

## Dana Goes On Air Over WOW

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On December 18 Dana College took to the air over radio station WOW at Omaha, Nebr. The program started at 6:30 p.m., and featured a program entitled: "A Danish Christmas". A vivid picture of how Christmas is celebrated in a Danish home was presented as the various parts were performed and described. The program was so arranged that the radio world was able to visualize the Danish home on Christmas Evening, which has something so unique and appealing about it. The impression of Christmas as it is celebrated in Denmark will bring back pleasant memories to those, who in childhood gathered in their family circles about the Christmas table which was spread with the tastiest food, and after supper in the living room where grandfather read the Christmas Gospel and all members in the family joined in singing the Christmas carols. America will appreciate to learn how Christmas can be celebrated in the splendid Danish style, which adds so much to its festivity.

After Christmas, Dana plans to go on air once every week over the same station. This will open up a splendid opportunity for friends of Dana to keep in living touch with their school. The program will have many interesting features. The listeners are encouraged to send in their requests and suggestions. The college is anxious to make the programs as interesting as possible and will be pleased to learn how the programs are enjoyed.

## Danish Church Is Rededicated

The Danish Lutheran Church in Blair has been enlarged, remodeled, and interiorly beautified this fall. The building has become a very much more attractive house of worship. The students were privileged to attend the Dedicatory service on December 1, and also a series of special meetings, which were held in the afternoons and evenings during the week.

The Dedicatory service was beautiful and impressive. Rev. N. C. Carlsson, president of the U. D. Ev. Luth. Church delivered the Dedicatory address and rededicated the church. Prof. Larsen preached the Dedicatory sermon. The importance of preaching, teaching, and living Christ was emphasized by the speakers, because unless Christ is the center of the congregation's thought and activity it has no mission to perform.

A large number of visiting pastors spoke during the series of week-day meetings. On Thursday evening, the Dana choir sang a special number. The Church choir and the Dana choir joined in singing a special selection on Sunday, December 8. The festive week left many serious messages for the audience's consideration and it is earnestly desired that they may bear much spiritual fruit.

## Dannebrog Favors Danish-Americans

The Dannebrog Literary Society presented an interesting program in honor of the Danish-Americans, December 7, in the college chapel. A large number attended the program and were very well pleased with the entertainment which it furnished.

Harold Jorgensen presented an interesting discussion on Jacob Riis and his work in America. He told how Jacob Riis came to this country, met with hardships, and suffered evil at the hands of the police in whose station he had sought lodging for the night. Then and there, Jacob Riis vowed to do all in his power to alter evil conditions in New York which was directly or indirectly due to the corrupt police force. In later years, when he became a newspaper reporter, he wrote so forcefully against the corruption in the city and worked in the slums that through his efforts a great reform took place. Parks and better schools became a memorial to America's greatest Dane, Jacob Riis.

The audience was then favored with two solos rendered by Miss Ida Hansen, and with a poem, "America," by Ravnkilde Møller. The subject "Other Great Danish-Americans" was presented by Hans Stallneckt. He related the life history of Niels Poulsen, Gutzon Borglum, Aage Worm, Fred K. Nielsen, Bondesen, and Jens Larsen. Each of these men have won

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## Saul's Experience On Damascus Road

On the evening of Dec. 11th the Luther League opened its meeting with the beautiful Advent hymn: "Lo, He comes with clouds descending, Once for our salvation slain; Thousand, thousand saints attending Swell the triumph of His train: Hallelujah! God appears on earth to reign."

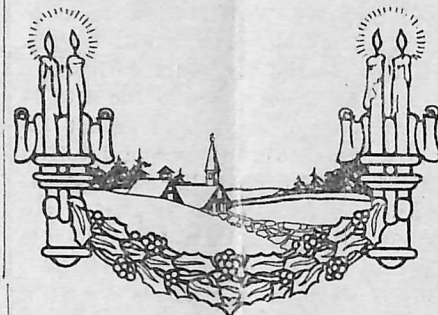
Mr. William Larsen read about St. Paul's conversion in the 9th chapter of the Book of Acts and led the assembly in prayer. Miss Ida Hansen rendered a vocal solo.

