

## Dana Defeats Midland

The score being 34 to 33  
LOSES A GAME TO WAYNE

Dana College won its first basket ball game of the season when it defeated the Midland College five 34—33 on the Dana gym floor Saturday evening, January 8. The game was a real treat to those who witnessed the tilt. The score at the end of the actual game was 29—29, but an overtime period of five additional minutes was granted in order to play off the tie.

Coach Lundberg sent in the following line-up at the start of the game: Center—Clem Vig, forwards—Capt. Hanson and Mehrens, guards—Shorty Vig and Pete Sorenson.

Midland began scoring by making a free throw followed by a basket immediately afterwards. "Red" made Dana's first basket, but Midland succeeded in scoring several more times, bringing the score up to 7—2.

Benny replaced Mehrens and Red again scored for Dana making two baskets and a free throw. Thus, the score was tied 7—7.

Dana now came to the front making three more baskets, but Midland also scored and Dana was kept busy keeping its score two points above that of its opponents. Midland succeeded in bringing the score up to 17—17 before the end of the first half.

In the second half, Dana scored first, Red making two baskets in succession. Dana was successful in keeping its score at least one point above that of Midland during the entire second half. In the second half, Benny was taken out on account of personal fouls and Mehrens sent in to replace him. The actual game ended in a 29—29 tie.

A five minute overtime period was played in order to remove the tie and this proved to be fully as exciting as the regular game. Red and Clem each made a basket for Dana, but Midland also succeeded in bringing the score up to 33—33 with but two minutes in which to play. Mehrens made a free throw shortly before the final whistle blew leaving the score 34—33 in Dana's favor.

Out of a total of 34 points made by Dana, 21 were due to Red who was the star man of the evening. He played a remarkable game and was undoubtedly the stellar man of the quint.

The Dana aggregation, as a whole, worked very nicely together. Shorty Vig played a very good game at standing guard, breaking up a good share of Midland's plays. A better game than the one staged with Midland is hardly to be expected.

### THE WAYNE GAME

Dana College met its second defeat of the season when the local basket ball five lost to the Wayne Teachers 37—18.

The reason for defeat is charged to the large gym at Wayne. The Dana men, unaccustomed to playing on a large floor, found it difficult to adjust themselves to the circumstances.

Both Shorty and Clem Vig played excellent games. Shorty, however, was removed on account of personal fouls.

The local quint had a line of defense which worked well, but as it was played too far back, Wayne was permitted to make most of its points by long shots.

When Wayne comes to Dana to play later in the season, a better game is promised because then the locals will be at an advantage by playing on their home floor.

## MARGOT HAYES CONTRALTO FIRST LYCEUM NUMBER

JAN. 26th

Miss Margot Hayes will be the first of the three artist-concerts scheduled for Dana this year. W. B. Nielsen says that all are artists of very high distinction; special attention should be given the second concert by Harry Farbman, a youth of 19, but everywhere called the best violin virtuoso America has produced.

### RECITAL

The annual vocal and instrumental recital will be held Friday, March 11th.

### GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

Miss Alvina Bondo, from Underwood, Iowa, and Mr. Boas Wiesmann, from Omaha, attended the basket-ball game played with Midland College, here January 8. They spent the night and early part of Sunday morning with former schoolmates.

Seven new students, three of them girls, have been enrolled since the holidays. We hope that they may feel welcome among us and that they may always be satisfied with their choice of school.

The Juniors and Seniors have just recently had their photos taken for the Danian. The annual will be published jointly by the two classes and therefore there will be no annual published next year.

Una Mehrens of Little Sioux, Iowa, spent Monday night, January 3, with her sister Clara.

The time for registration has come once more. The normal students registered Monday, January 10.

Mr. W. C. C. Nielsen of Upland, Nebraska, spent Wednesday night and Thursday with his son Orville.

During the Christmas vacation, Silas Larsen attended the Lutheran Students' Convention at Madison, Wisconsin, as a representative of Dana's student body.

