

Forensic Activities

COACH NIELSEN ANNOUNCES
THE SCHEDULE TO DATE

At the annual meeting of the Nebraska Intercollegiate Forensic Association, held in Lincoln early in October, the Dana College Debate Coach secured the following "Conference" debate schedule:

Place	College	Date
Blair	Kearney State Teachers	February 4.
Blair	Midland (Dual)	February 4.
Blair and Fremont	Kearney State	February 8
Kearney	Undetermined	
Central City	Nebraska Central	February 18 Tentative
Blair	Nebraska Central	February 24
Blair	Chadron State Teachers	March 8
Blair	Peru State Teachers (Dual)	March 17 (Tent.)
Blair	Hastings College	Undetermined
Blair	Out of "Conference" Debates	
Blair	Creighton University	Jan. 13, (Tent.)
Blair	Des Moines University	Undetermined
Des Moines	Creighton University	Jan. 23, (Tent.)
Omaha	Luther College (Dual)	Jan. 20
Blair and Wahoo		Jan. 20

The student body can help make debating an important activity at Dana by offering every encouragement to the debaters. This is needed not so much when victory comes as it is during the long hard grind of preparation and drill, and in hours of defeat.

Students can also be of practical help in furthering debating at Dana by assisting in the sale of tickets for the home debates, the selling of refreshments at the debates, and in other money-raising schemes. Money is necessary to bring competent judges to Blair and to defray the expenses of our teams to other cities.

Remember that the debaters are not only the representatives of Dana College, but they are your sole and only representatives in intercollegiate scholastic activities. Remember that a college, (and consequently its graduates), is judged not by its buildings, its championship athletic teams, its social activities, important as all these are, but by its SCHOLASTIC STANDING. The world will immediately see reflected in the quality of Dana's forensic activities, not merely judges' decisions, but the enthusiastic support of the people of Dana.

Since this is the first year of college debating at Dana, naturally all of the material is new, not one of the members having had college debating experience. Furthermore most of the men are Freshmen, it is very unusual to find Freshmen who make the varsity squad. However, Dana has some men who have had oratorical experience and high school debating experience. Furthermore, any other lack in experience is amply made up by hard work and splendid enthusiasm.

The 1927 Danian

The DANIAN for the year of 1927 is in the making and promises to be a year book representative of the school at its best. To be sure, we hear many things concerning annuals and year books but often we wonder just what their worth is. Let us consider this worth in two ways. First, it is valuable to the student; for the simple reason of the joy it will bring in future years when he sits down and reads of those things which he did during the school year of 1926 and 27. The pictures and incidents will bring a thrill of joy, which is unexplainable and can only be realized by those who have experienced it. Secondly, it is valuable to the school and its supporters; because it relates the story of the activities and the progress of the school during the year, and annuals are sent out to all parts of the country and wherever they go they will draw students to Dana. An annual is one of the greatest helps in building up a school, and if we want a better school let us all strive to make the Danian a success. All our petty jealousies and animosities should be set aside, all trivial hindrances should be disregarded and everyone should be stoned toward a greater and better Dana.

THE LYCEUM COURSE

The dates for the three lyceum numbers are as follows: January 25th, Mrs. Verson, pianist; February 25th, Mr. Farbman, violinist; March 28th, Miss Hayes, soprano.

Dana's First Scheduled Football Game

A new page in the history of Dana College was begun Friday, November 19, when the Dana football eleven played its first game. The game was staged with the Omaha University team at the Blair city ball park and resulted in a final score of 25-0 in favor of Omaha. The student body at Dana showed excellent spirit, the attendance at the game being practically one hundred percent.

Considering that the odds were greatly against them, the Dana aggregation staged a better fight than had been expected. Omaha's line was considerably heavier than Dana's and the majority of her men were larger. Disregarding this, however, Dana held her line like a stonewall during the first half, proving her equal to the heavier opponents.

The greatest draw-back of the Dana team was its lack of training and experience. It can, in reality, be said that the team had practiced less than a week. Six days before the game Coach Bundgaard purchased the suits and no real practice had been held previous to this time. Omaha "U" had the advantage of several months practice and had the experience of numerous games with other schools. Truly, Dana should be proud of the showing it made in the game.

In the first quarter of the play, it seemed as though Dana was going to "hold her own" against her opponents. Dana gained steadily whenever she had the ball. The line worked excellently during the first quarter.

In the second quarter the Dana aggregation began to weaken. Lacking training and endurance, Dana's men were unable to keep up the fight exhibited in the first quarter. Omaha, at one time, had the ball on the eight yard line, but Dana held that line and Omaha lost the ball.

The first score was made in the latter part of the second quarter. Dana punted from its own goal line. The ball went about thirty yards, but was returned to Dana's twenty yard line by Omaha's safety man. A series of line plunges brought the ball within scoring distance for Omaha. The most spectacular play on the part of Dana in the first half was a pass received by Benny Bentson. The condition under which this pass was completed were such as to make it remarkable. If there had been more interference, Benny would undoubtedly have gone for a touchdown.

