

Dr. Seashore to Address Class of 35 Friday

Class Largest in the History of Dana
The junior class is busy decorating the chapel for the commencement night. We are to have the greatest celebration of its kind in the history of the school. Visitors are pouring in from the surrounding the commercial department, eight from the academy, and one from the pro-seminary.

The class this year is the largest in the history of the school. Five men are graduating from the seminary. These will be ordained at the coming convention. Two will graduate from the college, seven from the normal department, four from the music department, eight from the commercial department, and eight from the academy.

The class of '26 has worked hard this year under the leadership of its president, Edwin Petrusson. The "Danian" under his editorship, has made the 1926 issue far better than all former editions. It has been accomplished only by hard work on the part of the members of the Danian staff and the members of the senior class.

The program will start at 8:00 P. M. in the college auditorium:

PROGRAM

Processional
Hymn Audience
Scripture Reading and Prayer
Dr. P. S. Vig
"Wondrous Things the Lord Hath
Done," Cantata The Choir
Address .. Dr. A. T. Seashore, Pres.
Luther College, Wahoo, Nebr.
Valedictory Christian Justesen
Presentation of Diplomas
School Song—"Our Alma Mater"
Audience

Benediction .. Rev. Theo. M. Hansen
After the program in the chapel the festivities will be closed by the commencement banquet in the dining hall. Some three hundred and fifty reservations have been made, which will fill the dining hall to capacity. Prof. Sogge will be toastmaster.

NEW 1926—27 BULLETIN JUST OFF THE PRESS

The most complete catalogue ever printed by the school is ready for distribution. It includes full announcements regarding the various departments of the school, faculty revisions and scenes about the college and vicinity. New scholarships are also offered. The school wishes to place one of these in the hands of every prospective Dana student. Write for it now!

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TO HAVE MEETING THURSDAY

The annual business meeting of the Alumni Association will take place Thursday evening, June 3rd, at 8 P. M. New officers will be elected. Business to be brought before the special alumni meeting at our Church convention will be considered. After the business meeting the customary social hour will be spent in the reception room, where the old alumni members will be hosts to the seniors.

REV. N. C. CARLSEN DELIVERS BACCALAUREATE SERMON

"Service to God and man is the keynote of success in life. The man who selfishly thinks only of personal gain is not a true success. It is better to be scoffed at by man and receive a crown beyond than it is to work for an earthly crown and lose eternal salvation." So spoke Rev. N. C. Carlsen, president of the United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church, when he preached the Baccalaureate sermon for the Dana College graduates in the Danish Lutheran Church, Sunday evening, May 30, at eight o'clock.

Prof. T. M. Hansen officiated at the altar and the College Choir responded. Christian Justesen sang a solo.

PLANTING OF IVY FOLLOWED BY SENIOR CLASS PROGRAM

This year the seniors have had a class day just as the class of '25 did. This is but the second year that the senior classes have had a day which they called their own. The

following is the program as rendered by the class, Wednesday, June 2nd:

THE CLASS PROGRAM
Planting of the Ivy, 7:30 P. M.
Ivy Poem Lillian Lund
Ivy Oration Boas Weismann
Our Alma Mater .. Max Christensen
Audience
Senior Class Program, 8:15 P. M.
Merry Wives of Windsor .Orchestra
Class Poem Anna Jensen
Piano Solo—Etude Melodique
Cornelia Johnson
1940 Eli Vig
Soprano Solo: The Close of
Another Day Bessie Robesen
"Guard That Which is Committed
unto Thee." John Christensen
Soprano Solo: Selected
Lena Ellsworth Dale
Presentation of the Cap and Gown
Edwin Petrusson
Junior Response .. Arthur Mehrens
Dana Song Thorvald Henningsen
Audience

Each number was well rendered and there was such variation that all who came were well pleased. We hope that the class day may become traditional together with that beautiful custom of planting an ivy.