The speaker of the evening, Mr. Elmer Andersen, spoke on the topic: "Paul from Jerusalem to Damascus." In many respects we might say that Paul was the greatest person that lived on earth with the exception of Jesus Christ. Paul was very proud of being a Jew. As he himself relates: "... circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as touching the law a Pharisee; as touching zeal, persecuting the church." He was a citizen of Tarsus. His education was obtained at the feet of the eminent scholar Gamaliel at Jerusalem. By his experience on the desert road to Damascus where he saw the Christ face to face, his entire life had been changed. So also today all conversions are miracles. Man according to his sinful nature persecutes the church: "He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth." But with the acceptance of Jesus the Christ man becomes a new creature with a different zeal and new motives.

After the singing of another hymn a short business meeting followed. New officers were elected for the next term. President, Mr. Henry Hansen; Vice-President, Mr. William Larsen; Secretary, Miss Dagny Olsen.

Hermes  
wishes all the readers  
A  
Happy Yuletide

*O holy Child of Bethlehem,  
Descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin, and enter in,  
Be born in us to-day.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us  
Our Lord, Immanuel.*



## REV. E. R. ANDERSEN SPEAKS IN CHAPEL

At the chapel in the morning of Dec. 11th Rev. E. R. Andersen spoke to the students from a Scripture passage in Rev. 3:20-22. "Behold, I stand at the door and knock—". Jesus is the one who stands at the entrance of the human heart and pleads for entrance. The speaker asked the question if we realize the importance of admitting Jesus to our heart. If men continue to live without Him, there is such a thing, that our souls may be eternally lost. Without Him we cannot conquer sin, there will be no victory over sin. We cannot overcome the temptations of this world by human strength, but as soon as Jesus enters our heart, we are able by His strength to gain the victory. It is but of vain effort to talk about accepting Him. We do not gain anything by talking about the matter. The thing that counts is to act, to accept Him. And great will be the reward, as is seen from the 21st verse: "He that overcometh, I will give him to sit down with me in my throne, as I also overcame, and sat down with my Father in his throne."

There will not be a New Year's issue of the Hermes on account of the holidays, and since the Christmas vacation starts December 20, the Christmas number has been delayed in order to include as many college activities as possible before the recess. The Hermes wishes its readers a very blessed Christmas and a happy New Year with greetings from John 1:11-13, "Jesus came unto His own, and they that were His own received Him not. But as many as received Him, to them gave He the right to become children of God, even to them that believe on His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."

## Prof. A. Nelson Gives Chemistry Lecture

The Hesperian Society sponsored a very interesting program Friday, Dec. 13, in the college chapel.

The main feature of the program was a chemical display given by Prof. Arthur Nelson, the chemistry instructor. He first displayed the burning of magnesium, which sends out a very bright flame. He then demonstrated the preparation of hydrogen, by the action of zinc on acids, and exploded the hydrogen which produces the hydrogen squeal. Then it was shown how iron burns in pure oxygen. He said copper will also burn when heated and put in chlorine. The next exhibition was the reaction of nitric oxide, which is a colorless gas, with the oxygen of the air, to form nitrogen dioxide, a brown gas.

Prof. Nelson humorously stated that he had received a picture of the King of Mesopotamia, but when he found only a blank sheet, he decided to burn it. The outlines of a face had been made with a solution of potassium nitrate, and when the sheet was set on fire, only the treated portion burned. The next experiment was the "magic garden". Several seeds (crystals of colored salts) were planted in a solution of sodium silicate (water glass) and the plants grew approximately four inches in fifteen minutes. Another exhibition was a miniature fountain. It was constructed of two round flasks, connected by a glass tube. The upper flask contained ammonia gas, which is very soluble in water, causing a vacuum, resulting in the spouting of the water into this flask. As the water passed from the lower flask, it changed from a red to blue color. In the lower flask the water was slightly acid and colored with litmus. When it passed into the upper flask, it became alkaline, due to the ammonia, and the litmus turned blue.

The next magic stroke was the ap-

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## Alpha Sigma Phi Teams Selected

Some time ago the members of the debate class were permitted to make their choice as to which side of the disarmament question they wished to defend during the coming season. Fortunately, the sides are quite evenly represented, so the debaters will undoubtedly be permitted to remain on the teams of their own choice during the coming season. Lucille Hansen, Dagny Nielsen, Evelyn Hansen, Dorothy Jensen, and Ervin Bondo chose to uphold the affirmative end of the argument, and Edna Bondo, Othilia Nielsen, Frederick Christoffersen, and Harold Larsen took their stand for the negative. Arrangements will be made whereby all the candidates will have an opportunity to engage in intercollegiate clashes the coming season. Each team is fortunate in having as one of its members a veteran of last year's squad, Dorothy Jensen of the affirmative and Harold Larsen and Clifford Madsen of the negative.

