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**ATTENTION, CHRISTIAN YOUNG MEN**

My dear Christian brother! you are wonderfully situated. The future lies before you. While your age is full of problems and difficulties, it is also full of great possibilities. And are you a Christian? What a privilege to be such in the blossom of youth and a believing child of the most high God, that makes your future a thousand times brighter and infinitely more significant. Stop to consider just what you are as a Christian. Look upon the ways of the world and see what you have escaped. Direct your thoughts to the "Christian Soldiers" that have gone before, and behold what crowns of victory. Cast your eyes into the heavens, and lo, He is therein whom you trust and whose you are.

Dear young Christian, your future is not yours alone. It is also His whose name you bear. Have you carefully and prayerfully considered what your future is to be? "I will keep myself spotless and without blame". God help you in that, young brother. But what are you planning to do? "I will leave that to God, and try to be faithful wherever He leads me". Faithfulness is the first requirement in servants. But faithfulness—what does the word mean? It has far-reaching applications. As a Christian you have made God's will your will. What great consideration God has shown you that He will

guide you according to His will. But you must stop and listen. This is not a danger sign. It is an invitation to take time for a little conference with God. I know that deep in your soul there is a noble desire in all things to do God's will. Now the greatest mistake would surely be to get into the wrong profession for life. Will you consider that in prayer? And as you consider it will you remember that God wants some young men for a special Christian work? He wants the best, the purest. Will you remember before God that His will is to be your will? Then remember in your prayer those young men who like you are trying to find their place in life. "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers into the vineyard," said Jesus. Will you also do that? Help Jesus get more laborers. Dear Christian young man, be sincerely true and perfectly frank before God as you thus pray. Ask Him to show you just what He wants you to do. Are you willing to consider your future in this manner? The one who is willing, God can lead. For such an one God removes mountains.

Special workers are needed. God needs young men who are willing to enter the Christian ministry in your own church. We have a large field and a field, too, that will not be worked if we do not do it. Will you consider this work? "Here am I, send me," has a real manly ring to it. But the struggle that preceded it!

All we ask of you is, indeed, only to be true to your position as a Christian. God bless you and every laborer in His vineyard.

Theo. M. Hansen,  
Trinity Seminary.

**A NEW GYMNASIUM FOR DANA**

Necessity is a cruel master. The need of a new gymnasium is felt at Dana, for the old building has long since proved wholly inadequate for the demands of the present day. If our school is to compete successfully with other institutions of learning, our endeavors must not be limited to the class-room alone; for other schools have recognized the value and importance of athletics, and have therefore given as much consideration to that phase of school life as to any other. It is a known fact, and becomes more obvious every year, that athletics do increase the enrollment of a school. Why should Dana then continue to neglect the certainty of increasing the student enrollment? Many young people who contemplate attending college will invariably select the school that is able to give them the best training in athletics in conjunction with their class-room work. A word to the wise is sufficient.

Ernest Grill.

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**SPRING**

Spring is that period of the year which has the greatest and most versatile influence on all persons. In some its effects are manifested in a spirit of idleness and indifference to their work and responsibilities. Others, however, seeing in spring the spirit of activity and progress, are led to take an increased interest in their work, and to apply themselves with greater diligence in the fulfillment of their duties. It is to be hoped that we as students might belong to this last group, and that the effects of spring upon us might manifest themselves in such a manner that we thereby will be able to derive greater benefits from our stay here at Dana.

**A GREATER TRINITY SEMINARY**

"For the eternal good of humanity and for its highest temporal good

the church must reclaim, re-assert, and exercise its prerogative in education." Because of the truth in this statement, which was found in the Lutheran Survey on the subject of Christian education, our school and church has had for its vision during the last five years the great aim of a "Greater Dana". Much has been said, written, and done for the realization of this aim because we as a church body realize the need and importance of a Greater Dana where our young people might be able to get a Christian education. Through all our boosting for a Greater Dana I wonder if there is not one phase of our Christian education which has been overlooked and probably pushed a little to the background, namely our seminary work. I do not think this has been done intentionally, but just because the idea of a Greater Dana has so taken our attention we have not thought about this other phase of our Christian education as we should. Therefore since this has been the case I think it would be well if we would change the scene of our attention so that at the same time as we are talking and boosting for a greater Dana we would also be stressing the importance of and working for a "GREATER TRINITY SEMINARY".

