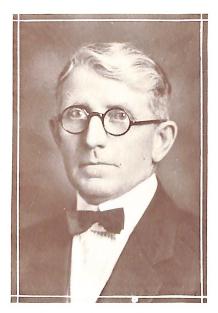


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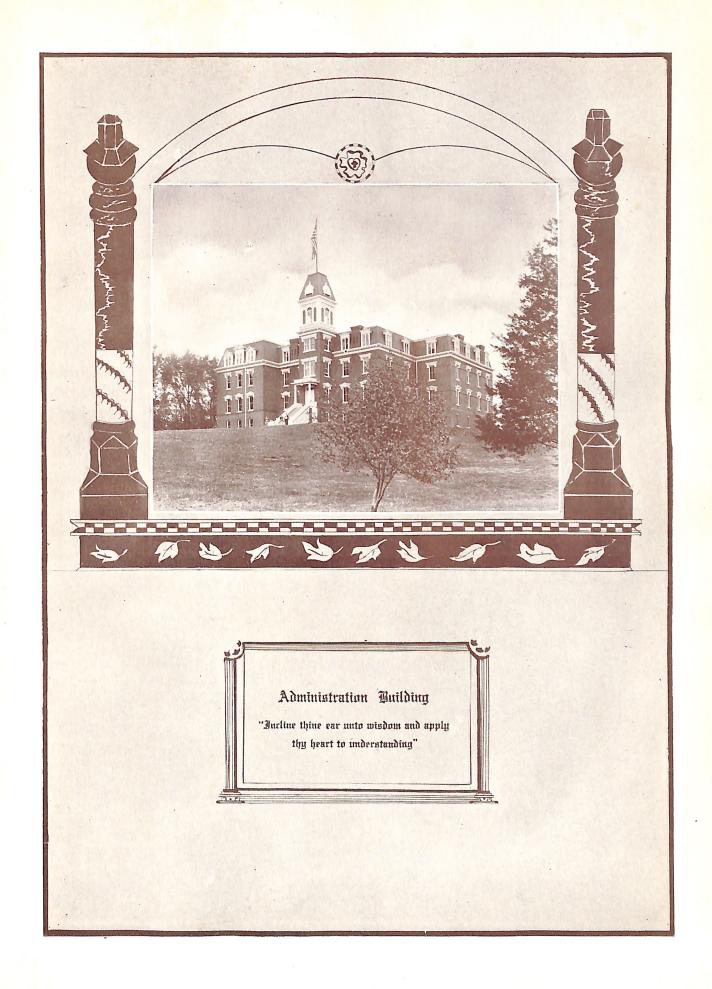
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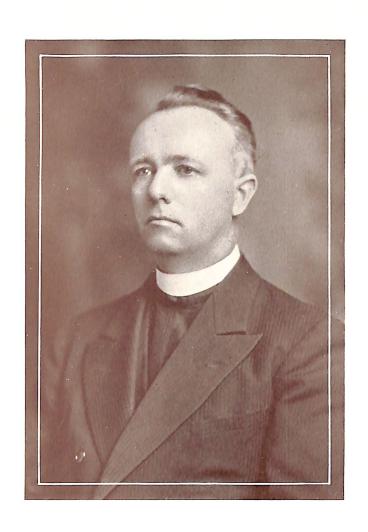
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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-One



# Dedication

o our beloved teacher,

Rev. C. B. Carsen, S.T.A.,
Professor of New Testament in Trinity Theological Seminary, with whom we have shared many truths from the Word of God, this book of memories is dedicated as a token of our love, reverence, and esteem.

