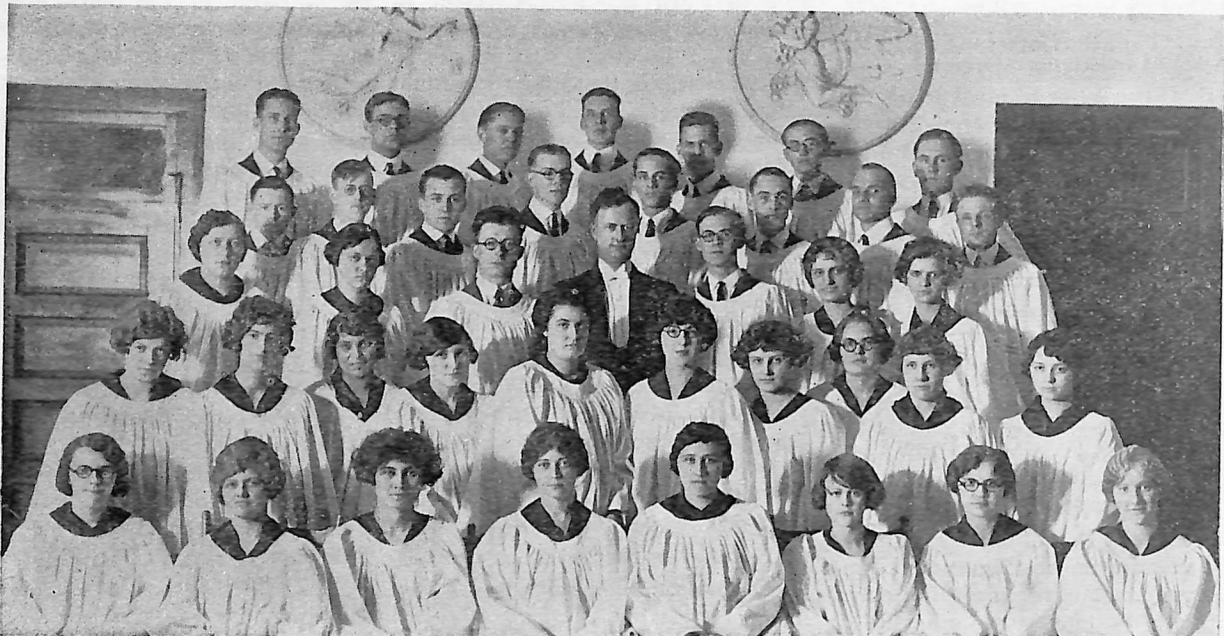


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**Why Is It?**

Why is it that there are not more students that attend our regular chapel devotions? Is it because the students are so busy with their lessons that they cannot find time to spend the twenty minutes required for chapel service every morning? Or is it that the chapel exercises are too dry and not interesting enough, and that we must have something extraordinary to induce all students to attend chapel? These are some of the questions frequently raised when we come to chapel in the morning finding only about seventy-five per cent of the student body present, while on other occasions (day of Coolidge's inauguration) we have the chapel filled to the last seat.

Why are there some students who are not interested in attending chapel? I think you will have to agree that it is not because of being too busy, because as was already stated, that when there is a special speaker or something out of the ordinary

the student will find his way to chapel. When this is considered the conclusion must be lack of interest. Why is it a lack of interest? Is it because that nothing worth-while is presented? It cannot be this because what is more worth-while than the edification of the soul and the up-building of the spiritual life which is the purpose of our chapel devotion? Or is it because the importance and value of this has not been realized? Or is it just the bad habit of not attending chapel and just merely staying away? **WHY IS IT?**

**The Winter Student**

By the time Hermes is in print the winter term will be completed and the winter students will have taken their examination and left Dana. This year we have had the privilege of having a number of students attend Dana during the winter term. We have enjoyed their presence among us and have been able to learn much from them. In return they have shown us that they also could be filled with the true Dana spirit, in that they were not afraid to work and do their share when called upon. Great interest was displayed by their work in their own literary society, Dannevirke. In other activities they did not have to take a back seat, but they were always willing to take part and show their interest. Although they have left Dana, we hope that they are still among us in spirit and when Dana again next fall opens her doors that some of them will be among Dana's regular students.