Beginning the second half, Puts Nelson went in as right half in place of Kirkegaard. The locals were so worn out that they were neither able to hold the line nor to furnish much interference for the back field. Omaha scored twice in the third quarter. By getting the ball within the ten yard line, they easily broke through Dana's line for touchdowns by means of line plunges and end runs.

In the beginning of the fourth quarter, conditions seemed a little more favorable for Dana. The men fought with all that was in them, but on account of lack of training, they were unable to hold out. Considerable fumbling was done by Dana. Art Thompson, Dana's right end, was "laid out" and was replaced by Duke Hyldahl.

It seemed as though Dana had a touchdown within her grasp when Puts Nelson made a spectacular dash down the gridiron for a forty yard gain. If he had only had interference, Nelson would undoubtedly have made a touchdown.

In the latter part of the quarter, Joe Kjoller substituted for "Buf" Jensen and Inky Olson for Les Thompson. Even with these men, fresh from the bench, in the line, Dana was unable to hold her own and Omaha scored twice more, making, however, only one point for a goal.

It is difficult to say which man on the Dana eleven played the best game. Every man was fighting and doing the best he could. With more practice, Dana could, without doubt, develop one of the best teams in Eastern Nebraska. The line was good and the backfield was extremely fast. With a little more experience, it is almost certain that Dana could defeat Omaha "U" if another game were to be scheduled with them.

Both teams played a clean game. Omaha showed real spirit in that they had an excellent representation to witness the game.

The possibilities for a future football team for Dana are great. Any one of the men who played on the team this year can, with practice, be developed into an excellent player. With many of the men coming back next year, and several other good

players from Blair and the vicinity who have already stated that they plan to attend Dana College next year, Dana can expect to have a real team in 1927.

Prof. Lundberg acted as head lineman and Prof. E. Nelson was timekeeper at the Omaha-Dana game. Dana's lineup was as follows:

- R. E.—Pete Soranson.
- R. T.—Harvey Norgaard.
- R. G.—Elmer Anderson.
- C.—Les Thompson—Inky Olson.
- L. G.—Buf Jensen—Joe Kjoller.
- L. T.—Paul Rasmussen.
- L. E.—Art Thompson—Duke Hyldahl.
- Q. B.—Harold Hanson.
- L. H.—Benny Bentson.
- R. H.—Kirkegaard—Puts Nelson.
- F. B.—Wes Anderson.

Wang of Columbia First Feature of Lyceum Course

On Friday evening, November 23, we had the privilege of hearing Mr. Wang of Columbia, who is a native of China, giving a lecture on "What's the matter with China". He is a representative of the Students Movement in his country. By his sincerity and unique personality we were quickly won, and he succeeded in opening our eyes to the real conditions of China. Undoubtedly Mr. Wang kindled a warm spot in many of our hearts for his people and awakened us to the extent that he inculcated some of his enthusiasm into us so that some of us at any rate, cannot help now but keep alight the flame which he so admirably kindled and make a deeper study of our friends, the Chinese. We keenly realize, now, after this lecture, how little reliable information we had concerning his country, one of the largest in the world. To Mr. Wang for his coming to us with his earnest straightforward presentation of the message from China, and to the Lyceum Committee for securing such interesting and inspiring programs as they have succeeded in doing this year, do we students express our appreciation and indebtedness.

THE NORDIC READING CIRCLE MEETS

On the evening of November 13th, the Nordic Reading Circle held its initial meeting of the season at Prof. Waldo B. Nelson's home. At this hospitable home the series of monthly meetings opens each year.

The Nordic Reading Circle is an organization instituted here several years ago by Rev. Paul Nyholm, present pastor at Des Moines, Ia., and former member of Dana College faculty. This year the organization is functioning under the supervision of Prof. Bundgaard as president, Prof. Waldo B. Nelson, Vice-President, and Prof. Axel Larson as Secretary and Treasurer.

A literary discussion on the splendid book "Kejseren af Portugalien" by Selma Lagerlof, occupied the greater part of the evening. The individual members of the society took a very active part in regard to the prominent characters of the book, the author's style etc.

These literary meetings cannot but exert a great influence on the Danish young people of the Seminary and College attending them, as well as to the other members. As we work with, and meditate on the literary world of our native tongue, we cannot but come to admire and love them, which is of course the final aim of the Nordic Reading Circle.

When the dainty luncheon later in the evening was served by Prof. Nelson and his wife, the guests really felt that they were back in Denmark, as with relish they enjoyed "Dansk Smør-og-Brød, Kaffe og Kage".

Yes, we all felt when leaving later in the evening that it had been a unique and interesting meeting, and I am sure are all eagerly awaiting the next session of the society which will be held at the home of Prof. Bundgaard next month.

CHOIR NEWS

The committee has heard from all except one or two places, so by next issue of Hermes we hope to be able to present the complete itinerary. The tour has been lengthened a little, comprising fifteen days with about twenty concerts. The date of departure from Dana will be April 8th.

Impressions From The Young People's Meeting

The Young People's Meeting held at Dana College from November nineteenth to the twenty-first belongs to the past but the resulting vision of what we may be and may do in the Kingdom of God gives promise for the present and the future.

