

## An Edgar Guest Program Prominent Pianist Gives Is Put On At Hesperian Literary Society

On April 2, at the regular meeting of the Hesperian Literary Society, the life and writings of Edgar Guest, who has been hailed as the Burns of America, were admirably reviewed. The meeting opened with a brief biographical talk on Guest by Mr. C. Lester Hyldahl. It may rightly be said of Guest that he is a poet, and for the American people. Simplicity of treatment and subject is apparently the rule by which he writes; yet the thought is of the loftiest. His poetry does more than scratch the surface, and it is expressed in a simple, homely, and beautiful language that cannot fail to impress the reader. There is no soaring into the realms of far-fetched metaphor in Guest's writings, nor does he mount the horse of Pegasus; he is content to deal in the things of everyday life, and for this reason is his appeal universal.

Following Mr. Hyldahl's talk was a vocal rendition of one of Edgar Guest's less serious poems, "A Woman's not Dressed till She Powders her Nose". Miss Ida Hansen sang, while Prof. Waldo B. Nielsen, who has composed the music for the song, accompanied her on the piano.

Mr. Gordon Petersen spoke on Child Life, as it is reflected in Guest's writings. He read several selections which aptly illustrated the fact that Guest understands the heart of the child, and is able, in his inimitable style, to transmit that understanding to others.

Nature, as Guest sees it, was next discussed by Mr. Hans I. Petersen. That Guest has a genuine appreciation of beauties was clearly shown by the example of his work in this field which Mr. Petersen read.

The evening's program was closed by a talk on "The Life Philosophy of Guest", by Miss Ida Johnsen. The creed, or central actuating motive which underlies Guest's life and poetry may, perhaps, be best summarized with the words, "Sincere service and love to God, Neighbor, and Country." Miss Johnsen recited and interpreted several of his poems which emphasized this phase.

There is, perhaps, no modern poet whose work is read as widely and understood and appreciated as readily as Guest's. It may truly be said of his writings that they reach the hearts of the common people as no other writer's. For this reason is an evening passed in studying and discussing his work, highly beneficial.

### CHOIR NOTES

The Dana College A-Capella Choir will appear in new gowns this year. The gowns used in former years were in such poor condition that the choir decided to get new ones. The gowns are very beautiful and are of material and workmanship of high quality. With this addition, the choir will be able to make a better appearance at the concerts.

A choir pin has been decided upon and action has been taken toward securing them. It was thought that an original pin would be the most appropriate, so designs were called for and voted upon. A design submitted by Harry Thomsen was chosen as the one to represent the choir. It will not only be on the pin, but also, henceforth, the symbol of the choir. The pins will be very attractive and the members who are eligible to wear them will undoubtedly be proud to wear them.

On Wednesday evening, March 30, Madame Cara Verson, the third and final artist appearing in the Dana Lyceum Course, very ably rendered a program in the chapel. It was readily seen that Madame Verson had entire command over the piano.

Madame Verson has spent several years in Europe giving recitals in the various countries, and everywhere she played was pronounced a genius in her line.

The type of music played by Madame Verson was modern rather than classical. Oftentimes the classical meets with the general approval more than does the modern, but the manner in which the selections were rendered at Dana met with the approval of nearly all.

Madame Verson had a very pleasing personality and made her recital much more interesting by telling the narratives and folk tales on which the various compositions were based.

As a concluding number of the Lyceum Course, Madame Verson made a final impression on her audience of both the beauty and feeling in music. Everyone who has heard the three artists appearing at various times during the past winter undoubtedly appreciated the opportunity and hope to have other such series in the years that follow.

### ONWARD, CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS!

"We rejoice because of the good news", says our President. Yes, we certainly all do rejoice, and we do praise our great God for all His wonderful blessings, also for the gift of our friend, Mr. L. Thomsen.

Yes, to praise and magnify God, that is the first thing to do for all real Christians; but the second thing is to work—to work, for the night is coming in which no man can work.

