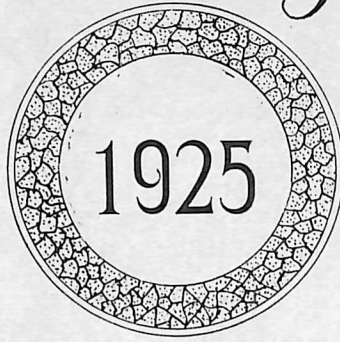


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"Blame where you must, be candid where you can,
And be each critic the good-natured man."

Undoubtedly much criticism has been lavished upon the editors of Hermes for material published, errors in writing, pictures printed, etc. We hope the criticism has been candid and uttered in a spirit of good nature. We know that there has been ample room for criticism, but remember—be not too severe.

"In every work regard the writer's end,

Since none can compass more than they intend."

It is often difficult to get material for Hermes. The editor asks one and another only to get this reply, "I haven't the time." He is indeed happy when, at last, he has found one who is willing to write. The staff appreciates every favor shown our college paper, and at this time wishes to thank all who have rendered service—contributors, subscribers, and advertisers.

This is the last issue which the

present staff will edit. It is our hope that the new staff may receive the same co-operation and that Hermes may grow to be a greater and better paper.

COLLEGE SPIRIT

College spirit may be defined as that intangible something which binds together the young men and women of a particular school with a bond of fellowship and good will toward each other and their **alma mater**. Although it is distinctively characteristic of the particular college to which it belongs, it has, in its general and greater sense, certain definite qualities. True college spirit is never selfish. It does not permit a student to seek his own advantage to the detriment of his fellow-students or the institution of which he is a part. It leads him to help himself by working for the common interests of the school. It encourages him to put forth his best efforts, not for his own personal gains alone, but also that he may add to the good name of the college which has contributed to his training. In athletics, college spirit is not pessimistic. It has confidence in the college team and is enthusiastic in the loyal in supporting it. True college spirit is not boastful. It is never loud or blatant in proclaiming its superiority, but realizes that true merit needs no herald. In victory it is calm and considerate of its opponent; in defeat it is not envious or bitter, but manly and determined to do better next time. It does not fail to show true sportsmanship and fairness in all contests, and it never stoops to dishonesty or mean tricks as a means to victory. It does not dispute the decision of a contest even when it may appear unfair. It is not blind to the faults or evils which may exist in the school, but strives to overcome and eliminate them. It realizes that the standards of a school are reflected in the conduct of the students. In short, college spirit, in its best sense, is a power which inspires all the members of a college to strive together for all that is noble and good.

A. E. J.

TRUE AMERICANIZATION

Tillman M. Sogge

Historians, in their unveiling of events and in their characterization of peoples, paint a picture of early Americans which brings pride to every American's heart.

As Americans, they were our forefathers. As the people thought, wrote, and worked so was their civilization. They framed our government, sowed the seeds of our American literature, invoked a sincere spirit into religion, statesmanship, and education.

A prominent American writer has said, "The most characteristic element of the early American migrations was religious, and that not by convention and conformity, but by conscience and conviction." The Puritanic sturdiness was not merely external. It was only visible outwardly, but was really an expression or an outpouring of the fountain of strength within. Such internal power was based on a deep religious conviction, followed by a definiteness of purpose together with sincerity and concentration for the fulfillment of such a purpose. The early American was strong from within because of a loftiness of ideals, on unmixed purpose, a purity and beauty of thought which only can come from close communion with the Divine and Supreme God. Such is the heritage of Americans.

Are we true Americans? Do we possess the above named characteristics? America has followed the movements, or rather may have been an instigator and a leader of our newer liberalism, the attitude of question and doubt. Whether this is entirely or only partly justified is not the purpose of this writing.

We are living in an age of indifference. We find a great number merely drifting in the maelstrom of life. Everywhere we see an attitude of carefreeness evident. May it not be wise that we stop and consider the early Americans in contrast?

We need to acquire that definiteness of purpose based upon a firm, individual belief in God; based on conviction. Only through a revelation of the Divine plan can we acquire such purpose, and with the help of God endeavor to attain it.