The opening meeting was held Friday evening in the chapel. Rev. Videbeck from Elk Horn, Iowa, delivered an inspiring sermon on Perverse Thinking, based on a number of Scripture passages especially I Corinthians 1:17-26. He pointed out the difference between spiritual right and wrong thinking. He further stated that to know and believe we are saved by grace is to think right. Perverse thinking is the devil's thought; we should let the Spirit of God be our thought. To put things of less importance before those of major importance is wrong thinking, hence sinful. Christ says, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." At the close of the sermon Miss Hansen sang very impressively, "God is Love."

In behalf of the Central Committee Rev. James C. Peterson welcomed the young people, quoting Acts 4: 32. President Hansen cordially invited all to the college for the meetings. As a closing number the choir sang Bach's beautiful anthem "Blessings, Glory, Wisdom, and Thanks." After the meeting everyone was invited to the reception room for a social hour.

On Saturday morning Rev. Videbeck conducted an instructive Bible hour on the first Epistle of John. Rev. Nyholm then delivered a very inspiring lecture on "Education and Spiritual Development". He stated that hunting for knowledge is one of the cleanest desires God gives us. Education should fill our whole mind and give us a broader vision. Education enlarges our world view, but first our inward world must be enlarged. It also helps to produce good things and good men, Christian men who are leaders. We must make clear to ourselves what our final goal or aim is in this life. Rev. Nyholm brought up many interesting thought-provoking questions in his lecture.

On Saturday afternoon Rev. M. Christensen from Harlan, Iowa, spoke from Matthew 14:44-46, introducing the topic, "The Pearl of Great Price." He said, "The greatest need of man is Redemption which meets the deepest wants of the human soul. It can not be taken away from us. God seeks us though we do not seek him." Many fine testimonies

were given by those who had found the Pearl of Great Price.

On Saturday evening the meeting was held in an informal way in the dining hall. The subject was, "Our Young People's Work." A representative from each young people's league in our synod gave an interesting account of the young people's work as it is being carried on in his respective league. Many interesting phases were brought up by students, faculty, and friends. Much interest and enthusiasm was shown by all. Following the discussion everyone enjoyed refreshments.

On Sunday morning Rev. M. Christensen spoke in the English language in the local church from Luke 17: 20-33. He said, "The kingdom is not carnal but spiritual. It is not eating and drinking but righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit." Following the sermon the male quartette sang "The Lord is my Shepherd."

Rev. Nyholm also spoke in the forenoon in the Danish language from II Peter 3:10-14. He proved that many of the signs of the second coming of Christ had taken place. He further stated that though there were some prophecies yet unfulfilled why should that trouble us. Should we not be glad to meet Christ at anytime?

On Sunday afternoon the meetings continued in the Chapel. Rev. Laursen from Omaha ably presented the subject, "Finding my Calling and Christian Service." This is a vital question to every alert young man or woman. What life work shall I choose? Whom shall I consult and what factors may enter in, in determining this momentous question are questions to be answered for the solution of the problem. The girls' quartette sang, "The Inner Chamber" after which many participated in the discussion of Rev. Laursen's subject.

The closing session was held at the church. The college choir sang "Dayspring of Eternity". Alfred Jensen spoke a few words followed by Rev. Christensen. Rev. Nyholm summed up what had been said by stating what Christ has done for us. The local pastor Rev. Nielsen and also President Hansen extended thanks to the visiting pastors, who had brought such wonderful spiritual messages. Following the service, refreshments were served to all in the church basement.

May the seeds that were sown result in a rich spiritual harvest. It is the express wish that similar meetings may be conducted at Dana from time to time in the future.

Interest in Missions is Growing

Jesus commissioned His Disciples to go and preach, teach and baptize among all nations. He did not limit this great work to them only. Every person who has accepted Jesus Christ in faith as his or her Savior, is a disciple.

The commission is applicable to this Age as also in the Apostolic Age. Jesus urges us to pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into the field. Does this concern the believers of to-day?

God is rich unto all that call upon Him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? (Rom. 10:12-15). Yes! most assuredly this great phase of Christian work concerns us.

Why a Mission Class at Dana?

One of the joys that thrill the heart and soul of the believer, is to hear about the progress of the Kingdom of God, and enjoy the privilege of supporting it. Do we not pray that God might through the Holy Spirit quicken His people, and through them revive the Church and thus that many might be carried into the Kingdom? Where there is no interest for missions there is an evidence of Spiritual stagnation. The mission interest at Dana, we rejoice to say, is the evidence of

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The Importance of the Classics in Modern Education

BY MISS CAROLINE JOHNSON

What is the value of the study of the classical languages in this modern age? A few entertain the erroneous opinion that there can be no value in anything so ancient, that these languages are "dead" and entirely out of date.

Hence they carefully make a wide detour around these subjects in choosing their college course, and seek the more practical subjects, those that seem to them to have a more ready cash value. But some of our most prominent men in public affairs have given their testimony to the value of the classics, and have not failed to see their practical value.

As cultural subjects Latin and Greek hold their place together with the history and literature of the countries in which they were spoken. Despite the passing of many centuries since Roman civilization was in its glory, we are Romans still in many ways. Many of our modern institutions are based on Roman models. Our modern literature is full of allusions to Greek and Latin literature and mythology, which only those who have studied the classical languages can fully appreciate. The very language we speak contains numerous Latin words spelled exactly like the Latin original and only slightly changed in pronunciation.