Onward, Christian Soldiers! Now listen to a threefold advice:

a) Appeal to every member of the Alumni Association: for a good gift in favor of the new auditorium and, friend, give according to this rule: "Every member give something according to ability—and give with joy".

b) Appeal to every person in our Church who has an automobile: to give a special gift because he is able to use such a convenience in favor of himself and his family. Friend, remember the same rule: "Everyone give something—according to ability—and give with joy".

c) Appeal to all we older people who have passed sixty—we Lutheran Christian people of the first Church-generation—because we pioneer people would certainly like to see a Greater Dana erected, a Greater Dana, with up-to-date buildings, full equipment, and up to the standard both with regard to education and real Christianity. Give us an appeal and we will try to meet it according to this rule: "Everyone give something—according to ability—and give with joy".

Onward, Christian Soldiers! Serve the Lord with gladness. G. B. C.

P. S. The above article was volunteered by Rev. G. B. Christiansen. We thank God for men with such love, enthusiasm, and insight into the needs of our college. We are especially glad to note than Rev. Christiansen looks upon this building as a necessary part of our Greater Dana program. It is as such that the Alumni Association is sponsoring the plan for this building, and not because it especially wishes to emphasize physical training and athletics, other than as a natural and needed activity in a college.

We just wish to state further, that the committee has not been authorized to attempt anything of a

campaign to get the funds for this building, but it was the expressed desire at the annual meeting in Wau-paca that the committee work on the plan and try to secure some substantial gifts toward the proposed building. The reason for this is that the Association does not wish to interfere with the other efforts that are now being made for our school and other church work. We now hope that it will be possible to erect this building from substantial gifts given in such a way as not to interfere with other plans but rather help along the other funds by showing what love and understanding of our Church work as a whole, all along the line, will mean to us.

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### ALUMNI NOTES

A telegram reached Mr. A. C. Debel, B. L., Sunday night, April 3rd, announcing the death of his mother in Queensland, Australia.

Rev. Anders Jorgensen, Jegindø, Denmark, a graduate in 1920 from Trinity Seminary, was recently married to Miss Ingeborg Dagnas, formerly missionary to Sudan, Africa.

Rev. Niels B. Hansen, A. B. '24, visited Luverne, No. Dak., Sunday, March 20th, with the view of taking up the work there. This is a new congregation, organized last year. Rev. Hansen also visited the congregations in his home community at Kenmare, No. Dak., on the days of March 23rd to 27th.

Rev. John M. Jensen of Montreal, Canada, has accepted the invitation to make a speaking tour of our North Dakota district this summer under the auspices of our district Young People's League. He will also attend the annual convention of the League.

On Sunday, March 20th, Miss Rosa Hansen, a graduate from the College Normal Department in '26, was united in marriage to John Nelsen of Marcus, Iowa. She is now commanding a nice little farm house of her own.

Rev. Emil E. Nommesen, '24, has recently been visiting about Blair together with his family. Rev. Nommesen are on their way to Salmon-hurst, N. B., Canada, where they will take up the work of our church.

Mrs. Helen Wiard, nee Andersen, formerly Music teacher at Dana College, has now taken over the directing of the church choir in Albert Lea, Minn.

Paul Hansen, son of Dr. C. X. Hansen, is at this time Branch Director of the Reliable Insurance Company at Minneapolis, Minn.

On March 31st Mr. Chris Hundtofte of Sidney, Mont., who spent part of two years with us in '24 and '25, became the happy father of a boy.

### ATHLETIC NOTES

At a recent meeting of the men's gym class, it was decided to have a track team at Dana. Prof. Bundgaard assigned the men to the events they were most suited for and gave them training schedules. The best men in each event will have the opportunity of representing Dana in the conference meet to be held in Lincoln late in May.

The gym classes have begun outside work. Due to the unfavorable condition of the gym, it was thought advisable to work out doors as soon as possible. Both the boys' and girls' classes have been playing speed ball at the last two meetings of the classes. This game is very interesting and when played strictly according to rules, is a combination of soccer, basketball and football.

Dr. C. X. Hansen was recently elected a member of the board of directors of the Lutheran Hospital Association in Omaha.

## The Choir en Route

The Dana College A-Capella Choir has begun one of its most eventful tours in its history. Due to cloudy and rainy weather, the members have had sufficient excitement to bring back many happy memories and they expect to have considerable more.

The bus left Dana for Cordova at 12 A. M. Sat., April 9. The roads were in a bad condition in places, so progress was comparatively slow. The choir arrived at Friend, Nebraska, which is 6 miles from Cordova, at 6:30. The remaining 6 miles were in such a state that it was impossible for the bus to proceed. Prof. Nielsen had taken a different road, so the choir was at a loss as to the best means of getting to Cordova.