Just at present the squad is working diligently on the new hand-book on disarmament which will, it is hoped, be ready for the press before the Christmas vacation opens. This book will be similar to the book published last year on the abolition of

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## Christmas Party Before Recess

COLLEGE SPENDS  
ENJOYABLE  
EVENING

The student body and faculty spent an enjoyable evening in the ladies' reception room on December 14 at the annual Christmas party.

In the early part of the evening games were played in the various groups. Groups exchanged and came under the direction of different leaders. The leaders of the games were Ingward Olsen, Ida Dahl, Ben Engskow and Edna Hansen. Finally the games ended in a candle-blowing contest with representatives from each group.

A short program followed, which carried with it the true spirit of Christmas. Waldemar Jorgensen read the Gospel story. Lucille Hansen, representing an angel, entered upon the scene to proclaim the angel's message. As the Gospel story was read, the Christmas bells were chiming.

A string trio consisting of Miss Rasmussen, Prof. W. B. Nielsen and Harold Jorgensen rendered a musical number. Miss Ida Hansen and Miss Lucille Hansen sang a duet accompanied by the string trio. Miss Dorothy Jensen gave a Christmas reading.

Johannes Larsen gave a talk on Christmas in India. He related how Christians came long distances to the villages where they worshipped for a whole week previous to Christmas. The natives must prepare for the voyage. The wagons are drawn by slow-moving oxen and it often took several days before the families reached their destination. Mr. Larsen related how, during the Advent season, his father would admonish the native Christians to remain steadfast and how he would emphasize the importance of receiving Christ and becoming partakers of the true Christmas joy.

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## Seniors Decide On Memory Booklet

With the fact in mind that the Senior Class of 1930 is not a large class and practically unable to issue an annual without a great deal of outside support, the seniors, realizing their handicaps voted down the "Danian". A substitute has been planned, however. A photograph booklet will take the place of the usual publication. The illustrious seniors will have their portraits taken and placed in the attractive form of a memory book, which will also contain interesting sketches concerning each graduate and the senior class as a whole. These booklets will convey a personal and lasting touch between the individual members of the class.

The class has done considerable work this year. At various occasions they have sold refreshments. They have solicited all students for orders on penants. The under classmates have responded very favorably. A large supply of Christmas cards and stationery has been sold. At present they are considering the selection of a class ring. The seniors' projects have been successfully carried out so far this year.

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**HE IS HERE**



The purpose of Advent is that we may prepare our hearts to receive the King of kings. Men did not have room for Him in the inns of Bethlehem. "Jesus came to His own and His own did not receive Him." Do we have room for Him? He wants to dwell in hearts that are willing to receive Him. The purpose of His coming was stated by the messenger from heaven: "He shall save His people from their sins." The most important question for each of us will then be, "Will I allow Jesus to take all my sins away; will I allow Him to cleanse my heart entirely so it can be a holy temple for Him?" If we are not willing to accept Jesus on these conditions and let Him fulfill His purpose in us, then it must also be said of us that there is no room, and then Christmas is in vain as far as we are concerned. But if we open our hearts for Him and receive Him with thanksgiving, then the peace and joy that surpasses all understanding shall fill us, shine through us to those who are yet in darkness. God has something great in store for each of us. Let us receive Him.

I. Johansen.

**CHAPEL THOUGHTS**

"Behold, thy king cometh unto thee, meek." In Japan you can see people waiting for two solid hours to get a chance to see the emperor. At the moment he passes by, reverence is shown by intensive silence. Was there ever a mightier king than Jesus Christ? Yet, He comes to us in meekness. Do we need Him? Does He bring anything worthwhile? Yes, He does: "My peace I give unto you." "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." "He that believes on me shall never die." Are we prepared for His coming?

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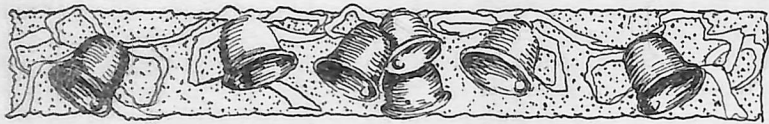
**Fitness for Leadership**

There appeared in the Hermes recently an editorial entitled "An Educated Ministry." We are entirely in agreement with the writer and desire to support his arguments. On the ministry rests a grave responsibility and one that even the very highest type of men will never be equal to. In this calling the very best of training is not superfluous; and we fail to see how a ministry for our day, that does not have a solid educational background, can be a progressive ministry. And if the ministry from which leadership is expected is not progressive, the church as a whole will not progress.