Dana College Orchestra Plays "Merry Wives of Windsor" at Class Program



Last evening preceding the program for class day the college orchestra gave a presentation of the Nicolai Overture, "Merry Wives of Windsor". It is delightful that our orchestra will attempt such a number. With the small number of instruments playing in the orchestra it is remarkable what can be done. There were not enough instruments to bring out all the themes, but Prof. Nielsen, playing the piano, was able to make up for the lack to quite an extent, and supported the orchestra remarkably.

We were fortunate in having Mrs.

Dale to take the violin lead in this difficult overture. Mrs. Dale is one of the most versatile persons at this college, and it seems there isn't anything she can't do.

The orchestra is to be complimented on its efforts. Any lack there may have been in instruments was certainly made up for in spirit. Let us hope that next year will give us a larger orchestra with a few more bass instruments, for if our orchestra can give a number of this size now, then its future is certainly bright.

FACULTY CHANGES

A number of changes will take place in the faculty for next year. Those who are leaving us are: Astrid Hansen, Tilman Sogge, A. D. Jensen, and Niels Overgaard.

The teaching staff for next year is not entirely completed. Two new members, however, have been secured.

Miss Margaret Jorgensen of Kenmare, North Dakota, has been engaged as instructor in History and Economics. She comes to us from the University of Minnesota and with several years' experience as a high school teacher and normal instructor. Miss Jorgensen will also have the responsibility as Dean of Women.

Another change has been made in the Commercial Department. Prof. Kirkegaard will have charge of the Greek classes and Mr. Erland Nelson of Ruskin, Nebraska, has been secured as Commercial teacher. Mr. Nelson comes to us from Peru Normal School and has had several years of experience as High School Superintendent.

Mr. Nelson will also have charge of debating. Two courses will be offered, one in the academy and one in the college. The first semester's work will be in the Theory of Argumentation and when the debating season opens practical work will be done on the subject for debate and representative teams selected. (Concluded on last page.)

Students of Piano and Voice Give Recital

Tuesday evening of June 1 was the date of the closing recital of the voice and piano departments of the college. The weather was delightful, and a large and very appreciative audience listened to the program.

The vocal recital consisted of several choruses, quartets and solos. All of the songs were very well given, showing very careful training. The vocal pupils had very good phrasing and diction, and in the choruses, the voices blended very well. They all showed a rapid advance since the last recital. Mrs. Dale is certainly to be complimented on her work in the vocal department. She has brought out remarkable results.

The obligatos played for some of the numbers by Mrs. Dale, Lilyan Hindley, Mr. Overgaard, and Emerald Nielsen were an added feature which enhanced the program much.

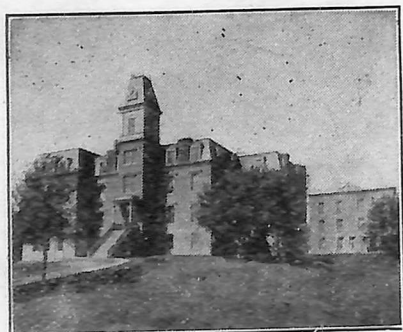
The piano department presented Cornelia Johnson in recital, as a graduate of the music course of the college. Miss Johnson played her program with real skill and artistic effect. She possesses genuine talent for the piano. Prof. Nielsen is to be praised for his work in the music department. Dana should keep him on her faculty as long as she can.

THE APPLICATION OF THE PRINCIPLE OF AUTHORITY TO PRESENT DAY SOCIAL CONDITIONS

By Harold Jorgensen
(Concluded)

Authority is, after all, founded on the idea of morality and justice. There are those who will maintain that authority is an invention of man, a means of common defense born out of dire necessity. But, while it serves as a means of common defense, it has its roots in something deeper than man's mind. It is the product of the sense of justice, of the abstract idea of right and wrong. It is built on the principle that the ruled and the ruler alike, must be guided by the sense of responsibility to the rest of society. Some of the prominent sociologists of the day give voice to this very principle, when they say that benevolent despotism would be the ideal form of government; not despotism alone, but despotism built on virtue. All successful authority has been based on virtue; all unvirtuous systems have eventually failed.