After telephoning to Cordova for cars to come and get the members, three cars came and being filled, left for Cordova. It was already time for the concert and most of the boys were still at Friend. Three cars from Friend were rented and the remainder arrived at 9 o'clock. The six miles were so rough that the Fords had difficulty in making their way and were able to go the six miles in not less than 45 minutes.

The concert began at about 9:15 in Fraternity Hall. After the concert, the choir was taken to the church where a chicken dinner was served them, the first meal since 11 in the morning.

Sunday morning the choir met at the church at 7:30 and Fords once more drove the six miles to the bus.

The next concert was to have been given at Staplehurst. Due to the installation of Rev. Nielsen from Oregon as the new pastor, attempts were made for the choir to reach Staplehurst at 10:30 A. M., but due to another stretch of dirt road, it was necessary for the bus to don chains and the rate of speed over the dirt road was only one mile an hour. The choir arrived at Staplehurst shortly after twelve. Prof. Nielsen and the quartette had gone ahead in the former's car and had arrived in time to render a few selections at the morning service.

The choir was served dinner at the church and sang at a hall at 2:30. Prof. Nielsen succeeded in getting

his car stuck and had to be pulled out by the bus.

The choir left Staplehurst immediately after the concert for Hampton which is about 40 miles distant. Due to the distance the cars had to travel quite rapidly and, as it was becoming dark, went through Hampton without realizing it until they got seven miles away from it. They then came back and arrived at 8 o'clock.

The Hampton church is three miles from town and the roads impassible for the bus. Cars met the choir at Hampton and took them to the church where they again sang at about 8:30. After the concert the young people served a chicken dinner and the tired singers were assigned their lodgings.

Leaving Hampton at 9 o'clock, the members arrived in Nelson at noon where they were served oyster stew and hamburgers at a restaurant. They arrived in Ruskin at 2 o'clock.

The St. Olaf Choir sang at Hebron, 20 miles from Ruskin, Monday afternoon, but as the roads were in a poor condition, some cars were hired by those who wished to go and about 18 members heard the concert. Getting back to Ruskin at about 6, they enjoyed a chicken dinner and rendered a concert to a full church.

The quartette and instrumental trio rendered a program at 2 o'clock Tues. P. M., and the choir gave another concert at 8 P. M. Tues. evening.

The quartette and tenor section is rather crippled because of the fact that Immanuel Petersen was taken ill with mumps and will be obliged to remain in Ruskin for a week.

The choir has been given a most cordial reception at all the stops made thus far and are looking forward to a very enjoyable trip of the remaining concerts.

There are many things that will be remembered of this trip among which is Ed Petrusen and Leonard Kirkegaard riding 7 miles per horse and buggy to their lodging in Ruskin and that Harvey's and Orville's bed broke with them, but they were too sleepy to fix it so slept in it as it was until morning.

### INS AND OUTS AT DANA COLLEGE

The eye of the campus has been turned the past few weeks, in the direction of the girls' old dormitory which is being razed. It was with not a little interest, yet with some sadness that we watched the progress of the destruction of this old landmark. First, the roof disappeared, then the bricks, until finally only the gaunt skeleton of what had once been a dormitory remained. And now even the frame has been taken down; all that remains to be done is the removal of the debris.

Mrs. Mehrens and her daughter Una visited with Arthur and Clara Mehrens on Sunday, March 27.

Many Dana students attended the District Declamatory contest which was held at the Blair High school on Friday, March 25. We were pleased to notice the success of our Blair friends in this contest.

On Wednesday, President and Mrs. Hansen, together with Professor and Mrs. Erland Nelson attended a debate at Omaha between Northwestern and Omaha Universities.

Sunday evening, March 27, Ans-gar Christensen, Arthur Simonsen, and Martha Petersen, all pupils of Professor Swihart, played at the service in the Methodist Church of Blair. Consuella Johnsen played the accompanying piano.

At a recent debate with Peru, the students and faculty of the Blair High School were the guests of Dana Debaters. The chapel was

beautifully decorated in the High School and Dana colors in honor of the occasion.