## SILAS LARSEN REPRESENTS DANA AT THE L. S. A. A. INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AT MADISON, WISCONSIN

The Lutheran Students Association of America held its second National Conference at Madison, Wisconsin, Dec. 30 to Jan. 2 inclusive. The headquarters and place of meeting of the Conference was the stately and beautiful Luther Memorial Church situated on University Ave., just opposite the campus and buildings of the University of Wisconsin.

The L. S. A. A. holds a general Conference every four years. Every year the various regions of which the L. S. A. A. is composed hold an annual meeting each in their respective region. At the annual regional meetings necessary business is transacted, officers for the year elected and possibilities for advancement into new territory considered. At present there are six regions fully organized, the North Atlantic, The Southwestern region of which Dana College is a member. The purpose of the International L. S. A. A. is to afford an opportunity for Lutheran Students to confer and voice their opinions on student problems. Student discussions and inspiring addresses go to make up the Conference. Valuable Christian Associations are also made at such a meeting, making the student feel he or she is one and an essential part of a great union of Lutherans throughout the territory which the Association includes. The purpose of the organization as a whole is to keep the Lutheran students who attend the Colleges and Universities, especially the larger ones, in the Lutheran Church. It also helps to inspire faith in and loyalty to the Church. Furthermore it

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## Hymne

1.  
Hellig er du, som blandt Himlenes  
Hærskare troner,  
hyldet af Englenes Sange til Harper-  
nes Toner.  
Støvet fra Jord  
sender et brusende Kor  
opad mod dig i det høje.

2.  
Bethlehems-Solen, der evigt os luer i  
Møde,  
kaster sit Skær over Golgatas Blod-  
rosers røde.  
Lyset, vi fik,  
drager vort undrede Blik  
opad mod dig i det høje.

3.  
Da du besejrede Dødsrigets vældige  
Kræfter,  
vandt du det evige Liv, som vi hige  
efter,  
og i dit Spor  
følger din Ungdom paa Jord  
opad mod dig i det høje.

4.  
Du, som er hellig og kærlig, af dig  
vil vi lære,  
følge dig efter og leve et Liv til  
din Ære,  
frejdig og glad  
gaa til din evige Stad  
opad mod dig i det høje.

5.  
Himmelske Konge! vi flokker os un-  
der dit Mærke.  
Korstræets blodstankte Tegn gør os  
friske og stærke.  
Villigt og frit  
giver vi, hvad der er dit.  
Æren er Guds i det høje!

## Prof. Nielsen Announces the Choir Program

The choir program as outlined for the spring tour April 19th to 25th. Processional:

Guds Menighed syng

### I

Blessing, Glory, Wisdom, and Thanks  
— Bach  
Dayspring of Eternity .. Christiansen

### II

O be joyful in the Lord  
..... Cretchaninoff  
Christ is risen ..... Rachmaninoff  
O Brightness ..... Andreus

### III

Now the day is over ..... Borg  
Lo how a rose is blooming. Praetorius

### IV

As sinks beneath the ocean  
Now sing we now rejoice  
Beautiful Savior  
Jeg saa ham som Barn  
— Arranged by Christiansen  
Nunc dimitis  
— Arranged by W. B. Nielsen

Recessional

## Bells

"Oh, the jingle and the tingle of the bells!  
What a world of harmony their melody foretells!"

What bells could have inspired Poe to write those lines? As I ask that question, a voice cries out from within me, "Not the tardy bell". No, not the eight o'clock tardy bell nor yet the six-thirty rising bell. If those bells had been in Poe's mind, they would more probably have called forth something to this effect:

"Oh, the piercing, jangling, clanging tardy bells!

Who can guess what happy dreams their jarring, sound dispels!"

