

## College Closes Doors Because Of Flu

### Rev. C. M. Videbeck Talks On Missions

**SPEAKER AT MISSION SOCIETY'S FIRST MEETING THIS YEAR**

Trinity Theological Seminary Mission Society presented its first program of the school year on the evening of December 5 at the college chapel, Rev. C. B. Larsen, president of the organization, presiding.

Rev. C. M. Videbeck of Elk Horn, Iowa, was the speaker of the evening. He chose as the topic for his talk, Motives for Foreign Mission Work. Early in his talk the speaker raised the question, what right have we as a church to claim the whole world for Christ, and related experiences he had had in meeting (Continued on page 4)

### HYMNODY LUTHER LEAGUE SUBJECT

The Luther League deviated from the rule of conducting its meetings in the English language when a study of Danish Hymnody was presented in the Danish language on the evening of December 12.

Mr. Ravnkilde Møller conducted the study. He focused attention primarily upon what he called the four major hymn writers of Denmark; namely, Grundtvig, Brorson, Kingo, and Ingemann, and their respective works.—how, for instance, while Grundtvig was the great congregational writer and singer, Brorson confined himself largely to private devotional hymns.

In conclusion the speaker indicated some of the marks of true poetry and how these characteristics were evident in the Danish hymns from the great writers. Several of the Christmas hymns were sung by the audience in the course of the study.

Another feature of the meeting was a poem written by Mr. Møller and read by Gudmund Runstrum.

### NEW GYMNASIUM USED EVERY DAY

The new gymnasium, as is entirely fitting, has become a veritable house of physical training and diversion. Not a day passes, with the exception of Sunday, but that somebody is in there rushing around on the polished floor, throwing a ball about or doing some kind of "daily dozen". In the afternoons either collegiate aspirants to basketball honors make use of it to go through their strenuous exercises that will perfect them, it is hoped, to a degree of skill that will, in the coming basket ball season, bring home to old Dana new glory, or Mr. Johannes Petersen's or Miss Esther Johnson's physical training classes swing their arms or bend their knees, perhaps reluctantly, as the leader calls out the commands.

In the evenings the school has extended the use of the gymnasium to outsiders, with the Dana basketball team, however, also occupying a couple of evening hours for training. According to present arrangements, the evening schedule is as follows: Monday, 6:30—8:00, Blair High, 8:00—9:30, Blair, business men; Tuesday, 6:45—7:45, girls' basketball, 8:00—9:30, Blair, High; Wednesday, 6:30—8:00, Blair High, 8:00—9:30, Calhoun High; Thursday, 6:30—8:00, Blair High, 8:00—9:30, Calhoun High; Friday, 7:00—9:00, scout meeting, 9:00—10:00, Dana basketball.

Saturday evenings, of course, the gymnasium will be used for home games of the Dana varsity team.

### NEXT HERMES JANUARY FIFTEENTH

There will be no January 1 issue of the Hermes, owing to the Christmas vacation, which extends from December 14 to January 3. The next number will therefore appear about January 15. This arrangement does not mean that Hermes subscribers will receive only fifteen instead of sixteen issues this year; it will simply result in the last number appearing at the end instead of the middle of May.

### ALPHA SIGMA PHI PUBLISHES BOOK

Through the combined labor of the commercial classes and the Alpha Sigma Phi Forensic Society, a book dealing with the jury question, which is the subject for debate this year, has been completed for publication and a large number of orders have been filled.

The book necessitated a great deal of work on the part of all who undertook it, and in its completed form, it is a source of much pride. It is composed of 59 pages of briefs, bibliographies, excerpts, and editorial comment, each member of the society having had charge of one section. Harold Larsen compiled the bibliographies, Mary Caspersen the affirmative brief, Dorothy Jensen the negative brief, Winston Hansen and Clifford Madsen the editorial comment. Alfa Hansen, Leo Andersen, Richard Morton, and Kristian Winther made the covers and binding.

Notices of the book have been sent to 300 colleges and universities outside of Nebraska, and orders have arrived from all parts of the country.

The book is not only a fine advertisement for the society and school, but it has been a source of much further knowledge of the question, and further knowledge means a greater chance of success in the 1928—29 debating tilt.

### CHOIR JOURNEYS TO AVOCA, IOWA

Dana College A Capella Choir journeyed to Avoca, Iowa, in the new Ford bus Sunday morning, December 2. The concert was given at 3:30 in the afternoon before a fair-sized audience which had gathered in the high school auditorium from Avoca and vicinity in spite of the heavy snowstorm.

Rev. Carl Nelson worked hard to make the concert a success and to him much credit is due.