That in the spring the Danians' fancy turns to thoughts of tennis was clearly proved last Saturday afternoon, at which time a group of 20 or more assembled in overalls and old clothes to put the courts in order for the coming season. As a result of this industry we now have two courts in excellent condition, and soon the lower campus will resound with joyous shouts of, "Love 15—Game" etc. Due to the building that is going on, our other courts will not be available for use until later in the year; but under the efficient management of the committee, the use of the courts will be fairly divided.

There was considerable excitement at Dana Saturday at about twelve o'clock. The choir was leaving. One huge bus, and two smaller cars were needed to carry our singers and their baggage. The orchestra accompanied the troupe. They will, however, be with the choir only as far as Ruskin, at which point they will return to Dana, the choir completing the rest of its tour alone. We wish the choir a successful season, and trust that the poor weather will not hinder their progress nor mar their pleasure.

With the leaving of the Choir, all is quiet—almost too quiet. No longer do we hear the pleasant strains of music as we sit and study. The dor-

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## Editorials

The choir is on its tour. Spreading the good tidings of great joy is its chief concern. It is the prayer and hope that the message it has to bring in song may reach the hearts of many of our people in the various congregations visited.

The choir under the splendid leadership of Prof. Nielsen is an organization of which our school may justly be proud. It is indeed bringing in sacred choral singing something of the very finest possible.

The 1927 Danian will be the biggest and best year book ever put out. It should be the concern of every Danite and alumnus and friend of Dana to boost the annual to the utmost.

The spirit of Dana's students should be applauded. Although handicapped in various ways, they find time to train for track and other spring sports. About fifteen or sixteen have reported for training so far, but more should if it is at all possible. Training of this sort is an invigorating and health building exercise. It is a means for building virile, red blooded men of action. It is not only a body builder, but it is a brain builder. For the fresh red blood is forced through the brain cells clearing them of all the "musty cobwebs" collected during the winter months.

If a man is weak he should partake, as it will make him strong. If a man is strong he should partake, as it makes him stronger. The sheer joy of conquest and accomplishment should call us to this sport that is play in one of its best forms. The delight in overcoming obstacles, sore muscles, lagging spirits, et cetera, should call us out en masse, not because we expect to win temporary honors, but because we desire to have a body that is a picture of rugged, wholesome health.

It is possible an unknown "Nurmi", "Wyde", "Paddock", "Locke", or "Hahn", is among us. "Come on!" "Let's go." "Let's make Dana not only first in scholarship, but let us make her an honorable contender in sports." "Let's put Dana out in front." The "Lanes" are red-blooded, vigorous, and strong-hearted, so, let us answer Bundgaard's call to the cinderpath, and help pave the way for more active participation and interest in athletic sports at Dana. Bundgaard is willing to give a hand, shall we help out? How about it?

Shall we have a Student Council at Dana? Read the opinions on the question in this issue and discuss the advisability of such a council with your fellow students.

### THE SPIRIT ENTERTAINED TOWARD FOREIGN MISSIONS By Peter Vammen

Ever since the dawn of Christianity different thoughts and ideas have been manifested toward foreign missions. Christ clearly stated that His kingdom should commence at Jerusalem and from there extend to the ends of the earth. But all men have not been thus minded.

There are those who entertain a spirit of antagonism toward foreign missions. Saul, later known as the apostle Paul, appears as the leader of the Jewish persecuting forces. Armed with letters of authority to kill the Gospel messengers, he purposed in his mind that the Christians must die, that the Cross of Christ must be broken down and that the name of Christ must be blotted out. A number of kings and kaisers and other outstanding characters have made their influence felt in the same direction. What shall we say of the late George Brandes who has spent a lifetime in attempting to convince his Danish kinsmen that there is no true living God and no future

life? To say the least, he and many of his equals have certainly been instrumental in converting many prospective missionaries into enemies of the cross of Christ.

There are others who entertain a spirit of indifference toward foreign missions. We are informed that the funds are insufficient to recruit the missionary ranks, yes, even insufficient to maintain those already in the fields. Foreigners report that our Christian representatives and even a number of missionaries are indifferent toward the salvation of souls, but reveal instead, a spirit of greed. The greatest indifference, however, is found among the Christians at home. This is no time to sleep. Let us, as loyal Christians, offer our prayers and our gifts before the altar of God that the work among the heathens may progress.