The church is an institution or organized group of people where there are those who lead and those who are led. Leadership should come naturally and should be vested in those whose superior abilities and training make him fit for leadership. But it often happens in our systems that the unworthy come to positions of leadership, while the more worthy are forced out or are hampered in their movements by the machinery of the system. It is a great weakness in human institutions, also in the church.

In the church, then, how shall those be admitted to leadership who are worthy of their position? In the first place, let us point out the position that the ministry occupies. It is very evident that even in our free-church, Protestant circles, the ministry is invested with a great deal of power. By consent of the lay membership of the church, the minister, both in public and in private is given almost sole right to influence the religious thought of several hundred people. In his hands is placed more often than not the power to decide matters of a strictly business nature. To the whole aggregate of ministers is left the power to decide who shall take over the positions of leadership. The ministry is protected by that natural reverence which men have always bestowed on things holy and sacred. Their positions are made secure by the piety of their followers. The lay people look to the office with respect and obedience, because it represents to them the Author of their religious faith. This assertion may be questioned, but we still maintain

that no group of men, however talented, could bring into existence such institutions as the church and the Christian ministry, if there were not higher authority behind them. Christianity and not men has made the church. How often have we not seen young men, who were but little respected in their home circles, suddenly become objects of awe and reverence, because they have announced their intention of studying for the ministry? On the surface it may seem flattering to the individual and many have permitted themselves to be flattered. Had they only been wiser! It was the glory of the office that was reflected on them and not they that glorified the office. The office of the ministry gives to the one who holds it a power that he retains as a trust and a conferred privilege. There is not a group of professional men that enjoys so much security against loss of position in spite of lack of common sense, lack of intellectual ability and lack of qualities of leadership. Few ministers are forced out of service because of inability to meet competition, and fewer yet are unfrocked even though they may be the sorriest candidates for the ministerial office. Does this reasoning betray the ministry to its enemies? We do not think so, but are rather convinced that the facts are such and that here is an unusual opportunity for unworthy men to occupy a position for which they were never fitted. Because such is the case, it becomes necessary for the church to set up a standard. But we are still in the vicious circle where the ministry itself determines what that standard shall be and what are to be its own qualifications for occupying the office. If the ministry itself does not set a high standard there will be no high standard; and in its practical working out there is no standard other than that which the individual sets for himself. We have, to be sure, the requirement that a candidate to



**THE MESSAGE AND MESSENGERS OF PEACE**

Christmas is soon here again and the Gospel message resounds, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace among men in whom He is well pleased." Jesus voluntarily emptied Himself of the glory which He had with the Father from the beginning and came to earth to sacrifice His life, in order to restore the peace in the hearts of men, which was disrupted and disturbed ever since sin entered the world. Jesus paid the inestimable ransom, when He made atonement for the sin of the world by His vicarious suffering and death. He also, at the cost of scorn and ridicule, used the "two-edged sword" of truth, which pierced the hearts of men and made them feel the reality and power of sin in their lives. Christ did this in order that men should realize their need of Him, who is the only remedy for sin. Many became offended at the truth, but those who fled for refuge to Jesus received the "peace which passeth all understanding." All who have come to see their helpless and lost condition apart from Jesus, have learned to love and trust Him, even when His chastening rod rests heavily upon them, because they know His dealing with them is directed by divine love and wisdom.

When we as Christians contemplate the marvelous love which caused Jesus to make the inestimable sacrifice to restore peace, we should be moved to seriously consider our obligations and great responsibilities as messengers of peace. We, like Jesus, should not tolerate sin; but being imperfect, should be on guard lest we deceive ourselves in thinking we can correct the wrongs of others, if we fail to see and admit our own mistakes and shortcomings. Undoubtedly we can in no better way further the true spirit of peace and Christian fellowship than by first realizing and confessing our own failings, for then we may in a spirit of humility, love and forgiveness succeed in helping our brother in a spiritual way. If our lives thus bear testimony of Jesus, His mission as the Prince of Peace can and shall be realized in our midst.

**COURTESY**

An act of courtesy need not be a punctilious performance of a social code. Webster defines it broadly as an act of kindness, civility, respect, done with politeness. He lays before us a whole world of prospect, and we are basely ungrateful, too often, in not entering one aspect of it.

