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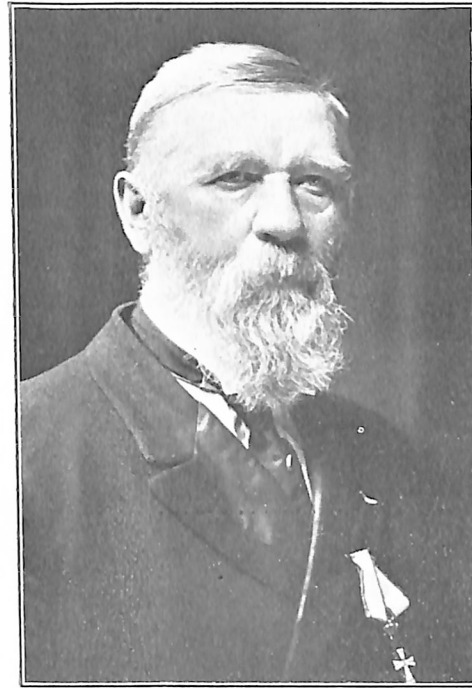
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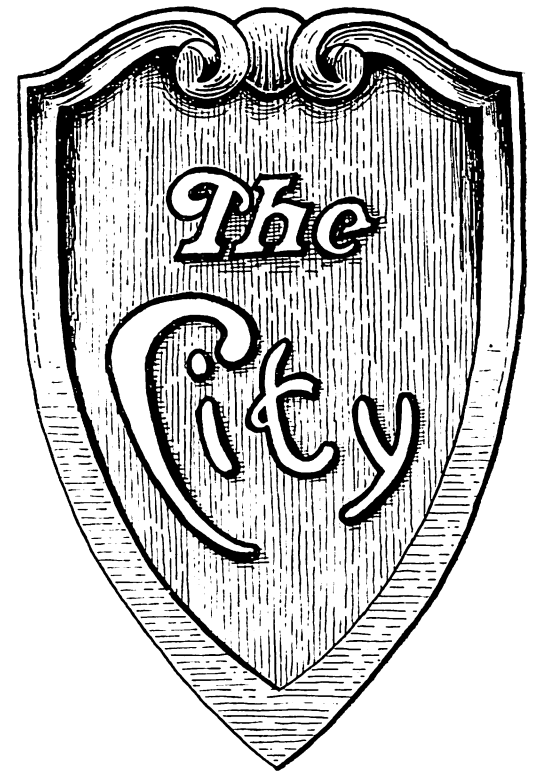


F. S. Vig



P. K. Hansen

To our revered leaders in grateful
recognition of patient service in
inspiring to high ideals and nobler
purpose, this issue is affection-
ately dedicated by the Dana College
students - - - - -



The City of Blair

THE CITY OF BLAIR is beautifully situated on the first terrace above the Missouri River bottom lands a mile and a half from the River. Toward the south and west the rolling hills rise to a height of more than two hundred feet above the City. Reservoir Hill toward the south and college Hill toward the northwest mark their highest points. Several creeks rise in these hills and drain the site of the City on their way to the Missouri. Blair is a city of homes, housing contented and prosperous people. In no section is it crowded. Each house has its garden and adjacent to it a number of tall and beautiful trees, which give a decided park effect to the whole when seen from the College. In Spring it is especially attractive, the gently rolling prairie covered with numerous trees and stretches of vivid green, appealing strongly as a place to which Nature herself invites the lover of an ideal home.

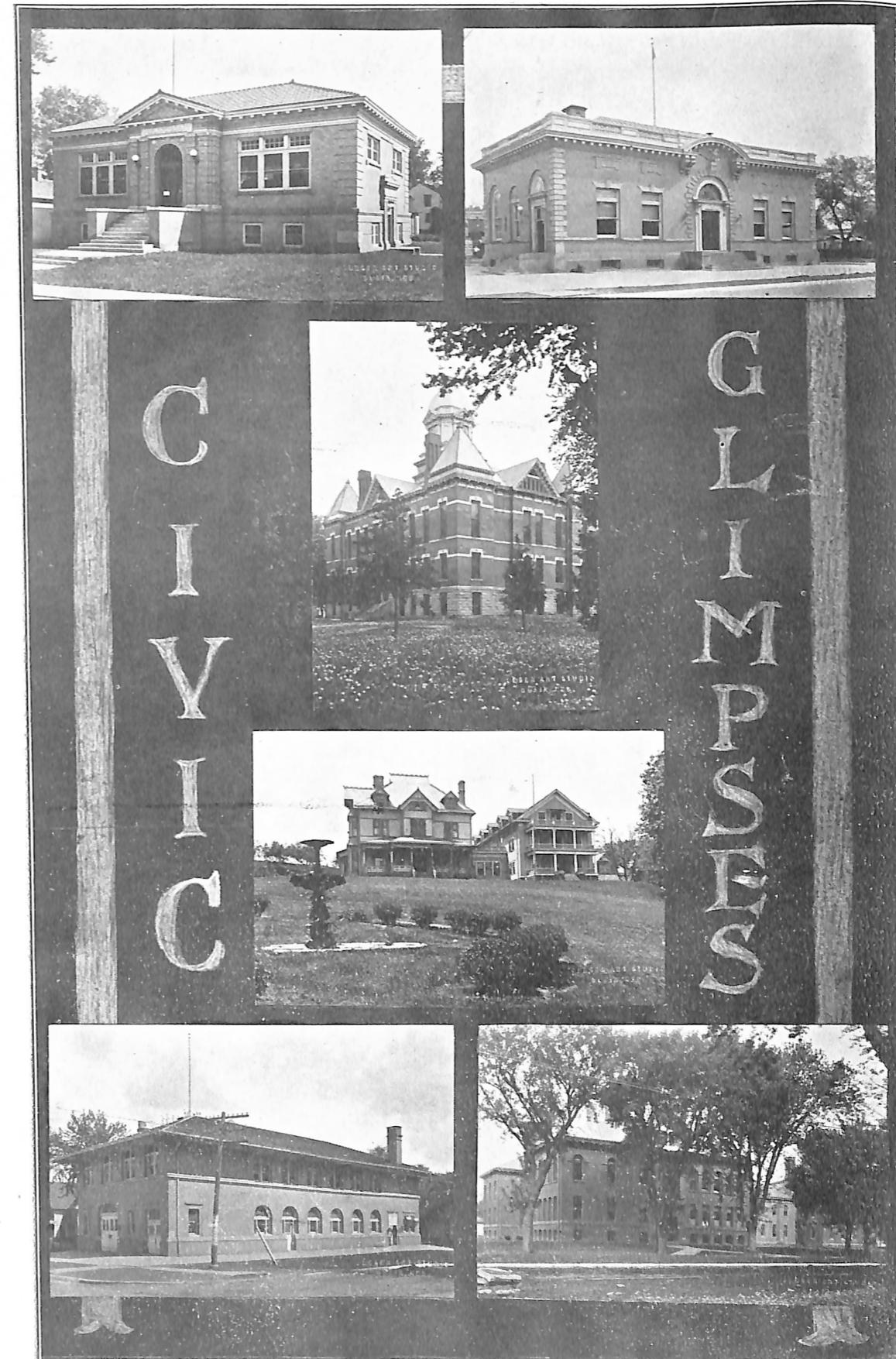
Commercially Blair is favorably located at the junction of two branches of the C. & N. W. R. twenty-five miles north of Omaha, to which city it is connected by one of the best highways in the state. Its business establishments and industries amply care for the demands of the semi-rural community that surrounds it for twenty miles in every direction. Throughout this territory is a network of excellent roads radiating from Blair, the county seat of Washington County. Originally the City