This leads us to the spirit which everyone should entertain toward foreign missions, namely, the spirit of sacrifice and zeal. Paul obtained this spirit from the vision he had of Christ. His eyes having been opened at Damascus, he saw why Christ chose the Cross as His symbol—not the sword as did Alexander

An agency of self-government is the exponent of a democratic student body. Its proper and effective functioning depends upon the proportion of co-operation given by the students whose interests are its chief concern.

The efficient concentrated effort of any academic group in the matters of self government can be gradually made possible, as each student understands the purpose which gives the governing body its existence, and the meaning of the principles embodied in that purpose. It naturally follows, that such principles would prescribe the governing laws of conduct, which in turn would determine the moral state of the student body, whether elevated, mediocre, or low. If however, such rules of discipline are to serve any purpose at all, they must be jealously guarded and diligently enforced in word and practise. When a student body, as a majority at least, goes on record as upholding, at any cost, principles which are morally right, scripturally sound, and spiritually indispensable, then only can it truly be called Christian.

The very foundation upon which our college was built demands just such a student body. If therefore, we would be true to our college, true to our church, and true to our God, fellow students, we must protect this sacred inheritance committed to our trust. And what better system can be employed to this end, than a student senate, or council whereby the stu-

the Great, not the skull as did Nero, not the crown as did Napoleon, not the hammer as did Voltaire—but the Cross, the emblem of degradation. The Cross declared to Paul that the Lamb of God was slain from the foundation of the world. Paul was now made possessed by a spirit of sacrifice and zeal; but it was made more vivid to him by the God-given vision of the urgent need for his service among the heathens.

Possessed by this spirit, Tertullian could say to the heathen of Africa, "We are but of yesterday, and yet we already fill your cities, islands, camps, your palaces, senate and forum; we have left you only your temples." St. Boniface, fired by this spirit, planted the Cross in Germany. St. Patrick, fired by this spirit planted the Cross in Ireland. St. Ansgar, fired by this spirit, planted the Cross in Denmark and Sweden. St. Olaf, fired by this spirit, planted the Cross in Norway.

We therefore rightly conclude that, if men and women are to be used to any great extent in foreign mission fields, they must entertain a spirit of sacrifice and zeal toward the same.

### HJEM TIL DANMARK

Hjemlængsel føles mere ved Tanken om, at man snart skal hjem efter flere Aars Fraværelse, end man nogensinde tidligere har følte den. Det var derfor med en vis Uro og Længsel i Sindet, at jeg forlod Blair den 20. Juni med Kursen sat efter Danmark.

Nu er det ikke let at rejse, naar man ikke er rask til Bens, men paa Vejen til New York var der saa mange behjælpelige Negere, at mine Lomme penge omtrent var gaaet ved Ankomsten til denne By. Her blev jeg modtaget af Selskabets Agent, en lille rask Mand, vistnok Østeriger, men i Stand til at tale alle mulige Tungemaal, han førte mig til Selskabets Kontor for Eftersyn af Billet og Pas. Der blev jeg modtaget af en venlig Mand med det vel-

## Student Opinion

Students themselves assume responsibility and control all matters pertaining to student life and discipline.

The student who is unwilling to give his whole-hearted support to any Christian principle is not worthy of the privileges offered by our school, much less is he morally fit to represent those spiritual ideals which gave our school its beginning, and which have preserved it until this very hour. May the banner that is to float over our college in the future bear the words of Philip Schaff when he said, "Scholarship is good, virtue is better, but holiness is best."

A. J.

There has been much talk of late, of instituting a Student Council at Dana. Admirable as the idea may be, I am of the opinion that such should not be adopted here, at least not for a while; for the student body at Dana has clearly shown that the time is not ripe for it to govern itself. We already have a student body organization; but it is not supported, and if the students do not manifest sufficient interest to attend the meetings, and in other ways co-operate with our existing organization, how can we expect, or even hope, to have their support in an organization that will necessitate still more co-operation, and that will entail even greater difficulties? Let us take one step at a time! One does not build the roof of a house

before the foundation is laid. Let us therefore strengthen our Student Body organization, support it wholeheartedly until such a time as a student council will be truly desirable and necessary; for at the present time a well supported student body organization would be ably capable of dealing with the problems which arise.