The great fault of society to-day is not that it lacks the outward forms of system and order. We have system to spare, but within that system the highest authorities of virtue and justice are sadly lacking. Authority never was made to defend anything but the right, and when it fails to do so it eventually loses its power. Despite the proportions of our most lauded system of government, it has become precariously infirm, because it lacks moral stability. Especially is this true of the more local forms, those of the city and the town. It is safe to say that the amount of immorality kept secret by local authorities, far exceeds that which is prosecuted. Such



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Editorial

FAREWELL!

Another school year has passed away. What have we derived from our stay this year? One thing we know is that we have been under Christian influence all the time. Have we received any blessings from this?

The senior class motto reads, "Guard that which is committed unto thee". We might all think of this as we go home. We dare say that something has been committed to every one of us. Let us make use of it! It may be a faint ray of light for the salvation of a soul.

We wish to congratulate the seniors upon the completion of their successful work in the years of study. We can leave you with no better word than that which you have made your motto, "Guard that which is committed unto thee."

ARE WE ARRIVING?

The circular letter that is being sent to the alumni this year has in it signs of an awakening among the graduates of Dana. The proposed plan of financing and building a gymnasium for our college is no small undertaking; and we realize that it has taken some courage on the part of the Alumni Association to venture such a program. If the plans are to be realized, it will require the support of every one connected with the college. If the alumni of Dana are ever to do anything for their Alma Mater they will have to agree to do one thing at a time; we are too small to build a gymnasium and furnish a library at the same time. We shall never accomplish anything as long as we stand divided. The association has decided to work for a gymnasium first; let us put all our strength into that at present. To buck the will of the majority does not necessarily indicate a lack of school spirit, but if it stands in the way of accomplishing something for our school let us be willing to sacrifice our own ideas.

Our college needs the interested support of its graduates. We know of no better way of creating interest in the college than by erecting some visible, tangible monument. If the alumni and the young people of our church can put a modern gymnasium on our campus, it will have a psychological value that will be worth much to the future of Dana.

The editor wishes to thank the members of the staff and the students who have contributed to the paper during the school year. It is our aim to make the paper representative of the school. The efforts have only been successful with the aid of the students. The editor also wishes to thank the English classes for the articles submitted. They have shown the right spirit in their writings.

a government is doomed unless it changes. A system of authority that lacks the fundamental sense of morality and justice, is on its way toward becoming a destroyer of peace and order.

Turning to the home, the primary social group, we see a condition very similar. Never, perhaps, since the days of Rome's decline, has the home life of a nation been menaced as it is in our country to-day. It would be a mere repetition to point out the facts connected with the home and marital relations. How can any authority be exerted in the home where those at the head recognize neither civil or moral law? Civil authority is based on the foundation of obedience to moral authority. The first is impossible without the second.

Reasoning from this point of view, we reach the conclusion that the first step toward bringing society to a more stable condition, is to inculcate into the minds of the people

the fundamental ideas of right and wrong, to purge the individual, to destroy the silly illusion of individual freedom. "But these things are not practical, they are not tangible," some protest. "That's putting the cart before the horse." But we still maintain that morality comes first. There is no other place for it. It is the highest form of authority, it is the fundamental one.

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stricter authority on the people of our country until the moral consciousness has been awakened to a more definite recognition of right and wrong. It is an easy thing to say, "Whip the child, punish the erring school boy, put the thief behind the bars, and electrocute the murderer." Surely, we believe in these things. But we have gotten to the point where there is no one to enforce them. Why should parents who are trying to cast off all restraint from themselves, care to discipline their children? How can a school teacher hope to punish a child if the parents will not tolerate it or are indifferent? How can the thief be incarcerated or the murderer sent to the chair, when there are a score of loop-holes through which they can crawl out and go back to prey on society? "But, that is stating the question far too strongly; it is surely not that bad. There are still a lot of decent, moral folks left." Surely! If there were not, the government would have gone to pieces long ago. But the general spirit of the times is one of weakness and vacillation. Even the church is feeling the effects of the revolt against principle. Men are becoming too weak morally, to either care to or to have the power to punish wrong-doing. If those in power are not exerting authority, who is going to do it? Who shall force the authorities to enforce law when they are too weak to do so themselves? How can one appeal for justice from a people that lacks the sense of justice?

