announced at Commencement time, after the June ALUMNUS was out, and during the summer vacation the matter grew dim in the editor's mind. Recently a slight incident recalled the fact that it had been overlooked and now, late as it is, we are glad to bring up this incident of Mr. Rushmore's generosity and characteristic "push."

Death of Regent Harris.

Regent William Alexander Harris, former United States Senator from Kansas, died in Chicago, December 20, of heart disease. The funeral was held four days later in Lawrence, Kan. Of his life and death, Regent W. E. Blackburn writing in the *Anthony Republican* says:

"The press reports a death this week that brings sorrow to Kansas. It was the passing of a kindly, cultured gentleman, Wm. A. Harris; sometime an officer in the confederate army, later a surveyor on the Union Pacific railway, a Democratic member of the State senate, of congress, and of the United States senate. A man of ideas and ideals. Honest, capable, of unswerving fidelity to a trust, he had the respect and con-

fidence of all. As a candidate for governor, his great popularity reduced the republican majority of Kansas from seventy-five thousand to less than two thousand. As a public man the writer has long respected him and considered his forcing the Union Pacific syndicate to pay fifteen millions more of the money they had borrowed from the United States than they had planned to pay, the greatest single achievement of any Kansan. It has been his privilege to be associated with Senator Harris on the Board of Regents of the Kansas State Agricultural College the past year, and from that more intimate knowledge his admiration for this great man steadily increased. To every subject he brought a clarity of vision, a fairness of mind, a trained analysis, a sincerity of purpose, a personal consideration and a directness of thought and speech that made him an authority and a source of much strength. It will be a long time before we look upon his like again."

There is an excellent plan on foot among the College students and instructors to form a student employment association, the aim of which shall be to afford more and better opportunities for self-supporting students. Prof. W. E. King, of the Bacteriology Department, says of the movement: "While the primary aim of a Student Employment Association relates to the financial welfare of the students, its opportunities lie in other directions as well. The successful maintenance of this coöperative plan will tend to keep our students in College until the completion of their courses, it will bring more students to College, and it will advertise the good name and wholesome character of our institution. The project should be encouraged by every loyal student, alumnus and friend of the College. The whole proposition is a good one."



PERSONAL



A son was born October 30 to S. W. Wright, '06, and Mrs. Wright.

Robert E. Williams, '07, is practicing veterinary medicine at Nebraska City, Neb.

Ruth Smith, a former student, is now a graduate nurse in Stewart Hospital, Hutchinson, Kan.

Minnie L. Copeland, '98, asks to have her ALUMNUS sent to 918 Topeka Avenue, Topeka, Kan.

Bertha Bull, sophomore in 1908, was married on December 23 to Mr. James Johnson, at Eugene, Ore.

Myrtle Oskins, '09, finished her course at Christmas and is assisting in the Secretary's office for the present.

William Anderson and Neva (Larson) Anderson, former members of the '09 class, are living at Tescott, Kan.

C. J. Axtell, '04, has recently accepted a position with the International Railway Company at Buffalo, N. Y.

Adriano P. Alcazar, '09, is in the employ of the Bureau of Public Works, constructing roads in the Island of Panay, P. I.

Judge Sam Kimble, '73, will be one of the speakers at the third annual conference of the district judges of Kansas, to be held in Topeka, January 26.

In a recent issue, the Grand Forks (N. D.) *Daily Times* praises the work of Mabel Hazen, '09, in the domestic science department of the public schools in Larimore, N. D.

Three former students, Earle Dewey, George Avery, and William Starwell, are members of a dramatic company which is touring the southern states, playing "A Knight for a Day."

Aline Robidoux, a former student, was married, December 29, at her home in Wallace, Kan., to Mr. Frank Madigan. Mr. and Mrs. Madigan will be at home in Wallace after February 1.

We announce with sadness the death of Mrs. Bertha H. Thompson, wife of C. H. Thompson, '93, at their home in St. Louis. Mrs. Thompson died of pneumonia on January 3, after an illness lasting ten days. There are two children, a girl of four and a baby boy one year old, left motherless.

Will Hall and Gertrude (Lyman) Hall, of Washington, D. C., are making preparations to move to Madison, Wis., where Mr. Hall will take charge of the government and state laboratory at the state university. They are much pleased with the prospective change, as Mrs. Hall's sister, Mrs. D. H. Otis, is also located at Madison, Mr. Otis being employed in the agricultural department of the University. Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Otis are daughters of Dr. and Mrs. L. J. Lyman, of this city, and have many friends here. —*Manhattan Republic, January 13.*

Corinne (Failyer) Kyle, '03, and her little daughter Claudia, after a two-months' visit with Maude (Failyer) Kinzer, '03, and other relatives, left Manhattan the first of the month to join C. H. Kyle, '03, in Washington, D. C. Mr. Kyle is there for the winter in the Bureau of Plant Industry, but they will return in the spring to North Augusta, S. C. With headquarters at that place, Mr. Kyle will continue his work in corn investigations in the southeastern states. The Kyles are pleased with the South and have purchased lots in North Augusta with the intention of building a home there within a year or two.