What is there out of an entire disagreeable day anything more disagreeable than to have that day begin with a racking sound that brings one to a sitting posture, gazing wild-eyed into the yet dark room? As the reality of the situation dawns on me at such a time, I relax and my eyes lose that wild expression; they close once again and I begin picking up the threads of my dreams

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## Father Heyer in India

At the Christian Students meeting held Wednesday evening Dr. Vig delivered a very interesting and instructive missionary lecture on Father Heyer, the first American Lutheran missionary to India.

A synopsis of the lecture follows: The English Evangelical Lutheran church had planned to send Muhlenberg to India, but then decided that they ought to have a missionary or pastor for the many English and German emigrants who were in America, hence he was sent hither in 1742. It was not till a hundred years later that the English Lutheran Church was able to repay the debt which it owed India; that of sending a missionary to that country in place of Muhlenberg. This was Johan Christian Frederick Heyer or better known as Father Heyer.

He was brought up in a Christian home. He started school early and learned very rapidly. He could speak several languages. At this time a wave of Nationalism passed over Europe, due to the aggressiveness of Napoleon. Heyer's parents did not wish to have their boy become a soldier, but they wanted him to continue his studies so they sent him to an uncle in America.

Heyer came to America in 1807 and attended a German school and seminary. He preached for a while and then went to Europe to the University of Halle. Later he returned to America where there was a big work awaiting him.

He walked or rode horseback through several states and began mission stations. Sunday schools for children were also begun. Heyer even penetrated as far as Western Pennsylvania and Illinois.

The Lutheran Church in America felt it should carry on missions. It was thought best to have India as its mission field since that was the place to which the English Lutheran Church had originally intended to send Muhlenberg. Now the American Lutheran Church was trying to pay its debt to India. Then the question arose, as to whom should be sent. There were few really qualified for the work. It was finally decided that Father Heyer should go. Though he was forty years old he was willing to

undertake the work and he began by giving a thousand dollars to the work. The most important thing was to get the language of India. Accordingly he studied "sanskrit".

In 1842 he set sail for India. (Just a hundred years after Muhlenberg came to America). There were other missionaries on board the ship. Some of them rather doubted the abilities of little Father Heyer as missionary. As soon as Heyer arrived in India he went to Tranquebar to see the graves of the former missionary heroes who had labored there so faithfully, Schwartz and Ziegenbalg.

Heyer was especially attracted to Guntur a town by one of the ten holy rivers. An English officer there kindly helped him to find a home and a place in which to preach the Gospel of Christ. Though it was difficult for Heyer to preach in the language of the people he had the right spirit in his work. Patiently and quietly he labored in India till he died at the age of eighty. Father Heyer's work still lives and is carried on by several Lutheran denominations.

## ELECTION HELD JAN. 11TH

The regular annual election of Student Body officers and members of the Hermes Staff took place Tuesday, Jan. 11. The results are as follows:

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Peter Petersen—Humor.  
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## AN ALUMNUS IN JAPAN

Dana's Alumni are to be found far and wide over the face of the globe. God has richly blest our school; in turn the school has been a blessing to the church. The majority of our pastors, several of our missionaries, two of our theological professors and a great number of our people have at least in part received their preparation and training here. As we note the accomplishments of our college and seminary we are very grateful for the Divine blessings that have been ours.

In the work of the Evangelical Lutheran church in Japan, to which our church prayerfully gives its support, our Alumni are also represented. Rev. J. P. Nielsen who graduated from Trinity Seminary in 1904 is president of this vast church body. Rev. Nielsen is also president of the Japan Lutheran Theological Seminary, where there is a class of twelve young men in preparation for active service in the church. The seminary in its present form of organization is comparatively young, but the church in Japan also in their schools is aiming and pressing on toward greater accomplishments.

Rev. Nielsen, in a report to the annual convention of the Evan. Luth.

church in Japan, writes confidently concerning the future of the school, since the future belongs to God. But he realizes fully that God in placing the present to their disposal is presenting the future, for the present is in reality after all the preparation for the future.—"a fact which should fill us with deep humility and a sense of great responsibility."