After the concert a delicious luncheon was served the choir.

It had been the intention to sing at Underwood in the evening on the return trip, but the weather was so inhospitable and the snow falling so heavily that it was hardly worth while to present the program. The choir will, however, sing at Underwood later on in the year. According to present arrangements, the trip will be made on January 12, with two concerts in view, one at Underwood in the afternoon, and the other in Omaha in the evening.

### YULETIDE GREETINGS



### SENIORS SEEK TO FINANCE PROJECT

**THINK THEY HAVE HIT UPON MEANS FOR RAISING NEEDED FUNDS**

For weeks and weeks the seniors have been wrestling with the problem of financing their class project—concerning which mum is the word—but the best idea has been slow about coming. That best idea had to be one that would make its own appeal. Then one day, behind closed doors, a novel idea was let loose for the careful scrutiny of the class. It proved to be the best one and here is a little of its history and development up to the present time.

The mind in which this idea was born knew that students and alumni love their Alma Mater, and that students and alumni have a keen aesthetic sense. This mind also knew the weakness of students and alumni toward that which appeals to these two attributes. It knew that the answer to such an appeal is an inner urge which invariably reaches its consummation in possession. It also realized that anything with the necessary appeal about it must be very appropriate. To be appropriate in this case it must in some way be representative. This very ingenious mind came to the natural conclusion that nothing could be more appealing than a pillow bearing various designs representative of his Alma Mater—and that is the idea which the senior class, through its keen pragmatic insight, immediately recognized as "the" one. Right there the class had a vision, but that belongs to another chapter.

Just this by way of anticipation. Whoever sees and feels the concrete object of that abstract idea may just as well begin saying goodbye to two dollars, for they are gone as sure as anything.

(To be continued.)

### MEN ENTERTAINED AT INFORMAL LUNCHEON

**ARE GUESTS OF REV. AND MRS. KIRKEGAARD EVENING OF DECEMBER 6**

"You're going to be quarantined." To this effect ran the greeting that Rev. Kirkegaard gave a student one frosty December day while posting a notice in the entrance of the Men's Dormitory. From the point of view of comfort received by being penned up in warmly heated rooms during wintry days, not to be worried at all by venturing forth to class and dining room in blustering cold weather, it was welcome news; but it was not so pleasant to think of not seeing friends and going down town for perhaps a long time. In thoughts like these the student paused a moment and then walked up to the door to read the notice, in order to make sure that he had heard correctly. Nor was he so sure, if he had heard correctly, that the dean, whose sense of humor sometimes displays itself, was publishing a quarantine notice. As the student (Continued on page 4)

### THANKSGIVING DAY ENJOYED AT DANA

As the Dana students looked out to see what sort of day Thanksgiving was, they felt that darkness and dreariness existed both without and within. Only a small per cent of the students remained here during the holidays, and many of these began the day by longing for the good times their folks and friends were having. After attending the church services, however, all seemed to be happier and to realize that they had much for which to be thankful even though they could not spend Thanksgiving at home.

The dinner was great. Roast goose, cranberries, mince pie and all the other good things that go with them, were served. Dana's generous friend, Jim Mose, had sent up 5 gallons of ice cream, which was greatly appreciated by both faculty and students.

By evening, the snow was falling fast but in spite of drifts, some of the boys came over to the girls' reception room, where all had a good time playing games and singing songs. As they parted for the evening, someone remarked, "Well, Thanksgiving Day at Dana wasn't so bad after all."

### Several Ill When Faculty Decides To Close School

**OTHER NEBRASKA SCHOOLS TAKE SIMILAR MEASURE AS PRECAUTION**

The college closed its doors December 14 because of the influenza epidemic which had gripped the school. Several of the students were ill and confined to their beds, and the faculty, after holding a short meeting, deemed it advisable to discontinue school until after the holidays, since it would be an unpleasant situation, difficult to cope with, if the sickness should spread to very many of the students.

Dana was not the first school to close. With the epidemic raging, it seems, all over the state, grammar schools, high schools, and colleges, upon the advice of health officials, have taken the same step of precaution.

The sudden decision to close the school naturally threw a hammer into certain planned events. The Nordic Reading Circle was forced to postpone its meeting, scheduled for December 14 at the home of Professor Waldo B. Nielsen, until a later date.

The fact that the Christmas vacation has been lengthened five days through the closing of the school does not mean that this extension will not have to be made up. Either the Easter vacation will be shortened or school will close a few days later than planned at the end of the year.