As to the need and the importance of a seminary for the future work and existence of our church I need not call your attention. You all realize the necessity of maintaining a seminary where we as a church can train men to go out for the purpose of working among our people. Since we do realize this, would it not be well that we should also be talking about, and not only talking, but working that we might have a "Greater Trinity Seminary".

If our seminary is to grow in proportion as we would like to see the college department grow there are really many things we would like to see and find in connection with our seminary work. First of all we must have students. We must have students with the spirit of Christ who are willing to serve. We need to urge such young men to enter our seminary. We must also have a faculty for our seminary which is able, both spiritually and intellectually, to help train these young men for the work of preaching the Gospel. But we must also have funds so that we can maintain a good faculty and

especially build up a first class library which our seminary is very much in need of. Because of these facts I think it would be well if we would boost, work, and pray for a "Greater Trinity Seminary". I feel assured that if we reach the point where we really realize the need of a "Greater Seminary" our people would be willing with open hands to do their share that a GREATER TRINITY SEMINARY might also become a realization, so that we as a church might better be able to train young men for this great work, the proclaiming of the Gospel.

**MISS SWALLEN, SECRETARY OF  
THE STUDENT VOLUNTEER  
MOVEMENT SPEAKS AT  
DANA**

Miss Swallen who is a traveling secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement gave two very interesting talks on mission work here at Dana Sunday, April 5th. Miss Swallen was making a tour through the Middle States visiting the different colleges. She had spent her childhood and the early part of her youth in Korea as her parents are missionaries there. In the morning at our regular Sunday chapel devotion she assured us of what a blessing it is to be a child of God and to be permitted to work for His cause. She also told us about the work in Korea and sang a song as the Koreans would sing it. In the afternoon she again addressed the student body. This time she told us about the history and purpose of the Student Volunteer Movement. After this meeting a chance was given for any one to ask her questions about the work in which she was engaged. Especially was it a pleasure to hear her tell

**Chris Bendorf**

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how sincere the Koreans were as workers for their Savior, and how they were willing to suffer for their Master. We enjoyed Miss Swallen's visit very much and got the impression that Miss Swallen was a very serious woman in whose heart the mission work had gained a large place.

**HVAD DANSK BETYDER FOR OS**  
Edwin Petrusson

Af alle de Fag, som man kan studere i vor vidunderlige Nutid, er der ingen, der i saa høj en Grad kan tjene en til Gavn som Modersmaalet. Skønt man hører Dansk i Hjemmet, er det alligevel sandt, at det er ikke, før man begynder at skimte ind i Folkelivet igennem den fremragende Literatur, som Norden har frembragt, at man faar Kærlighed til det danske Sprog. Hvor er vi som Mennesker ikke snæversynede paa næsten alle Omraader; og hvor mange af den danske-amerikanske Ungdom lader ikke noget af det største i vor Arv gaa til Grunde, idet Modersmaalet tabes.

Vi skal ikke lade det danske forsvinde. Vi skylder baade os selv og andre, at vi er Amerikanere. Den Mand, som har to Øjne, kan se bedre end den, som kun har eet. Litteraturen er saa umaadeligt rig, at man kan ikke beskrive den. Tænk paa Salmedigtere som Kingo, Brorson, Grundtvig og Ingemann. En Studie af disse er i sig en Uddannelse.

Et af de mest interessante Fag, som man kan give sig i Lag med at

studere er Udviklingen af den danske Litteratur og den danske Historie. Intet andet Land har saadan en ædel Historie, og det er ikke, før man kender sit Folk igennem Litteraturen og Historien, at man begynder at finde sig selv. Aldrig kan noget udrettes af os unge, hvis vi ikke først finder os selv, og en virkelig Interesse i Dansk vil give os et Syn, som kan hjælpe os til at paaskønne den store Arv, som vi aldrig burde slippe.