It is the aim of the Japan Administration to make the present school the best Theological College in the Far East. May our friends by Divine guidance continue in faithful, humble service that God may by His Grace remain constant in the giving of power and His Spirit to carry on this work in the Lutheran Church of Japan. May God also richly bless our friend and Alumnus, Rev. J. P. Nielsen. Yes, we look to the seminary to train good men; let us all here at school look to that wonderful field, Japan, that we may realize to a greater extent the need of our whole hearted sympathy and continued prayers for both those who are bringing the Gospel to our Japanese brethren and also for those who yet stand without the Kingdom.

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## Editorials

The students appreciate the steady improvements made in the library. It is a pleasure to enter a book or reading room where order and quietness prevail. Not only have a number of books been added to the library this year, but a great work has been, and is being done, in systematizing and arranging books and magazines so that real use can be made of the material.

### "PEP"

The basket ball season is now at its height. From now until the middle of March the team will play at least one game each week. Our coach has been drilling his men hard, in order that we may make a creditable showing in the state conference.

But the coach cannot carry the whole burden. He needs and the team needs the moral support of the students. The standing of our team will to a great extent be determined by the support which we give our coach and our players. We are pleased to see that the students are loyal in attending our games. The cheering at the last game was the best yet.

Not all of our games, however, will be played at home, and the team needs your support when they are away as well as when they play at home. What can we do to help the team? We should have more "pep" meetings. We have had only one such meeting so far, and I am sure that we are capable of creating much more enthusiasm than was manifested at that time. That meeting was entirely too staid and formal. Do not be afraid to exercise your lungs and vocal cords when we have a "pep" meeting. Your neighbor may gaze at you in open-mouthed astonishment the first time you yell, but do not pay any attention to that. Before long he will be trying to outdo you in yelling. If a thing is worth doing at all it is worth doing well. Put yourself into the spirit of the game. Talk with your fellow students about the games and about the team. What we need here at Dana is more enthusiasm, more "pep". Let's wake up and show our colors.

## How Shall Our School Grow?

By Rev. H. W. Bondo

The above question was sent to me by one of the students of Dana, asking me to write a brief article, stating my opinion on the above named subject.

At the outset let it be said that this is no new question; but a very old one. I am not in doubt that much thought has been given this subject by the pastors and members of congregations since our school first started—the same is true of the school faculty and student body from year to year—plus much worry and many prayers from year to year and we are still asking the same question and shall be for some time.

Let us say that we are glad that the students are asking the question. Young life wishes to grow and the elders rejoice when they see it grow. Furthermore, the "oak" does not grow so rapidly as the willow; but it is also of more value. The oak and the willow are both trees and may serve their purpose among the trees in the woods; but for real timber give me the "oak". So while we wish to see Dana grow let us not despair. Our Dana has weathered many a storm and by the grace of God shall continue to do so. While Dana is striving to reach upward and grow stronger from year to year, let us look at some of the good omens. Our new buildings are going up one by one, not so very fast, but they are coming—let us be thankful for that. We also noticed that the business men of Blair scored a home run, when they recently subscribed \$12,000.00 for Dana's new buildings. All hats off for Blair. "I told you so". We also note that the same men cheerfully advertise in our school papers, a spirit of increasing interest and loyalty seems to be coming to the front everywhere. More students of Blair are attending our school than years ago. A spirit of co-operation is what we need. I would like to whisper into the ears of the students: Patronize them that patronize our school, that is one way to make the "oak" grow.

The Dana choir is also helping to make our school known in a good way. We are also glad to notice that

when Dana plays basket or foot ball that the school is 100 per cent loyal.

We are proud when we win the game and still more so when it can be said that we are good losers.

St. John says "Greater joy have I none than this, to hear that my children walk in the truth".