We as college students, even more than others in our days are busy and self-centered. Our sight is turned to the future, and we are apt to neglect the great opportunities that lie about us for courteous acts. We desire to be friendly and neighborly—both are forms of courtesy, and it makes us happy when we manifest these traits, but our attempts are, at the best, spasmodic.

We need courtesy! We need it in the class-room, toward our teacher and our classmates. The intimacy of a small student body often causes us to forget our duty.

We need courtesy on the campus, where a spirit of comradeship may crowd it out.

We need it on the gridiron and on the basketball floor. Our desire for victory should not permit us to lose our spirit of sportsmanship.

Besides, there have been ample opportunities to prove it to strangers—among the students, who have recently come, and toward the numberless visitors at our school.

Small and incidental courtesies in our lives are noticed and admired by those with whom we come in contact. Let us examine our daily acts, find where they are lacking, and practice true courtesy!

D. J.

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the office must be the graduate to a seminary. There are too many facts that go to show that this does not mean much, however, for seminaries as a rule do not eliminate students. Since such is the case it matters little what a man's preparatory training has been, what his abilities as a student may be, or how sincerely he attacks the problems of theology; he is practically assured a place in the ministry. When some students, who are by no means always the most talented, spend four or five years less than others do in preparing themselves for the study of theology, it is clear that a seminary diploma is no indication of a standard of training. What then is a standard?

#### Qualifications for the Ministry

The very first qualification for the ministry is of course a Christian experience. It would be unreasonable to place it anywhere but first. In our own circles anything short of a Christian confession would not be tolerated. There need be no argument about the point, for it appears to be self-evident.

Secondly, the candidate must have good character. There will, of course, be much disagreement as to what good character is, but in general there is some sort of standard set; and if a minister is ever in danger of losing his position, it is when he has been guilty of some moral breach. It were not well if it were otherwise. But even so the way is left open to men whose character is not necessarily bad, but small nevertheless.

These two requisites are of course fundamental, and are ideals the loss of which would be a hard blow to the dignity and authority of the ministerial office. They must be insisted on. But taken alone they never have been and never will be sufficient criteria of any man's fitness for the Christian ministry. They may fit him for a place in the church and in the kingdom of God, but not for a place in the ministry. The man may lack common sense, personality, and ability to acquire knowledge. He may be small in character and small as a leader. The lack of any of these qualities should be enough to make any man question his right to step into a position of influence and responsibility such as the ministry is, even though it is possible for him to acquire the position. Or even if he himself, because he is small, is unable to see his unfitness should he not be eliminated? The ministry has been called the greatest work in the world. How can that work be carried on by men whose utter lack of ability would bar them from any position but that of doing menial labor? And not infrequently there are those that aspire to the ministry who cannot or will not do even menial tasks well. A person may be well meaning, even zealous and still be unfit. On another hand it seems to us that the most abominable prostitution of the high ideal of the ministry is to aspire to it entirely for the dignity and position that it will confer on oneself. There are perhaps few, if any, whose motives are entirely pure in this respect, but was Soren Kirkegaard not right, when he maintained that to aspire to the office simply for its benefits is a desecration of that which is most holy? A minister's stock in trade is motives—Christian motives, ethical motives, aspirations to be of service and to lift up where other forces are bent on degrading. A minister must point to the perfect heaven, but is therefore not excused from pointing away from the imperfect ways of the world. He must hold out the hope that in the world to come sin and wrong, dishonesty and selfishness shall no longer dominate man, but he must also hold up the high ideal in the present world that wrongdoing, dishonesty, selfishness, smallness and falsehood should not dominate man. If he himself then has sought his position as a pastor, because it holds out a tem-