This does not apply only to America in general. It applies to us at

Dana College, both faculty and students. We need to learn God's purpose with us and then overcome such indifference by a concentrated effort towards the accomplishments of such ends. Our greatest strength can come from a deep, inner communion or fellowship with the Divine which can help us to make our lives worth living.

1925

Ja, hvad siger dette Tal egentlig? Dersom vi vil være stille en Stund, og lade det tale til os, saa vil vi faa at se, at det har meget at sige. Det fortæller os, at hvor vi for en kort Tid siden skrev 1924, der skriver vi nu 1925. Hvad vil det saa sige? Har du egentlig tænkt over det? Det vil sige, at vi har sluttet et Aar, som nu ligger bag ved os, som vi ser tilbage paa enten med Bedrøvelse eller ogsaa med Glæde, — med Bedrøvelse, dersom vi har misbrugt de Lejligheder, som 1924 gav den enkelte af os, og med Glæde, dersom vi har brugt dem som vi burde. Det vil ogsaa sige, at vi har begyndt paa et nyt Aar, som vi ikke ved, hvad vil bringe os, men som er skjult for vore Øjne. Derfor skulde vi ikke tabe Modet, men heller se paa Fremtiden med et lyst Mod. Vi kan være sikker paa, at 1925 sidder inde med mange gode Lejligheder for os, og særlig for os, som er unge og er Studenter. Lad os derfor bruge disse og ønske med Gunner Engberg et Liv saa rigt, som det nogen Sinde har været lev. Dersom dette rigtig kunde komme til at staa for os som vort Ideal for Aaret 1925, saa vil vi faa Lov til at høste mange rige Velsignelser, som vi aldrig havde tænkt os. Og da vil vi synge med Sangeren:

Sæt dig et Maal, der har Evigheds Værd,
Lad dybt i din Tanke det brændes
Og lyse dig gennem de Hindringers Hær,
Der rundt om din Villie vil spændes.
S. S. K.



HJEM IGEN Et Efteraarsbillede Af Frk. Esther Johnson

Den første Sne laa som et blødt, hvidt Tæppe paa den sorte Jord. En lille Dreng havde længe staaet ved Vinduet i den hyggelige Stue og set paa den hvid-dækkede Natur.

„Hvad tænker du paa, Morton?“ spurgte hans Moder, som ikke var vant til at se ham saa stille.

Morton svarede hende med et Spørgsmaal. „Hvorfor flyver Fuglene mod Syd om Vinteren, Moder?“

„De flyver mod Syd for at komme derhen hvor det er varmt, og hvor de mest nem kan finde Føde,“ svarede hans Moder.

„Ja, men, hvordan ved de Vejen, Moder?“

„Den kære Gud viser dem Vejen, lille Morton, fordi de tilhører ham. Han vil sørge for dem igennem Vinteren, og naar Foraaret kommer, bringer han dem tilbage igen. Endnu mere end disse elsker han dig, min Skat. Han vil være med dig, hvorhen du gaar.“

Aarene svandt, og Morton var nu en voksen Mand. Igen stod han ved Vinduet i dybe Tanker. Inde i hans Hjerte var der Kamp imellem godt og ondt. Han stod ved Skillevejen — foran ham laa den nemme brede Vej, som ledte nedad; ved Siden af gik den snævre Vej, som ledte opad. Den brede Vej fristede ham, den snævre Vej bragte Minder om hans Moder. Hvis hun kunde komme ham til Hjælp nu! Igen huskede han, at hun havde sagt, at Gud sørger for de smaa Fugle og viser dem Vejen bort fra den kolde Vinter. Havde han dog været en Flugl, saa kunde han flyve langt bort fra denne Kamp, som ingen Fred gav ham! En ny Tanke kom frem. Han vilde flygte bort og glemme det mørke, som hang over ham; han vilde være fri som Fuglen.

Ud i Verden for at søge Fred og Glæde rejste den stakkels Morton, men han fandt ingen Fred. Dybt bedrøvet kom han igen til sit Hjem. Han kunde ikke længere gaa i Ufred. Saa knælede han og bad den lille Bøn, hans Moder havde lært ham som lille Barn. Der blev Lys og Glæde i hans Sjæl.