Fred Fockele, '01, is mayor of Waverly, Kan.

Eleanor March, '09, is taking graduate work in College.

L. L. King, '09, is in the employ of the Santa Fé at Topeka.

Stella Finlayson, '07, is postmistress in her home town of Summerfield, Kan.

George Gasser, '05, was married last month to a young lady in Kodiak, Alaska.

Dr. F. W. Caldwell, '07, is practicing veterinary medicine in Atchison, Kan.

Louis B. Bender, '04, is a lieutenant in the Coast Artillery school at Fort Monroe, Va.

J. H. Criswell, '89, asks to have his address changed from Ames, Ia., to Winona Lake, Ind.

Hugo Schild, '09, is an electrical engineer for the Chas. Wolf Packing Company, at Topeka, Kan.

C. H. Carr and Ray Ramage, both former students, have entered College this term as juniors in the electrical course.

M. R. Shuler, '06, is living on his claim near Dallas, S. Dak. He says it is very cold there but that he is enjoying it.

Grace Maurine is the name of a daughter born December 16, 1909, to H. B. Hubbard, '07, and Nellie (Baird) Hubbard, '05.

George Christy, '09, and Miss Lily Sherman were married on December 26 and are at home to their friends at Mancos, Colo.

Gertrude Grizzell, '08, writes that her father has bought a home at Sterling, Kan., and that they have moved there from Clafin.

Miss Antonetta Becker, of the Domestic Art Department, was called to her home in Woodstown, N. J., just before Christmas, on account of the sudden death of her mother.

Jasper E. Brady, student from 1880 to 1883, lives in South Bend, Ind., where he is an officer in the Modern Life Insurance Company.

John F. Ross, '02, is in Washington, D. C., on government work for the winter, but expects to return to Amarillo, Texas, in February.

E. W. Jones, '09, is meeting with abundant success in his position as general manager of the electric light plant and water-works at Waverly, Kan.

George C. Hall, '96, has purchased the printing plant of the *Riley County Democrat* and will move it to Green, Kan., where he expects to publish a weekly newspaper.

Mr. and Mrs. Cook and baby, of Effingham, Kan., attended the State Farmers' Institute. Mrs. Cook was of the class of 1907 and Mr. Cook is a former special student.

The following alumni attended the Veterinary Association held January 5-6, at the College: Dr. A. T. Kinsley, '99, Dr. Fred Caldwell, '07, Dr. C. E. Bassler, '07, Dr. M. G. Smith, '08.

Ruth Neiman, '06, and Marion Neiman, junior last term, have the sympathy of many friends in the loss of their mother. Mrs. Neiman died on January 1 in a hospital in Newton, Kan. The funeral was held at their home in Whitewater and interment made in the Whitewater cemetery.

Eusebia (Mudge) Thompson, '93, writes to the ALUMNUS: "In support of your theory I will say that I, for one, usually read the ALUMNUS through from cover to cover, editorials included, though I will admit that I often begin with the personals and read the front pages last! Not because I do not enjoy the literary department, for I do, very much, but I think we are all anxious to keep in touch with our friends of College days and so we look first of all for items about our classmates."

Lieut. Glen Edgerton, '04, spent the holidays with his parents in Manhattan.

H. A. McLennon, '08, is secretary and treasurer of the Atchison County Farmers' Institute.

Dan Walters, '09, has a position with the Stanton Architect Company, of Topeka.

Twenty members of the class of 1908 enjoyed a social reunion at the home of Hallie Smith, '08, December 27.

Mamie Frey, '07, is teaching domestic science in the Chase county high school at Cottonwood Falls, Kan.

Mrs. J. G. McKeen, mother of Madge (McKeen) Axelton, '01, died on December 11 at her home in Keats, Kan.

Walter King, '09, is teaching manual training and mechanical drawing in the State Reformatory at Hutchinson.

Valjean Biddison, former student, has been admitted to the bar and is practising law with his uncle in Tulsa, Okla.

Cecil Barnett, '09, finished her work in College at the close of the winter term and has gone to her home in Orange, Cal.

Hellen Huse, '08, accompanied Prof. Mary P. Van Zile on her visit to eastern schools of domestic science, during the holidays.

Prof. A. M. TenEyck was elected president of the American Association of Agronomists at the meeting held in Omaha the first week in December.

Vincente G. Manalo, '08, was married last month in the Philippines. Mr. Manalo is chief engineer of eight coast guard boats in the coast guard service.

Anna (O'Daniel) Amos, '03, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. O'Daniel, and her little son, has gone to Gainesville, Fla., to spend the remainder of the winter with her sister, Mary (O'Daniel) Scott, '04.

Marie Fenton, '09, is giving lectures and demonstrations in domestic science for the farmers' institute department of the University of Wisconsin.

E. O. Sisson, '86, is president of the Educational Council of the Washington Educational Association, which met December 28 to 30 at Tacoma, Wash.

Blanche Stevens, '05, is spending the winter in Arizona and California. During her stay in the west she will visit Nellie (McCoy) Cover, '05, in Pasadena, Cal.

Prof. Mary P. VanZile lectured at the Home Economics Convention in Boston, last month, on the subject, "The Practical Use of Things Made in the Laboratory."