The situation has taken on serious aspects; and they are not ordinary

calamity howlers who tell us so. The best sociologists and leaders of the day are all agreed that things are not right, and are able to offer abundant proof to back their assertions. There is only one effectual remedy given us from which to choose. Despite the fact that we are self-determining beings, we are limited to one of two great choices, the
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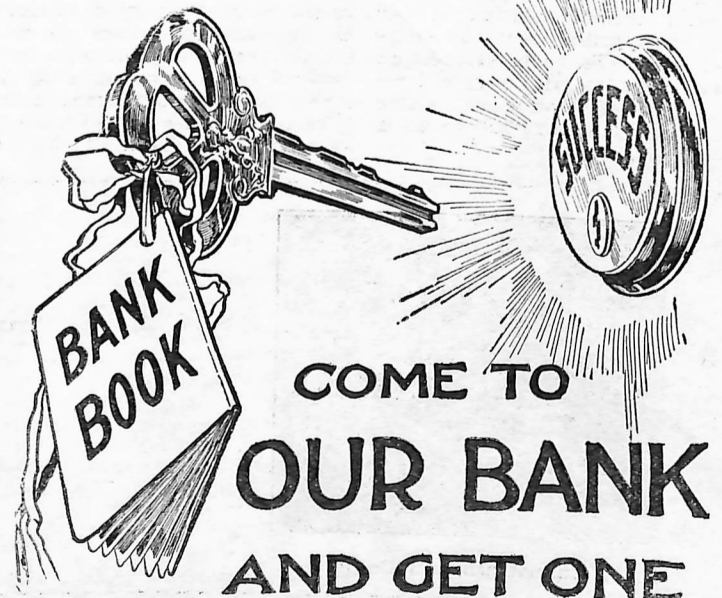
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Prof. T. M. Sogge has accepted the superintendency at Ringsted, Iowa, next year. He has been with us for two years. Everyone knows him as a friend and ready helper in all difficulties. His classes in history and economics will miss him probably more than the rest. This we know, that he has been an inspiration to us spiritually as well as mentally. We wish him God's blessing in the new work.

—A Student.



'The only way to have a friend is to be one.' These words can be truly said of Miss Astrid Hanson, who for the past two years has taught in the Normal Department and acted as Dean of Women. It is in the latter capacity, especially, that we girls have learned to know and trust her. She has ever been willing to help us in our trials and to give us a word of encouragement. She has been a pal to us—one whom we respected because of her position, remember because of her influence and love because of herself.

—A Student.

Local Activities

Saturday evening, May 22, the Dannebrog Society rendered a very entertaining program on Prof. Nielsen's porch. After the program, weiners were roasted and everyone enjoyed a grand "feed". We have heard nothing else about the party except that everyone enjoyed it very much.

Picnics seem to be very common at the close of the school year. On Friday, May 14, the Students' Christian Association gave their annual picnic out in the woods known as Bendorf's grove. Prof. Sogge gave a talk, the two prize-winning Dana songs were sung and games were played.

The choir has now given its last concerts. Friday night, May 21, it sang in Herman. Sunday, May 23, it rendered a concert at Kennard and in the evening at the Kountze Memorial Church at Omaha.

Thursday evening they sang in the Danish Lutheran Church here in Blair.

Last Friday night the students were given a wonderful treat by Dan Greeno, our janitor. Strawberry shortcake. Dan has been a real help and friend to the students all year, and his work is surely to be appreciated.

The Seminary students seem to be getting real prosperous at the end of their school life. John Christensen, and Soren Kaldahl are now driving in real style in their new Fords.

The boys have been busy playing base-ball and organizing teams. "Bo" Weismann and "Red" Hansen are the captains.