Det var Foraars igen. Gud ledte de smaa Fugle tilbage fra deres Flugt mod Syd og de priste ham

med Sang. Det var ogsaa Foraars i Mortons Hjerte. Gud havde ledt ham tilbage fra hans Flugt, og han priste ham derfor.

RELIGION

Religion is more than the observance of rites. True religion is the essence of man's soul; it is the vital force which drives him to sacrifice everything dear to him, which compels him even to endure unspeakable tortures in order that he may live according to his religious ideals. History is filled with examples of this earnestness and zeal of the Christians. We may point to Sir Thomas More and the aged Bishop Fisher who were beheaded as traitors by Henry VIII of England because they refused to take the oath to accept the King as head of the Church. We may take the case of the Puritans who bravely suffered mutilations and death at the stake rather than accept the elaborate rites and ceremonies of the Anglican Church of England which, according to their belief, were vain and sinful. We may look upon Archbishop

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Crammer as an example of the power of religion when, though a man of delicate shrinking physical nature, at his execution he boldly thrust his right hand into the flames because

with it he had been led to sign a denial of his faith. We may consider the foreign missionaries who gladly give up life surrounded by the advantages and comforts of civiliza-

tion in order to sacrifice themselves amongst the perils of heathen lands in the service to which their religion calls them. Men may differ with respect to the importance of religious rites and ceremonies, but, when they are inspired by religion itself, they are alike earnestly and unselfishly devoted to the principles which they believe are true.

A. Jensen.



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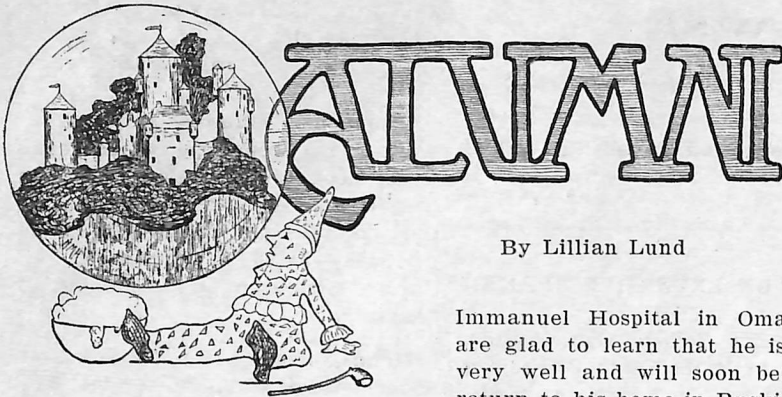
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By Lillian Lund

Lydia Peterson, '23, who has been ill at a hospital in Farmington, Minnesota, is improving in health, but is still under the care of a physician.

Juul Nielsen, Helge Borre, Smith Kirkegaard, Magnus Peterson, and Marius Hansen are continuing their study of medicine at Omaha this year. We enjoy a visit from them frequently.

Rev. Harold C. Jensen writes that the new church at Brush was dedicated Sunday, January 18th, 1925.

Rev. J. C. Carlsen recently underwent an appendicitis operation at the

Immanuel Hospital in Omaha. We are glad to learn that he is feeling very well and will soon be able to return to his home in Ruskin.

This new year has brought sickness to a number of our friends. Rev.

A. M. Nielsen of Kennard has been affected by the sleeping sickness. We are sorry to hear this, but hope and trust that he may soon be well again.

Margaret Clausen is employed as bookkeeper at the Valley Lumber Co. in Selma, California.

Herman Hurdum will graduate from Lincoln University this year, getting his A. B. and meeting his pre-medic requirement which will admit him into the Medical University at Omaha next year.

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DANA NEWS

By Ezra Jensen



On January 14th Professor Sogge, instructor of History and Economics, received the sad news of his mother's death. The faculty and students wish to extend to him their sincerest sympathy in his deep bereavement.