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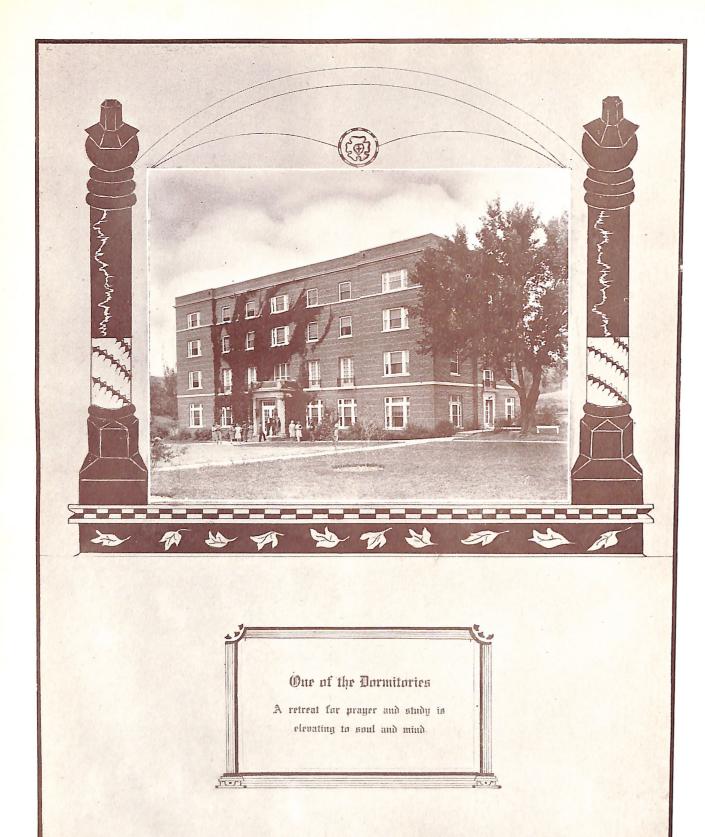
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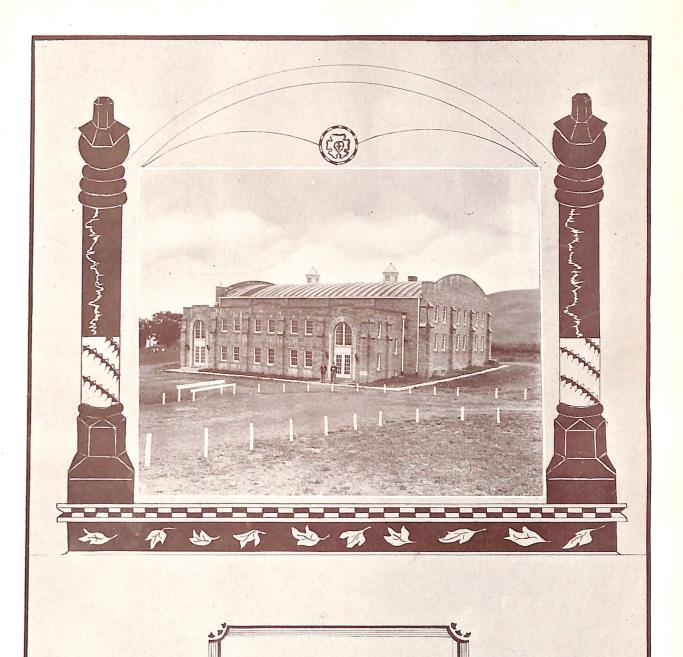
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# **Horeword**

E, the Senior Class of Nineteen Thirty-one, sons and daughters of our sturdy Niking Fathers who faced their foes with unflinching bravery, present this Danian with the prayer and hope that the future students of Dana College and Trinity Theological Seminary may become Christian soldiers, imbaed with the spirit of the Cross, standing on the truths and convictions of the Cutheran Church which are sacredly cherished at our School, trained and prepared to attack fearlessly the cunning devices with which the church is assailed, and as true Vikings remain firm in the face of opposition, with the assurance that "the gates of Hell shall not prevail against the Church."





The Gymnasium
Clean courageous play belongs to the
development of vigorous youth

# College

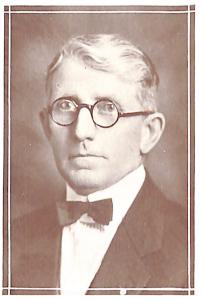


T is indeed a pleasure to extend greetings to the many friends of Dana College who will read this Danian. Although this has been a year of financial depression, our School has made splendid progress. The educational standards of the Faculty have been increased, higher scholarship among the students seems evident, the student enrollment has increased materially, more students will graduate with the Baccalaureate Degree this year than ever before in our history, a new Møller pipe organ is being installed in our Alumni Memorial Auditorium, Dana has more actively participated in the various college associations, and more than one-third of our School debt has been paid.