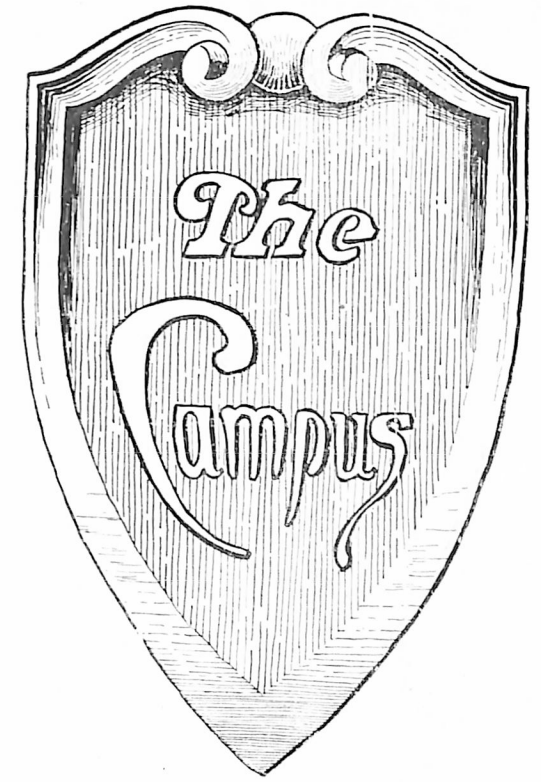
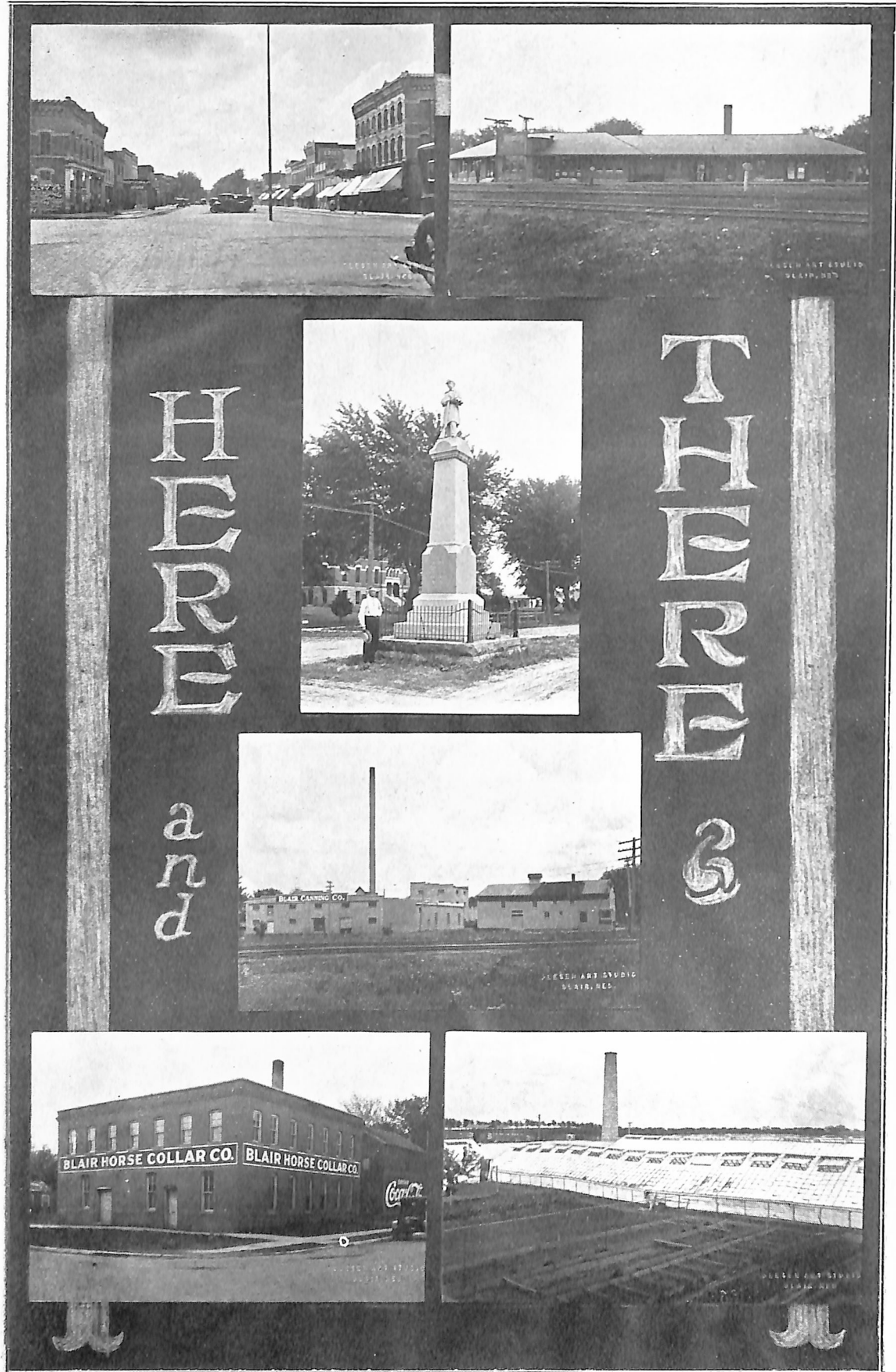
itself was laid out with wide streets. Several miles of these have been paved during the past year. A good sewer system was installed some time ago. Having the best of surface-drainage facilities the City is always a healthful place.

The City is justly proud of its fine public buildings, its Court House, Post Office, City Hall, Library and schools. Of the latter there are two elementary schools, one combined junior and senior high school, besides Dana College situated beyond the city limits but nevertheless serving the community by offering educational facilities ranging from those of the grades to those of a college and including a well equipped commercial department. Eleven different denominations have churches in Blair.

The City has a strong Chamber of Commerce and other live civic bodies. It has a large Community Chorus and a well-trained band. Recently the Chamber of Commerce has taken steps toward making Castetter Park an ideal tourist camping site. Furthermore the vicinity around the City from the Elk Horn River to the Missouri is literally dotted with beautiful camp and picnic sites.

Blair is then essentially a city of homes, inviting the stranger to a peaceful and prosperous semi-rural community such as has always been the source of America's most capable men and women and best citizens.



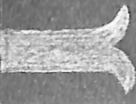




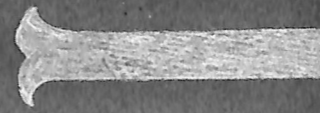
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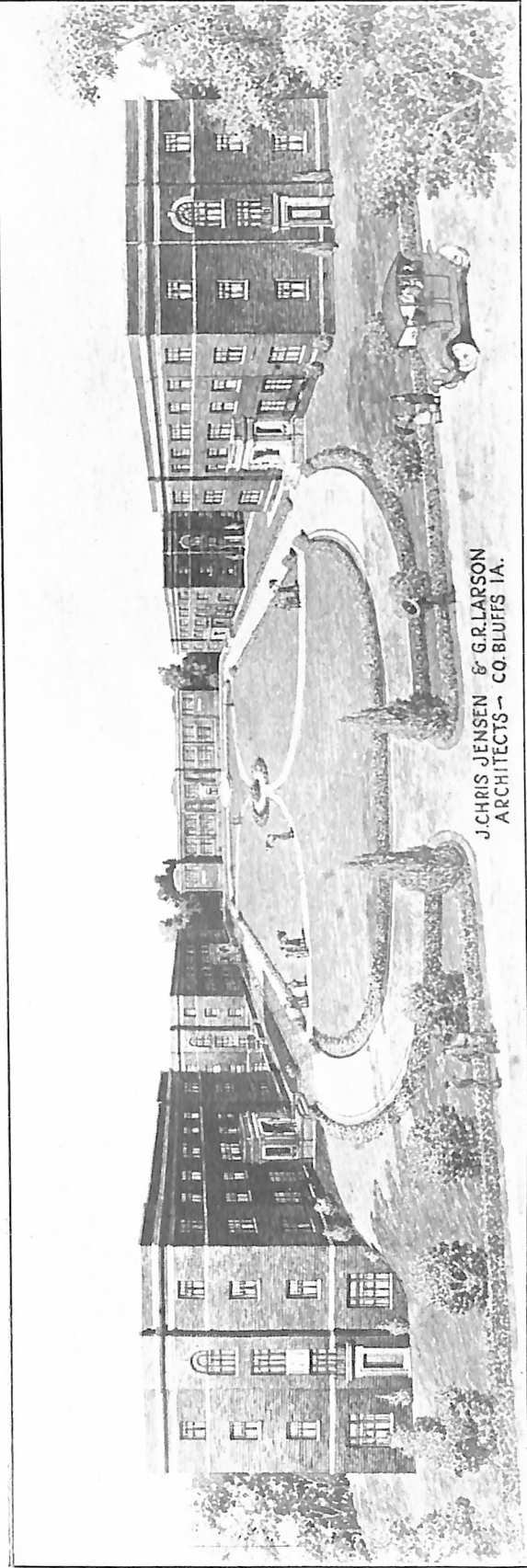
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GREATER DANA

This cut was made from the architect's drawing and gives a good idea of the proposed GREATER DANA as it will appear in reality. The students are watching the development of the plans with fond expectation.

YOUTH

Nellie Falk

'Tis the springtime, 'tis the Maytime!
All Earth is fair and hearts are light;
All Life's a—thrill with spark divine,
Imbued with power,—our Maker's might.

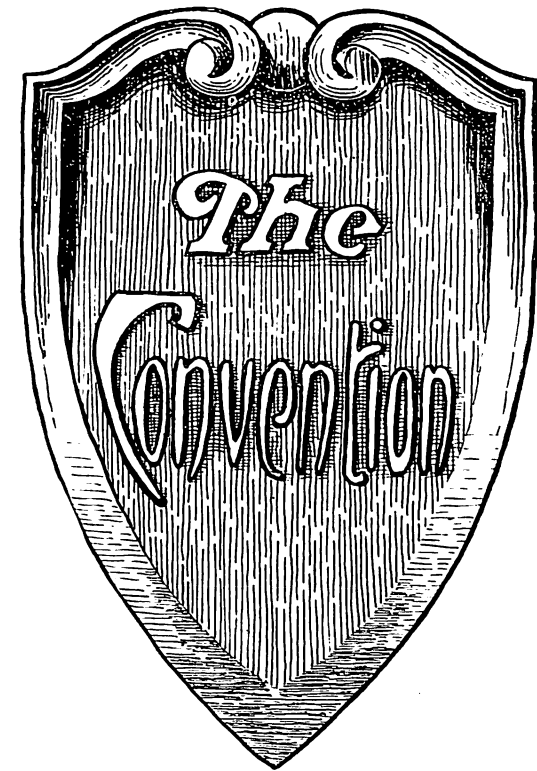
The bird on swaying branch a—tilt
O'erflows with Nature's radiant joy;
From out its throat its warbling lilt
Sends praise to God,—no fears annoy.