**SPRING**  
("America the Beautiful")

Oh blessed spring! with joy we sing  
And praise thy sweet rebirth.  
Thou happiness and life now bring  
To people here on earth.  
Oh cheerful spring! we welcome thee  
Our souls and hearts relive  
And more than earthly property  
We from thy hand receive.

Oh glorious spring! the proudest king  
With might and gold and power,  
Can not to us create and bring  
A single tree or flower.  
Oh richest spring! thou hast us  
taught  
A lesson true and pure,  
Thou hast convinced our mind and  
thought  
That we are weak and poor.

Oh happy spring! the birds now sing  
From wood and field and tree  
While in the morning glad they sing  
And praise their liberty.

Oh peaceful spring! with thee we  
walk;  
Beneath the tree we stay;  
And face to face with nature talk  
This happy month of May.

Oh joyous spring! now eveywhere,  
For people fær and near  
Thou sickness, trouble and despair  
Hast changed to joy and cheer.  
Through nature thou us wisdom  
taught  
In sorrow, joy and need  
A nobler life thou hast us brought  
And spread eternal seed.

Oh joyous spring! from coast to  
coast  
Thy name is praised and known  
Within our hearts thou uttermost  
Sincere and true hast grown.  
With inward peace and joy and love  
We shall remember thee;  
May grace bestowed from God above  
Us bless eternally.  
—Thorvald Henningsen.

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**DANNEBROG'S LAST PROGRAM**

The Dannebrog Literary Society recently gave two very interesting programs. The first one which was called a Scandinavian program consisted of numbers by representatives of Denmark, Norway, and Sweden. Mr. Sogge certainly represented Norway very capably and Misses Astrid Hansen and Nellie Falk, dressed in native costumes, represented Sweden, the country of their forefathers. Prof. Nielsen was the chief speaker of those representing Denmark. Prof. Nielsen gave us in a very interesting manner the historical development of Danish music. The next and last program of this year was a program

on Denmark. Although long, it was a worth-while program for any interested in Denmark. In order to make this program as attractive as possible the chapel had been decorated. In front was a large crayon picture representing a Danish sea-coast scene and on the sides of the chapel were streamers of red and white. There were eight five-minute speeches. Each represented some phase connected with the life and culture of Denmark. Of special interest was the speech by Mr. Stallknecht on Danish Agriculture. At this program we also had a chance to hear the orchestra and a number of vocal selections.

**THIS AND THAT AT DANA**

The Seminary Students took charge of the regular chapel services during passion week. We were favored with some very interesting talks during these days.

"When will the annual be out?" is becoming a common question at Dana. The Editor informs us that the Danian will be here on about May tenth.

On Friday evening, April 17th, we were favored with a rare musical treat by the Swihart Trio. We are only sorry that more could not be present.

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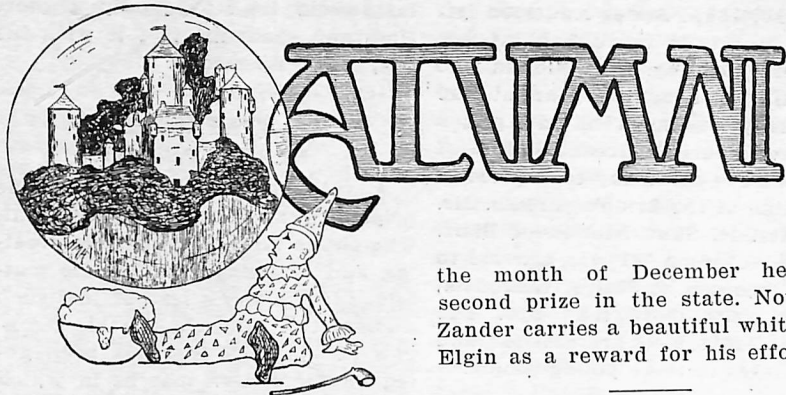
the purpose of raising money for the Danian.