**The Choir**

It will not be long before the choir will make its tour visiting the congregations in the surrounding states. This is indeed a great undertaking and we feel it as such. We look upon it as an undertaking that will be a blessing both to Dana and our people as well. The choir has been putting forth great effort under the able leadership of Prof. Nielsen trying to master songs of such a nature that will appeal to our Danish Lutheran people. We feel assured that the choir will go out representing the spirit of Dana, thus helping to bring our school and our people closer together.

**OUR HERITAGE IN SONG**  
**Prof. Waldo B. Nielsen**

Martin Luther in a letter to a friend in 1524 writes: "I wish, after the example of the Prophets and ancient Fathers of the church, to make German psalms for the people, that is to say, sacred hymns, so that the Word of God may dwell among the people by means of song also." How wonderful a heritage we Lutherans have in this statement and the outcome.

Prior to Luther's time church singing was only performed by a trained choir. It seems that the common people were not only deprived of the privilege of reading the Bible but that they could not even lift their voice in praise to God.

Notice that Luther's wish was to make psalms for the people like they used to have in the days before the popes. Luther did not undervalue the importance of a trained choir. He objected to the long graduals which was a response sung between the Epistle and the Gospel, and recommended that certain hymns should be chosen by the priest.

In 1524 Luther published at Wittenburg the first Protestant hymn-book. It contained eight hymns (four of which were by him) and five tunes.

The melody of our old hymns was generally sung by the tenor or bass. The choir consisted of men and boys only. Luther was very fond of the boy's voice. He himself had a fine deep voice besides being an able performer on flute and lute, the latter being a stringed instrument of the guitar family and was very much in vogue before the rise of the violin and piano.

Many of the melodies of the old chorales as we term the old hymns,

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were adapted from old church melodies while others, and among these some of the most beautiful, were of an altogether secular origin, for instance "O Sacred Head Now Wounded". "A Mighty Fortress" has been universally adopted as Luther's own work and has been used by Mendelssohn, Wagner, Bach and other great composers.

This movement on the part of Luther towards congregational singing spread rapidly over Germany and produced in a comparatively short time a literature of sacred hymns which cannot be surpassed for dignity and simple devotional earnestness. These melodies have exerted a powerful, although indirect, influence on classical music. The composers of the classical school were mostly Germans, and to them the chorales afforded an obvious means of conveying the expression of many moods of emotion; the melodies were so to speak a property of the people rather than of the trained choir. Hence we may see the reason why a good cantata always ends with a chorale to be sung by choir and congregation. . . . As it is true that our faith should be simple and childlike, so it is a fact that the chorales are built upon simple chord-progressions, and most of the melodies are straightforward and natural to sing. It is only a pity to hear someone exclaim: "Too hard to sing," etc. If the chorale is sung and played in a correct manner, the spiritually seeking may find a storehouse of enjoyment which cannot be found in the modern hymn. The latter is a surface-emotion while the former is built upon the solid foundation of centuries of use.

A few words should be added about some of our best chorales. "A Mighty Fortress" has already been mentioned. Let me only call the attention of the piano student to how the structure of this master song is centered upon scale progression, step by step, and how after the first and fifth notes of the scale are employed. Recognizing this as our greatest and most pompous I would consider as second to it one which is of a distinctively different character, namely: "O Bread of Life from Heaven". (Nu hviler Mark og Enge.) This hymn should be sung much more than is the case. If you only knew what a composer like Mozart would

have given had he written this! It was written about year 1500 by Heinrich Isaac, Germany's first composer. Georg Neumark (born 1621) was robbed on his way to Konigsberg where he went to study law. He was obliged to accept a post as private tutor in a town on the way. This stopover, however, brought to light one of the finest chorales we have: "Hvo ikkun lader Herren raade". "The Morning Star" (Af Højheden oprunden) is one of the most glorious songs ever written. The author and composer is Ph. Nicolai, Lutheran pastor, who lived about year 1600.