One thing that will make our school grow is here quoted. No small number of the people that are working and praying for Dana rejoice greatly when this can be said of our young folks who leave Dana or have left in years past and of those who are still there. I know of young folks who have come home from other schools who have not been a credit to the school who graduated them. Therefore, young friends at Dana, you can do much to make Dana grow. Make good in efficiency, in moral character, and as Christian men and women. I know of nothing that will help Dana grow in every desirable way better and quicker than that. I rejoiced greatly when the graduating class at the last commencement presented Dana with a \$500 check. A nest egg for a new gymnasium, I believe.

At South Bend, a small place about 30 miles south of Algona, Ia., a Catholic priest, Rev. Duberstien has built a wonderful grotto of stones and rock gathered from all the states of the Union. Thousands of people come from far and near to see this masterpiece of workmanship year after year and it is well worth the seeing—it is a credit to its builder. This grotto is built in the interest of religion, says the super-scription. Our Dana is built for the love of God and by dollars that have been given mostly in small sums that have come not only from many of the states but undoubtedly from many countries, this seems to me also to be of value when we think of Dana's growth, it has many sources to draw from, many friends who love her history and believe in her future.

While the main growth will undoubtedly come from these sources we hope to see the day when many of our well to do friends will remember Dana in their wills and better

## STUDENT OPINION

Dana College is not behind any other college when it comes to the number of its activities. Especially is reference made to its religious activities, mission and Bible classes as well as Student Christian meetings, which characterize a college of this kind. That is the very reason for its existence. But why then are there so many students who do not at-

still come to her assistance while yet living with contributions in the form of a home for one or more of our professors. Possibly some one would rather establish a chair either in the College or the Seminary. These are things to be worked, hoped and prayed for.

### RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

The Bible Class met Sunday morning at the usual time. The thought, that we can be individual and still be one in Christ was brought out in connection with 1 Corinthians 1:10 and references made to Ephesians 2:21.

The girls held their Thursday evening devotion at the usual time. After Scripture reading and prayer a splendid article was read on faking an inventory of our life as we stand on the threshold of a New Year.

### SILAS LARSEN REPRESENTS DANA AT THE L. S. A. A. INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AT MADISON, WISCONSIN

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makes for a Unity of the Lutheran Church, which is much needed at the present time as there are now twenty Lutheran bodies in America.

The Lutheran Student Council of America which is made up of two delegates from each region met at Long Lake, Ill., Aug. 30th to Sept., 3rd, 1926, and adopted the following as the objectives of the L. S. A. A. for the year 1926—27. (1) To promote Christian fellowship and Christian spirit on every campus. (2) To spread L. S. A. A. work all over the country including the far west. (3) To support wholeheartedly the official organ of the L. S. A. A. "The American Lutheran Student" with subscriptions, news items, articles and constructive criticism. (4) To encourage personal contacts by visits to other schools by officers and deputations. (5) To endeavor to have every local group represented at the Madison Conference which endeavor made itself shown at the Conference by the fact that upwards of two hundred delegates were at the convention despite the fact that a large Convention of a similar nature was being held at the same time in Milwaukee, Wis.

Dana also sent a delegate to the Conference showing that our College also is much interested in the Lutheran Students movement in America. The following is a brief account of some of the important discussions and addresses which took place at the convention.

The Conference opened Thursday evening at 6 o'clock with prayer for the success of the Convention and the work of the L. S. A. A. Immediately after a banquet was given the delegates and visiting pastors. Mr. Schomedeman, Mayor of Madison, bade all the delegates and visitors to the Conference welcome. Next Frank Kiel, executive to Gov. Blaine, on behalf of Gov. Blaine, who could not be present, bade us welcome to the State and Capitol. During the evening Dr. Brandell, president of the Evangelical Lutheran Augustana Synod, spoke to us on the topic, "The Nature and Function of the Church". On the following days reports from student Commissions on the following topics were given.

1. The opportunities and obligations of the Luth. Church in America.
2. The nature and function of the church.
3. The Lutheran Association of America.
4. The opportunities and obligations of the Lutheran Students.