Woodrow Wilson has aptly expressed his opinion about our debt to the past in these words: "We should have scant capital to trade on were we to throw away the wisdom we have inherited and seek our for-

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Editorials

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETINGS

That Christianity is a reality, that Christ in our lives may be a vital power, were old truths brought to us during our meetings in a new and interesting and certainly convincing way. We will cherish the memories made at these meetings as a treasure indeed!

It is the hope of a great number of students that each year a young people's meeting may be held in the halls of Dana College. We who are here feel the need of special seasons of spiritual blessings. Often the spiritual aspect of our lives is neglected, that side of our make-up which should be cultivated the most in order that we might get the greatest values out of life.

Our responsibilities were pointed out to be great, and certainly they are. Not only are we to become enthusiastic, at the moment, but we must live near to God daily. It is then that Christianity becomes that living force in our lives, which it can become for every one of us.

Speaking from the point of view of our visitors, we feel sure that they went home to speak well of the meetings and of our school. The young people of our church should be very personally interested in Dana College for it is their school. These meetings if held yearly will help greatly to create a bond of unity between them and us—between them and their school.

FOOTBALL

Football has been started at Dana. It was encouraging to see that the entire student body and most of the faculty members attended our first game. If this interest continues, the success of football at Dana is assured.

Intercollegiate football has been severely criticised because of the tendency in some schools to exalt football prowess above all other kinds of excellence. There is no doubt much truth in this statement, but all fair-minded critics agree that this is not the fault of the game but of the colleges themselves. Many things which are good in themselves may be carried to such an extreme that they bring evils in their train. But we should not destroy a good thing simply because someone has misused it. There is, of course, the consideration that it is difficult to determine where to draw the line, but this same difficulty presents itself in almost every activity that we have. The value of football as an intercollegiate sport is such that we should make sure that the game cannot be controlled before we decide to abolish it. Educators throughout the country are awake to the evils which have arisen, and already much of the cause for censure has been removed. The enforcement of stringent eligibility rules has removed the evil of the so-called "tramp" athlete.

Football is in itself a good sport and an interesting sport. If properly limited and controlled, the game will, by its recreative value, help rather than hinder the attainment of the central intellectual purpose of education. The value of the game to the spectators is often overlooked. We cannot be at our studies all of the time. We need some absorbing recreation to freshen our minds. A football game not only affords a means of absorbing recreation, but it also creates a strong sense of common interest. If those who take part in the game adhere to the code of sportsmanship laid down by the late Walter Camp, the father of American football, we need not fear that football will destroy or dwarf the significance of intellectual attainment.

The Supremacy of Christian Faith

By Alfred Jensen

Mankind has produced countless types of faith, all derived from various sources, each with its own end in view. There is the normal trust, in natural laws, natural phenomena and past experience. There is the trust the luck type of faith, a faith that leans on blind chance, also blind utilitarian, pragmatic and mystic types of faith and many others.

Far above them all, towers that faith of Christian men and women which to know and experience is life indeed. That faith stands alone. It has a category all its own. And what is more, it has proven its claims to that cordial position among moral and spiritual potencies, by surviving its many tests and by proving to be all-sufficient to all who have had any experience with it. Scholars and thinkers may disavow faith and boast reason as much as they please, for man is, after all, only a creature of marked credulity. What you are spiritually, morally or philosophically, this you are by virtue of your faith in some conceivable phenomenon, a something or nothing, whatever would be fitting to call it. If a man is spiritual he is so because of faith. The moralist without some faith in his ethics would cease to be moral. The logician could not go beyond his first premise and the philosopher's hypothesis would be worthless were it not for faith. But the foundation of much human belief is no more than some preconceived notation, some precarious speculation or supposition. It may only be a bit of atheism or agnosticism. Even the agnostic who declares he does not know and cannot know must have some faith in the "Ne plus ultra" of his inquiry, how otherwise could he be content with his conclusion, as he says he is? Now consider carefully the sure

firm clear conviction, the unwavering assurance of the steadfast faith of the Christian and the conclusion must be inevitable. The unique tenets of the Christian faith, however, are not the conclusive proofs of its supremacy. Ultimately, that rests upon the fact that Christian faith can be accounted for. From the time of Thales to our present decade, there is not a school of philosophers, neither an independent thinker that has left us anything conclusive and definite, upon which it is safe to build our present and future hopes. The one has supplemented or else overthrown the other. They all have their day and pass on into history, some even into oblivion only to be revived occasionally, by someone who loves to philosophize, but who has not a philosophy of his own. The truth of the whole matter is clearly understood. The bottom falls out of them all. All because they repudiate objective facts and seek their proofs within themselves.

On the other hand, what a rock foundation is not that upon which Christian faith is established. Ask any Christian, who is indeed a Christian, to account for his faith and he will immediately bear you witness of a faith that is firm and sure. He may know very little about the most general and obvious facts, but he knows for a certainty in whom he has believed. The keenest Christian scholar can account for his faith more readily than anything else. All this because the ground work of his faith is the greatest of all objective facts, the historical Christ, the risen and ascended Lord, the Author and Finisher of our faith. Christians do not merely say that they have heard of faith in Christ or read about faith in Christ; they

The purpose of this portion of our paper is to give students an opportunity to discuss specific things which students have in common; to discuss them not for the sake of rousing one another's wrath but for the sake of making the general conditions at Dana good and wholesome. It is with this purpose in view that I submit a few thoughts in connection with dormitory life, in particular among the men.