poral benefit to himself; if it becomes a means of elevating himself to a place in the sun, has he the moral and spiritual largeness of soul that will inspire others to see visions? Or even though he may, because of lack of ideals or self criticism, have failed to see the selfishness of his motives, would he be more fit to be a leader of men in their quest for religious and moral truth? Is there any field of human activity where the aspirant to leadership needs to question his ability and motives as in the Christian ministry? No one, certainly, can prove himself infallible, for among men the pure and the sordid, the unselfish and the selfish, fitness and unfitness are so commingled that it is difficult to ascertain what is pure, what is unselfish, and what is fitness. As creatures of common shortcomings, we should be charitable and ready to excuse the faults we see in others. But when that charity defeats the purposes of principle and common sense, it is no longer charity but rank treason to humanity. Has one man or a group of men not the right to say to a fellow man: "Because of your unfitness to be a leader we cannot grant you leadership?" Do we not in our affairs make distinctions between men as to their right to assume positions of leadership? Should not that distinction be made—if any place—in the Christian ministry? What a sad thing it is when we privately question a man's fitness to be the spiritual leader of a group of people, but officially put the stamp of leader on him. Have we not then shown a doubtful charity to a single individual and scorned the rights of a thousand others? Not all men who aspire to the ministry are fit for the office, and the church is not uncharitable when it seeks to make a wise choice of leaders. On the contrary the church is especially uncharitable and weak when it permits every aspirant to enter into the great responsibility of its sacred office. It is the privilege, even more, the duty of the ministry to keep out of its ranks such men as cannot serve the church efficiently. "The ministry should ever keep its standards abreast if not in advance of the times." As leaders, the ministers should not only see present problems, but should foresee future problems. This quality requires vision—vision that comes as a natural heritage and vision that comes with training. That a high standard of training should be the most efficient way of insuring a progressive ministry seems too obvious to be questioned. Room can always be made for exceptions.

#### Present standards too flexible.

The present standard for entrance into the ministry is to have graduated from a seminary. As was pointed out before, this means very little, however. In the first place the standard of pre-seminary training is often so low that the requirements offer little difficulty to men of even very poor talents. In the second place, many seminaries admit students who have hardly been able to meet the requirements of a high school course, and having admitted them make their own standards flexible enough to permit the mediocre students to graduate. The standard must necessarily be flexible when college graduates and men who have not as much as a high school diploma are thrown together in the same classes. If the less trained men are not to be forced out, the better trained must submit to a less exacting training. As a consequence there is a levelling off of the benefits to be derived from a theological course; and the candidates emerge, irrespective of their pre-seminary training on a more nearly equal footing than should be the case. The poorly trained man may have gained some, the better trained man may have lost more, because he lacked competition to spur him on to his best efforts. Competition is after all the greatest trainer of men for positions



of responsibility.

#### Education not dangerous

It is sometimes argued that poorly trained men may be more fit than the well-trained. This argument is seldom met with outside of the religious field, however. It is too preposterous to be given much attention, even though we were to recognize the value of layman movements. There are exceptions, both historical and individual, but exceptions never formed a rule. Thorough training cannot be wrong in principle. Some argue that any great amount of secular pre-seminary training is detrimental to spirituality and therefore makes the well trained theologian a menace to the church. The idea is false. If a man has been made dangerous by an education that many of our church people themselves acquire, it is time for the church to return to the monastery. Why is not that same education, without the balance of a theological course, dangerous to the layman? And even though we were to grant the dangers of present-day secular education, would it not be well also to question the safety of ignorance? Does ignorance of the world we live in and work with guarantee us immunity from its pitfalls? Is it not better to know what enemies we are fighting and to find out possible means of help to fight those enemies? The idea of a ministry for our day that has no educational background can hardly be thought of. A four-year college course is by no means a high standard of pre-seminary training, but for the present it will serve as a minimum requirement.

It is not easy to conceive that the man who has but little training can be more sincere in his determination to serve the church or more fit to occupy a place of leadership than the man who spends many years at a task that costs him both money and labor. An ambition that does not fade through years of difficult preparation must have been born of sincerity, and especially so when much of that preparation could have been avoided. The ministry has in its power and owes the church to give it leaders who are worthy of leadership. The desires of a single individual must give way to the welfare of congregations. Progress must start with the leaders. If they are big enough the people will follow.

Harold Jorgensen.

**J. D. Garrison**  
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#### PROF. A. NELSON GIVES CHEMISTRY LECTURE

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parent changing of water to wine. A solution of potassium sulfocyanide which is colorless, was poured into a cylinder containing a small amount of ferric chloride. Ferric sulfocyanide was produced, which has a deep red color, the solution having the color of wine.

Pharaoh's serpent next came on the scene, when a small piece of mercury sulfocyanide, resembling a piece of chalk, was lighted. Even water was shown to be able to be used in the making of fire, when it was poured on a mixture of sawdust and sodium peroxide. The reaction of the water with the sodium peroxide causes so much heat and also the liberation of oxygen, so that the sawdust takes fire.