Dr. Morehead, called the best known Lutheran in the world, in-

tend these meetings? Is it really due to lack of time? Is time spent in receiving spiritual uplift and instruction wasted? Do we fritter away more time than we ought to or is it part of our necessary recreation? Let us not evade these questions but put them before ourselves fairly and squarely.

L. A. P.

roduced the topic, "Obligations of the Lutheran Church". Arthur Johnson, the former president of the L. S. A. A., gave a very comprehensive talk on the work and accomplishments of the L. S. A. A. Mr. Barker, chairman of commission No. 2, gave a talk on the subject "Disunity of the Lutheran Church", giving causes and remedies for the evil. Rev. Thorpe, student pastor of University of Minn. at Minneapolis, delivered a real message in his talk, "A Broken and Contrite Heart". Rev. A. Hering, executive, Minnesota Inner Mission Society, gave a talk on "The Practice of Abundant Life". Prof. Rajah Manika, a Lutheran Christian from India, spoke on the subject, "The Unfinished Task of the Lutheran Church in India".

During the discussions subjects such as the following were meditated upon, "the need of a Lutheran University to turn out specialized workers for the church", "the need of Unity in the Luth. church." This is an imperative need, for the Lutheran church has dropped from third place to fourth among the leading denominations of to-day. Also that the L. S. A. A. is a means of attaining that unity. The reason for the L. S. A. A. being mentioned as a means is that the students from the various bodies

of the Luth. church get together and air their opinions and differences real and some times imagined.

Special music was rendered at the Conference on Thursday and Friday by the Dana Male Quartet, which toured the Middle West several years ago. New Year's Eve the Luther Memorial Choir rendered special music at the Communion service held at 10 o'clock. Watch-night service was also observed with prayer and song.

That the L. S. A. A. in four and a half years has grown to such large proportions as to include the greater part of the United States and a part of Canada shows that it is a real-live organization which is meeting the needs of the Lutheran Youth away from home. We as a Lutheran School and also our synod as a whole should be more interested and more active in supporting a worthy movement which aim is to preserve the Lutheran Youth for the Lutheran church.

### BELLS

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and weaving them together. What was the last scene? Oh, yes, the maid was just bringing in my ten o'clock breakfast-in-bed.

A moment only, it seems, of this bliss, then another rude interruption. A quick, painful jab in the ribs and my sleepy-voiced roommate pleasantly informs me that there is exactly eight minutes and thirty-four seconds before the breakfast bell rings. I pick myself out of bed and grab desperately at a pair of stockings—one hanging dizzily from the bed-post and the other draped around the leg of a chair. A few more pieces of clothing in some miraculous manner find their way to their respective abiding places. A dash of water over the face, a drag or two of the comb over the

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scalp, and as the bell rings, my door opens, emitting my flying figure on the way to the dining-room. As I take my place at the table, I pass an investigating hand across my hair to find a wisp of it standing at right angles to the position it should occupy. I hold it in place a moment, then cautiously remove my hand. The ornery lock springs back immediately to its former position and with a sigh of despair I give up. Right then, deep down in my heart, I make a stern resolve to arise three minutes earlier in the future and apply some Stacomb to such rebellious locks.

Back in my room, I give a few more detailed attentions to my toilet, pick up a few stray articles about the room, then open a copy of Muzzey's Modern History—not because of any love for the volume, but simply because a sense of duty demands it. Deeply engrossed in the pages of the book, I hear the seven-fifty bell. I pick up pen and pencil with my left eye glancing about for my English book and my right still following Napoleon in his retreat from Moscow. But "College Composition, by Grose" still remains undisturbed to my left eye and frantically I dispose of Muzzey to give my undivided attention to the search. Still it remains hidden. Two minutes of eight! Grose, Grose, where art thou? Then memory comes to my aid and I realize that it was Grose my next-door neighbor called for the evening before and has as yet not returned.

With great speed I gather the necessary materials together—dash down the stairs and over to the building. Halfway there, I stop suddenly as a clamoring sound reaches my ears. The tardy bell! With a final effort I bound up the steps and burst into the class-room. My instructor greets me with a sad, half-reproachful look but says not a word. I, too, hold my peace for when the bell has spoken, of what avail are mere words?