Furthermore, the attitudes shown in various connections have clearly demonstrated that the adoption of a student council is extremely impractical and pre-mature. We are a small college, the student body of which is made up of groups from Seminary, College, and Academy, our ages range from 14 to 35 years, and our tastes are equally as varied; subsequently, one governing body would necessarily engender friction. Some of our younger, and more or less irresponsible students would not (as has been shown by their attitudes in the past) be content to be governed in this manner. There are those amongst us who still need a firmer hand governing us. We have, I know, much for which to be thankful to God, for our student body and the Christian Spirit which is therein embodied; but at the same time we can not be blind to the facts, and in view of this, I can not but feel that a student council is premature and impractical. I would suggest instead that we strengthen our existing organization, support and co-operate with it, for surely, it is there that the start, if any, is to be made.

P. G. R.

kløgende Navn, Petersen, der røbede hans Nationalitet. Ankomsten til Skibet blev jeg anvist Kahyt sammen med en svensk Maskinarbejder bosiddende i Chicago, han var ogsaa paa Vejen hjem paa Besøg. Han, to Finlændere og jeg var de eneste Skandinaver paa 3die Klasse, vi var derfor mest sammen. Liniens Agent

sørger altid for at Folk af samme Nationalitet kommer sammen. Skibet, vistnok Verdens næststørste Passagerdamper, var den tidligere tyske Damper "Vaterland" nu overtaget af engelsk Selskab og givet Navnet, Berengaria. Det var ca. 1000 Fod i Længde og paa 52000 Ton, og kunde transportere ca.

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H. S.

**INS AND OUTS AT DANA COLLEGE**

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 mitories seem deserted, and our footsteps have a hollow ring as we walk along the empty halls. It almost makes us wish, that we too could sing—but it's a little too early to start counting the days for the choir's return, so we must make the best of it!

**HISTORY OF FOOTBALL**

The inhabitants of ancient Rome and Greece played a form of football called at that time "Harpastum". The game of this period is described as follows: After the players have divided themselves into two bands, the ball is placed on a line between them. At the further ends of the field, back of the line on which the players are stationed, are two other lines beyond which the two bands strive to carry the ball.

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vi saa derfor heller ingen søsyge om Bord.

Vi kom ind til Southampton og rejste derfra pr. Jernbane over London til Parkeston. Paa Turen gennem Sydengland saa jeg det skønneste Landskab, jeg nogensinde har set. Sommeraften Solen skinnede paa smaa hyggelige Landsbyer forbundne ved Landeveje med Træer og Buske paa begge Sider, Aa og Eng imellem de nyudsprungne Skove og grønne Kornmarker, alt i en veks-lende Skønhed.

I Parkeston kom jeg om Bord paa den danske Damper, som skulde bringe os over Nordsøen. Da jeg

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The nation which has given foot ball its principal home is the British Isles. Here it flourished for many years. At times town would challenge town and parish would challenge parish, much the same as it is done to-day. The difference between the game of that date and the game of to-day lies chiefly in the rules. The games were played by large fields, sometimes miles in area, and were participated in by several hundred men. There were also at this time games played by small bodies of men according to crude but orderly rules.

Rugby foot ball in England has remained an amateur game, but is almost incomparable with inter-collegiate Rugby foot ball in America.

In 1609, the first mention is made of foot ball in the early records. Play with an inflated bladder on the village greens or on open fields proved a favorite sport for boys in America. About 1840 Harvard, Princeton, and Yale first appeared with foot ball as a crude game.

On November 6, 1869, Princeton and Rutgers colleges met in a match game. This was the first inter-collegiate contest in America. In 1876 Columbia, Yale, Princeton and Harvard met at a convention where the American Inter-collegiate Football Association was formed. The "Rugby Union" rules were adopted, with a few alterations, as the common playing code. That association lasted until 1894, during which time nearly all the colleges and most of the schools in the country adopted the inter-collegiate game.

**THE CHRISTIAN STUDENTS ASSOCIATION** held its regular meeting on Wednesday, April 6th. After the opening song, John Larsen spoke from Isaiah 53:5 about how Jesus loved mankind that He would leave His Heavenly mansion and come to this sinful earth to suffer and die that sinners might be saved.