Prof. Nelson proved that two and two does not always make four, when he showed that two volumes of water and two equal volumes of alcohol, when mixed, produces less than four volumes. Copper was then turned to silver, by dipping a strip of copper into a tube containing a solution of mercuric chloride. The mercury deposits on the copper, and gives the appearance of silver.

Then a number of duplicates were presented. The first was the putting of dissolved phosphorous on sheets of filter paper. The first one took fire spontaneously and burned quietly. The second one went off with a violent explosion. This was due to the fact that it had been treated with powdered potassium chlorate.

The second set was the burning of a small piece of phosphorous on a wad of cotton without igniting the cotton. The first of the duplicates worked out nicely, but when the second was tried, an explosion occurred. Instead of cotton, gun cotton was used in this case.

The third set of duplicates was the carbonization of sugar by the use of concentrated sulphuric acid. The first one proved successful, the sugar being converted to carbon, by the dehydrating action of concentrated sulphuric acid. The second, however, turned out to be a miniature volcano, sputtering and giving forth an immense amount of smoke.

Several other interesting experiments, such as "magic candles," action of sodium on water (and colored flames), were demonstrated.

After the Chemical display Aliene Miller and Edna Hansen played a beautiful piano duet.

Bob Hopewell performed the humorous act of the evening by imitating the vanity of "Viv" the Milliner's Daughter."

The program was very well attended and enjoyed by all.

#### DANNEBROG FAVORS DANISH-AMERICANS

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renoun in their special fields of activity in America. He also mentioned a few well known men who sent a petition to the United States Government asking that the question of "Sønderjylland's" ownership be settled at the treaty after the World War, which as is known, was accomplished.

Aliene Miller played a lively Danish piano solo, after which a comical dialogue was staged by P. Christiansen and Immanuel Johansen. Mr. Christiansen played the role of a Danish newcomer and Johansen represented a Danish-American, who had been in this country for some time. In the mixed Danish and English conversation which ensued upon the arrival of the new-comer, many complications arose, because of the immigrant's false interpretations of his friend's English. The audience became very much amused at the comical presentation. The program closed with another song by the audience.

#### CHRISTMAS PARTY BEFORE RECESS

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Baptism is the great festivity of Christmas. On Christmas day 1913 Missionary Larsen baptized 600 souls. The ceremony was carried on with much dignity. After the service the Christmas presents, which were sent out by the ladies' aid and sewing circle societies, were distributed. It was amusing to notice the facial expression of the children as they would discover a packet. In the evening the Christians would sing their hymns of praise while the heathens in their low form of worship beat their drums and danced.

Following this talk refreshments were served and carols were sung bringing the Christmas party to a close.

Miss Falk, the social director, with her staff of helpers deserve credit for the excellent program and the interior Christmas decorations, which made the evening enjoyable for everyone.

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**HOBBIES**

Hobbies! Hobbies! Yes, we all have hobbies, which is the truth and nothing but the truth. The question, "What is your hobby?" was put before some of the students. Mark's eyes gleamed with some mischief and he was just about to reply, when one of the "Scorpions" piped up "Mark's is bumming cigarettes." Of course, that spoiled Mark's answer, but he later confided that his hobby was shooting—especially rabbits.

Edna Bondo and Marie Sierck were very modest, proclaiming unanimously that "History of Education" is their hobby.

Elsie Jensen betrayed her fighting spirit in her declaration, namely, "Snowballing."

Will you be surprised to learn that Bender is agriculturally inclined because he likes to get "Tante's goat."

Alice Thompson claims her pleasure lies in acting.

In this day and age, it is remarkable that some young people really love work. Isn't that curious? Well, Wes Andersen sincerely expressed his love for "shoveling coal."

Schmaaltz, after pondering for several minutes, confessed that his derby was his hobby.

Bill Larsen gets a "kick" out of reading "funnies." We wonder if Bill really delights in Maggie's cruel treatment of Jiggs. Can it be?

Since "Variety is the spice of life," the above confessions show that our age is sufficiently spiced.

**ALPHA SIGMA PHI TEAMS SELECTED**

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the jury system. Since the Alpha Sigma Phi started this idea last year a number of other colleges in the Conference have adopted the same idea. Orders seem to be arriving in undiminished quantity, however, so it appears as if the Dana publishers have the advantage which rightfully falls to them as pioneers in the field.