Last week the "Danian" was given out to the students and the campus was surely a wonderful scene. Never before have so many students been seen studying so hard at one time.

The play, "Tuning up for the Wedding" which was to have been given by the Public Speaking class, had to be canceled because several of those taking part were ill.

May 15, the American Literature class rendered a program in the chapel. It was a fine program and Mr. Siersbeck, the instructor, is to be congratulated on his good work in that class. After the program, officers were elected for the coming year.

Several of the young men from Dana are planning to teach summer school this summer. Lauritz Peter-

sen goes to Council Bluffs, Iowa, act as vicar at the church at Spencer, Iowa, during the absence of the pastor. Dana was well represented at the tennis tournaments at Lincoln, Nebr., Water, Nebr., and Ernest Grill will recently. "Bo" Weismann and "Red"

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Sunday evening Emma Johnson and Margaret Hansen were hostesses to a party given in the reception room.

Alumni

Miss Sena Hansen, R.N. '18, is now doing private duty at the Augustana Hospital in Chicago.

Ingrid Beck, R. N., '22, is nurse at the Grenora Hospital, Grenora, N. Dak.

Anna Beck '24, will attend the State Normal School at Minot, N. Dak.

Marius Hansen '20, Juul Nielsen '20, and Smith Kirkegaard have received their M. D., from the University of Nebraska School of Medicine. Mr. Hansen and Mr. Kirkegaard will be internes at the Iowa Lutheran Hospital at Des Moines, Iowa, next year.

Esther M. Bonnesen, '21, will be principal at the high school in Pacific Junction, Iowa, next year.

Aaron E. Christensen '23, received his A. B. degree from the Augustana College this year. He will be with us in the Trinity Seminary next year.

Among the contributors to this issue are: Carl Hjortsvang, Lillian Lund, Harold Hansen, Edwin Petrusen, Ida Johnson, Harold Jorgensen. Thank you for your contributions during this period of stress.

FACULTY CHANGES

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We hope that this new activity will be appreciated by the students and a large number make use of the opportunity.

In the physical training work Prof. Lundberg will assist during the coming year. To enable Mr. Bundgaard to devote more time to general athletics, Mr. Lundberg will coach the Basket-Ball Teams.

As soon as definite arrangements have been made to fill other vacancies, announcements will be made of same in "Our Lutheran Youth". We hope we shall be successful in securing able instructors in all our work. Instructors too, who will come to us in the spirit of wanting to serve their Church.

Prof. Theo. M. Hansen.

THE APPLICATION OF AUTHORITY TO PRESENT DAY SOCIAL CONDITIONS

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choice of right or the choice of wrong. We do not believe man to be incapable of discerning between the two if they are presented to him fairly. The only practical method we can employ, the only reasonable service we can render our country to-day, is to confront men, women and children, with the fact that all transgression will eventually exact its toll of punishment.

It is time that the schools of our land be purged from evil cloaked as learning and that the ideas of morality and justice be taught instead. There has been some agitation to introduce the Bible into the schools but people raise their hands in horror at the thought. And yet we can see no reason why it does not belong in the school rooms of our country. Our schools are maintained to promote the welfare of society. Mere intellectualism will never accomplish this. The preservation of society demands that school children be taught the principles of morality. It is impossible to more than mention the question of introducing the Bible into the schools, but let it suffice to say that the arguments for introducing Scriptural teaching into our public schools far outweigh those against. It furnishes a practical basis upon which the principle of authority can be based.

Another agency is the Church. In many respects it stands sadly disorganized and weakened by conflicting opinions within itself. In many cases it has been unfaithful to its trust, and has discarded its vital message for so-called intellectualism. But still there is a large part of it that has remained true to fundamental principles. The world has need of the Church to-day, and if it fails society will also fail. The sociologist, Elwood, despite the fact that he bases his social theories on strictly evolutionary ground, states that society cannot do without the Church. If it stands firm on its foundation it is in a position to render society an unequalled service.

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