George Robertsen sang a solo entitled, "The Vast Unnumbered Throng," accompanied by the quartette.

Ansgar Christensen then gave a talk based on Isaiah 55:6, emphasizing how important it is to seek the Lord when we have the first opportunity because there comes a time when God cannot be found. He urged all to seek the Lord and get right with God while here at Dana because here we have such golden opportunities.

After a concluding song a short prayer meeting was held.

**CHAPEL NOTES**

Through the Lenten season appropriate Scripture passages have been expounded at devotion hours. Special mention should be made of Prof. C. B. Larson's talk. He explained that Christianity is not only a) sentimentality, b) nor knowledge c) nor morality. The first spends itself, the second does not come from the heart and the last, namely morality, is conforming to law and not a personal relation with a living God. Mr. Larson said further that we may be heathens in our knowledge of things outside of Christ but we may be Christians in heart. Christianity is a personal relation to a living God.

At chapel this week the choir has sung several numbers of its program. Singing praises is surely one way of worshiping God.

**A FRIEND**

A friend is he who shudders not,  
When on life's weary way,  
No pleasant nook, no shady spot  
To drive life's griefs away.

A friend is he who faithful still  
When life's dark path I tread,  
Some kind word will he have to fill  
My heart with joy instead.

A friend is he who'll fringe with d'light  
The way, that's full of thorns,  
With roses red and lillies white—  
The road that is forlorn.

I would now walk with such a friend  
In sunshine and in rain;  
I fain would walk till journeys end,  
Steadfast will he remain.

Dana, Friday.

Dear Folks:  
To-morrow is the great day. We leave on the choir trip at twelve o'clock sharp. You can imagine how I feel to-night. So I know you will excuse, if some incoherence will be too conspicuous in this epistle. I seem to be unable to gather my thoughts. I think of everything and nothing at once. I have my stuff all packed, and yet, it occurs to me constantly, that there is a certain thing which I have forgotten.—I suppose I'll come to think of it when hun-

dreds of miles from home. But then it will be too late.

Well, I am glad that I got to go on the trip in spite of all the fuss it gives a person to get ready. I have never had a chance to be very far from home. Now at last fortune has smiled upon me. Why should one then not be glad? I pity those who have to stay home. But we were not all given a good voice. But it is rather hard for those who have good friends on the choir and cannot themselves go along. In my part I surely will write home to my friend as often as opportunity presents itself. In return I expect letters again, for I suppose that I, in spite of all, will become a little lonesome also.

Yesterday I went down and bought myself a pair of overshoes. Waldo B. said, that we all had to have overshoes, as it is likely we have to push the bus off and on. All had to buy the same kind of shoes so as to be uniform. I did not like to buy shoes exactly like the rest, but there was no way around. When Waldo B. says a thing, he doesn't mean something else.

Ruskin, Nebr.

I did not succeed in getting my letter finished in Blair. Now I have a chance. We have given three concerts so far and have traveled a long distance—seeing nothing but mud. It is very strenuous to travel on such a road. Pushing a big bus is a job, even though we are many about it. It reminds me of the "Volga Boatman". But we take it rather cheerfully. It isn't so hard on us as it could have been—thanks to Bundgaard for keeping us all in such excellent physical condition.

At the first concert I came near fainting, but succeeded in keeping

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myself straight. It was black for my eyes most of the time. I had to repeat for myself continuously—I will not faint, I will not faint. And thus I succeeded in making my mind conquer over my physical weaknesses.

So far we have met many excellent people. They all treat us lovingly. We live as princes. If we didn't have to push that big bus so often, we would gain a lot in weight, I am sure.—Now they are calling from down stairs again. I suppose we have to drink another cup of coffee. Well, I am game.

Will see you soon!

Karen Jørgensdatter.

P. S. (We received a package from

Mose today. Thinking it to be candy we opened it eagerly, only to find a collection of antiquated foot wear).

Hist. Inst.: You are one week behind in your outside reading!

Pupil: No, ma'am! I am two weeks behind.

"Red": When do you think the tennis courts will be dry?

L. C. B.: Oh, if it dries for a couple of days like to-day, they ought to be dry to-morrow afternoon.

Zoo. Inst: The rat is one of the most harmful of all the insects.

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