Many examples could be given, but this little article is meant not so much to be an historical research but rather an appeal to all who read it to cherish and uphold the old traditional tunes and words. What was good enough for Luther is good enough for us.

### THREE WORTH-WHILE LECTURES

Dana has been favored of late with three very interesting and instructive lectures. On the afternoon of February 24th Mr. Bay, librarian from Chicago, spoke to us in the Danish language. He had no definitely stated topic but the purpose of his lecture was to create in us an interest in history and in the events, people, and culture of past days, and in this he succeeded very effectively. His lecture brought many of us to look on history, not as something unimportant and uninteresting, but as something of vital importance and interest to us of the present day. The evening of the same day, Mr. Bay gave us an informal talk on some of his experiences and on some interesting persons he had met in America. We agree with Dr. Vig in hoping that this will not be the last time that we shall have an opportunity to hear Mr. Bay.

"India, Past, and Present", was the subject of an illustrated lecture given by Dr. Buck of Lincoln University on February 28th. With the aid of the stereoptic slides Dr. Buck took us on an interesting trip through India, explaining the various places we came to and the objects of interest that we saw. Through the slides and his lecture Dr. Buck wished to make clear to

us some of the problems connected with modern India. He stated that no definite solution could be laid down for the problems of India, but that it must be effected gradually, and that the responsibility lay with the younger generation of America.

Of special interest to us as Lutherans was the lecture on March 7th by Dr. Solberg of Augustana College and Normal College, Sioux Falls, S. D., who spoke on the topic "The Faith We Inherit". He showed us what a wonderful heritage we have from our ancestors in the Lutheran faith, and laid special emphasis on the Augsburg Confession. Many of us probably had never realized before the value of such an heritage, but it is certain that Dr. Solberg's lecture helped us to see the significance and the importance of this heritage and inspired us with a deeper respect for the faith of our ancestors.

### THE CHOIR TRIP

The forty songsters composing Dana College Choir are gladly looking forward to the 23rd of April when they start on the most extensive tour a choir from our school has attempted. The choir has all chances of making a real success; good chance for fair weather, good transportation, loyal friends awaiting them and so on. Never before has a Danish Lutheran choir prepared and sung a program of the type that this year's choir is giving.

Above any and all things stands the happy fact that a real Christian spirit and atmosphere prevades the choir and its songs. When you couple this with hard work consisting of four and five practises a week, (soon the choir will be practising before

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classes in the morning also) then the blessing and success is bound to come out.

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**DANNEBROG LITERARY SOCIETY HAS BEEN VERY ACTIVE**

**Hejberg's Comedy, "Nej", Was Played**

There are four H's which represent four great characters in Danish comedy. Out of these the students of Dana have already made acquaintance with three, because of the three comedies that have been staged here during the last three years. The three H's that have been represented are Holberg, Hostrup, and Hejberg. It was the comedy, "Nej" by Hejberg that Dannebrog undertook to play this year.

This comedy "Nej" proved to be a great success. Although a small admission was charged in order that a fund might be raised for the prizes to be given in the declamatory contest, there were many present to see this play, both of students and outsiders. All agreed that the efforts put forth by those who took part in the play was almost beyond expectation considering the time that has been at their disposal for practice. The actors were Edwin Petrusson representing "Justitsraad Gamstrup", Ingfried Holnn Muller "hans Broderdatter Sophie", Walter Nelson "Kandidat Hammer", and Elmer Christensen "Klokke Link". They all acted their part very well. If any should be named, who came nearest acting out the character he represented, it should be Elmer Christensen.