Happy as we are to be able to point to the progress of the past year, we wish especially to greet you with thoughts of the future. Forget not the ideals of "Greater Dana." Those old visions were not hopeless. Our School is gradually approaching them. With more students going out from Dana each year, we are rapidly developing a powerful army of former Danians throughout the country in whose hands the future of our School will rest. With their united and persistent loyalty to their Alma Mater, Dana will indeed become the "Greater Dana" of our dreams, the Dana nationally known and recognized, the Dana of nationally prominent scholars, the Dana which each year approaches the realization of its ideals, only to replace those ideals with others still higher.

Erland Nelson, Acting President

# Seminary



that the fundamental need of ..... world is knowledge of God and apperience of His life, and to ম্বUR SINCERE CONVICTION is real spiritual experience of His life, and to

the accomplishment of this end we are deeply convinced that the proper use of the Bible is indispensable; it is, therefore,

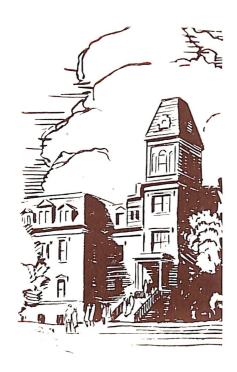
OUR RESOLUTION to do our utmost, under Divine guidance, to help meet this need by training leaders for Christian service who shall be able to demonstrate the type of character for which the Bible stands -men with marked ability to lead others in the study and use of the Bible and through these into a living faith; and thus

OUR AIM is to make the Bible a living Book to the hearts and lives of our students, through an earnest attempt to show that all

its thoughts centre around ONE GREAT PERSONALITY, Jesus Christ; and to this end our study emphasizes both thoroughness and practical life-interests, aiming always to develop in the students the ability to think through and to live through the religious experiences of the great Biblical characters—all leading to Christ as the centre.

OUR OPPORTUNITIES as a Church body are as great as the divinely inspired vision and power of our Christian Ministry. A narrowing of our vision, or a relaxing of our best efforts in soul-winning will necessarily result in the loss of our divine commission. But if we are ever inspired by new and greater visions and increasingly endowed with new power through the Holy Spirit, the possibilities of useful service in His Kingdom are as unlimited as His promises.

J. P. Nielsen, Dean



# The Old Tower

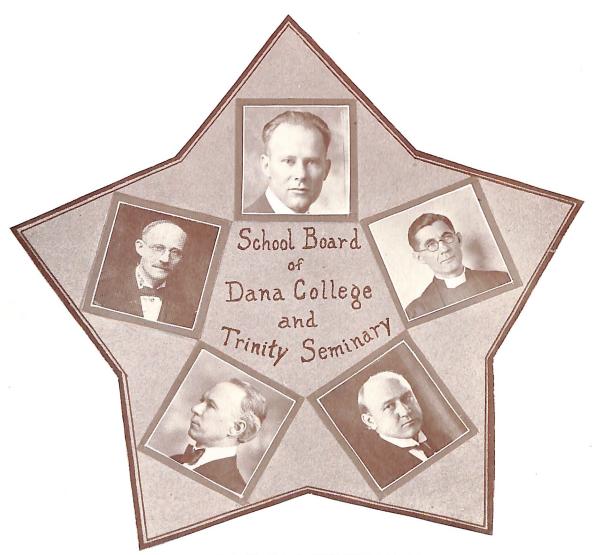
OR forty-five years that Old Tower has looked towards the sun-rising. Its view may be obstructed by natural boundaries, but the inspiration which erected it was kindled in a distant land where lived ONE who has ever called forth in man that which alone gives life its real and eternal worth.

In the shadow of the Old Tower, the "Light of the World" has shed forth the bright rays of His truth and life, and as these have broken through that darkness which is man's natural estate, men have gone forth, enkindled with a divine fire and enraptured with new visions.