Last Saturday, January 17th, Professor C. N. Scott received a telephonic communication from Creston, Iowa, offering him a position as Manual Training teacher in the High School there.

Manual Training is the line of work for which Professor Scott has been preparing himself at college, and the line of work for which he has a natural inclination. The offer was very tempting and he asked to be released from his contract, and to take up work beginning with the second semester classes. While we do regret to have Professor Scott leave us, as he has given eminent satisfaction in the work and has shown great interest in students who have been under his charge, we feel that it is but natural to have a desire to take up the work for which one is particularly equipped when the opportunity presents itself.

A successful effort was made to secure a substitute for Mr. Scott for the second semester in the person of Mr. Charles Selheiser who finished his work at the Omaha University at the close of the first semester. Mr. Selheiser has majored in Physics and Mathematics and as such should be well qualified to take up the work which Mr. Scott had.

We wish Professor Scott God-speed in his new work and trust that the

associations and friendships which he has formed may ever be dear to him.

C. X. H.

CHOIR ON EXTENSIVE SPRING TOUR

The Dana College Choir, under direction of Prof. Waldo B. Nielsen, is already well under the way with preparations for a trip the latter part of April.

The choir has never before been so well balanced nor of such a large membership. Thirty-eight members are at present drilling three times a week and the Choir will be that size when touring, possibly one or two less in number.

The itinerary at present is: Council Bluffs, Ia., Harlan, Audubon, Elk Horn, Des Moines, Cedar Falls, Albert Lea, Minn., Royal, Ia., Beresford and Viborg, S. Dak., Sioux City, Fremont, Omaha, Radio broadcast. The choir sings entirely without accompaniment.

As soon as all the places of the choir's visit have been heard from, more detailed information will be published.

"The only way to have a friend is to be one". That has been my experience too. It was indeed very kind of the students to remember me with a Christmas gift, thereby showing the bond of friendship which exists. I should like to express my thanks to you in person, but believe that this little space in Hermes can do it quicker than I can see you individually. Here's taking the oppor-

tunity of thanking you all for the Christmas gift.

John E. Nielsen.

The Senior Class is seriously at work in the preparation of the 1925 Year Book. If enough subscribers can be secured a better Annual at the same price as "The Golden Horn" of 1924—\$1.50—is promised. Mr. Chris Christensen is the circulation manager.

Monday evening, Jan. 12, Dr. Alexander, head of the philosophy department at University of Nebraska, gave a very interesting lecture. His subject was "Democratic Ideals". The lecture proved very interesting, and instructive. We hope we may have the pleasure of listening to Dr. Alexander again.

On Wednesday evening, Jan. 21, the "Hedningmissions-Forening" was favored by a very interesting lecture given by Dr. Vig on the subject Christian Friedrich Schwartz. Schwartz was pictured to us as a very able and capable missionary. He was indeed a good representative of the first Protestant Foreign Mission of which we as Danes can be proud. The peculiar part about this mission is this, that although under the supervision of the Danish church and government, the missionaries sent out were Germans and the means for carrying on the work came from English sources. Dr. Vig told us many interesting events and incidents, some of which were humorous, from the life of Schwartz which showed that he was a very able missionary, educator and diplomat, not afraid to face dangers and trials, but at the same time winning the favor of the natives, who always addressed him as 'pater'.

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The first Basket Ball game of the season, was played here the evening of the 15th, between Wayne Normal and our boys. Dana made the first basket from the "tip off", and continually rolled them in from then on. The score at the end of the half was 17 to 14 in the Viking's favor. Many say that this was the fastest basket ball game ever played on this floor. Wayne came back in the second half determined to win at all costs. Luck seemed to be with them, and in a few moments they were leading by ten points. Dana, however, came back in the last few minutes of the game, and the final score was 36 to 28 in favor of Wayne.

The "Winter Students" can boast of a basket ball team this year. We have already witnessed one game between this new team and Blair High School.

Sunday afternoon meetings are being conducted as usual. A great deal of interest and enthusiasm has been shown for these meetings. The programs have been very interesting.

The Danish society "Dannevirke" has again been organized. A fairly good attendance has been reported.