### YORK AND DECATUR INVITE THE CHOIR

Invitations to schedule concerts have been received by the choir from York and Decatur, Nebraska. In the former place the different churches of the city are sponsoring the concert, while at Decatur the high school has made the inquiry.

Professor Waldo B. Nielsen states: "We are, indeed, glad to see outside organizations asking for our services. The choir is looking forward to a very busy spring."

### CHOIR TO JOURNEY EAST IN FORD BUS

After school closes in the spring, the choir will journey to New York in the new Ford bus, making stops to give concerts at various points along the way.

The transportation question which heretofore has been a difficult problem with which to cope, has nicely been solved. Besides the bus, the choir management has secured several other cars to help accommodate the songsters eastward. A friend from Chicago will drive a Hupmobile; Professor W. B. Nielsen and Lawrence Thompsen will each drive a Buick; and Professor J. P. Nielsen, who has previously travelled East, has offered to help out with his Pontiac.

It is expected that the itinerary will take the choir by the way of Chicago, Racine, and Buffalo, down along the Hudson River to New York, from where, on board the ship chartered by the United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church, the group will embark to Europe to make a singing tour of Denmark.

During their stay abroad, the choir will be the guests of the United Choirs of Denmark.

### DO YOU KNOW?

1. Who is the tallest man on the campus?
2. Who is the tallest girl on the campus?
3. Who is the shortest man on the campus?
4. Who is the shortest girl on the campus?
5. Which girl is the most like a doll?

6. Which girl is usually found in the boot shop?
7. Which boy appears to be the brightest on the campus?
8. Which boy doesn't need to use 'staycomb'?
9. What is the latest attraction at Dana?
10. What is the most discussed topic at present?

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## CHRISTMAS JOY

Yes, again we approach that "Blessed Christmas Season", the season in which many hard hearts are softened, in which people strive to make others happy, in which colleges and universities close their doors and students go home for the holidays; and above all the season in which the birthday of the Christ child is celebrated by His true disciples.

Every home prepares for Christmas, although in many the preparations are scant and few because of poverty or near-poverty. In other homes hundreds of dollars are spent to make people happy; but what a tragedy it is when Christ is forgotten in our preparations as the true motive for Christmas joy.

What is it in Christmas that moves people to all this much preparation and giving? The case of the Christian is easy; he is actuated alone by the thought that God gave His precious Son to save a world dead in sin. But what, for instance, moves the Jew to erect a Christmas tree in his home? Evidently Christmas has lost its true meaning for many. We have an XMAS, an unknown quantity in our celebration, for many, if asked, do not know why they are celebrating Christmas.

Peculiar things happen at Christmas time. As said above, many hard hearts are softened. Many people who refuse to accept God's Gift to the world, are at this time touched. People who never enter God's house at any other time of the year, enter it on Christmas day. Many of them go away with a new gift in their hearts, but for many also the heart that was touched returns to its former hardened state.

But for the people who have accepted and keep God's wonderful Gift, there is no hardening, but only lasting joy. Christmas is not a matter of a day with them; it is every day. But still as they approach the Christmas season, they feel a special joy in their hearts, which they seek to share with others. They find various ways to make others happy. They remember it is better to give than to receive. Also they remember nothing is more pitiful in the way of giving than a gift without a cheerful giver.

So as we enter into this holy season now, let us strive to find in it the most blessed Christmas we have ever had, remembering that our heavenly Father still wishes to give us all the most precious Gift any man can ever receive.

—L. C.

## EDUCATION AND THE EDUCATED

In these modern times, people look to education as a goal. Education is thought to be an attainment of intellectual and highly cultured people. No one wishes to be thought low in intelligence and culture; so many attempt to get at least so much learning that they can be said to be educated. There are also other reasons for the great demand of an education. Today there is a greater demand in all professions for educated men. No matter what one wishes to do, the man who has received an education is given preference. So we see that there is a great number of people struggling for vocational training.

In this great struggle for an education, misconceptions naturally arise. False conceptions are especially prevalent among high school graduates. A great number attend high school because their parents wish them to do so, and because it is rather respectable to go to school. In many cases no effort is made toward any objective. Yet when the students leave school, they wish to be considered trained thinkers, although they can discourse on nothing but subjects of their own narrow experience.

But do high school graduates stand alone in such misconceptions? No! An almost more extreme view-point is found among college students and graduates. Here is found the typical "book-worm". He is the one who has no interest in student life and student activities, but whose only desire is to have a book continually in the hand. Reading is, of course, essential, but it is not the only factor to be considered in obtaining an education. Reading and absorbing books without being able to make practical application of the knowledge obtained does not develop the reader; he becomes only a "walking dictionary". Books are only a means to widen our field to knowledge and stimulate original thinking. Therefore, when a person makes the means an end, he is entirely mistaken.