Another event worthy of mention in connection with the literary activity of Dannebrog was a debate on the question in which every true Danaite should be interested, re-

solved that Dana College should be a Senior College giving a four-year college course. The affirmative side of the question was defended by Hedvig Nyholm, Peter Vammen and Arthur Nelson; the negative by Rosa Hansen, Martinus Bollesen and Edwin Petrusson. The judges were Dr. C. X. Hansen, Miss Falk and Prof. Sogge, representing the three Scandinavian countries: Denmark, Sweden and Norway. The judges' decision favored the negative side by a 3-0 vote, that Dana College should not be a Senior College but a Junior College giving a two-year college course.

**SHALL DANA HAVE A LIBRARY FUND OR A NEW GYMNASIUM**

**The Alumni Officers Meet**

On March 7th the Executive Committee of the alumni association met to discuss the matter left in their hands from the meeting at Fremont, how we might best present to the members and former students of Dana the matter of a library fund or a new gymnasium. At this meeting it was decided, that before we sent out any circular letters pertaining to this matter, we would try to urge that it be discussed in our different church papers. The Executive Committee would, in this manner urge all those interested in the proposition, whether it shall be a library fund or a gymnasium, to give expression to their ideas in one way or the other. It was also decided to write to some of the members, whom we thought might be interested in the matter, and ask them to write about it. Therefore, alumni members, if you have any bright ideas as to which would be of most value to the future of our Alma Mater, a library fund or a gymnasium, and as to how we should carry out this proposition, let us hear from you. If there are any who would be willing to write a short article on the matter, Hermes would be glad to print it.

**DR. VIG LECTURES ON THE MORAVIAN MISSIONS**

Since "Hedningemissionsforeningen" was not able to get an outside speaker it had to make use of the material which could be gotten close at hand. Because of this Dr. Vig who for a number of years has been the president of the society volunteered to give a mission lecture on Sunday afternoon, March 1st. The theme for this lecture was the part the Moravian church has played in the evangelization of the world. In dealing with this topic Dr. Vig especially told us how this church began its work upon the Danish possessions in the West Indies. At this time an offering of about forty dollars was taken which was divided among our different missions according to the decisions of the yearly business meeting.

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**STUDENT BODY BANQUET**

The evening of March 6th will long be remembered by the many Danaites and friends who attended the Student Body Banquet, as a most pleasant and enjoyable one, not alone because of the delicious menu that had been prepared, nor because of the delightfully artistic and harmonious decorations in the dining hall, nor because of the varied yet thematic program, but all of these together combining with the festive spirit into one of appreciation for that which has given us the Dana of today.

The wall decorations depicting the rising sun in the east, the setting sun in the west, the flower covered stone wall in the south, and the snow covered trees to the north, gave atmosphere to the affair. Streamers from all directions bearing penants marked "Faith", "Prayer", "Love", and "Sacrifice" terminated in the center of the room where a miniature of Dana was suspended.

The orchestra under the leadership of Prof. Waldo B. Nielsen furnished the introductory and closing music. The Girls' Glee Club was first to appear on the regular program, and to record all the compli-

mentary remarks made would cause them to feel flattered. "A Vision" of the founders of Dana was the subject of a toast by Carl A. Nelson, Rosa Hansen explained to us what was meant by "A Gift of Faith", while Prof. Nyholm, using the Danish language, vividly brought out the part that "A Gift of Prayer" played in the development of our school. Esther Johnson very clearly showed us that it was due to "A Gift of Love" that we were permitted to enjoy the benefits of a Christian institution of learning, but Soren Kaldahl graphically portrayed to us the meaning of "A Gift of Sacrifice". All of these toasts were summed up

by Johannes Jorgensen in his philosophical talk on "Dana—Our Heritage". A piano duet by Cornelia Johnson and Prof. Nielsen, two selections by the Choir, and a piano solo by the Director of Music, were interspersed between the talks. Two humorous songs by the Male Quartet concluded the program.

All who participated in the program contributed to the success of the banquet, but to Prof. Sogge, as toastmaster, we must attribute a large part of the feeling of good-fellowship that prevailed. With his humorous stories and witty expressions he announced the various numbers of the program in such a man-

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#### THE 1925 DANIAN

More subscribers are needed. Orders not placed by April 1st will undoubtedly not be filled as the printers must be notified definitely. So order now. Only \$1.50 each.