The glowing flower, the prophet fair,
Gives promise of most bounteous stores;
It sheds its fragrance through the air—
A breath it seems from heavenly shores.

Its saps of strength fill every vein
'Gainst summer's heat and theratening drought.
What though blight come and showers wane?
Its storehouse full dispels all doubt.

'Tis *your* springtime, 'tis *your* Maytime,
Your blossomtime, with fruiting day to come.
Store firm within that soul of thine
Sustaining faith 'gainst blighting gloom.

May all your fruits be sweet and whole,
That when the harvest's garnered in,
The Master's hand in taking toll
Will grant the place the best to win!



Program for Aarsmødet

FOR OPBYGGELSEN UNDER AARSMØDET

- Tirsdag Formiddag Kl. 10:30
Aabningsgudstjeneste. Pastor C. C. Kloth prædiker
- Tirsdag Aften Kl. 7:00
Altergang
- Tirsdag Aften Kl. 8:00
Korte Taler af Pastor J. P. Naarup og Pastor A. P. Hansen
- Onsdag Morgen Kl. 9:15
Andagt Pastor K. Anker
Emne: Vækkelse
- Onsdag Aften Kl. 8:00
Foredrag Pastor H. L. Jensen
Tekst: „I skal faa Kraft, naar Helligaanden kommer over eder.” Acta 1, 8.
- Torsdag Morgen Kl. 9:15
Andagt Pastor Fritz Andersen
Emne: Helligørelseslivet
- Torsdag Aften Kl. 8:00
Foredrag Pastor Th. Jersild
Tekst: „Og I skal være mine Vidner.” Acta 1, 8.
- Fredag Morgen Kl. 9:15
Andagt Pastor H. Nielsen
Emne: „De helliges Fællesskab”
- Fredag Aften Kl. 8:00
Foredrag Pastor John Risnech
Jødemissionen
- Lørdag Formiddag Kl. 10:00
Jubilæumsprædiken Pastor M. N. Andreasen
- Lørdag Eftermiddag Kl. 2:30

Program:

- Salme — Til Himlene rækker din Miskundhed, Gud.
Velkomstord Formand Christiansen
Solo Elmer Christensen
Hilsen fra Moderkirken Past. H. J. Kent
Salme — Guds Ord det er vort Arvegods.
Hilsen fra Den danske Kirke Formand Gravengaard
Salme — Vor Gud han er saa fast en Borg.
Hilsen fra Den norsk lutherske Kirke .. Dr. E. Kr. Johnsen
Salme — Aand over Aander, kom ned fra det høje.
Hilsen fra Den svenske Augustana Synode Dr. E. G. Chinlund
- Duet { Chr. Justesen
..... Elmer Christensen
- Anledning til frie Hilsener

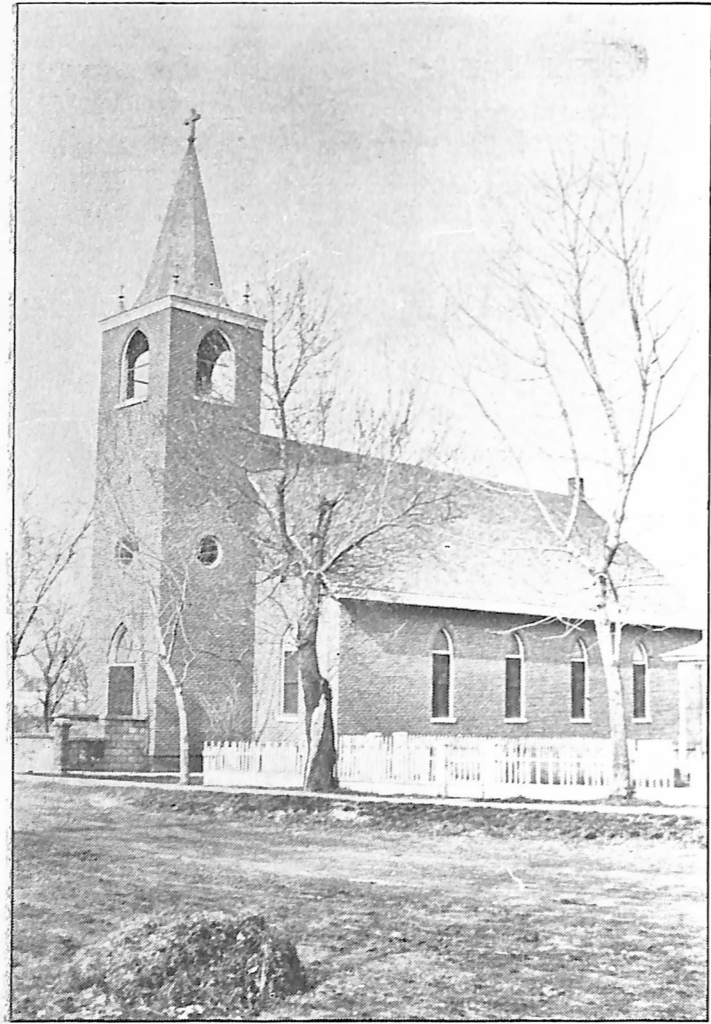
- Afslutning Prof. P. S. Vig
Salme — O stærke Kriste, Menighedens Herre.
- Lørdag Aften Kl. 8:00
Kantate — “The Eternal City” Dana College Choral Union
Korte Taler og Sang
- Søndag Morgen Kl. 8:30
Ordination I Kirken
- Søndag Morgen Kl. 10:15
Højmesse-gudstjeneste Pastor H. Kent prædiker
Optagelse af et Offer til Samfundsmissionen
- Søndag Eftermiddag Kl. 3:00
Korte Taler over særlige Emner:
Et harmonisk Samarbejde mellem gamle og unge
(20 Minutter) Pastor N. Hansen
Indianermissionen (20 Minutter) Pastor L. A. Laursen
Utahmissionen (20 Minutter) Pastor J. C. Carlsen
Japanmissionen (20 Minutter) Pastor V. W. Bondo
Optagelse af Offer til Hedningemissionen.
- Søndag Aften — Slutningsmøde
- Onsdag, Torsdag og Fredag Eftermiddag Kl. 2:30
Ungdomsmøde i Menighedens Kirke

FORRETNINGS PROGRAM

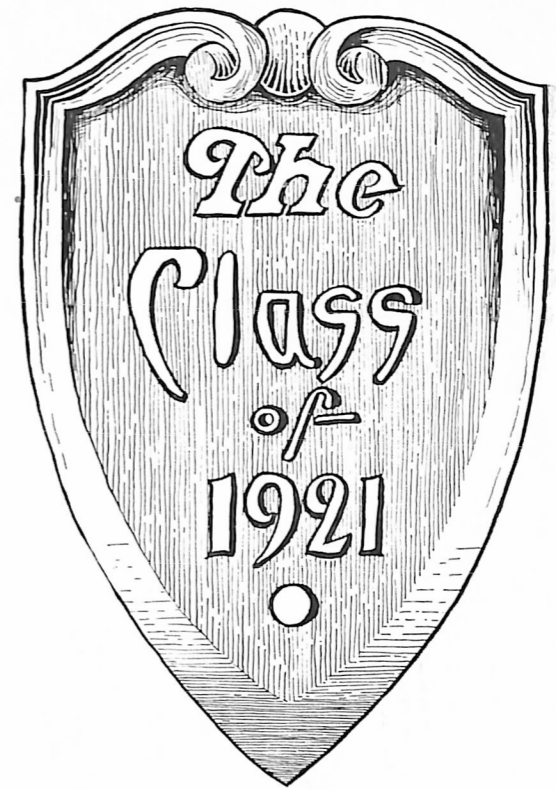
FORHANDLINGSTID OG GENSTANDE

- Formiddags-Session fra Kl. 9:15 til Kl. 11:30
Eftermiddags-Session fra Kl. 2:30 til Kl. 5:15
- Forhandlingsgenstande:
- Tirsdag Eftermiddag
Indberetninger fremlægges og Komiteer vælges
- Onsdag Eftermiddag
Valg af Embedsmænd. Skolesagen
- Torsdag Eftermiddag
Vore Missioner og Blade
- Fredag Eftermiddag
Alle andre Sager

As indicated by the program, the proceedings of the conference as well as the lectures and devotional meetings will be largely in the Danish language. Some of the addresses to the young people, however, are usually given in English as is also largely the vocal music. Especial attention is called to the rendition in English of the cantata “The Eternal City”, by the Dana College Choral Union. All music lovers are invited to be present at this occasion.



The Danish Church at Blair.





N. TOFTDAHL NESGAARD
 Whence is thy learning?
 Hath thy toil o'er books
 consumed the midnight oil?

ARNOLD ANDERSON
 I hold the world but as the world,
 Gratiano,
 A stage where every man must
 play a part.

SOREN KALDAHL
 He is as constant as the Northern
 star,
 Of whose true-fixed and resting
 quality
 There is no fellow in the firma-
 ment.

SPENER PETERSEN
 Music hath charms to soothe
 the savage heart,
 To soften rocks and bend
 a knotted oak.



MARCUS BECK
 Ambition is the germ
 from which
 all growth of nobleness proceeds.