The person, who is truly educated, is one who is able to converse intelligently on more than one subject, who refrains from conversing on unknown subjects, and who can make practical application of his knowledge obtained from books and other sources. To be able to do this, one must take part in progressive social activity. There is plenty room for this type of person both in school and in vocation. Words without action are empty. Try to recall some of the great men of our country. The success of each one depended upon the ability to apply knowledge to action by original arrangement of ideas. How could our great American government originate without this type of education?

These are just a few thoughts that ought to be considered by every person who believes himself educated.

E. N.



## SEMINARY GLEANINGS

Professors J. P. Nielsen and C. B. Larsen were the speakers at the mission meetings conducted at Boomer, Iowa, during the days of December 7-9.

Cornelius Hansen, one of the Juniors, conducted services and confirmation class in Lyons, Nebraska, Sunday afternoon, December 9.

Edwin Petrusson addressed the congregation at Royal, Iowa, Sunday evening, December 2.

Several of the students were informally entertained at a luncheon given by Professor J. P. Nielsen, December 10.

The Seminary examinations will take place January 21-26. The second semester begins January 28.

The empty vessel makes the greatest sound.

—Shakespeare.

Time was made for appointments, only; our thoughts make age.

—Selected.

## CHRISTMAS MEDITATION

Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people. Luke 2, 10.

Christ's birth was like the sun rising upon a world buried in night and darkness. In Him was life, and life was the light of men. Therefore the apostles declared with all frankness "Life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested unto us" (1. John 1, 2). But the good tidings were not only addressed to the people of Palestine,—nay, the angel said: "Which shall be to all the peoples." By this we are facing the universality of God's grace and love as we find it expressed by Jesus Himself, saying, "Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations."

We live surrounded by Christian institutions and breathe an atmosphere saturated with Christianity. It is exceedingly difficult even to imagine another state of things. In the enjoyment of domestic purity, it is difficult to conceive the debasing effects of polygamy; in the midst of political liberty to conceive of the blighting power of slavery; in scientific progress to imagine mental stagnation; and in religious liberty and free goodness to fancy the reign of superstition. To know what we have from Christianity, it is well to cast the eyes sometimes over the darkness of heathenism from which the coming of Christ redeemed us.

From time immemorial, Benares, the holy city of India, which is built upon the river banks of the Ganges, has been regarded by devout Hindus as the most sacred spot in the world. What Mecca is to Mohammedans, more than Jerusalem is to Jews, is Benares to devout Hindus. To die within the radius of ten miles from its centre is sure and eternal bliss, even to the oucast and the defiling white man. Many thousands are brought annually from all parts of the land to die at this sacred place, and have their ashes scattered upon the waters of the holy river. The banks of the river are covered with men and women who fatally believe that by bathing in this dirty stream, they are washing away their sins and preparing themselves for final absorption and eternal rest in Brahma. Hundreds of mothers, full of ignorance and superstition, carry their little ones to the sacred temples to teach them how to worship idols. While we celebrate Christmas, the Hindus are celebrating a certain incarnation of the Deity called Vishnu. Jones says, based upon his study of India: "There is no other land on

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## DANA BASKETEERS

### BEGIN PRACTICE

On Monday, November 25, Coach Fynboe called together all men interested in basketball. Practice started the next day and is now in full swing. The cagers have a nice court on which to play and practice this year. Accordingly it is hoped that they will be able to put up a good brand of basketball.

There are only two lettermen back this year; they are "Pete" Sorensen and "Wes" Andersen. Both of these men are guards from last year's squad. Among other material Coach Fynboe has "Andy" Larsen, who played at Elk Horn High for four years. "Andy is a rangy center and is a good fighter, as many here saw when his high school team played at the invitational tourney last year. Another man that is working hard is Ray Mortensen. Ray played at a regular forward position on the "frosh" squad at Iowa State last year. He is a mighty good floor man and should "show his heels" to many of his opponents.

Some of the others out are "Abbie" Andersen, who played the last semester last year, Henry Hansen, "Rich" Pedersen, "Bob" Hansen, "Mert" Jensen, Addis Jensen, and Mark Christiansen.

As yet, this year's schedule is not completed. It will, however, when ready, appear in a later issue of the Hermes.