It has been said of our generation that we dislike laws and rules. In many instances this desire is justifiable especially if the outcome will not prove detrimental to fellow-beings. Surely, no one will pass a too-hurried criticism upon a student body whose wish it is that their life may not resemble that of prisoners, whose lot it is to be watched and guarded carefully each day. It would take an extended space to discuss the undesirability of such a state in a college.

However, my aim is to criticize the direct opposite of the above mentioned state which involves the inconsiderate attitude of certain men

boldly declare that they have had first hand information through personal experience with Christ. And many have already sealed that testimony with their blood. No man, be his intellectual attainments ever so great, who has experienced Christ to be that which he declared himself to be, has had the slightest inclination to carry the inquiry further.

The certainty of the fact of Christ as the foundation stone of Christian faith is demonstrated by the great truth, that at this point there is not the slightest variation among all true believers. Christians may disagree in many respects. Their creeds may be vastly different and in part, they may even be contradictory. But in one thing there is perfect harmony, which is their personal experience of faith in Christ. To this we add at least nineteen centuries of immutable Christian experience.

What shall we now say of the many religious cults that have originated from time to time? Do they not also deserve a place in the same category as that of Christian faith? By no means. Some of these cults are so obviously contrary to fact, as for example the denial of matter by Eddyism and therefore also evil, also the Mormon idea of a materialized God, that they scarcely deserve consideration. But the error of these cults usually lies in the fact, that they either make portions of scripture mean something which they cannot possibly mean according to their plain language and context, or they completely exclude some of the most vital passages entirely. One of the favorite mutilated passages of Russelism, for example, is 1 Tim. 2:6. Surely such integrity cannot be trusted as a sure basis for religious belief.

But we see also that these cults seek a tangent for their saving faith within themselves, in their own righteousness which is both falacious and inconsistent. To demonstrate this more clearly, we shall begin by affirming that man by nature is not perfect. Thus far I am sure we are all agreed. That imperfection is not blamelessness or innocence, but rather sin which means to come short of perfection, holiness, righteousness, etc. Now man is not only guilty of sin. He, by nature, loves sin and clings to it tenaciously, always preferring the evil to the good. Whoever denies that fact is certainly blind to the reality of human nature, for how obvious is it not even among most innocent children. Let me now state the question at issue. How is it possible to develop from our original sinful state a higher nature, directly contrary to our sinful nature, that can atone for our sin and corruption? To my mind it is grossly absurd even to intimate that it can be done. For sin produces sin and corruption produces corruption. The righteousness which alone merit us salvation cannot be a product of our own sinful state, since that produces everything but righteousness. For a man to attempt to merit salvation by a self-righteousness is preposterous, since his natural state has no capacity for righteousness, and his good deeds and good works are but a mere outward show and ridiculous imitation. That atoner or propitiator which man seeks as a tangent for his faith cannot, therefore, be found within himself. It is an objective which is far beyond himself. In fact it is divine. Even Socrates taught that there is no hope for man, unless the Gods come down and die for him. And mark well, that atonement must be accepted by faith as vicarious, that is in my stead. And that vicarious atonement can only be found in him whose innocence and impeccability could safely challenge even his fiercest enemies to convict him of sin, the divine and sinless Jesus, our faith's only sure objective. The vicarious atonement of Christ is the indispensable counter-part to the spiritual order of men, and the religion which rejects it so grossly incomplete.

STUDENT OPINION

of our school. It is not only a criticism but also an appeal.

The point is that there is an eminent carelessness on the part of some which penetrates our whole dormitory with a wanton spirit at times. A spirit which not only hinders concentrative studying but which also suggests the urgent need of action to be taken by our administration! The co-operation and adjustment above on the part of each student will check those concerned from bringing a suggestion in the form of a petition to our Dean to remedy matters.

Consider this, men! Fill our dormitory with a wholesome spirit! Let us bear in mind that our educational training should not only fit us for our vocation in so far that certain talents of ours become developed, but it should also develop our sense of propriety in every respect. Civilization means refinement, a relative advancement in social culture. Let us each contribute our share in our daily actions that Dana may in truth be an institution which holds forth the great worth of education, civilization, and religion. A. E. C.

Once more, Christian faith proves its supremacy in service. There are obstacles to be encountered which require more than human strength. There are trying discomfitures and heart-wounding discouragements that must be endured. Here the faith of a young John Mark will not suffice. It must be the faith of the Christian who can put his hands to the plow without looking back. For he alone is fit for the Kingdom of God. Christian faith alone has that divine impulse indispensable to the accomplishment of God's purposes. It alone produces that impetus, which impels men and women to leave all good things behind and to go forth defying all obstacles, braving all dangers. It alone can give that incentive to the servants of God and man, whereby they completely lose themselves in that all imposing love and concern for the unsaved world. In the realm of service, there is nothing that can compare with it. The achievements of Christian faith are so supreme, that they are an everlasting challenge to those ideas and ideals which bring forth mighty appeals, but which, after all, are

but sounding brass and a clanging cymbal.