A violin and piano recital was given by Mr. Swihart and Prof. Niensens students on Friday evening, April 3rd. We judge from the number of partakers in this recital, that the music department has come to hold a prominent place at Dana.

The Hesperian Society gave a very interesting and beautiful Easter program on Friday evening, April 4th. The greater part of the program was rendered by the girls.

The College Choir sang a few selections at the services in the Danish Church on Palm-Sunday evening, April 5th. The Choir also paid the Crowell Home a visit Sunday afternoon, April 19th.

Final arrangements have been made for the annual oratorical and declamatory contests. The Dannebrog contest will be held on the evening of May 14th and the Hesperian on the evening of May 18.



Chris Zander, one of our ambitious alumni, has recently won first prize in the Lutheran Brotherhood Ins. contest held in Nebraska. During

the month of December he won second prize in the state. Now Mr. Zander carries a beautiful white gold Elgin as a reward for his efforts.

We take pleasure in announcing the marriages of three of our former Danaites. Axel Anderson '22 to Jenny Nielsen in Chicago on

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MARTIN BERTELSEN, Prop.

April 10, 1925. Agnes Anderson left Dana to act as bridesmaid at her brother's wedding. Elna Nielsen who is taking her senior year at the University was married on April 8 to Mr. Maurice Greer Smith of Lincoln. The ceremony took place in the home of the bride's parents. Mr. and Mrs. H. Skov Nielson of Blair. Arnold Anderson '21 was married to Pearl Jacobsen at Claire, Wisconsin, only a very short time ago. The Hermes extends congratulations and best wishes to these young people.

We enjoyed a visit last week, from Rev. and Mrs. Kirkegaard and small daughter. They visited relatives and friends in Blair and returned home Friday evening.

Mrs. Nielsen, wife of Rev. Nielsen, who have for many years lived at Oaks, is visiting at the home of Mrs. Ove Anderson. Mrs. Nielsen is still very interested in the Indian Mission work and loves to tell her experiences to others. Rev. Nielsen is at Oaks at the present time, but is planning to return to Blair soon.

Anna Beck '24 who is teaching school at Danville, Mont., is planning to spend next year at Dana.

Prof. S. S. Loft came over from Fremont last week to spend a few days in Blair. He said he enjoyed visiting classes in the old classrooms where, only a short time ago he was the conductor.

The desire to be of more service to humanity has called Roy Lang '20 to Blair. He has for some time been located in Fremont.

Rev. A. C. Weismann visited Dana

last week. He stayed only a short time and spent most of it with his son, Boas Wiesmann.

### A STATESMAN

By Lena Petersen

A statesman is a man versed in the principles and art of government, who shows unusual wisdom in treating and directing great public matters. Lincoln was a man of just such a character. After the terrible struggles of the Civil War has been going on for sixteen months in which the defeats of the Union had outnumbered the victories, Lincoln varied his line of conduct in words something like these: 'My paramount object is to save the Union and either to save or destroy slavery. If I could save the Union without freeing any slaves, I would do it; if I could save it by freeing all the slaves I would do it; and if I could do it by freeing some and leaving the others alone I would do that.' The time for decision soon came and it was then that President Lincoln declared that on and after January first 1863 all slaves in the States or parts of the States should be free. On the following New Year's Day the final Emancipation Proclamation was made. This greatest achievement of his administration was completed by the passage of the Thirteenth Amendment of the Constitution which he had planned and urged and which was fully ratified in 1865. In the way Lincoln has proven himself to be a great statesman by solving one of the greatest problems that has ever confronted the American people.

### "JEST" OURSELVES

John C., posing for the camera: "Does my nose sit straight?"

Blair business men report a large increase in candle trade.

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### Optimism

Nyholm out riding in his Ford on a very muddy road: "Det er jo dejlig! Skal vi ikke køre en Tur paa Landet?"

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True, this country is dry, but looking at the tennis court one would hardly believe it.