J. S. Montgomery, '07, who was employed by the Animal Husbandry Department last summer and fall, has become an assistant in animal husbandry in the University of Minnesota.

Josephine Finley, '98, resigned her position as stenographer to Prof. Albert Dickens, last month, to become instructor in domestic science in the Soldiers' Orphans' Home in Atchison, Kan.

Prof. W. H. Andrews and eight members of the Y. M. C. A., Flora Hull, Y. W. C. A. secretary, and four Y. W. C. A. girls, attended the general association held in Rochester, N. Y., last month.

Nobuzo Kawai, '09, writes that he is enjoying his work as a graduate student in the University of Wisconsin and that he has met a number of former students of the College. His special subject is animal husbandry.

Guy Yerkes, '06, is working with the T. H. Stannard nursery at Ottawa, Kan., this winter, in order to gain some experience in nursery work on a large scale. Mr. Yerkes will use this experience for the benefit of the Yerkes nursery at Hutchinson.

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Cards are out announcing the marriage of John A. McKenzie, '01, and Miss Helen King on December 29 at Solomon, Kan. They will be at home after March 1 at Solomon.

Secretary William Davis, of the Y. M. C. A., has announced his resignation, which will take effect March 1. Mr. Davis began the work two years ago and both he and Mrs. Davis have made many friends among the town and College people. Mr. Davis will take charge of his father's farm near Clearwater, Kan.

The December issue of the *Kansas Magazine* contains the likenesses of Dr. S. W. Williston, '72, and John U. Higinbotham, '86, among others accompanying the article: "Kansans in Chicago," by William W. Loomis, of the Chicago Press Club. In the same issue is found a picture of Vera E. Holloway, '09, as teacher of domestic science and art in the Pratt County (Kansas) High School.

The contract for the building of Nichols Gymnasium has not been let, for the reason that all the bids were too high for the limit set by the available appropriation. The plans will have to be modified somewhat, though there will be no noticeable change from the original plans. The date for the completion of the building is set for September, 1911.

WASHINGTON ALUMNI.

G. H. Failyer, '77, has been elected president of the Washington (D. C.) branch of the American Chemical Society.

Glen Edgerton, '04, and Earl Wheeler, '05, are both to be found at the Officers' Club, Washington Barracks, D. C., this winter. Call Main 6571.

Roland McKee, postgraduate in '05, is now in Washington, D. C., where his work in the Bureau of Plant Industry will keep him for the winter months.

Business meeting of the Washington Alumni was held December 13 at Nickolas Schmitz', '04, Riverdale, Md. They report a busy time electing officers.

Prof. A. S. Hitchcock, formerly professor of botany, is busily engaged working up his collections which he secured last summer in Alaska. R. S. Kellogg, '96, who accompanied him on the trip, spoke for himself in the December number of the ALUMNUS.

Miss Julia R. Pearce, associated with Dr. L. J. Briggs in soil physics, Department of Agriculture, who was developing her suburban place near Washington during the summer months, moved into winter quarters in the city the first of December to be nearer her work during snow storms.

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The Harlans (H. V. and Augusta) are in Washington for the winter. In spite of their long sojourn in the tropics, they look much the same as they used to in College days.

Miss Jessie Minis, former student, is kept busy with her nursing work in Washington and suburbs. She reports Margaret (Minis) Snodgrass and son well and happy in far-off Alaska.

Flora Rose, a former assistant, and graduate with the '04's, reports a busy year at Cornell University, with their facilities taxed to the uttermost to accommodate all their domestic science students.

A daughter arrived at the home of M. A. Carleton, '87, during the month of November.

Mrs. Henrietta W. Calvin, '86, is having a busy and prosperous year at Purdue University, LaFayette, Ind. Ethel Berry, '07, is her able assistant in the extension work. Her daughter Ruth is a senior at Purdue this year.

J. B. S. Norton, '96, botanist of Maryland Experiment Station, was recently called upon to assist in the location of the prospective site of a large orchard in western Maryland. His work in orchard inspection makes him a specialist in this line.

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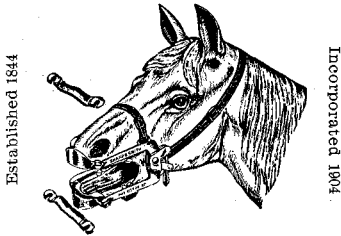
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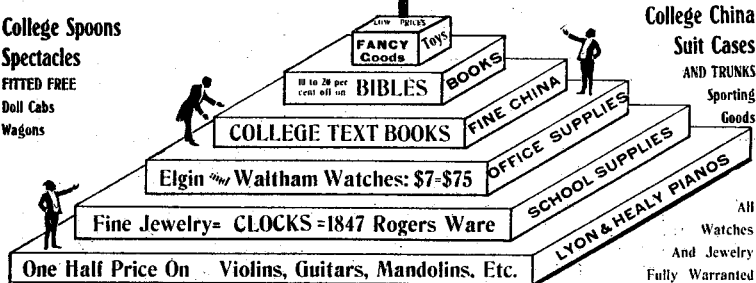
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