LEO M. LANG
 Strong reasons make strong
 actions.

HANNAH BENGAARD
 She has two eyes so soft and
 brown,
 Take care!
 She casts side glances and looks
 down,
 Beware!

JOHN FALCK
 As good as a play.

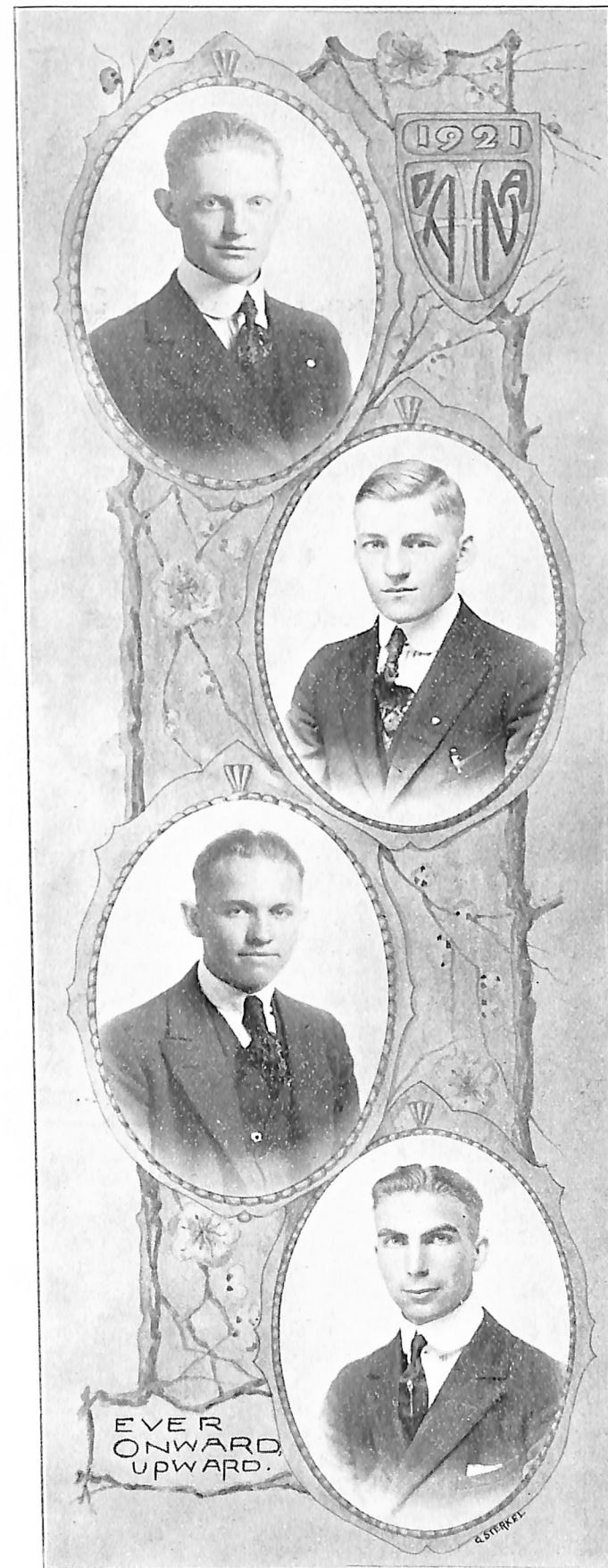


JOSEPH M. GIRTZ
The only way to have a friend
is to be one.

DELLA M. HANSEN
A lissome maid with clear bright
eyes
And softly waving tresses,
All knotty problems she defies
For Wisdom she possesses.

CATHERINE E. JENSEN
A good heart is worth gold.

ARTHUR JERSILD
Generous, kind, brave, sincere,
Making life bright
with
sunshine and cheer.



ETHAN T. C. MENGERS
Genius is the eye of intellect
and
the wing of thought.

OWEN NELSON
No legacy is so rich as honesty.

DEAN PETERSEN
Life's a jest and all things show
it,
I thought so once and now I
know it.

EWALD PETERSEN
A scholar he is without
pretense
But a large amount of
common sense.



“Ever Onward, Upward”

Arnold H. Andersen

As freshmen we seniors began our school career at Dana full of aspirations and hopes, determined to make for ourselves a mark in life. We then beheld faintly “Ever Onward, Upward” in the horizon; and during our sojourn here, at the feet of our highly esteemed instructors, have learned to realize more than ever before the significance of our motto. We have listened with pleasure and eagerness to the words of our instructors, and our reminiscences of them we shall hold dear.

Another milestone in our lives has been passed. We are entering upon a new era. We know not what the future has in store for us, but one thing we know, as borne out by history, that if we strive earnestly to follow the dictates of our motto, our path shall not be on the same easy level. Our motto exemplifies a law of life. We observe in nature that all life presses upward. Plant whatever seed you please in the soil; it does not remain on the same level. No, it shoots upward in any manner, presses onward until its obstacles are removed or overcome, always seemingly having in view that which is above. Take the lofty mountain

peaks, take the spires of our churches and cathedrals, they all point upward. Not only is this true in the physical realm but in the spiritual as well. The hungry and oftentimes starving soul must Upward. It cannot remain on the same level.

If we are to be of service to our fellowmen, our path will be rugged, and many a time will our hearts become calloused and shrunken. Then will the Silent Messenger direct our thoughts back to our motto. We shall have come to know that “Life is real! Life is earnest! And the grave is not its goal.” Refreshed by the Messenger’s visit, we shall press toward our goal.

We may often tire, falter and stagger, but we shall press Onward and Upward, as the Youth of “Excelsior”. Nothing must hinder us from reaching our goal, and we shall not breathe contentment and rest until we have gained this achievement.

What then is our goal? Not only is it a stretching out for the highest of earthly ideals but a stretching Upward continuously in communion with the Creator, to be at last with Him in eternal bliss.



Musings of a Traveler

Ethan Mengers

It was late one evening when I climbed into a coach of a U. P. train from the west. I settled down comfortably to enjoy the delightful experience of travelling. The occasional whistle, the ringing of the bell, the hum of the voices of my fellow passengers mingling with the pleasant roar of the moving train, the lights outside gliding rapidly by, the pleasant vibration and jerking of the coach,—all ministered to my sense of pleasure, called forth memories of former trips, and put me in a mood for musing. How delightful to put away the mental burdens of my work, to sit and muse, and observe the other passengers, if perchance I might learn something thereby! The coach was well filled. There was a rustic family two seats ahead, the mother having a child who gurgled and cried by turns. Most of the passengers were young men. Some were talking or reading cheap magazines, some were entirely inactive. Here was a middle-aged man, wise in worldly matters. Far up the aisle was a well dressed youth, absorbed in a substantial book. I gazed upon this interesting assemblage of human beings. What was each thinking about at this moment? Each had his own thoughts, his own ideals and plans, his own feelings, all this known only to himself! What a wonderful being man is!

Now and then a sentence from the conversations floated up to me. Now and then I caught the eye of different persons as I studied

the faces I could see. How empty most of them were. How purposeless were most of the faces! What a look of emptiness, of dissatisfaction with life there was in most of the eyes! The young man reading the book and an elderly man were the only faces in view whose expression showed the presence of perfect adjustment, whose eyes had the light which bespoke a true life-philosophy, and whose mental energies were controlled, and subordinated to set purposes.

I grew sleepy, and closed my eyes. The train rumbled on with its pleasant vibration. I could hear the loud conversation of some men across the aisle. They had come from Colorado, and were talking about gold mining. One of them was relating how his brother had discovered a rich gold field. The exclamation of one of the men caught my ear: “Oh, the vast riches that lie hidden in those mountains, if they could only be discovered and brought out!” I sat up. A thought flashed into my mind. Oh, the vast riches that lie hidden in the minds of these people, if they could only be discovered and brought out! What potentialities in the intellect and heart of each individual! Here lies buried that which is more precious than gold and jewels. Henceforth let me develop the potentialities within me, henceforth let me think golden thoughts, not empty ones.

And the engine whistled its approval.



The Test

Joseph M. Girtz '21

Life, life, bids forth to-day,
Forth! forth! into the fray,
With girded loins, swords bravely drawn,
Straight, away, ye sons of dawn!

You go, your heads are bowed,
Little must heed the noisy crowd;
Your prayers ascend to the 'ternal throne,
Your battle ne'er is fought alone.

Where tend your several ways,
Where spent shall be your days;
Shall life be one of pitch and toss,
Shall yours be soiled in sin and dross?

Will you in faith your Master serve,
And never from the path: ay swerve?
Will you?—though thorn-paths do arise,
To try your soul,—offend your eyes?

We'll go, we class of Twenty-one,
We'll go, yes, every one,
No deed complete, nor battle won,
Till the Master speaks His sweet 'Well done'.



Mindernes Værdi

Ved N. Toftdahl Nesgaard

I Glemselens Taage
Stander Minderne frem,
De stander som snedækte Tinder;
Med graanende Skrud af Evighedssne
Med Glans af den Sol
Som gik under.
I Nutidens Dal er min Valfartsgang,
Den gaar over Sumpe, Blomster og Stene;
Men Rejsen er let,
For mig følger en Ven,
Det er Minderne skønne og rene.
Dog gyser jeg tidt paa min tunge Vej
For Minder, som ej er saa fagre;
Som mørke Tinder med sprudlende Ild
De mig ængster, naar jeg skuer tilbage.