"Oh, the piercing, jangling, clanging tardy bell  
What a flood of misery within my heart doth swell!" J. N.

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For de følgende Maaneder er der planlagt flere Ting. Af disse skal nævnes Eventyr paa Fodrejsen. . . . paa hvilket der nu allerede arbejdes med Flid. Stykket er ægte Dansk og tilmed fuldt af smukke Sange, der vil blive sunget, saa der vil sikkert blive „fuldt Hus“ til et saadant Program.

Man kan ogsaa med Rette vente, at det Program, som nu med faa Ord skal nævnes, vil blive af Betydning. Det er nærmest formet som en Diskussion over Emnet Dannelse, og skal indledes kort af 5 - 6 forskellige, der skal belyse forskellige Sider af Emnet. Bag efter skal der være fri Diskussion.

Dannelse er et vidt Begreb og selv om i alt Fald den „ydre“ Dannelse ikke spiller saa stor en Rolle her i Amerika som i visse andre Lande, saa viser dog mange Ting, selv her paa Skolen, at det sikkert vil være af Betydning om et saadant Emne bliver drøftet lidt. Af de forskellige Emner skal drøftes nogle faa: Hvad er Dannelse? — Dannelse i Hjemmet. Kan vi lære Dannelse af Amerika-

nerne? Danmark og Dannelse, m. fl. —

Baade Emnernes Indhold og den Alvor med hvilken der arbejdes paa Sagen lover godt, saa lad os da alle møde og hver bidrage, saa godt vi kan.

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Af Ragnkilde Møller

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de ind i Klassen, hvor Kammeraterne nu vrider sig af Latter og hyler, saa de næsten ikke kan faa Vejret, og alle de andre ler med, indenfor i Skolestuen og udenfor. En stor, svar Magister i Fransk kommer i Luntetrav, en tysk Professor med Officersholdning nærmer sig med Værdighed, selv Forstanderen kommer saa hurtigt, han kan, ud fra sit Kontor for om fornødent at opretholde Orden, men da han viser sig, synes Latteren ingen Ende at vilde tage; i Skolelokalerne, i Vestibulen, paa Trapperne, paa Gangene, ovenpaa og nedenunder, overalt ryster hele Skolen af Latter — og ingen ved, hvorfor de ler —.

Men Skoleklokken kalder til Arbejde. En ivrig Sjel griber i Snoren, idet han gaar forbi Klokken; der lyder endnu et Par skarpe Klempt, saa forsvinder alle Elever ind i deres respektive Klasser. Lærerne kommer sidst ud fra Lærerværelset, hver gaar ind til sin Klasse, og vi følger een af dem. Idet han aabner Døren, rejser hele Klassen sig som paa Tælling; alle bliver staaende ranke og stive, mens han gaar op til Katheteret; først naar han har taget Plads, sætter de sig ogsaa, det er deres tavse Ærbødighed for den, der har større Kundskab end de selv. I det samme høres en beskeden Banker paa Døren; Læreren raaber: „Kom ind“, og ind træder en Elev med eller uden lovlige Grund forsinket; han bukker dybt for Læreren, idet han siger: „Undskyld“ og gaar hurtigt til sin Plads, og Overhøringen begynder. Spørgsmaalene kommer hurtigt og Svarene ligesaa, hvis den adspurgte ikke svarer straks, er der nok, der makerer, men ve den arme, som ikke har Svaret paa rede Haand, det betyder to Gange Straf, først ved ublidde Ord, siden ved Terminus karaktererne.