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Max celebrated his 'x' anniversary the 8th of March. There should have been more "pep" at the party.

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N. P.: "Did you hear the announcement about the popularity contest?"

H. N.: "No, I haven't heard anything."

N. P.: "You sure did miss it if you didn't."

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### Silence Is Gold

Inst.: "Mr. Kjølner, please tell us what you got out of reading this poem."

Joe K. remains silent.

Inst.: "Is that all?"

Joe K.: "No, that's not quite all."

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Prof.: "You have to write the life history of the frog."

Stud.: "Do you mean its obituary?"

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Chris J., hurriedly walking down to the P. O. to send a package away discovered to his surprise that he had left his package at home.

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### Freshman Philosophy and Reasoning

College spirit is the enthusiasm, pep and good will that a loyal student extends in college.

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No school or college spirit is not so tangible a thing that it can not be grasped between the fingers and pinned down to a definite conclusion.

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I enjoy studying mathematics because everything in mathematics is so reasonable.

**VORE NATIONALE DANSKE SANGE**

For at illustrere de danske nationale Sanges Betydning i det danske Folkeliv vil jeg fortælle om en Begivenhed, som jeg oplevede for fem Aar siden og som endnu staar levende i min Erindring. Det var derhjemme i Danmark, en Sammenlutning af flere Ungdomsforeninger fra Samsø havde været paa Udflugt til Vejle. Efter en fornøjelig og indholdsrig Dag var vi nu om Bord paa Skibet sejlende ud ad Vejle Fjord. Det var i Sommerens skønneste Tid. Paa begge Sider af os havde vi Bøgeskov paa Bakkerne op fra Fjor-

den. Bag os laa Vejle, og oven over Byen straaede Aftensolen og kastede sine gyldne Straaler i det blanke Vand. Vi stævnede ud — ikke mod Salten Østerstrand — men mod Kattegattets friske Vand. Pludselig begyndte Musikken at spille „Der er et yndigt Land,” og ca. 500 friske Ungdomsstemmer sang med. Da var der sikkert ikke en eneste af os, der ikke var betaget af Stolthed over vort Land og dets Natur.

Denne Sang, der oprindeligt er skrevet til Sjællands Pris, er som et helt Stykke Danmarkshistorie. Efter en kort Beskrivelse af Naturen fortæller Digteren os: Det hedder gamle Danmark og det er Frejas Sal.

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Danmark er gammelt, vi har nøjagtig Historie for mere end tusinde Aar, helt fra den Tid vore Forfædre troede paa Odin og Thor, Freja og de andre som deres Guder. De harniskklædte Kæmper er nu forsvundne og hvile deres Ben bag Højens Bøvsten.

Atter minder Digteren os om, at det Land endnu er skønt og at ædle Kvinder, skønne Mø'r og Mænd og raske Svende bebo de Danskes Øer. Vort Sprog er stærkt og blødt. Uden at bruge det fine franske eller det grammatikalsk fuldkomne tyske Sprog kan vi med bløde danske Ord udtrykke vor Mening i selv de vigtigste Sager. Vor Tro er ren og lutret, og Modet er ej dødt, for gamle Danmark skal bestaa, saa længe Bøgen spejler sin Top i Bølgen blaa.

Dette beviser ikke blot at vore na-

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tionale danske Sange er rundne af Danmarks Historie og dets henrivende Natur, men ogsaa hvorledes de endnu passe ind i Landets Natur og Folkstemning og formaar at løfte og samle det danske Folk om hvad Gud har givet det af smukt og ædelt og stort. Mange andre Eksempler kunde nævnes som: I Danmark er jeg født, der har jeg hjemme — eller: Jyden han er stærk og sejg, o. s. v., men Pladsen tillader det ikke. Disse Skatte kræver Tid at frembringe, derfor er Amerika fattigt paa nationale Sange — af samme Grund som Amerika ikke har et Westminster Abbed. Det tager Tid at skabe nationale Skatte; men vi skal være med til at skabe Amerika.