## BLAIR BOY SCOUTS

### PROGRESS RAPIDLY

Troop 147 of the Boy Scouts of America, organized last spring and sponsored by the college, has progressed very rapidly. About 40 boys from town are now members of the troop, and all are eager to pass tests in order to come before the monthly court of honor and receive their badges. The troop has two basketball teams for which Mr. Peter Sorensen is the coach. Also a drum and bugle corps has been organized, Prof. Sanden being the instructor for the drummers, and Mr. Orville Nielsen for the buglers.

Swen Baden, one of the college students, is scout master.

Silence is deep as eternity, speech as shallow as time.

—Carlyle.

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## CAMPUS DOINGS

Louise Christensen and Elsie Jensen were at Louise's home in Elk Horn for Thanksgiving.

Rosa Kirkegard spent the weekend at Bessie Morgan's home.

Two of Mary Caspersen's brothers visited here on Thanksgiving Day.

Clara Petersen, Andrew Larsen, and Harry Thompsen drove to Elk Horn for Thanksgiving.

A number of Dana students were invited out to private homes for Thanksgiving dinner.

Viggo Petersen, Addis Jensen, Amanda Kaldahl and Eda Paulsen drove to Ruskin for Thanksgiving.

Helen Nickoliasen visited friends in Sioux City over the week-end of December 8-10.

Mr. Lauritz Petersen spoke at the services in Washington Sunday afternoon, December 9, and at Kenard in the evening.

Rev. Hjortsvang and son Carl recently visited for a few days at Dana.

Kathryn Jensen entertained a number of the dormitory boys and girls at her home on Saturday, December 8.

The Danish Literature Class met at Mr. Fynboe's home last week and discussed "En Sjel efter Døden," by J. L. Heiberg. A good discussion took place, after which Danish songs were sung and a delightful lunch was served.

Waldemar Jorgensen and several other students drove in the former's car to Omaha Monday, December 10, to do some shopping.

Harry Thomsen was a recent visitor in Council Bluffs.

The church council met here for its meeting during the days of December 11-12.

## STUDENT'S LAUNDRY

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**DANA QUINTET DEFEATS OMAHA COLLEGE FIVE**

American College of Business Falls Before Dana Basketeers By Score of 29—19.

Dana College opened its basketball season last Saturday night on the home court by defeating the American College of Business from Omaha by a score of 29—19. It was a fast game from beginning to end.

Things had looked rather blue for Dana up until the game got under way. Two of last year's players were on the sick list, Albert Andersen with a lame back, and Wesley Andersen with the flu, and only a few of the students could be present to lend their support to the team, in as much as school had closed the previous day because of the rapidly spreading flu epidemic. Dull weather, which had been hanging like a pall over Nebraska the last few weeks, brought only a few outside fans to witness the game.

The game started with a bang as soon as the referee blew his whistle, and for a while it looked like the teams were evenly matched, with both sides playing a good game on defense as well as on offense. But in the latter part of the first half, the Dana quintet broke loose and smothered Omaha under a barrage of shots that netted the home team a comfortable lead, the half ending with a score of 17 points to 4.

The second half opened with a number of substitutions on both sides, and Omaha put up a stiffer fight than it had before, though neither team was able to make much advance except for an occasional basket. Toward the close of the game, luck was with Omaha when it began to make long-distance shots, of which it garnered a few. But Omaha was unable to overcome the pace set by the Danaites, and when the final whistle blew, Dana had the long end of the argument 29—19.

The following was Dana's line-up: Peter Sorensen (captain) and Richard Petersen, guards; Henry Hansen and Merton Jensen, forwards; Andrew Larsen, center. Substitutions: Magnussen for R. Petersen, "Bob" Hansen for P. Sorensen, and Milton Christensen for Merton Jensen.

Referee: John Trautmann, Creighton.

**PEP BAND TO PLAY AT ALL HOME GAMES**

When the basketball season starts, one of the features at the home games will be the music by the Dana Pep Band, organized some time ago under the direction of Mr. Orville Nielsen. The group has been practicing regularly every week and with such preparation should liven up the Dana spirit at the games.

The band is made up of six pieces. William Haller plays a saxophone, Austin Haller, trombone, Richard Petersen, saxophone, Addis Jensen, baritone, Irwin Tilden, clarinet, and Orville Nielsen, cornet.

**THESE MODERN ACROBATS**  
(Physical training at Dana).

The shrill signal of a whistle and we see something inside of each of twelve black and white uniforms jump into place.

"All in line! Forward, march!" are the orders of Generaless Johnson; and from the stage comes a slam on "G" natural. (Miss Nicholaison is the accompanist).

"Left, face! Left, right!" and lo! they fall into line and march (like a herd of cows) around the gym and suddenly face us—not soldiers (or cows either, for that matter) but perfect models of flaming youth!