Livet er som en Vandring fra en Bjergkæde til en anden, til man naar Evighedsbjergene. Bag os ligger Mindernes taageindhyllede Bjerge og foran os ligger Haabets Bjerge. Det ulogiske i Billedet er maaske dette, at man altid er i Dalen. Dog her maa kun tænkes paa Overgangen. Skuer man tilbage paa Livet, ser man Minderne. Til Tider er de ganske klare, til andre Tider er de som indhyllet i en Taage. Nogle har næsten altid det Præg og andre faar det. De er ikke alle ædle og skønne. Der er Minder, som ligner mørke Skove, skumle Søer, ildsprudende Bjerge, gulte Ismarker og skarpe, stejle Klippevægge. Der er Minder, som ligner Ørkener, giftige Kildevæld og bundløse

Sumpe. — Disse sidste har voldt stor Skade og er kun af Værdi, saafremt man ved dem lærer at undgaa noget lignende i Fremtiden.

Ser man nu fremad, møder Blikket Fremtidens Bjerge; de ser nok saa lyse ud. Mod Haabets blaa Himmel løfter de sig, men de er høje og ranke, og det er godt, man er vant til Bjergbestigning. Her ser man saa Enheden imellem de to og Mindernes Værdi.

Naar man nu skal omtale Mindernes Værdi, bliver man nødsaget til at give en Inddeling af Minderne. Følgende Inddeling kan da være passende: de skønne Minder, de ædle Minder, de tunge Minder og Minderne om Synd og Fejlgreb.

Hvad Værdi har nu de skønne



Minder? Lad os betragte Adam og Eva. Der var dejligt i Paradis. De vandrede saa fredeligt omkring blandt Havens Træer og de vilde Dyr. De legede ved den sølvklare Flod. Da kom Slangen. De syndede. Gud jog dem ud af Edens Have bort fra Livets Træ. Det var en Forandring saa stor, at mange af Nutidens Mennesker vilde begaa Selvmord, dersom de blev Genstand for en lignende Forandring. Hvorledes bar Adam og Eva det? Var Guds Vrede ikke over dem? Ja, de fik jo Forjættelsen. Men de gik dog frem til det ukendte, frem til Smerte, Arbejde og Strid. Her maa vi regne med Mindernes Værdi. Adam og Eva mindedes, at Gud var god, selv om han nu var vred. Selv om de aldrig før havde set dette Udtryk af hellig Vrede og Bedrøvelse paa hans Ansigt, saa hjalp dog Minderne dem til at elske ham. Faderen bød, og de adlød; med Barnets fortrydende Sind gik de bort. — Kære Læser, Udviklingens teoriens Blaar har vel ikke saaledes forblindet dig, at du ikke kan se denne store Begivenhed i Menneskeslægten Historie? — Der var Graad i Himmelen og paa Jorden den Dag. Lidelsens Regn indhyllede Fremtidens Bjerge. Gabriels flammende Sværd tvang deres Øjne bort fra de fagre Minders Hjem. Men der var dog en Ting, hvortil Adam og Eva kunde sætte deres Haab. Gud havde givet dem Forjættelsen. Hvor blev de glade, da de fik den. saa skulde de da atter faa Lov til at komme tilbage til Paradis. De mindedes de skønne Timer før Syn-

defaldet. Den Herlighed, de ige skulde eje, var værd en livslang Strid. I det bekendte Digt „Abels Død” er deres Kærlighed til disse skønne Minder skildret paa en sand og gribende Maade, og vi ser hvilken Værdi disse fik for dem og for hele Menneskeslægten. Som det var med Adam og Eva, er det ogsaa med Nutidens Mennesker. Vi har skønne Minder fra vort Hjem. De faar ogsaa deres Værdi, dersom man da er et tænkende Menneske. I de unge Aar er de maaske ikke altid betragtet som værdifulde, men alt som Tiden gaar, ser man deres Værdi. Da synger man:

„De svandt, de svandt, de glade
Barndomsdage.

Min Rolighed, min Fryd med dem
svandt hen —

Jeg kun Erindringen har nu tilbage;
Gud, lad mig aldrig, aldrig tabe
den!”

Mange synger dette Vers med Fortvivlelse og Modløshed i Stemmen, men er man et Guds Barn, faar Tonerne dybere Klang. Dersom Barndomsdagene var saa fagre her paa Jorden i vort jordiske Hjem, hvor herligere skal de da ikke blive i Himmelen Hjem! Vi har ogsaa en Forjættelse, og vi bliver fyldt med en himmelsk Hjemve.

Men hvad skal man nu sige om de ædle Minder, er de ikke de samme som de skønne Minder? Der er maaske ikke saa megen Forskel. Man kan vel ikke forestille sig et



ædelt Minde uden at det ogsaa har Skønhedens Præg. Dog der er Forskel der synes at være et dybere Præg over de ædle. Deres Værdi tilkendegiver sig paa saa mange Maader. Man kan have ædle Minder fra Barndomshjemmet. Man mindes maaske en Moders inderlige Andagtstimer. — Hvor mange Billeder har vi ikke af en gammel Moder med sine Brillor paa og sin Bibel i Haand. — Man mindes maaske en prægtig Faders vise Formaning. Naar Hjemmet for længst er opbrudt, da kan disse Minder komme frem hos Manden eller Kvinden, som ikke længere er Barn. Disse Minder spreder Fred og leder en til ædel Daad. Man har maaske været med til et skønt Møde, hvor man blev opbygget, og for længere Tid kan dette Møde virke til Velsignelse. Mange andre Eksempler kunde nævnes. — Ædle Minder danner rene Tanker og styrker Livsmodet. De opbygger ofte, hvad de tunge Minder bryder ned.

Ak ja, de tunge Minder! Hvorfor skulde man ikke glemme disse? De kan pine et Menneske, saa at hans Vandring synes at gaa gennem en Jammerdal, men hvilken Værdi har de? Hvad gavner det et Barn at mindes sin Moders Død? Hvad gavner det en Fader at staa med Sorg ved sin Søns Grav? Hvad gavner det en Elsker, at se sin elskede dø? Eller hvilken Værdi har det at mindes det hjerteskerende Nej? Spørg hellere: Hvorfor tuder Stormen derude? Hvorfor bruser de vilde Bølger? Hvorfor sukker den kølige Aftenvind? Og hvorfor gni-

ster de stærke Lyn? Af alle Minder har de tunge Minder den største Værdi. Det er tunge Minder, der driver en Digter til at skrive den bedste Poesi. Man kan nævne Eksempler som Brorsons „Den yndigste Rose er funden,” Kingos „Far Verden Farvel” og St. St. Blichers „Sig nærmer Tiden, da jeg maa væk.” Det er ogsaa tunge Minder, som skaber den bedste Kunst. Betragt de bedste Kunstværker og se Kraften, Dybheden og Virkeligheden i dem. En Kunstner er jo ogsaa et Menneske, der kan have tunge Minder — disse driver ham ikke ud i Mismodets Sumpe, men giver sig Udslag i Kunstens Liv. Selvfølgelig maa man gaa ud fra at de tunge Minder ikke er for mange og for overvældende for saa dræber de i Stedet for at skabe. Vi er alle Kunstnere, vi arbejder hver Dag paa Livets Kunstværk; de tunge Minder hjælper os til at faa det dybe og sande ind i dette. Her ser vi da ogsaa Mindernes Værdi og deres Forbindelse med Fremtiden.

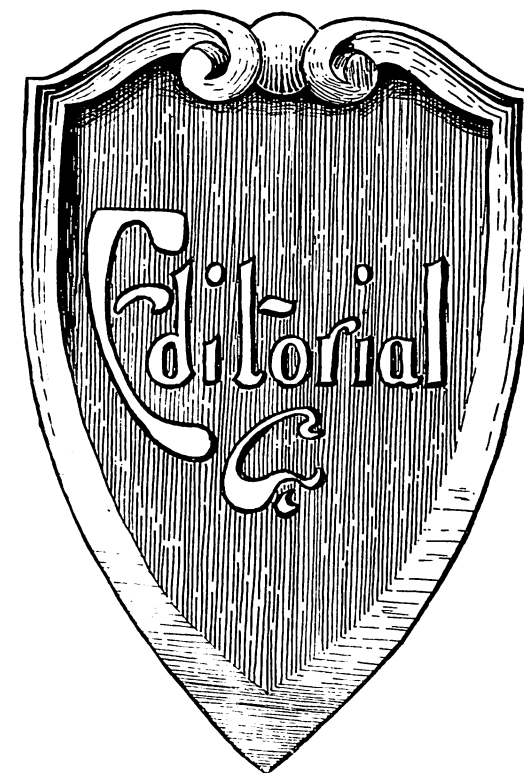
Der er en anden Slags Minder, som maaske burde komme ind under de tunge Minder, men det er vist bedst at have dem for sig selv. De er som Ørkener, giftige Kildevæld og bundløse Sumpe. Disse Minder ligger dybt i et Menneskehjerte, og man giver dem aldrig Søndagsklæder paa og stiller dem frem for Menneskerne. De kan drive en til Fortvivlelsens Rand eller ud i Ligegyldighedens og Lastens Mudder. Se Menneskehjertet græde. Se det blive rasende. Se det blive fortvilet. Og se det blive ligegyldigt.