The Dana College Choir gave a short program before Christmas. The

only criticism we have heard about the program is, that it was too short.

A number of new students have arrived since Christmas.

The Student Body is raising money with which to purchase a new victrola.

January 17th the Hesperian Literary Society gave a program. Dr. Hansen gave an illustrated lecture of his tour to the west. We wish to thank Dr. Hansen for sharing this with us. The Dannebrog Society has also been active. A feature of one of its programs was a talk on the Y. M.

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C. A. work in Denmark by Østergaard and a talk on a trip through Canada by Mr. Hauge, in which he also told us about the work of our church in Canada.

THE LIBRARY CORNER

It is now certain that our library will become a United States depository for government publications. Lists of the publications will be posted in the library as they arrive. Some of the more interesting publications are the following:

The patent office gazette, a weekly publication giving the lists and descriptions of patents granted.

Survey of current business, a monthly publication showing the condition of the industries in the United States.

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All the farmers' bulletins.

Health and hygiene bulletins.

Educational circulars.

National academy of sciences memoirs.

Revised statutes of the United States.

Budget estimates.

Some of the new books which have come to the library in the last few days are:

"The Abolition of War", by Sherwood Eddy and Kirby Page.

A set of six volumes of "Danmark, Land og Folk" by Daniel Bruhn.

"Dansk Tonekunst", by Anna Erlev.

"Tegninger", by Fritz Jurgensen.

Use some of these books. They were put here for you!

Carl Hjortsvang,
Librarian.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Rev. A. B. Andersen of the Lutheran Bible Institute of St. Paul, Minnesota, will conduct a Bible Conference from January 29th to February 1st.

Dr. F. D. Barker of the State University of Nebraska will deliver a lecture on "Heredity and Its Appli-

cation to Race Betterment" on the evening of Wednesday, February 4th.

Dr. P. H. Buck of the State University of Nebraska will deliver a lecture on "India Past and Present" on the evening of Saturday, February 28th.

President C. O. Solberg, D. D., of Augustana College and Normal School of Sioux Falls, S. Dakota, will deliver a lecture on "The Faith We Inherit" on the evening of Saturday, March 7th.

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We appreciate the fact that Dana College has also this year made arrangements for a series of lectures.

Just think! Examinations count 50 per cent. All our class work 50 per cent. Then also think, sometimes we have to take two or three exams in one day and sometimes at the time

of day when our mental faculties are played out. Still the exam counts 50 per cent. We would appreciate it very much if the system of our examinations would be carried on in the way they do it at the universities.

Some never think of the other fellow. That is the way many of us felt the night Dr. Alexander gave a lecture in the college chapel. Why

should a few in the gallery make noise which disturbed those who were interested in what the speaker had to say? Let us as a student body try to discourage such actions on the part of a few.

"JEST" OURSELVES

H. M.: "Where are you going?"
P. V.: "To the dentist to get my organ fixed."

H. M.: "Have you got an organ?"
P. V.: "Yes, a grind organ."

Seniors, selling ice cream and candy at recent basket ball game: "Right here for your candy and college ices."

Freshman: "Br . . . Say, you haven't got any college coffee, have yer?"

Teacher: "Mr. X, can't you wake up and recite in this class?"

Mr. X: "No, cause I ain't sleeping."

New student: "Please pardon me a minute, I must go to the office and call the publican house."

"I just got a seven dollar bill."
"Ah, where do you get that stuff, there are no seven dollar bills."

"You just try to go to the Publ. House and buy seven dollars worth of books and charge them and see if you don't get one too."

(Coming from class after a hard exam) "What did this exam remind you of?"

"It reminded me of the many things I should have studied."

C. J.: "The leaves are rustling silently above."

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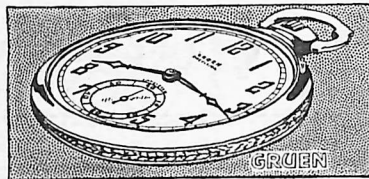
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A VISIT TO "ZOO. LAB."