The book will contain pictures of the students in the various departments, photos of the School Board, Faculty, and Graduating Class; pictures of various organization officers, and pages of snap shots. Drawings suggestive of Vikings appear on the division pages. A calendar of the school year will be of interest, also the usual Class Will, Prophecy and History.

Be sure to get a copy.

#### BIG ELECTION CONTEST

On March 2nd a telegram appeared on the Senior Class Bulletin Board announcing that The Danian would conduct an election to determine who was the "most popular young lady at Dana". The candidates were limited to Dana co-eds, but everyone was given the privilege of voting—if you would purchase the ballots at a cost of 5 votes for one cent. A picture of the winner was to appear in the Annual. The first day 870 votes were cast. This total was raised to 1845 at the end of the second day; to 2220 the third day; to 3230 the fourth day, but at 6:00

on the last day of the balloting the committee in charge nearly fainted when they beheld the stack of ballots to be counted. There had been several groups organized who had saved their ballots until the last day when the total votes cast was raised to 10,905. The leading ladies were Cornelia Johnson 5745; Alvena Bondo 1,565; Ruth Jensen 1,555 and Jensine Maren Johansen 1000.

The winner was announced at the Student Body Banquet and received a package of unknown contents as a prize. We found out later that it contained a box of Swiss chocolates. Incidentally the contest netted The Danian about \$15.00.

#### FORAAR

Hver Aarstid har sit særlige Præg og sin særlige Maade at give os noget paa. Vinteren er der mange, der ikke holder af, og saa er det dog en Aarstid, der, hvis den bliver benyttet ret, særlig vil give os noget igennem det Hjemmeliv, som man paa den Tid er tvunget til at leve. Men alligevel er Vinteren, særlig da naar den er paa Slutningen, vistnok den Aarstid, vi alle længes mest efter at faa Ende paa. Og det gør vi vist ogsaa her paa Dana.

Ved Tanken om Foraar bliver vi alle fyldte med forventningsfulde Tanker og Haab. Solen har allerede flere Gange overbevist os om, at den sidder inde med den gamle Varme, og vi har følt dens Virkninger i vort Sind. Mange Ting bliver lysere, og med Glæde gør man den Opdagelse, at der hist og her piper et lille grønt Blad, af en eller anden Slags, frem af Jordens Skød. Længe kan det sikkert ikke vare, før hele Naturen har iklædt sig hele sin nye Pragt og gjort alting smukt og festligt omkring os.

Hvordan skal vi tage imod Foraaret, naar det kommer? Skal vi staa med det Sind, at det er jo kun noget ganske dagligdags, dette med Foraarets Komme? Vi har jo oplevet det saa tit. Eller skal vi tage imod det med et forventningsfuldt Sind?

Med stor Spænding staar Børnene i Julen og venter paa at Døren skal aabnes ind til Dagligstuen, og de skal se Juletræet i al dets Pragt. Lad os prøve paa at staa overfor Foraaret med det samme Sind, spændte paa at se, hvad det næste lille Vidunder vil blive, som Foraaret faar tryllet frem. Lad alt det nye Liv faa Lov til at lufte ud i vort Sind, saa der kan blive Plads for nye Tanker og Haab om Liv og Virke.  
I. P. Ø.

#### BITS OF NEWS FROM DANA

Just before a number of the winter students left Dana the men's gym class gave an exhibition in the college gym. This year the class has been under the leadership of Martinus Bollesen. The exhibition showed that there was material for developing a good gym class if we had better means for carrying on this kind of work, which would be a great asset to our school in the future. Many clever performances were shown, which required great skill on the part of the gymnasts, winning great applause from the onlookers.

The Mission Class has decided to support its own native worker in Japan. This idea seemed to find great favor among the members of the class. Immediately a list was sent around and the required amount was soon subscribed.