— Klokken lyder igen, men nu synes den at have en anden Klang end før, for nu kalder den til Middag. Snart fyldes det store Spiselokale med de lange Borde. De unge Piger sidder for sig selv i et tilstødende Lokale. Af og til ser man et længselsfuldt Blik blive sendt fra den ene Sal til den anden, men det er i Stillehed. Men snart faar alle Munden paa Gled, og man skulde ikke tro, det var muligt at spise sig mæt paa tyve Minutter, naar der samtidig skal drøftes: De sidste latinske Versionskarakterer, Aritmetikogaverne, den forestaaende Fodboldkamp, Efteraarferien, o.s.v., o.s.v. At raabe en Kammerat op ved Sidebordet er ikke altid let; kun Forstanderens Røst har en egen Virkning, noget den samme som en Lyddæmper paa en Violin.

Det meste af Eftermiddagen og hele Aftenen bruges til Selvstudie, og det kan nok gøres nødtigt, for Lærerne er meget videbegærlige, de ønsker at faa nøjagtig Besked af Eleverne, og tit fremsætter de deres Spørgsmaal paa en saadan Maade, at mangen en Stakkel synes, der mindst skulde en Videnskabsmand til at besvare det.

— Men Tiden gaar. Det er en Aften i November. Hvis en fremmed tilfældigvis kommer ind i Skolen, vil han mærke, at der er noget paa Færde. Tønen er stille og dæmpet, og alligevel er der en underlig Uro og glad Forventning. — Det er Vækkelse. Hvert Aar samler de bedste Kræfter sig om dette — Vækkelse — Naar en Skole giver Danmark ca. en sjettedel af dets Præster, er det forstaaligt, at man søger at vinde disse unge for Kristus. Og saa kommer Aar efter Aar Guds hellige, rensende Aand som en dejlig Vaarregn over de

unge, længselsfulde Hjerter, og det evige Liv spirer frem derinde, vokser og bærer Frugt.

Der staar et Par unge sent paa Aftenen ude i Vestibulen. Den ene har lagt sin Arm om sin unge Broders Skulder, for nu er de jo Brødre, thi ogsaa han, den unge, er nu en ny Skabning i Kristus. Med den anden Haand peger den ældre op mod Hoveddøren, hvor der staar skrevet: „Stat magni nominis umbra.“ — Det staar i det store Navns Skygge — og den unge siger: „Ja, Gud ske Lov.“ Saa trykker de hinandens Hænder varmt og fast, og den ældre gaar ud. Han ser op mod de talløse Stjerner og mod de mange Lys paa Skolen — men fra et af Værelserne hører han en jublende Sang: „Kimer Himmelklokker, der er Fryd i Dag,“ og han folder sine Hænder i underlig Tak til Gud for Frelsen i Kristus.

#### ALUMNI NOTES

Rev. A. P. Hansen is leaving Halifax, N. S., for Denmark the 8th of January.

Magnus Christensen, '14, is attending the University of Nebraska and is working toward a degree in law.

Andrew Juhl, '07, is an instructor in the Easton High School, Calif. He is an active member of our church in Easton.

Peter Vammen who is this year completing his course in the seminary has received a call from Green Bay, Wis.

#### VOLLEY BALL

The last rounds of the volley-ball tournament have been played and,

as a result, Iowa is the winner. Being defeated only once, the Iowa team showed excellent form in defeating five other teams.

Several games which had been scheduled to be played were forfeited and were counted as victories for the team with whom the game should have been played.

It had been planned that another round should have been played, but on account of the intramural basket ball tournament which is to be held in the near future, the volley-ball tournament has been postponed indefinitely—probably until in the spring.

The final results of the volley-ball tournament are as follows: Iowa—won 5, lost 1. Wisconsin—won 4, lost 2. Scandinavians—won 4, lost 2. California—won 4, lost 2. Nebraska—won 3, lost 3. Union—won 1, lost 5. I. M. M.—won 0, lost 6.

Dana, Jan. 18.

Dear Parents:

Thanks for the letter and the good advice. Yes, I realize, that as long as we are young we are foolish. We must, however, in spite of all parental help, run our heads against the wall just so many times, before we become wiser. Experience is the only effective teacher after all.

I have read your letter twice.—I always read your letters over and

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