Beneath the Old Tower, facing life's profoundest questions with keenest activity of every God-given power of heart and mind, men have had the experience that that sacred fellowship called prayer has changed things in the innermost recesses of their being.

MAY THIS EVER BE SO!





REV. KARL J. WILHELMSEN

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REV. T. M. HANSEN



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Hebrew, Dogmatics, Old Testament





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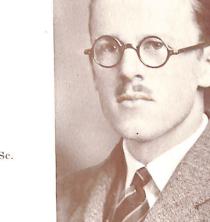




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Dean of Men
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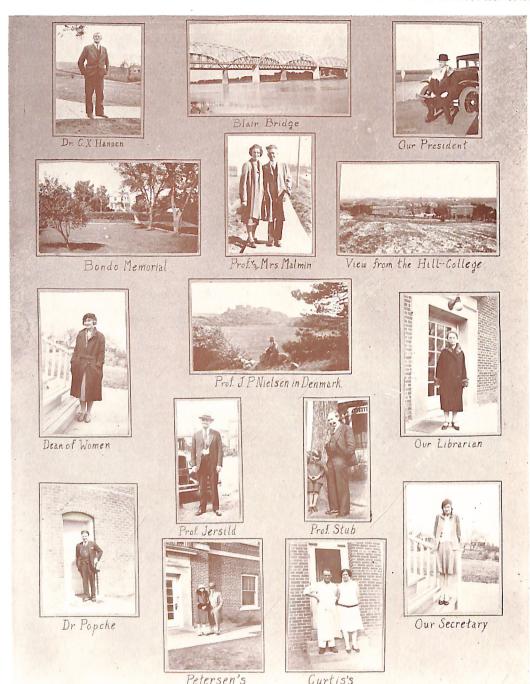


C. C. JONES, B.S. in Art Art, Physical Education, Coaching













## Dana College Library



Osymandyas, king of ancient Egypt, is credited with establishing the first library. "Psyches iatreion," the Medicine House of the Soul, was the very appropriate inscription he placed over his collection. A modern writer embodies the same thought in these words: "The library is a treasure house of intellectual wealth." A very recent writer, seemingly more materialistic than poetic minded, puts it this way: "The library is a cafeteria where mental food and drink are spread out in a way to fill every need and suit every taste." He continues: "The intellectual growth and vitality of every school depends on the vitality of the library."

Granting some measure of truth in this statement, it behooves us in our plans for a "Greater Dana" to include plans for a greater library and better library facilities. We envisage on the hill west of the dormitories a beautiful building, well-lighted and ventilat-

ed, decorated with a few pieces of good statuary and a painting or two, but above all with modern shelving filled with rows upon rows of books. Addison calls books legacies that genius leaves to mankind delivered down from generation to generation as presents to those yet unborn. A library building should be a beautiful home for these legacies.

In the meantime, while waiting for this vision to become a reality, we are grateful for the facilities we have at present in the Administration Building where we have a fair-sized reading room, a stack room, and a magazine room. The college library is steadily growing and at present contains over 4000 volumes.

Especially worthy of mention is our collection of antiques consisting of nearly one hundred books. Among these are some very old and interesting specimens of the printer's art. There is a Danish Bible published in 1589, another from the year 1630. We have the complete works of Martin Luther (German) in eight volumes published in 1559. There is a German Bible from 1665, and many other rare books, which any library would be proud to possess.

The books on theological subjects, which were formerly housed in the college library, have been removed to the seminary room. Many modern works on theology have been accessioned during the past year, and at present Trinity Seminary Library comprises nearly 1500 volumes. This makes a total of 5500 volumes belonging to the joint institution, Dana College and Trinity Seminary.

Dare we hope for a new home for our books in the near future?