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Prof. T. M. Hansen has been using the different characters, who especially came in touch with the life of Jesus during His last days, as topics for his chapel talks. So far Prof. Hansen has touched upon Mary, the sister of Lazarus, John and Peter pointing out some of the characteristics which might be of spiritual value for us.

Saturday, March 14th, Prof. Nyholm gave a very interesting lecture on the famous old churches in Denmark dating back from six to seven hundred years. He called our attention to the differences between the churches of Jutland and Zealand

as we saw them before us on the screen. At the same time we saw a four-reel moving picture of the life and characteristic sceneries of Denmark.

Contestants for the Oratorical and Declamatory contest are working diligently. The contest will be held some time during the early part of May. We are also having an essay contest. The English contest is under the supervision of the Norwegian church paper, "The Friend". The Danish contest is directly under the auspices of the college.

There will be a joint piano, vocal

and violin recital April 2nd. The students of Waldo B. Nielsen, piano, Mrs. Moore, voice, and Prof. Swihart, violin will take part.

The following students have taken speed tests and won awards from the New York offices of the Remington and Smith Typewriter Companies: Jane Noble, gold pin, Remington; Elliot Hansen, bronze pin, Smith; Una Lund, certificate, Remington; Una Lund, certificate, Smith; Margaret Hansen, certificate, Smith; Opal Tucker, certificate, Remington; Lois Hansen, certificate, Smith; Johanna Frandsen, certificate, Remington.

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To forget the real January blizzard which was raving on Friday evening, March 13th, we all made our way to the gym and enjoyed ourselves as best we knew how. A few new costumes presented themselves and even the funny man with the professor's hiking boots was among us.

"I have done my bit" tickets were sold for an entertainment given Friday evening, March 20th, in the gym. The program consisted of a basket ball game between the Black Socks and the White Socks, and between the Seniors and the college quintet. After the games special music was furnished by the Negro Minstrels and the Funny Man. Finally came the big attraction—lunch. The purpose of this entertainment was to

raise funds to balance the deficit of the Basket Ball Association.

On the Hesperian program Saturday evening, March 21st, the different activities found at our school were represented by a speaker, who was to speak on the subject what the activity he represented meant to Dana. At this occasion we were favored with a vocal slection by our voice instructor, Mrs. Moore.

The seminary students again met for their regular monthly discussion meeting at the home of Prof. T. M. Hansen. At these meetings questions are discussed which have a bearing upon the future work of the theological student.

Sunday, March 22nd, the Christian Students Association held its last Sunday afternoon meeting for this year. These Sunday afternoon meetings have been a success in every respect. One of the main factors contributing to success is the co-operation which has been shown by both teachers and students. Recently we had an open discussion on the subject "Faith and Superstition". Such discussions have proved to be not only interesting, but also instructive as well. We hope that these meetings may continue with as much success next year.

The choir is hard at work preparing themselves for the extensive trip

they are going to make in the latter part of April. This is not a one man's job but an undertaking in which all the choir members and the director are working in co-operation. Different committees have been appointed especially for the purpose of advertising about what the choir is doing. One committee has been appointed to keep the local papers posted on the work of the choir, another our church papers, another is making a bulletin that is to be sent to the congregations where the choir will sing and also the neighboring congregations, and another

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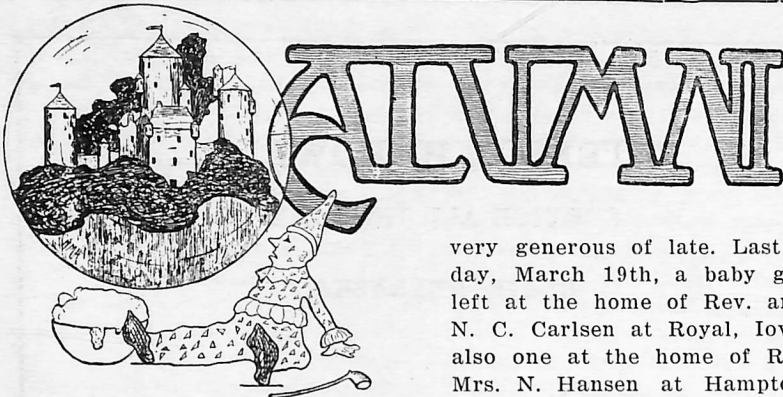
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Agnes Bing, '24, who is taking a nurses training course at the Immanuel Hospital, recently underwent an operation for appendicitis. We are glad to be able to report that our friend is improving very nicely and that she will soon be on duty again. Her father, Rev. Bing, has been ill for some time. He is also improving at this writing.