Hans Stallknecht.



Be vigilant: the weeds can get the upper hand in your mind as easily as they can in your garden.

Old friends are best; yet as the swift years run, make new ones, too, or Time may leave you none.

Give thy thoughts no tongue, nor any unproportioned thought his act. —Hamlet.

While young he says, "I don't know yet."  
When old he'll answer, "I forgot."



**Rule of Oratory**

The truth must be so clearly stated that it will commend itself to any one who has not some special reason for rejecting it.—Bryan.

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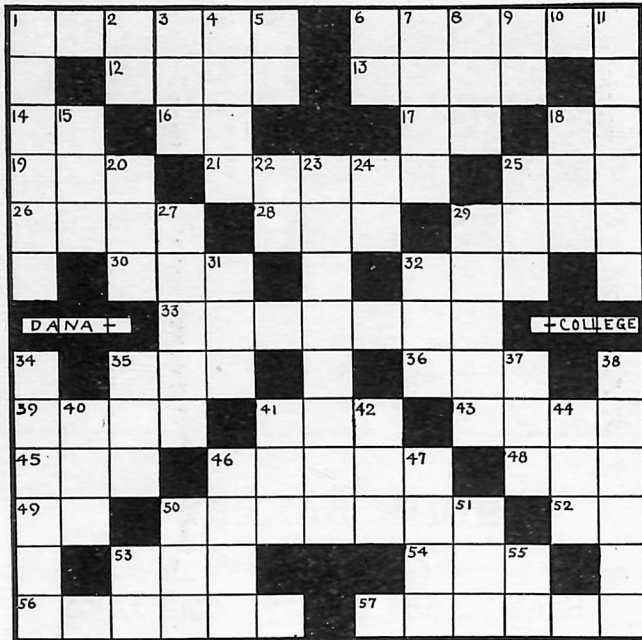
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**Horizontal:**

1 Dana College Annual. 2 We use it in combination with syrup. 12 The handy man around the college. 13 Dana students' Blair home. 14 Negative. 16 North east (abbr.). 17 A high hill (abbr.). 18 Pronoun. 19 Incorporated (abbr.). 21 A twin crystal. 25 Prolonged exclamation. 26 To burn. 28 One of the terminal members of the lower extremities of a person or animal. 29 Syrup. 30 A gentle sound heard in the girls' dormitory at 10:30. 32 Part of verb to be. 33 A quality all the faculty

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should possess. 35 George Washington never did it. 36 Same as 51 vertical. 39 First four letter of word meaning indelicate. 41 Counterfeit butter (slang). 43 To cease to have in possession. 45 Editor-in-Chief of Danian (initials). 46 A South American country. 48 Equal. 49 President of Dana College. 50 A Dana inmate. 52 The Dean of Men. 53 A domesticated Zoology specimen. 54 National Lutheran Council (abbr.). 56 Calorificus Canus (as the Romans might say). 57 A local disease usually affecting delinquents.

**Vertical:**

1 Prof. Nyholm's hobby. 2 An Atlantic coast state (abbr.). 3 A substance resulting from the decomposition of a body by electrolysis. 4 An exclamation to attract attention. 5 North (twice) abbr. 6 Unit of measure in the Metric System (abbr.). 7 The best place on earth. 8 Latin for he is. 9 Errors excepted (abbr.). 11 The name of 6 girls at Dana. 15 A number. 18 I owe you. 20 A luxurious means of travel when at Dana. 22 Preposition. 23 The most popular girl at Dana. 24 La (sharp). 25 A popular Norwegian name. 27 John's music box. 29 Our star athlete (spelled with a variation). 31 A favorite article sold at Dana Luncheonette. 32 Consumed. 34 33rd book in the Old Testament (middle letter doubled). 35 The two middle letters of the alphabet and the one preceding. 37 To scrub with a stick. 38 Our college paper. 40 The Student Body president. 41 Our janitor's name minus the first letter. 42 Shorty (Vig). 44 Perched. 46 A Roman philosopher. 47 A mountain in Cicily. 50 The man behind the funds. 51 A tree on the campus. 53 Penny (abbr.). 55 Clerk of Peace (abbr.).