„Det bødes der for i lange Aar,
som kun var en stakket Glæde;
det smiler man frem i en flygtig
Stund,
man bort kan i Aar ej græde.
Der rinder Sorg, rinder Harm af
Roser røde.”

Er det alt den Værdi disse sure
bitre Minder har? Aa Menneske-
barn, hvorfor finder du saa ikke
Fred og Glemsel i de stille, dra-
gende Vande? Et Secund kunde jo
ende din Nød. Du har Livet kært.
Lad da disse Minder staa som en
Advarsel. Du kan faa Forladelse for
din Synd, men lød Arrene minde
dig om, at du ikke længere er smuk,
og at du bør holde fast ved den
Herre, som tog dig trods din Grim-
hed. Det havde været bedre for
dig, om du ikke havde disse Ar.
Din Kærlighed kunde have været li-
gesaa varm, men nu da du har dem,
saa brug dem. Kom i Hu din for-
rige Plads paa Klippen, du Ørne-
unge og bed din Skaber om at føre
dig tilbage. Det er den Værdi, disse
Minder har. Synden kom ikke ind
i Guds Plan som en Nødvendighed.
Gud gav Menneskene en fri Villie.
De brugte den. Med Sorg over Syn-
der maa vi bøde for det for atter
at gribe fat paa Naaden.

Det var saa et kort og fattigt
Overblik over Mindernes Værdi. Be-
viserne har maaske ikke været saa
klare, som de burde og kunde være.
Det er maaske ikke lykkedes i den-
ne Afhandling at slaa stærk nok til
Lyd for Værdien. Men lad os tage
Skoene af, thi det er et helligt Sted,
vi betræder, naar vi drager Min-
derne frem. Træd med Lempe paa
de fagre Blomster. Det er godt for
enhver at drage Minderne frem,
mens man for Alvor kæmper. Man
vil se Værdien, baade de skønne,
de ædle, de tunge, og de bitre Min-
ders Værdi. Hvad vilde Litteraturen
være, dersom ikke Digteren kunde
slaa paa Mindernes dybe Streng?
Hvad vilde Livet være uden dem?
Maaske Tankerne her er spredte
og uklare, hvem kan vel tage et
Menneskehjerte og analysere dets
Følelser og Tanker. Dog er der nok
en Tanke her, som kan udvikles.
Saa følg den da, kære Læser, følg
Mindernes Fugle paa deres vilde
Flugt. Hør den sagte Susen af
Vinger, se de skønne Egne! I din
Ensomhed drag Minderne frem. Lad
Ensomheden vide dine Savn og din
Sorg, din Fred og din Glæde, din
Møje og Strid, og du skal lære at
leve.



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The Souvenir Issue

The Souvenir Issue of HERMES is the sixth issue of this publication edited by the Staff appointed by the two literary societies, Hesperian and Dannebrog. The original purpose of the HERMES was to further the interests of Dana College. In accordance with this policy it was proposed that the Staff issue an especially attractive number at this time. Realizing that the time for such an issue is very opportune, since many people of our church are gathered at Dana for special consideration of our par-

ticular "school question," and since many people are so much concerned with the future of Dana, the Staff decided to edit a Souvenir Issue.

The idea of the Souvenir Issue from the first contained the idea of being largely illustrative, giving the public a comprehensive and true conception of the College, the Campus, and the surrounding vicinity. With this in mind the Staff proceeded to issue the booklet we now present. Our readers, we take it, will estimate the degree of our success.

A Welcome

The Annual Convention has been held at Blair several times prior to this year. But at no time has the occasion been so significant as the present. This Convention will undoubtedly mark the acme of the discussion centered about our College. It is therefore that we students of Dana College welcome the Convention, from the standpoint of the student, with especial pleasure and at the same time with much concern for the future of Dana.

To us it seems very proper that those final decisions, which it is hoped will be taken with respect to Greater Dana this year, should be arrived at right on the Campus. We appreciate that in the very midst of the Dana atmosphere Dana may best be considered. Seeing Dana for the first time set beautifully on College Hill, the stranger cannot but feel the emotions that are common to the students and alumni in connection with it. Seeing the Campus, and viewing the landscape toward the eastward — toward the rising Sun of Hope for the first time from the college entrance, the stranger cannot but be inspired by one of the potent influences in instigating us to higher aspirations. Climbing

to the top of the College and gazing in every direction he cannot but see our vision. This is one of the results we hope for from the Convention.

But it is not only the Campus and the surrounding country that we would have the Convention see. If it might be, we would have it pass through the hallways, the Chapel, and the rooms of the College. We would have it experience a genuine feeling of ownership in Dana, a close and personal attachment.

Granting that our visitors have reached this state of mind, we would go farther. We would have the Convention meet and learn to know the Faculty and the students. We would have it learn to know us intimately, — our ambitions, our ideas, our aspirations, our ideals. After all it is these things that will help you see the real Dana, the Dana Family, as we like to call ourselves. We would have you mix with us in the prevailing spirit of good fellowship and deference.

Then, if we might hope for this, we would have the Convention leave with the best interests of Dana at heart, ready and anxious to boost our College in every legitimate way.

With Reference to Blair

In the first department of this issue there is a special section devoted to the city of Blair. This department was incorporated in order that the persons interested especially in Dana College and therefore incidentally in its surroundings

might gain a more complete idea of the College. The article in that department gives a comprehensive view of the city. But it does not discuss the relationship existing between the city and the College.

From the business standpoint:

the College patronizes the business establishments of Blair in most cases in so far as it seems to its advantage. Naturally it trades with those establishments that appeal most directly and most favorably to it. It may be that certain establishments in the city have not received the desired patronage. This may have been the case either where such establishments have not bid for Dana's trade favorably enough to receive it, or, in other instances, where the establishments in question and the College have not gotten together on a purely business basis. This may readily be remedied in the future, as we see it. For we see no reason, in this case, why we should not patronize home trade advantageously.

From the social standpoint: the

College takes part in the various social aspects of the community in so far as individuals from the city interest themselves in the students, the student usually meeting such hospitality gladly.

From the educational and cultural standpoint: the College influences the community, aside from its curriculum, by directing religious meetings in the Danish church on Sunday evenings, and by rendering musical selections and programs at various occasions. Furthermore, the College renders programs of general interest every week in the college auditorium besides putting on a lecture course by renowned speakers every winter. It is the special desire of the College to make these lectures worth while to the whole community.

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Hesperian

The purpose of this organization is to cultivate keener appreciation for both English and American literature on the part of its student members. Training in acquirement of the ease and freedom necessary to the art of self-expression is afforded as well as the opportunity of conveying individual thoughts and ideas upon certain subjects assigned for presentation.

In order that there may be justice, it is so arranged that each participate in the programs rendered, at least once during the season or as often as the membership roll admits.

Programs consist chiefly of readings or declamations of poems and essays, original or selected. They have been rendered every two weeks

Dannebrog

The object in view of the Dannebrog Society is that its members may acquire a more intimate knowledge of Scandinavian history and literature, at the same time developing an appreciation for both. Opportunity for practice in addressing an audience in the Danish language with fluency and ease of expression is likewise afforded. The programs alternating in turn with those of the Hesperian, are also presented every two weeks. The nature of their contents does not vary greatly with that

alternately with the Dannebrog, all arrangements being entrusted to a committee chosen for that purpose.

A splendid feeling of unity and cooperation has manifested itself throughout this year's work not only from the members of the Hesperian, but of the Dannebrog as well. A feature which well expresses this relationship is the Hesperian-Dannebrog banquet at which a joint program is given.

We need no further proof that with willing and capable members, encouraged by a faculty showing active interest for its growth and progress we have opportunity sufficient to develop a literary society that need be second to none.

of the co-literary society and just as in it, arrangements are in the hands of a committee. To as great as possible an extent it has been so managed that each member appears at least once a year in presentation of some assigned subject.

Again we wish to emphasize the feeling of kindly relationship and mutual interest which the Dannebrog Society has experienced through the support of the Hesperian Society during the past year.



Students' Christian Association

As a means of mutual edification through such religious services as may be conducted by its members, the Students' Christian Association holds the most prominent position at Dana College.

Regular services are conducted Saturday evenings at which there are Scripture readings, talks and singing. Other than this, prayer meetings are held Wednesday evenings

where the students officiate each in his turn. During the winter term appropriate programs are furnished and given in the Chapel Sundayafternoons. All are of such a nature that they inspire the feeling of reverence and implant a greater love for God and His Word. Moreover, in the relations of the students toward one another they promote the kindred spirit of Christian fellowship.

Foreign Mission Society

As the most direct and influential means of arousing interest in mission work the Foreign Mission Society is an organization of the highest importance.

This end has been accomplished very effectively through the Mission Study Class, directly under the auspices of the Society. This year's work has consisted chiefly in obtaining a comprehensive view of conditions throughout China, Mongolia, Japan, Korea and Tibet, as seen from the social, moral and religious standpoints. Enthusiastic desire to understand the actual circumstances and the urgent need of the Gospel message in these countries has shown itself common to the various mem-

bers. Naturally, then, we may rightfully hope that in the future, foreign missions shall have men and women from this class enrolled among their best workers.