very generous of late. Last Thursday, March 19th, a baby girl was left at the home of Rev. and Mrs. N. C. Carlsen at Royal, Iowa, and also one at the home of Rev. and Mrs. N. Hansen at Hampton, Nebraska. The Hermes extends congratulations to the parents.

A few days ago we were pleased to see an old alumnus, Hannah Christensen, '22. No, she is now Mrs. Hannah Shaw. Mr. and Mrs. Shaw were motoring through the country but stopped in to greet old friends. We extend best wishes to the young couple.

Our old friend, the Stork, has been

Olivia Johnson, and Agnes Hansen, '24, attended the annual banquet. The young ladies could not resist staying a few days to renew old acquaintances and to make new ones, so remained a few days. Leo Lang, Lilah Johnson, Lawrence Siersbeck, Helge Borre, Smith Kirkegaard, and Lozein Rhoades, former students, were also among those who report a very enjoyable and pleasant evening.

Mrs. Spener Petersen, formerly Alma Madsen, '22, has been quite dangerously ill. We were very sorry to hear this, and have been waiting anxiously for more favorable news from our friend. Mrs. Petersen is improving slowly, and we sincerely

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hope that she will soon regain her health.

We are always glad when we have pastors visiting us, for then we are sure that we will hear a message from them, either at chapel services or at an evening meeting. A short time ago Rev. J. Chr. Pedersen and Rev. H. P. Jensen spoke to us at the chapel services. Rev. H. W. Bondo spoke at our Christian Students' Meeting. These men are ever ready to give us the encouragement which we need and are thankful for.

Agnes Anderson who is taking nurses training at the Immanuel Hospital, spent the week end at Dana. She brought greetings from Edward Anderson and Ruth Staugaard Anderson, former Dana students. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are living in Sioux City where Edward is in business with his father-in-law, John Staugaard.

#### THE LIBRARY CORNER

J. Christian Bay, librarian of the John Crerer Library, who lectured here a short time ago, has donated to the library several new books. They are:

"The City, the Hope of Democracy" by Frederic C. Howe. This book deals with the present methods of administration in cities, their faults and the cures. (Classed under number 352).

"The Education of the Consumer" by Henry Harat. This is a book dealing with costs. It explains why articles cost what they do, and how a person can save when buying. (Classed under number 338).

"The Psychology of Social Reconstruction" by George Patrick. This is chiefly a criticism of present social reconstruction theories. (Classed under number 301).

"Woman and Labor" by Olive Shreiner. This book is a defense of woman in industry, and deals quite largely with parasitism. (Classed under number 396.5).

"Professionalism and Originality" by F. H. Hayward. This is an attack on professional methods, and a defense of the defense of the natural or "living" man. The attitude of the book is given by the author's statement. The pretentiousness, exclusiveness, inertia, tyranny, and cruelty of professionalism are the themes.

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A book of interest for Danish people is the biography, "Constance

Leth, Grundtvig's Ungdoms Kærlighed", by Thyra Jensen. (This book is classed under number 920.7).

Some of the government publications are beginning to come regularly now. Among these are "Commerce Reports", "Journal of Agricultural Research", and "The Patent Office Gazette".

Carl Hjortsvang, Librarian.

March, 1925.

Sunday Afternoon.

Dear Folks:

It is Sunday afternoon and I am waiting to attend the Sunday afternoon meeting. This is the last one this year so I must be there. There

has been so much going on here of late that I have not had time to write much, however, I will try to make this letter make up for it. First I must tell a little about the banquet. I was supposed to speak on the subject "visions". I tried to memorize the vision of Sir Longfall, but when I rehearsed they said that they would let me off, and so got some one else. I suppose I was too visionary for them. Say, do you think I should join the choir next year?