## Our Church Home



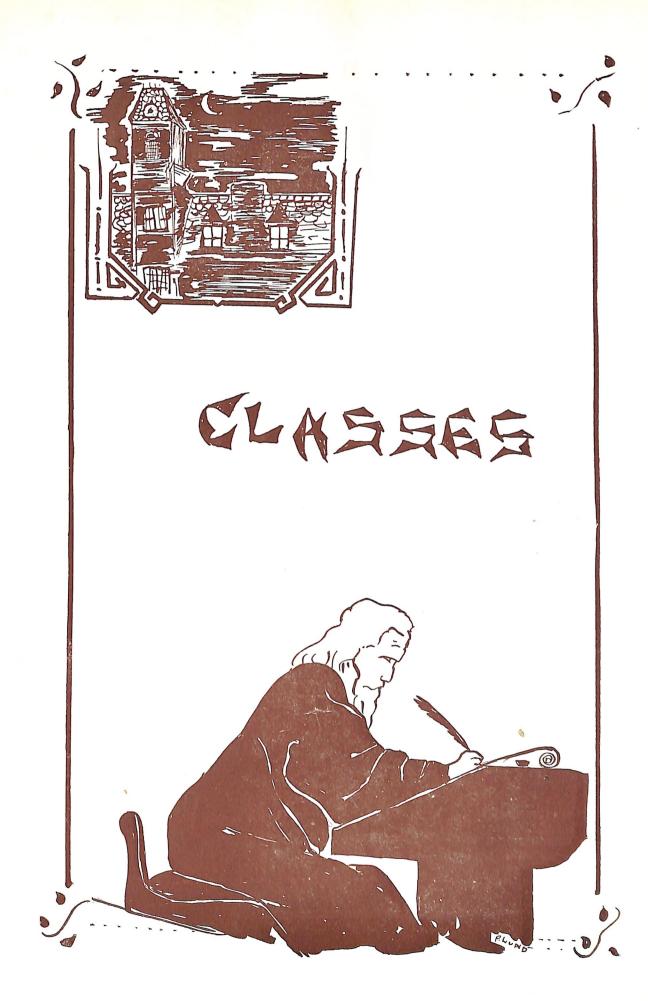
The students of Trinity Seminary and Dana College have, from year to year, enjoved the privileges of divine worship and Christian fellowship which have been offered at the First Lutheran Church of Blair. The local church has ever shown a heartfelt interest in welcoming the students and in meeting their spiritual needs; it has ever been ready and willing to embrace in Christian love and fellowship the students without a church home. Student days are not the least trying to the sincere seeker of peace with God; for when one must leave his church home and the friendships and intimacies of his home community,

he finds that he stands dismally and utterly alone, and he finds that to "fight the good fight" is not easy, especially, when he is bereft of sympathetic guidance and understanding. The students of Trinity Seminary and Dana College may find such sympathy and guidance at the local church, and those who have sought this sympathy are truly and sincerely appreciative.

The Reverend James N. Lund, who since February has occupied the pulpit vacated by the retirement of the Reverend H. Nielsen, has already endeared himself to the hearts of the students. Pastor Lund is a true "Sjælesørger" and has a rare understanding of the student mind and needs. Furthermore, he is not a stranger to the college hill, for last year he filled the chair of Historical Theology at Trinity Seminary, and in that time came to know intimately many of the students. He seems always interested in the student, and he seems always willing to co-operate with them in solving their problems.

"How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Jehovah of hosts! My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of Jehovah; My heart and my flesh cry out unto the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her a house, And the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, Even thine altars, O Jehovah of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house; they will be still praising thee." Ps. 84, 1—4.







## Young Seamen

"Aboard at a ship's helm,
A young steersman steering with care."
Whitman: Aboard at a Ship's Helm,

Thou art launching forth On life's great main, With precious freight—A Soul divine.
Thou art leaving behind The sheltered port;
Thou art faring forth To enchanted lands Far o'er shining, Sunlit seas.

Keep thou thy course
Through heaving tides,
The foam tossed crest
Of leaping wave.
Fear not the flaying,
Hulking coniber,
The salty scurrying gale
And sullen seas of gray.
Nor list thou to the siren's song
Whose melody afar
Dost tempt thee
To the treacherous rock.