They march towards us (like martyrs to music) and turn their backs upon us.

"Class face!" and with further orders from Johnson, the group falls into such a jumping, rolling, twisting, screeching mass of humanity that we absolutely are affected by a serious dizziness.

Gradually the cloud passes away and we are able again to see distinctly twelve beauties in uniform. "Now we'll play some basketball." They again fall into some sort of arrangement.

It's especially queer the way this extraordinary group gets into things. The persons never go straight, but always "fall."

The signal of the whistle! The ball shoots north, south, east, west, but mostly "outside." It's surprising how fast everything moves, as if it's really a basketball game.

However, we know it's not a basketball game, but an "eye-ball" game, for instead of catching the ball, Rosa pokes her finger into Leona's eye-ball. Leona is just through crying when we hear a remark from Mr. Fynboe who has entered upon the scene, "Is it soft?" And there sits Amanda who has gracefully settled into a comfortable position on the floor. Sheriff Baden comes along with his big star to investigate the case, but he is disappointed. Amanda has her gym shoes on all right.

The whistle, and Mildred and Alfa jump for the ball. They miss the ball, but neglect to miss each other's face.

The scene ends with roll call and the girls march off as proudly as steam engines.

A Gymnast.

**SEMINARY STUDENTS REGISTER WITH DEAN**

The seminary registration for next semester has already been practically completed. Registration was supposed to have taken place last Monday, but since school closed early, most of the students made it a point to register with the dean of the seminary, Professor J. P. Nielsen, before leaving for the vacation.

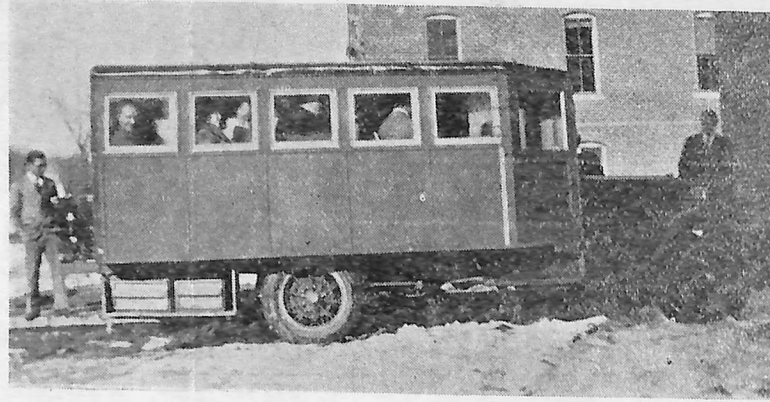
Apologies only account for that which they do not alter.

—Disraeli.

Hold your temper for a moment and avoid a hundred days of sorrow.

—Chinese Maxim.

**THE NEW CHOIR BUS**



**FORMER STUDENT COLUMN**

Henry Jensen, who spent his freshman year at Dana, is now attending St. Olaf College.

Miss Lucille Jensen, '26, is working in Omaha, Nebr.

Anna Lange, '27, is teaching school in Elk Horn, Iowa.

Carl Hjortsvang, who has been at the Sanitarium at Brush, Colo., was recently a visitor on the campus. Martha Pedersen, '27, is working in an office in Indianapolis, Ind.

Emil Pedersen, and Ingward Olsen, are this year attending school at Racine, Wisconsin.

Marie Simonsen is taking her last year of medicine at the Medical University of Omaha.

Gordon Petersen, '28, is this year studying his first year of medicine at the University of Wisconsin.

Ben Engskov is attending school in Omaha.

Ray Krogh is attending Beloit College, Beloit, Wisconsin.

Paul Rasmussen and Christian Bertelsen are students this year at Capital University, a Lutheran school in Columbus, Ohio.

Joseph Kohler is studying at Nebraska University.

**MISSION CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN OHIO**

The Foreign Missions Conference of North America will meet at Capital University, Columbus, Ohio, on January 14 and 15. All the Lutheran Synods in America, with the exception of the Missouri Synod, according to the report, will be represented at these meetings.

The conference will take up and discuss the various problems confronting Lutheran mission work in various parts of the world. The outstanding meeting will take place on the evening of January 14, to which all the Lutheran congregations of Columbus and vicinity are invited. Music will be furnished by the Capital University Symphony Orchestra, and a special feature will be the first appearance of the newly organized a capella choir of the school.

Several prominent Lutheran clergymen will deliver short addresses at this meeting, among them Dr. Knobel, president of the United Lutheran Church, Rev. Krauschaar of the Iowa Synod, and a Chinaman who is a professor in a Chinese Lutheran school.