However, I went to the banquet, and had a dandy time. Harold Tennesen was my pardner. I must tell about the most popular girl contest held here. You could buy the votes. The one with the most money could then vote for the one he liked best. I voted for Jensine. I know that she was the most popular girl while here, and as she was here nearly a year I voted for her. She nearly got it but then some other fellow got more money than I and so another girl got it. I had hoped for a most popular fellow contest. I surely would have tried to have gotten it, even if I would have had to put in a few for myself. Oh yes, I got one job since I came. I must water the flowers in the chapel each day. We have two ferns in front of the chapel and I must keep them watered.

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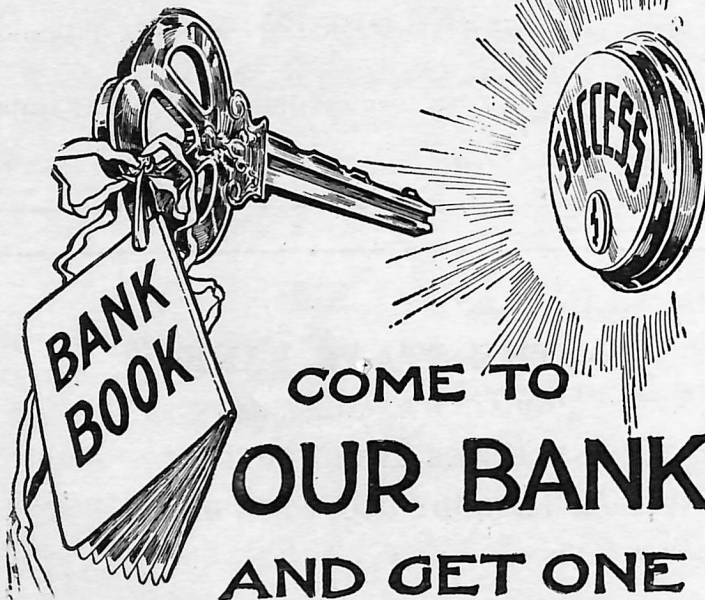
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I got so sore the other day. I came in class and there I found that they had written "Hot Dog Tommie" on the blackboard. They call me that now just because I helped Harry in his Hot Dog business one eve. I really should have told more about the banquet, about the songs sung, speeches speaked, and toasts eaten, but you can find a pretty good account in Ugeblad, but I can tell you I enjoyed it mentally and physicaly.

I joined the tennis club, and now they got me to work rolling it. I thought the court was for play, not work. I suppose they must have some of all kinds to make it a success. I know I can work and I also have other abilities. They have no school song and I am trying to write one. I have not shown what I have written to anyone yet so keep it dark. The words don't fit the tune Dana will shine. I tried to make 'em fit, but couldn't. I'll get Prof. Nielsen to put a tune to it. This is the way it goes.

I see Missouri sparkling,  
 I see the rolling plain,  
 I see the rounded hill tops,  
 — A view from Dana's Main.  
 It is a choice location,  
 A place that we hold dear;  
 To train for our vocation  
 We come from far and near.  
 'Tis not location only  
 That makes our college rare.  
 It is the college spirit  
 We find abiding there.  
 You are our Alma Mater  
 The college we revere,  
 May your motto and your precepts  
 Guide us while we're here.

That is the song. You probably find quite a few big words that you don't understand. I'll tell you about them when I get home. I have been studying cross word puzzles and that has increased my vocabulary. I must close, folks, and go to Sunday afternoon meeting. There buzzes the bell.  
 Best regards to you all,

Your son,  
 Mads.

**Notice. A Pseudo Important  
 • Announcement**

To the Readers of Hermes:  
 Friends. The Editor wishes to thank the parents who send to us the letters from their children. We wish that other parents who receive interesting letters from their boy or

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