Keep thou thy compass
Firmly pointed
To that far country's
Blessed haven
That when thou reachest
The journey's end
This precious freight,
Thy Soul divine,
Thou'lt yield to its Master's hand.

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#### Seminary

#### EDWIN W. PETRUSSON

Chicago, Illinois

Bachelor of Divinity "My grace is sufficient for thee."

B.A., Dana College '26; Crane Junior College '23; Trinity Seminary '27; University of Copenhagen '28; Chicago Luthcran Bible School '30; Moody Bible School '30; Luther League; Mission Group '27; Foreign Mission Society; Hesperian Society; Dannebrog; Choir-Pres. '27.

#### PEDER HAUGE

Redvers, Saskatchewan, Canada

"Nothing is really lost by a life of sacrifice; everything is lost by failure to obey God's call."

Haslev Folk High School '22, 23; Dana College '25, '26, '27, '28; Trinity Seminary '29, '30, '31; Hesperian; Dannebrog; Nordic Reading Circle; Luther League; Mission Society; President of Mission Class '27; Supt. of North Side Mission '30.

#### CORNELIUS HANSEN

Westbrook, Maine

Bachelor of Divinity

"Life is what you make it."

B.A., Capital University '28; Trinity Seminary '29, '30, '31; English Tutor '28, 29; Greek Tutor '30, '31; Luther League Pres. '29; Seminary Class Pres. '30, 31; Choir Pres. '30; Foreign Mission Society Vice-Pres. '31; Senior Class Treas. '31; Hesperian; Dannebrog; Senior Class Editor '31.

#### SILAS LARSEN

Racine, Wisconsin

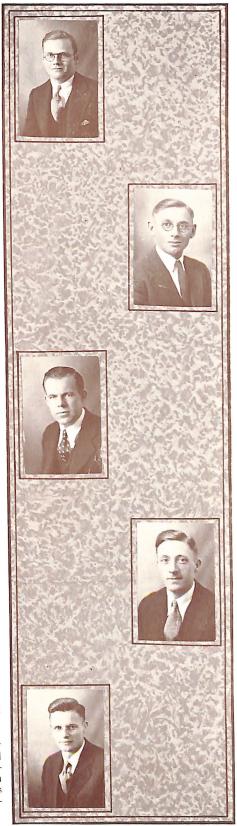
"Ad Astra Per Aspera."

Dana College '28; Circ. Mgr. Hermes; Choir '27, '28; Student Body President '28; Nordic Reading Circle; Chicago Luth. Seminary '29, '30; Trinity Seminary '31; Business Mgr. Danian '31.

#### HENRY M. HANSEN Northfield, Minn.

"Know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

Lutheran Bible School Academy '26; St. Olaf College B.A. '30; Trinity Seminary '29, '30, '31; Football "D" '28; Basketball "D" '29; Athletic Council '29, '30; Hesperian; Dannebrog; Luther League; Mission Society; North Side Mission; Editor Hermes '30; Pres. Senior Class '31; Editor Danian '31.





### College

MABEL MARSH

Herman, Nebraska

Bachelor of Arts

"Secure an education in order to serve thy fellow men."

Graduated from Wayne Normal 1917; taught in rural schools of Washington County 10 years; taught in Herman High School 3 years; served as County Supt. for 11 years.

LOIS HANSEN WULF

Herman, Nebraska

Bachelor of Arts

"Whatever may happen to thee, it was prepared for thee from all eternity."

Student Body 2nd Vice-President '27; Junior Class Vice-President '27; Humor Editor Danian '27; Summer Sessions University of Nebraska '28, '29; Taught school Hill Creek, Washington County '28, '29; Sec'y to President of Dana '30, '31.

ALEINE MILLER

Waupaca, Wisconsin

Public School Music

"True worth is in being, not in seeming."
Luther League Sec'y '30; Hesperian;
Dannebrog; Choir '30, 31; Honor Roll
'30; Music Editor Hermes '30, '31; Organization Editor Danian '31.

CHARLOTTE L. GILBERTSON

Blair, Nebraska

Public School Music

"'Tis well to be merry and wise,
"Tis well to be honest and true."