Nevertheless, God has much yet undone in His world—wide fields, white unto harvest, not only because of the small number of Christian believers, but also because of the self-limited faith of the believers. Christian faith has a wondrously large capacity for service. But its possibilities are too infrequently realized because of disobedience and unbelief, and the general neglect to exercise Christian faith. It is a pity, that Christian faith must so often be represented by luke-warm and cold hearts that accomplish so very little or nothing for God and His Kingdom.

It is for this reason that God's work is not being done. Missionaries are but few, in proportion to the vast territories yet unevangelized. The combatants of vice and sin, for want of faith, are losing their moral courage. While so many effervescent and sugar-coated preachers couch God's eternal truth in such polished and diplomatic language, that its very life kernel is lost. Woe unto such unfaithful servants! Verily they have their reward. Let us write it indelibly upon our hearts, that hallowed common sense does not mean a surrender of the truth. The faith whereby the kingdom of God must come, must be shot through with an intense grief for sin and a passionate love for the sinner. That is faith supreme.

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CLASSICS IN MODERN EDUCATION

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tune with the slender stock we ourselves have accumulated. This, it seems to me, is the real, the prevalent argument for holding every man we can to the intimate study of the ancient classics."

Thus we must recognize that we cannot emancipate ourselves from the past, nor ignore our debt to the culture and civilization of past ages. Latin was the universal language of the learned during many centuries, and is so still in some respects. During the dark ages it was Latin that kept the "torch of learning burning." A liberal education is not complete without Latin. It opens the door to a wealth of literature that no translation can do full justice to.

Those who forced by circumstances must look only for the practical value of an education will find Latin

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of more importance than they had thought. A thorough knowledge of the English language and ability to use it fluently is an asset in any occupation and a necessity in many cases. More than half the words of the English language are derived from Latin or Greek. A knowledge of Latin gives a better understanding of these words and minimizes the effort in adding new words to one's vocabulary. By acquaintance with roots and stems it also aids in combating the bugbear of English spelling. More than one prospective position has been lost because of a misspelled word in the letter of application.

Latin not only gives a better understanding of words but also a clearer idea of the structure of language. He who has mastered the logical Latin constructions, has laid a good foundation for the study of other foreign languages while at the same time he has gained ability in analyzing the more complicated English constructions. Latin especially forms a good basis for the study of the so-called Romance languages. French, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese and Rumanian are only modernized forms of Latin as developed among these various peoples and modified by them through many centuries.

During the World War interest in the study of French was greatly increased in this country and this interest still continues. French was added to the curriculum in many schools where it had not been found before. In recent years greater interest in Spanish has been aroused because of its commercial importance. Spanish is the language of all the countries of South America, except Brazil where Portuguese is spoken. The South American countries have been making rapid strides in advancement in many industries in recent years and have taken their place in the world beside other civilized nations, even in the League of Nations. As their neighbors we have important commercial relations with them, and we need men who know their language to carry on this intercourse. Spanish is also the official language of Mexico, and is spoken to some extent in the parts of the United States adjoining Mexico. French is spoken in parts of Canada as well as in Louisiana. The practical value of knowing the language of these close neighbors is self-evident. Thus we see how Latin influences various modern languages and how widely these languages are used.

In the sciences the technical terms are derived from Latin and Greek and are alike in all languages. They thus form a universal scientific language. Because of this fact Universities demand a knowledge of Latin as an entrance requirement to the schools of law, medicine, engineering and other professions.

As new inventions are made new

words are added to the language to designate them. These are usually derived from Latin. Thus we have aviator, submarine, automobile, tractor, telephone, radio, etc.

Not to be overlooked as a practical value is also the training of character that necessarily accompanies a conscientious study of the classics. Exactness and thoroughness and keener insight are developed, as well as patience and determination.

INTEREST IN MISSIONS IS GROWING

(Continued from 1st page.)

active, vigorous Spiritual Life. We have a mission class at Dana, because we want to realize more fully that the commission of Christ concerns us. We are called upon to support, contribute and assist other organizations, but here is a call for service and support also. Let us notice from Whom the call is and give heed, for His is a Kingdom which endureth forever.

We as a class have a definite aim. We wish every member to realize the importance of this work. We wish to be enlightened as to the activities and development upon the Foreign Mission Field. In short, we aim to have every member and non-member realize that he or she cannot afford to be ignorant or "lose out" as it were, on this important phase of Christian work.

The Class is no recent organization. It dates back from the year 1920 and is stronger to-day than ever before. Our programs are held during the winter months only. Once again we have commenced our activities. Monday evening, Nov. 1st, was our first meeting this winter. God has again given us a group of interested members which makes the class one of importance as well as inspiration.

At the present time, the class consists of forty members which number we hope will increase as the year advances. The program commenced with Scripture reading and prayer after which Mr. Alfred Jensen spoke to the class, basing his remarks upon the topic "Why should we study Foreign Missions?"