In close harmony with this society is the widespread Student Volunteer Movement at whose State Conference, held February 25—27 at Fremont, Nebraska. Many of the Mission Society's members were present. Whatever indecision there may previously have been on the part of those desiring to become missionaries was done away with for a great number and was replaced by a firm determination of purpose, through a clearer realization of duty and the need of help.



THE CHORAL UNION

SEATED: (from left to right) Esther Kirkegaard, Emma Bondo, Nellie Falk, Carrie Sinamark Conductor, Hannah Bengaard, Agatha Krogh Accompanist, Esther Johnson., MIDDLE ROW: Lydia Petersen, Aaron Christiansen, Helge Borre, Martin L. Kirkegaard, Silpa Petersen, Christian Justesen, Elmer Christensen, Lillian Lund. BACK ROW: Fred Klyver, Jr., Joseph Girtz, Einer Romer, Hans Jersild, Arthur Jersild, Martinus Bollesen.

MUSIC

So keen an interest has been shown in music that this department especially feels the need of greater facilities. Besides an adult class, there has also been a children's class conducted by Miss Esther Johnson.

The annual recital by students of piano was given in the College Auditorium May 25th. A very good program was rendered which showed promising talent and reflected credit on the music department.

During the year the Dana College Male Quartette, Gifford Dixon, Chris Justesen, Spener Petersen and Elmer Christensen, has furnished

much delightful music at various occasions. On April 18th the Quartette rendered a pleasing program in the College Auditorium.

Since the last issue of *Hermes* the Dana College Choral Union has twice rendered the Cantata, "The Eternal City," in public, Sunday evening, May 1st in the Danish Lutheran Church in Blair, and Sunday, May 8th, in the Danish Lutheran Church at Fremont. The Choir appeared before capacity houses at both places, and the Cantata with its powerful appeal was very much enjoyed by all.



LITERARY

OUR CHURCH.

Harold Freeman Hansen '22

Arising toward the firmament we see	O hail to thee, our church of truth divine!
A church that towers above all earthly moil,	O praise to Him who didst it give to us!
The house of God, that as a mammoth tree	O may this church throughout the course of time
Gives lee and shelter from all wordly toil.	A beacon stand amidst the world's chaos!

For five and twenty years that church has stood,	We wish a future bright upon our church,
With steeples reaching toward the heaven above,	A future full of blessing and of grace.
Symbolical of all that's pure and good.—	O may of praise and thanks it ne'er be dearth
May thus it stand an emblem true of love.	Of true, sincere, and open-hearted praise.

EVENING

Helge Borre '22

The sun is setting in the west;	The church bell rings its last "God's Peace"
The clouds are painted gold;	To Nature and to man;
All nature seems to be at rest;	And everything is now at ease,
The silent waters roll.	Protected by His hand.

The little flower bows its head	Were but the heart of man at rest
In slumber peacefully;	As Nature calm and still;
The birds have sung their last duet	Then should it from God's hand be blest
So merrily and free.	And learn to know His will.



SOCIAL

Although there are no organized social bodies at Dana, yet during the course of the year various social events have occurred that have added greatly to the pleasures of the student life.

Miss N. Falk, instructor of English, held a picnic for her first and second year English classes on Thursday May 5. It was in the middle of the afternoon that the less fortunate students saw the merry members of these classes leave for the picnic grounds. The picnickers returned when it was almost dark and the sound of their merry voices sufficed to tell that they had enjoyed themselves very much. When they arrived at the college they gave a rousing cheer for their teacher, showing their appreciation of her work as their instructor and gratitude for the pleasant outing she had given them.

Our Basket-Ball veterans have been given well deserved credit, but no one can live on the glory of a past record. We suppose Coach Paul Falck and Captain Marcus Beck had this in view when they entertained at a stag party in the reception room at a recent date. The bounteous refreshments that were served were not the only cause of the success of the party. The basket-ball boys made it a jolly evening by swapping stories.

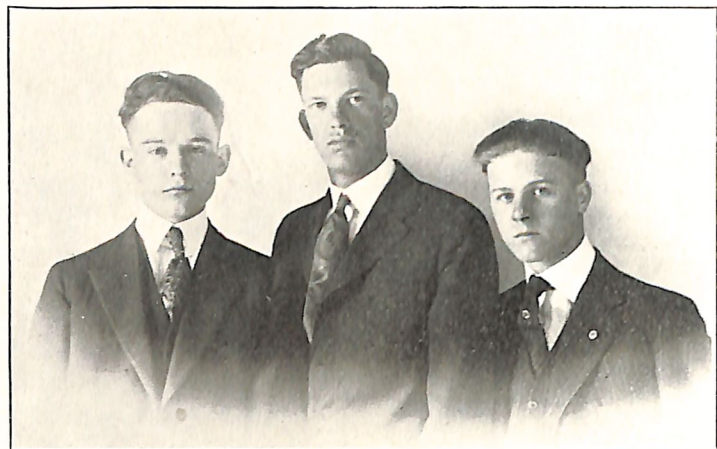
On the evening of Friday May 6,

Professors Paul Falck and Hans Jersild invited all of the members of their classes to an outing in the woods. It was a combined wiener-roast, marshmallow roast and ice-cream party. Games were played, and everybody reported a fine time.

Even birthdays are celebrated at Dana. Saturday April 3, was the birthday of two young ladies of Dana and a number of their girl friends gave them a surprise party in the gym. A number of the boys being put wise to this, in turn surprised all the girls. A merry time followed, and it all culminated in a splendid informal banquet.

A sunny spring day, a level, grassy plot of ground surrounded by woods, and near a winding stream—these things suggest "picnic". Sunday afternoon, May 15, the Dana family had their annual outing given by the Student's Christian Association. An appropriate service was held. The Choir sang, and Professor Vig delivered an address on "Youth and Springtime", containing a timely appeal to godliness, industry, and care in the choice of friends.

All the usual amusements and activities of a picnic were given place, and afterwards all enjoyed the delicious supper served in true picnic style. Towards evening all returned, having been present at a rich service, and having enjoyed a characteristic "Dana" good time.



THE DEBATING TEAM

Arthur Jersild Harold Jorgensen Andrew Sorensen

DEBATE

In the early part of the school year, at the suggestion of Prof. H. C. Jersild, the Dana College Debating Club decided to join the Nebraska High School Debating League. The result of this action was the final selection of Harold Jorgensen, Andrew Sorensen and Arthur Jersild as the Dana Academy Debating Team.

Dana Academy was placed in the Eastern Section of the State League together with Schuyler High School,

Schuyler; Valley High School, Valley; South High School and Commerce High School, both of Omaha. The League question was: Resolved, that the Literacy Test Restriction on Immigration Should be Repealed.

The team immediately commenced preparations for the coming debates under the able direction of Miss Falk, head of the English Department, and Prof. H. C. Jersild. Following is a record of the debates of the season.

Affirmative	Negative	Where Held	Won by	Decision	Date
South High	Dana	South High	So. High	2-1	2 '10 '21
Dana	Commerce High	Dana	Commerce High	3-0	3 '17 '21
Dana	Schuyler High	Dana	Dana	3-0	4 '14 '21
Valley High	Dana	Valley	Dana	3-0	4 '28 '21



THE BASKET BALL TEAM.

Clemens Vig Eli Vig Ethan Mengers
 Harold Larsen P. F. Falek, Coach, Adolph Jersild
 Arnold Andersen Marcus Beck, Captain

Sports

“All that you do, do with your might, Things done by halves are never done right.”—This motto the Danaite applies to his athletics as well as to his studies. He must live up to the American’s reputation of speed and energy, and he must not

forget the Viking reputation for strength and endurance.

The basket ball season closed with a favorable record. The College Team won seventy percent of the games played. A good record was also made by the Academic Team;



Dana has also witnessed some spirited games played between the "Bantams", the "Pro-Sems" and other teams. The girls played several good home games, and Dana is proud of their score of 30 to 7 won from the Blair High School.

With the coming of Spring, tennis is the most popular sport at Dana, and it is played enthusiastically both by the boys and the girls. Some early risers begin playing at 5:30 in the morning, and on pleasant days the courts are occupied nearly all day, for it is a very delightful form of recreation for a book-weary student. Forgetting studies for a while, the youthful Danaite gives expression to his energy in graceful cuts and slashes with his racket and brilliant tennis court maneuvers. Shortly he can return to his room refreshed and invigorated in mind and body for an evening's hard study. Interest in competitive tennis has increased. This season the Palnatoke Tennis Club scheduled a series of tournaments, both doubles and singles. After a number of exciting sets, covering several weeks, Marcus Beck and Clemens Vig defeated their last opponents, Girtz and Mengers, and were pronounced the victors of the doubles. They were awarded a bronze medal each, by the Tennis Club. In the Singles Marcus Beck won the title to the Silver Loving Cup, '20-'21, when he defeated his last oponent, Clemens Vig. In '21-'22 a determined effort will be made by many to win the title to the Loving Cup.

Notable in Dana athletics this year has been the increase in baseball playing. Good work has been

done by the baseball boys, and there are prospects of a bright future for this game. A team has been formed composed of Academic boys, and the first game was played April 28 with the Blair High School. The score was 16 to 10 in favor of the High School, but this may be considered a good beginning. Joe Girtz and Rudy Nielsen pitched for Dana, and good batting was done by Nielsen and Edward Andersen. The players are looking forward to a good team when the plan for a new athletic field becomes a reality.