**DANA CHOIR GIVES KENNARD CONCERT**

Sunday, December 9, the Dana Choir gave two concerts which had previously been postponed because of the weather. The one was presented at Kennard and the other at Washington.

The weather was not any too good on this occasion either. Heavy snow had fallen and the roads were difficult to negotiate; but with Rev. Knud Larsen taking the lead in his car, thus blazing a trail, the choir bus managed to reach its destination, and the choir kept its appointment.

Washington was visited in the afternoon and Kennard in the evening at 7:30.

At both places, the ladies of the church served the choir members with a delicious lunch.

Rev. Knud Larsen invited the choir to return in the spring and give another concert.

**MORE WINTER STUDENTS COME**

Several more winter students have arrived, so that the enrollment now stands at eleven. All but four of these are young men, most of whom are Danish born, having come here to Dana to learn the English language. Several, however, among whom are the young women, are American born, and these are pursuing a course in the commercial department.

Perhaps to some it seems strange that, compared with former years, the enrollment this year is rather small. This, however, is a perfectly natural development, which can be attributed to immigration restrictions, in as much as the winter student element has always been predominantly made up of Danish young people.

The courses offered and the instructors in each are as follows: History, Philip Magnussen; grammar, Carl Fynboe; spelling, Alma Wrick; reading, Louise Christensen; general science, Millard Petersen; Bible study, T. M. Hansen; typewriting, Erland Nelson; bookkeeping, Helen Keopke.

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4. Alice Gissel.
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6. "Boots."
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8. Viggo.
9. Winter students.
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**REV. C. M. VIDEBECK  
TALKS ON MISSIONS**

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with other religions. He cited home missions as first and foreign missions as greatest in importance.

Rev. Videbeck arrived at the real motives partly by way of elimination. He said, we do not go into foreign mission work at an imperial command of Jesus; such a motive would be adverse to the human make-up. Neither do we go into foreign missions to enhance society and social happiness because after all this latter is but a relative term and often more is laid into these words than they actually contain.

The speaker held up as the great and propelling motives in mission work: 1) Man is in a lost condition and needs regeneration both of soul and of mind. Salvation is a joyful spiritual experience to the soul, but intellectually men revolt. Man revolts against the cross of Christ. Christians cannot passively concede that God has some way to save the rest of the world apart from Christ and the cross. 2) Christ is the only way. The human body is the vehicle of the Word of God, but the indwelling spirit is the real impelling power. The speaker exhorted to get the eternal view point.—“Be ye holy as I am holy, saith the Lord your God.” To that end God entered into the first covenant with His people, but when they faltered, He sent Jesus, not to institute a new covenant with His people, but to enter the same covenant with a different party to it. It was this same covenant that made Jesus sin for the world. Men who enter the kingdom must come by the way of the covenant through Jesus. 3) The final motive, Rev. Videbeck said, is that Christ shall come again. If Christ does not come again men will still be left in a wilderness of sin.

Christians must come into some relationship to foreign missions. If Christianity has not captivated us, we have nothing to say and nothing whereof to bear witness.

The Mission Society meetings are held the fourth Wednesday evening of every month, replacing on that evening the Luther League, which otherwise occupies that evening of the week.

**CHRISTMAS MEDITATION**

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earth where idolatry is so rampant as it is in India.” If the gods are numberless, how much more the idols which represent them, and which are found in every hamlet and house and upon the roadsides. We Christians believe otherwise.

The purpose of God becoming man was to redeem us. It is not the thought of Heaven's sympathy by which we are impressed when we gaze through the telescope on the mighty world of space, and gain an idea of what is meant by the infinite. Majesty and power are there—but the very vastness excludes the thought of sympathy. It is when we look into the world of insignificance and find that God has painted the atoms of creation, and furnished all that belongs to minutest life, that we feel that God sympathizes and individualizes. When we are told that God is the Redeemer of the world, we know that love dwells in the bosom of the Most High; but if we want to know that God feels for us individually and separately, we must learn from the bottom of our heart this syllable of endearment, “My Redeemer”. This is the purpose and meaning of Christmas. Let us meditate upon it.

And especially I want to emphasize that the angel on the first Christmas eve told the shepherds that the good tidings were meant for all. Let us then, so far as we are Christians, not forget to pray for those who live in the night and darkness of heathenism.

Johannes M. Larsen.

**JEST OURSELVES**

Dear Folks:

It is a little late now, so according to the rules, I should go to bed now, but I feel so happy and just want to write a letter to someone; therefore you shall be the object.