Circular letters advertising the new publication were recently mailed to five hundred colleges and universities. These letters stated that the book will not be ready for mailing until about January 1, but more than 20 orders have already arrived. It is especially pleasing to note that the majority of these orders are from schools which used our book last year. This indicates satisfaction on the part of these schools and inspires the confidence that the second series of the Alpha Sigma Phi publications will be just as successful as was that of last year.

**CAMPUS DOINGS**

Last week the football team members were called upon to suit up. It was not for a football game, however, but rather for the usual ordeal of posing for the photographer. All the players donned their suits and presented themselves before the photographer, Mr. Kuhn, of Blair, Nebraska. The proofs have already been returned and many orders have been received.

The Church Board met at Dana on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 10 and 11, to discuss some important business.

Bernice Brown's aunt and a number of other Racine friends have sent an Atwater Kent radio set to Dana to be placed in the ladies' reception room. Dana College is very grateful to our Racine friends for this splendid contribution.

The spirit of Christmas is in the air. Everybody talks about vacation and home. From the list in the dining room of the students who remain, it is apparent that most of the students will be going home for vacation.

Viggo Petersen is one of the students who remains in the vicinity. He believes Christmas is what you make it and has therefore brought a great deal of cheer to Johannes Larsen's and his room by decorating them in a beautiful fashion. Viggo will spend most of his vacation in mission work at Herman and Lyons, Nebraska.

President Erland Nelson has recently purchased a new Pontiac sedan. He expresses himself as being well pleased with his new car and assures the debate team that they will ride in comfort on their winter trips.

Thirty-four essays on "Ten Years of Prohibition" have been completed by the English classes and are in the hands of the judges. In the oratorical contest there are eleven candidates. The orations will be given on Thursday, December 19.

The basketeers of Blair High School are practicing in the Dana gymnasium every evening. They are having a new gymnasium built, which is not yet completed.

**BASKETBALL SCHEDULE**

Dec. 19 Am. School Com., Blair  
Jan. 10: Open  
Jan. 17: Am. S. of C., Omaha  
Jan. 24: Grand View College  
Des Moines  
Jan. 31: Concordia College,  
Seward  
Feb. 1: Hebron College, Hebron  
Feb. 7: Luther College, Blair  
Feb. 15, Hebron, Blair  
Feb. 22: Concordia, Blair

**LARGE SQUAD IS OUT FOR BASKETBALL**

"The "Vikings" are working hard at every practice and are rounding into shape to meet the American School of Commerce, December 19, at Blair. Last year, Dana played the same opponents at the opening game of the season and won a decisive victory. This year the tall, rangy and speedy team is determined to repeat the story.

So far, fundamentals have been stressed in drill, and short scrimmages between the "reds" and "whites" have featured the daily practices. There has been a large enough group out for basketball to furnish good competition. There are men striving for every berth. Coach Fynboe stated that the squad will consist of about fourteen men.

Captain Dick Petersen, Ray Mortensen, Inky Olsen, and Wes Andersen are lettermen from last year, who are out to gain a position on the team again this year. Inky, and Van Johnson, last year's captain of Cordova High School, are trying for the pivot position. The candidates for the forward berths are Ray Mortensen, Bill Vig, last year's captain of Blair High School, Bob Larsen, and Mark Christensen. At the guard posts are Captain Petersen, Wes Andersen, Arnold Sorensen, Bob Hope-well and George Robertson.

Adolph Johnson and Milton Anderson have lately reported for practice. Bill Larsen, Phil Magnussen and Bub Hansen, who are on the casual-ity list, are planning on reporting after the holidays.

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Eight games have already been scheduled for the season, with more in prospect. The men are out from the very opening of the basketball season to give their best efforts in order that they may add repeated victories for the school they represent and Dana is anxious to support the team in every game.

**AMONG OTHER THINGS**

The men have frequently remarked how splendid it would be to have a radio in the men's reception room so they could "listen in" to reports on football and basketball games or some special program.

Finally a radio has found its way to the men's dormitory. Jens Miller has installed a six tube radio set in his room. He has promised at special occasions to place a loud speaker in the men's reception room where the men can become beneficiaries of Jens' "new companion." One day he found two men storm into his room, as though they owned the place, to take in a Dana program, which they heard announced from Jens' window. Their curiosity was satisfied when they entered the room there to see and hear "Tiny" Petersen announcing through a miniature transmitter, "Dana radio station broadcasting on a frequency of 320 motor cycles."

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Bender: "My own part."

George: "Take off your coat, Cornie, and make yourself at home."

Cornie: "No, I am just taking off my coat."

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