Blair, Nebraska.

Cherished Father and Mother:

I have been vacillating or rather oscillating as to whether I should try to write an epistle which would be worthy of publication in our esteemed and most worthy school paper, Hermes. Jensine and Mad's folks have sent in letters, so I think, if you think this letter to be good enough that Soo City should be represented in me. However, it's up to you folks.

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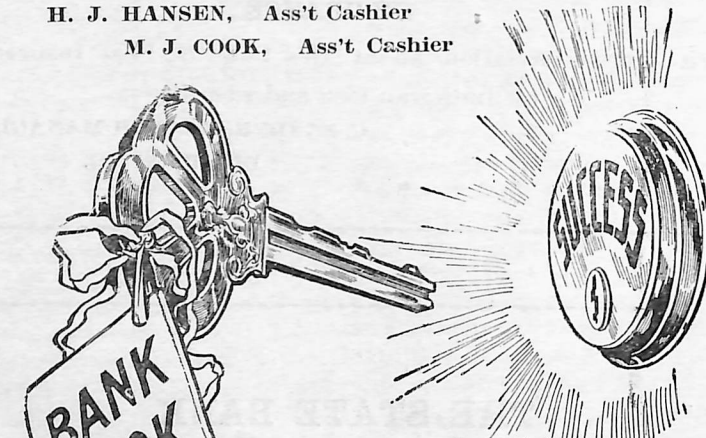
emasculated after practicing up for the tennis tournament, so my hebdomadary letter will not be of its usual length. Furthermore, I was very vexed this afternoon. As I was standing talking confidentially to one of the students who lives in the other dormitory, I was showered with a pail of water making the student from the other dormitory and myself rather damp or humid, in fact soaked. Certainly a trick which showed lack of sapience or profundity. It came from a casement or fenestella or ventilator of the second story, so I may be able to trace or find the vicious or even heinous malefactor.

I was rather embarrassed the other eve, too. After our society meeting a business meeting was held. Now I was nominated for president, a cherished position, when one gets up to protest because I were a first year student. It was a direct violation of the constitution they said. Well, when they considered the matter they found that they had lost their constitution, but our mail carrier, who has an eagle memory could remember the constitution by heart and my name had to be omitted.

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I had a little bad luck or rather a little misfortune happen to me and my pocket book. I went to the concert in Fremont as I said I expected to. Well it rained and we had quite a time in getting there, but worse getting back. First we pulled four who were stuck in their Ford coupe, after that we tipped over in the ditch. Well we had to walk home in the mud. Two of the students from the other dormitory were with us, they got a ride, but we walked in the mud. We got home before class started in the morning so that part was alright, but the expense hurt most. It was lucky I got the library job, for that gave me a little cash on hand.

I was unable to go with the choir. You know I wrote that I expected to. Well, they got Mr. Petrusen to take care of the gowns so I did not have to go.

It is hard to study, many are out playing tennis, I am here in my room, and am soon going to study. I like this weather tho, as it enables one to get out and study nature. Often I sit on the lawn and meditate, sometimes a student from the other dormitory helps me. It is easier to study together. I don't think I'll have the time to go out for track this year. I had rather take hikes. I really think it is just as good training, too.

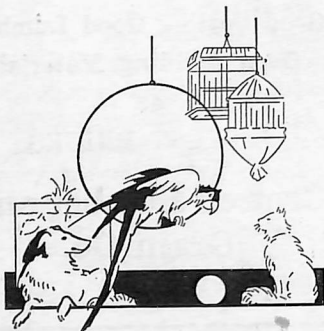
Well folks, I must bring this letter to a close.

With best regards to all the friends in SOO CITY.

I am your own son,  
— K.

Notice: We wish to thank the parents who complied to the request of the last Hermes. We only regret very much that we are able only to publish one of the many interesting letters that were sent to us.

—Editor.



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