We were over at Mr. Fynboe's place to discuss “En Sjæl efter Døden”. It is a book from our Danish class. We had a very fine time, and now we only hope we can get hold of another “Sjæl.”

You asked if I have got my picture taken—no—for every time I was going to go to the studio there was something else happening. I am just as bad as the seminary class. They had decided to get a picture taken before Christmas (they began to have meetings about it in Oct.), and some of them dressed up a dozen times before they finally got it taken. You can see our seminary students are men who think before they act.

Sure we can use our bus. Who told you it was no good? It is the best bus in Blair. Last Sunday we had a trip of 150 miles, and everything went fine. The only bad thing about it was the smoke from L. Petersen's cigar; but consulting the bus-builder, I found out that it may be possible to make room for him on top of the bus.

O my, how it is cold now, snow all over, good for sleds, skis, and overshoes. Hope it will last till Christmas. Casper was the first who got Christmas spirit. She decorated her room so fine it made all us other girls sick just to look at it. And Tommy has also prepared for Christmas. He bought a pair of mules for someone in Elk Horn.

Martha Juhl went down to the photographer, where she saw something she thought was a medicine chest; but when she opened it, she found only a picture of Krudt.

Last Thursday night I heard some noise from the boys' dorm. I thought it was one of them from fourth, who was rolling down the stairway, but somebody told me it was a party, and Sprut made them fire a skyrocket; Orville and Rick helped each other play a piano solo; Johansen treated P. Hauge in a very unpleasant way; Terp got too much cake; the rest had a very fine time. I can't hardly wait for Christmas, but now we have only 12 days, 3 hours, and 13 minutes left until the train leaves, I hope Peter will be at the station.

Well, it is time to go to bed. Thanks for the cake you sent.  
Your  
Karen Jorgensdatter.

Lollypops: Was George Washington as honest as they say he was?

Roommate: I tell you, Lollypops, he was the honestest man that was ever born.

Lollypops: Then how come they close the banks on his birthday?

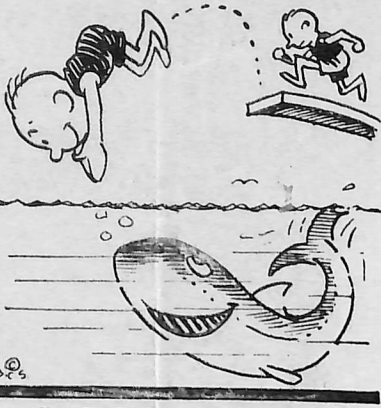
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A: By the way, What are you spanking your little son for?

B: I am going away tonight and he gets his school report tomorrow.

Pete: Come on, you shouldn't refuse to lend me money. One friend should always be willing to help another.

Mark: I know it, but you will always insist on being the other.

“Oh, Ma, I'm engaged.”

“Can she bake cake?”

“Yes, and she can change a tire.”

Mrs. Jones: Do your daughters live at home?

Mrs. Smith: Oh, no! They're not married yet.

A: They carried a dying man into the hospital today for medical attention.

B: And I s'pose he died before they could get the medicine ready.

A: No. They were able to treat him very quickly. He was dying from starvation.

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**MEN ENTERTAINED AT  
INFORMAL LUNCHEON**  
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dent read, his fears of being “locked up” soon vanished. What he read was an invitation to all the dormitory men to attend an informal luncheon to be given by Rev. and Mrs. Kirkegaard in the reception room on the eve of December 6. It was not long before every student, as he came in or went out of the door, knew about the invitation and had it indelibly written on his mind, so as to make sure that he did not forget to patronize this generosity.

Thursday evening, December 6, came around and shortly after nine o'clock the hall bell rang out its summons to the guests, who soon made their appearance in the reception room. Every seat was taken, and some brought their own chairs to make sure that they would not be without the ordinary comfort that one enjoys while partaking of the finest or simplest repast.

The luncheon over, an hour was spent in social entertainment. After some persuasion and begging, Orville Nielsen and Richard Petersen condescended to play a duet on the piano. Immanuel Johansen and Peter Hauge cleverly presented a short sketch, and Johannes Petersen, the versatile humorist, climaxed the entertainment with two of his monologues.

The evening closed with Scripture reading and prayer by Professor J. P. Nielsen, after which the students thanked Rev. and Mrs. Kirkegaard for their kind hospitality and went to their rooms.

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The Dana-Creighton debate scheduled for last Saturday night did not take place at that time, owing to the fact that the date was not convenient for the Dana squad. The debate will, however, occur shortly after school is resumed in the new year.

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