There are some Danaites who specialize in the subtle art of horse-shoe pitching, and some are especially fond of croquet. Others get their recreation, and keep the doctor away, by long tramps through the surrounding country, over the hills and through the woods, or out to the great Missouri, two miles east of Blair. Others report successful fishing trips to Lake Tyson.

Beginnings have also been made in track and field work and it is expected that these sports will receive more attention with the coming of our Greater Dana, and its improved facilities. Our athletes are looking forward with anticipation to the new athletic field which will have a track football field, baseball diamond, and facilities for field sports.

Altogether athletics and sports have been given their rightful place in college life at Dana. The Danaite believes that the best scholarship is attained when the "mortal coil" is kept "fit", and his motto may be expressed in Roosevelt's words: "When you play, play hard, when you work, don't play at all."

Alumni

Spring had just burst forth, the flowers were hardly at their best, the young bird had not yet flown lightly away,—yet Nature was at the height of her glory; for it was Spring-time and Life was young. There was an exuberance of life abroad. We had drunk the nectar of Spring. We were full of life. We walked so buoyantly. We worked so vigorously. We proceeded so surely. We hoped so fondly. We expected much of Life. Then like a thunderbolt out of heaven the sad news of Air Mail Pilot J. T. Christensen's death came to us. The tragedy of it touched us deeply.

Tinus Christensen was born in Denmark. When only four years of age his parents brought him, together with his brothers and sisters, to Blair. He was educated in this city and has had his home here since his arrival. Shortly after America became involved in the Great War, he enlisted in the army air service. He spent two years at the training fields in Texas and Florida. During a part of this time he was an instructor. After the armistice, he entered the air mail service, in which service he met his death on April 29th in Cleveland, Ohio. Prior to that date he had been carrying the mail between Chicago and Cleveland. The 29th was foggy and he had had trouble in finding the landing field. Before he could find it his plane developed engine trouble. Upon ap-



TINUS CHRISTENSEN

proaching the ground he found that he was directly over the city. To Tinus had come the supreme moment of choice. Rather than endanger the lives of the pedestrians in the crowded streets, he landed on a railroad right-of-way and was burned to death beneath his own plane.

The time for his funeral was set for three o'clock on May the fourth, at Blair. Early that morning a flag was raised to half mast in the city square and plans for closing all business places during the funeral were under way. While it was still morning a fleet of six airplanes arrived from Omaha. In these came a number of the close friends of



Tinus, coming to pay him a last and proper tribute. Shortly after noon, automobiles from all parts of the surrounding country came gliding silently into town, their low-humming almost becoming a part of the hush that lay over Blair that day. Fully an hour before the appointed time the crowd commenced to gather about the City Auditorium, where the services were to be held.

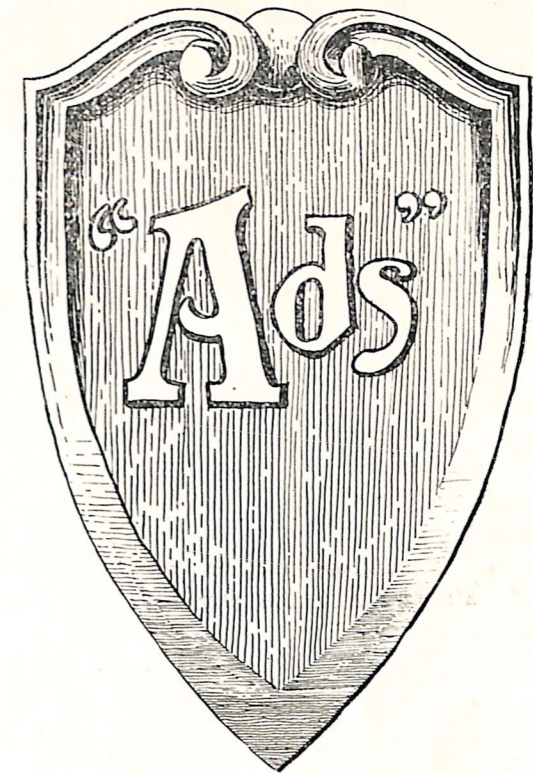
The time drew nearer. The crowd became more dense. From here and there ex-service men gathered, and as a sharp military command cut the silence, they fell into line, their uniforms of blue and white and khaki bringing anew the patriotic thrill, the quick-spring tear of war-times to the waiting crowd. Then, from far-off down the street came the sound of muffled drums, then the mournful notes of the funeral march. The ex-service men came sharply to salute. The crowd parted in clean-cut lines, leaving a clear space for the funeral cortege. Drawn by four white horses, kept at a slow, even pace by the uniformed men at their bits, an artillery caisson, draped in black, advanced, carrying the flag-covered casket.

Slowly and reverently the casket was carried into the hall. The pallbearers were friends of Tinus, representing the three branches of the service. Then came the honorable pallbearers, his friends from the air service. Then followed a tiny cluster of civil war veterans,—then the ex-service men, and finally the surging crowd.

Rev. Underwood, of the Crowell Home, read the comforting words in the second chapter of Hebrews in a low toned voice; and Prof. P. S. Vig spoke touchingly in Danish for the special benefit of the dead man's mother. The services having ended, the casket was borne on the caisson to the city cemetery.

Thousands of people clustered about the marble headstones awaiting the casket with uncovered heads. As the caisson approached the fleet of airplanes commenced circling far overhead, hovering like great birds above the procession. Gradually they circled lower and lower until—just as the casket was being lowered—they swooped down one by one, the engines momentarily shut off, and scattered flowers on the grave. The firing squad fired a last salute. The bugle sounded the slow, poignantly sad strains of "taps". His relatives and friends lingered while the silent crowd rapidly dwindled away.

Oh that so noble and so capable a pioneer in a new and wonderful line of human endeavor should die so early! That he was a pioneer and a worthy one we know, for by his good service he had won recognition in his own country and even in foreign lands. That he was noble and honorable we doubt not, for he was deserving of the highest tribute while still alive. Whatever of honor and fame came to him nothing could take the place of the respect and reverence he held for his aged mother.



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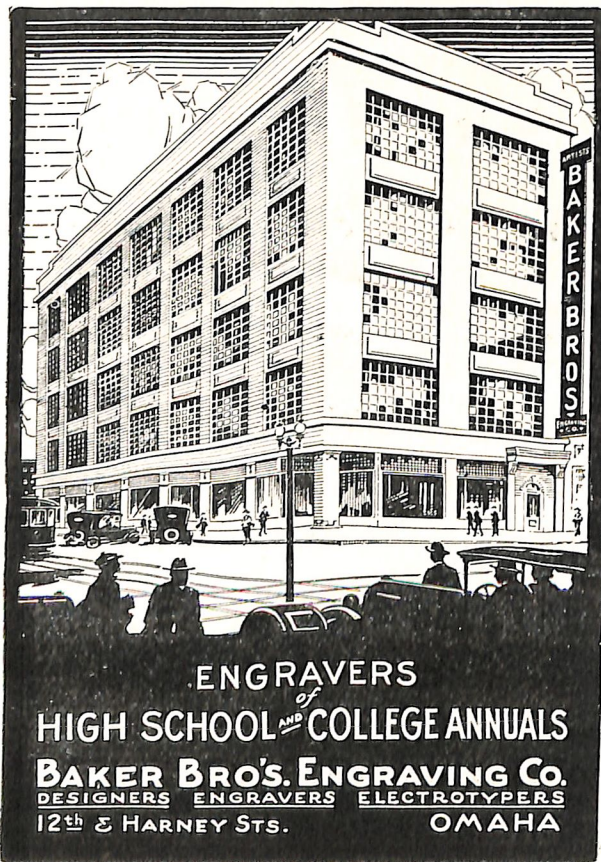
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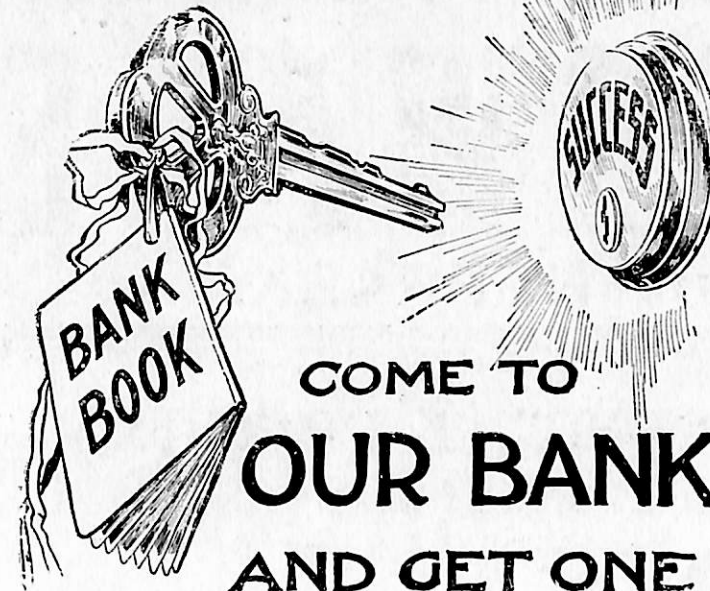
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