The fact was especially emphasized that we should study Foreign Missions for the purpose of information.

We should study so that we thereby get an outline of a certain Field, and know something about it. Reference was made by the speaker to the superstitious belief of the Buddhist, how he is striving in his own way, in blindness and spiritual darkness, to know how to live so as to be transmigrated into a higher world of spirits when this life's day is past.

The present developments in Foreign Fields and their impediments, were strikingly pointed out by the speaker. The reason why many missionaries are not successful is due to the fact that they compromise with the religions of the heathen. He tells them that their religious practices are as good as the Christian worship. What is the result? True the Buddhists are enlightened and receive more education but, they are made haters of Christianity. True it is they need education. True it is their moral standards and heathen law will elevate them little above the beast nature, but it will not save them, what they need is the Blood of Jesus Christ. The reason for so much failure on the Foreign Mission Field, is due to the fact, that there are missionaries who go out in the spirit of bigotry. When the truth is presented to the heathen in such a way, that he sees its soundness, purity, solidity then he reaches forth and stretches up his hand of faith and grasps it, and he is happy. The speaker emphatically impressed upon the class that, to be a successful Christian worker one must put into practice what one teaches. Service is a word used everywhere and anyhow and at any time so that it is almost a worn-out word, and forgotten in practice.

The closing words were a stirring and heart-searching appeal. "Watchmen! what of the night? Watchmen! what of the night of Spiritual darkness!" as an echo from Him Who said, "Ye are the light of the world. Ye are the salt of the earth." Mr. Bollesen having received a letter from Rev. J. Girtz, India,

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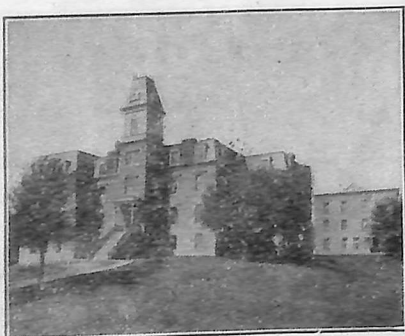
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shared it with the class. This was very much appreciated and thrilled our hearts with joy to listen to the many interesting experiences of the writer in far off India. We as a class wish to thank Rev. Girtz for the privilege, also that he constantly remembers the mission class at Dana, we in turn remember him.

The meeting which was greatly enjoyed by all present, closed with thanksgiving and praise to Him Who said, "Other sheep I have, which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd." Thus was brought to a close our first blessed, enjoyable hour of the Mission Class.

Items of Interest From the Campus

A meeting of all the women registered at the college was held on Thursday noon at 12:35 in the reception room. The question of organizing a women's club was discussed. A second meeting was held Friday noon. The motion to organize a women's club was carried. Miss Falk, Miss Helen Hansen and Miss Olivia Jensen were elected as members to draw up a constitution. Further organization will take place after the constitution is formed.

Classes of Dana were dismissed for the afternoon at 12 o'clock, in celebration of Armistice Day at the request of the student body. At 2:30 an Armistice Day program was held in the chapel which consisted of a scripture reading, songs by the male quartet, a very interesting talk, "In Flanders Fields," by Mr. Bollesen, and a short, interesting talk by Prof. C. X. Hansen. Patriotic songs were sung by the audience and the program closed with the sounding of taps.

On December 1st the famous Martin Luther Film, showing the time and life of Luther, and other Protestant reformers, will be shown at the Home Theatre. The College is very glad to recommend this film to everybody; the educational value alone should be great enough to insure full house at both afternoon and evening performances. Special music and singing will be given by the music department of the college.

The Student's Christian Association met on the evening of Nov. 10. The meeting was opened with a song. Aaron Christensen read a scripture passage from 2nd John and led in prayer. Two very good talks were given. Prof. Axel Larson spoke in the Danish language and William Goldbeck spoke in the English language. The meeting was closed with song and prayer.

The Hesperian Society held its meeting at 7:30 on Nov. 13. The meeting opened with a song. Those partaking in the program were: Elna Hofgaard rendered a piano solo. Prof. Axel Larsen gave a violin solo accompanied by Miss Hofgaard at the piano. Winston Hansen and Leonard Kirkegaard rendered a humorous debate on the subject: "Resolved That a Pin is More Useful Than a Match." The meeting closed with a song. Ice cream was served after the meeting.

The Music Department of Dana College has been requested by the Monday Afternoon Club of Blair to render a program on behalf of that organization in the Dana Chapel, Monday evening, January 7th.

The Choir Itinerary has been enlarged so that, according to the present schedule, it will comprise a fifteen day tour.

The Students' Christian Association held its weekly meeting Wednesday evening. Miss Ida Johnson read a selection entitled "The Thing Most Precious". We learned that the thing most precious is the tears of a repentant sinner. Mr. Peter Vammen gave a short talk. The Seniors sold ice cream after the meeting.

Miss Margaret Hansen, who has spent the summer months in Brush, Colorado, visited Dana friends from Friday, November 19, until Wednesday, November 24th. Miss Hansen left Dana for Elk Horn, Iowa, where she will spend Thanksgiving vaca-

tion prior to continuing her journey to Chicago.