Have you ever made a visit to "Zoo. Lab."? No? Well you ought to. I did—and I learned lots too, though, of course, I wouldn't admit it. When I came in, the class was just ready to begin studying the earthworm. Mr. K. was passing out the first sheet of the typewritten outline which they have to follow. "There are six more besides that," he said. "My goodness," sighed L. F., "is the earthworm as complicated as all that?"

It really is, too. They had to count the segments—you know, all those little pieces joined together. Most of them had about 150 pieces. Imagine! Of course, the age of the worm has something to do with it. And later I learned that it has five hearts—and a gizzard! What do you think about that?

When Mr. A. brought in a fresh brain to show the class, Miss K. exclaimed: "Ah, whose brain is that?" I wonder. After Mr. A. left, Miss Y. asked, "What drawing comes next? Can I put them both on this page?" Mr. K.: "Read your note!" That's what he always says—and he told them that about fifty times while I was out there.

Then Miss Y. who (reading her notes) saw that a drawing of the lips of the specimen was needed, said: "Oh, Mr. Z., won't you show me your lips?" It sounds shocking, doesn't it? But you mustn't be shocked at anything you hear out there—why I even heard Mr. H. say, "Shove me my bottle," and D. G.: "I need another foot, have you an extra one?" And E. C., while fondly petting his specimen, softly crooned, "My worm, my worm, my dear old worm."

Mr. X. was dissecting his worm, and having pinned it all open on a board, he said, "Now I guess he won't run away!" Miss Z. exclaimed, "Oh, I hope not! Not with all those pins anyway—I'll need them for mine."

Oh! Is that the first bell? I guess they are going to study frogs this semester, because one student said, "I heard we're going to study frogs next semester." A second student said, "Isn't that awful. I ran a mile to get away from a frog once." A third said, "I didn't know a frog could run that fast. Did you?"

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Oh my! Is that the last bell? I've been late to that class twice this week. I'll have to run.

M. H.

THAT WEEKLY LETTER

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Dearest Folks:

Well, I haven't written much since Xmas, but I have been so busy cramming—and now I have to take them all over again except one. I hate to think of that, and don't much, and try to think of things more pleasant. I really can't forget the good time we had here Xmas.


We all chipped in and bot each other presents. I wrote this before, but forgot to mention this. I got a present just like Ernest Grill. It was marked on the outside (useful). Asaph got a dandy present and so did Margaret Hansen.

Just now a boy went by my window who is trying to raise a mustache. There are so many of the boys doing that. They raved when we girls bobbed our hair, but you should see these grass plains. I should worry, it won't hurt me much. But there is one thing that gets my goat, some of the boys have clipped their hair off. Why, it looks just terrible. They look like negroes and I don't know what. I just would not sing in a duet with one of the boys. I don't even think I would go down town with them. The other day one gets up and makes a speech. I got so peeved that I hurried from the dining hall and got a pail of water and I surely got him too. I am not the only one either that hates to see them like that. Well, I am glad that it isn't my brother that has his hair cut like that. I made up a poem about them which I would like to send, but I gave it to one of the boys who read it aloud in the dining hall and has not returned it yet.

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I got a call down the other evening. I really don't think I should have it either. The faculty was having a meeting. I didn't know that they met in the room below. I took my violin and started to play. Well, I had just started to play "Dana will shine to nite" when someone rapped on the door, and dear me, I surely had to stop. I know it was after seven, but I know the girls were glad to hear the music, for it gets pretty monotonous at times. I tried to make candy in the kitchenette, but got sent out. I don't see why they all pick on me. I really think that some are jealous, because I am so popular.

I must close, folks, and get busy.
 Best regards to you all,
 Your loving daughter,
 Jensine Maren Johansen.
 P. S.—Here's a poem I just wrote.
Joy?

I surely hate to take a quizz
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 It's given me a lot of biz
 In order to get through.
 I wrote for near four hours
 And thought I was doing fine,
 But when I got my paper back
 I surely changed my mind.
 On one I got a zero—
 On another I found Z;
 So now I'll have to write again
 And take 'em over you see.

I surely hate to take a quizz
 Examinations too.
 But here's a-hoping in the next
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