As has before been made known the Basket Ball squad has been doing some diligent practicing. During the Football drive, however, the practicing of Basket Ball was discontinued, to be resumed, subsequent to the delay, with renewed vigor and enthusiasm, and with Coach Lundberg at the head. We are assured of a good team because there is plenty of competition for each position. Eighteen games have already been scheduled. Don't worry about a place to spend the winter week-ends. Come out to the "Gym", and hear the loyal Dana Boosters give their Rah Rahs for the team. If you feel the inclination to show the team you are a Booster, too, join the Rooters, because you know

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Mr. Dan Greeno, our very efficient and exceedingly magnanimous janitor, who on various occasions in the past has revealed his generosity by making Dana Students the joyful recipients of products delectable to the palate, has again succumbed to the urgent impulse of his kind heart by presenting to the Chief of the Culinary Arts of the Dana Kitchen the most material part of a bountiful Thanksgiving Dinner, namely the goose or, in this case, geese, owing to the number of guests. The guests included all the students and faculty members.

Friday evening, November 12, the Seminary volley ball team played the "Racine Boys". The latter team was favored with a 3 to 1 victory. All we need now is more teams so we will have greater competition. Let's all get in and show either class spirit or state spirit by having our regular teams.

Lillie Petersen and Ruth Fogdahl spent the week end in Omaha.

Miss Ida Hansen reports an enjoyable week-end spent at Concord.

Among the former Danaites who attended the inspirational Young People's Meetings this past week-end, were: Boas Wiesmann, Alice Kringle, Elvira Nielsen, Alvina Bondo, Esther Vedsted, Dagmar Jorth, Helge Borre, Margaret Hansen, and Amanda Kaldahl.

A certain group of dormitory girls have begun the custom of conducting short prayer meetings each evening from 10:15 until 10:30. These services are held in the girls rooms.

A few changes have taken place in the membership of the Danian staff. Upon the reception of the resignation of Ansgar Christensen as Editor-in-Chief and Clemmens Vig as Business Manager, Arthur Mehrens was elected in place of the former and Harold Hansen in place of the latter. Since these two last named members formerly held offices on the Danian staff Lydia Qlsen was elected as Circulation Manager in place of Arthur Mehrens and Lester Jensen as Athletic Editor in Harold Hansen's place.

Among the contributors to this issue are: Ansgar Christensen, Lillie Petersen, Harry Thompsen, Gordon Petersen, and Prof. Erland Nielsen.

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ALUMNI NOTES

Arnold Andersen, '21, teacher in Eau Claire, Wis., is seriously considering entering the Trinity Seminary next fall.

Ingrid Beck, '21, Reg. Nurse, is back again in the hospital where she received her years of training.

Agnes Bing, '24, entered the second year of her training this fall in the Immanuel Hospital.

Arlo Clausen, '25, who was one of our favorite goal getters on last year's basket ball team, is this year at his home in McNabb, Illinois, where he is working on the home farm.

A goodly number of our Alumni were with us during the meetings. Those present were: Rev. James C. Peterson, '12, Rev. M. G. Christensen '23, Ester E. Jensen, Arthur Jensen, Helge Borre, '22, Nina Petersen '24, Rev. A. N. Skanderup '20, Ester Vedsted '26, Boas Weisman '26, Chris Zander '24, and Alvina Bondo '25.

Nina Petersen is making use of her commercial training in one of the large offices in Omaha.

Asaph Jensen '23, is studying toward the degree D.D. S. at the U. of Nebraska. He has two years left to complete his course of study.

Ruth Jensen '26 spent Thanksgiving week end with us.

THAT WEEKLY LETTER

Thursday, Nov. 25.

Dear Folks:-

How are you all, I wonder? I hope you have had a pleasant Thanksgiving. I wish I could have been with you, which was impossible in the face of present circumstances. Now I look forward to Christmas, which is not so very far off. Just think, then I can stay home for two whole weeks. Most likely I will do a little occasional studying, but one will have to look upon that as a necessary evil.

Well, I have had a swell time today. Dan treated us all to goose dinner. I ate a little more than was good for me, so I had to lay down right after dinner. When I fell asleep and when I woke up it was supper time, and I had to go down and eat some more goose. That finished a perfect day.

It is evening now. I am sitting alone. My room is becoming cold. Now and then I get shivers up and down my backs and I have goose flesh on my arms. No doubt, I have eaten too much goose.

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One thing I have found out, and that is, that one can celebrate Thanksgiving day without even tasting turkey, provided he has plenty of goose. So I will say—let me eat the geese of a country and I care not who devours its turkeys.

Well, I must have my bed fixed and go to sleep. Tomorrow I have a lot of letters to write. I am going to write my Christmas cards and letters now. Then I will put them so I'll have them ready when Christmas comes. In that way I'll not be rushed so much right up to the holy days.

Hoping to see you within a month I remain, your obedient daughter,
Karen Jørgensdatter.

"JEST" OURSELVES

Aaron: Shall we have a committee consisting of two men and one woman or of one woman and two men?

Dr. C. X. H. in psychology class pointing out variations in dialect: For instance here is Mr. Paul, Rasmussen from Boston the seat of knowledge—and Mr. Petersen, Irving, from Fresno the other extremity.

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