Choir '30, '31; Art Editor Danian '31.

NINNA SCHULTZ Racine, Wisconsin

Normal

To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield.

Luther League; Hesperian; Dannebrog Sec'y '27, '30; Hermes Staff '27, '30; Choir '28; Honor Roll '28.

LEONARD SCHLYTERN

Dannebrog, Nebraska

Public School Music

"Live and let live."

Hesperian; Choir '30, '31; Basketball '31; Humor Editor Hermes '31; Humor Editor Danian '31.

## College

PHILIP MAGNUSSEN Ord, Nebraska

Liberal Arts

"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might."

Basketball '28, '29, '30, '31; Football '28 '29; Luther League; Hermes Adv. Mgr. '29; Commercial Club '30; Assc. Bus. Mgr. Danian '31; "D" Club.

FRANCES MORTENSON

Albert Lea, Minnesota

Normal

B what U R.

Luther League; Hesperian—Sec'y '29; Student Body Vice-President '30; Senior Class Vice-President '31; Feature Editor Hermes '29, '30; Pep Committee '29, '30, '31; Choir '30, '31; Class Will, Danian '31.

ERMA MADSEN

West Branch, Iowa

Normal

"Trust God, see all, nor be afraid." Choir '30, '31; Luther League; Hesperian—Sec'y '30.

PETER SORENSEN

Harlan, Iowa

Liberal Arts

"It is a friendly heart that has plenty of friends."

Football '27, '28, '29; Basketball '27, '28. '29, '31—Captain '28, '29; Vice-President "D" Club '31.

MYRTLE HANSON

Sidney, Montana

Normal

"Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart."

Luther League; Foreign Mission Society; Hesperian; Danish Declamatory Contest

ESTHER M. NELSON

Cedar Falls, Iowa

Accounting

"In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths."

Luther League; Hesperian; Mission Society; Student Body See'y '31; Associate Editor Danian '31.





#### Academy

#### ALBERT OLSEN

Racine, Wisconsin

"The only way to have a friend is to be one."

Luther League; Hesperian; Choir '30, '31; Football '30, '31; Cheer Leader.

#### ESTHER FOGDALL

Cedar Falls, Iowa

"Teach me thy way, O Lord, and lead me in a plain path."

Choir '25, '30, '31, Librarian '30, Sec'y '31; Student Body Sec'y '25; Snapshot Editor Danian '31; Senior Class Sec'y '31; Luther League; Hesperian Society; Mission Society; Athletic Council Sec'y '30.

#### MYRA HANSEN

Lindsay, Nebraska

"Excelsior."

Luther League; Dannebrog; Mission Society; Choir '30, '31.

#### MARIE MADSEN

Davεy, Nebraska

"Love endureth all things." Luther League.

#### VERNETTE JOHNSON

Blair, Nebraska

"Fight the good fight."

Football '29, '30; Tennis '29, '30; Dannebrog.



## Class Will

We, the Seniors of 1931, hereby make and draw this, our last will and testament.

- 1. We, the members of the Senior class, do hereby solemnly will to the Seniors of 1932 our methods and ideas on how to make money. May you profit to the utmost.
- 2. We, the members of the Senior class, do bequeath to the student body our texts and classroom seats that you may derive much benefit from the markings therein. We request that no "ponies" be used to assist in translating them.
- 3. We, the members of the Senior class, will to the faculty members our sincerest wishes that they may have fewer struggles with the coming classes.
- 1. I, Cornelius Hansen, do solemnly will "ye old faithful," in other words, my Ford, to Fuzzy Christensen with the best of hopes that he may again have opportunities to make pilgrimages into parts of Iowa with the secure feeling of arriving there safely and on time. With this will wishes are extended that he may succeed in coaxing this mechanism onward.
- 2. I, Ninna Schultz, do solemnly will my unequaled record of A's in Botany to whoever feels the urge to study plant life this coming year.
- 3. I, Charlotte Gilbertson, do bequeath my unusual achievement of collecting beads of all sizes, all colors, and all shapes, but of one price, to Ho-To-Pi that he may adorn himself to an even greater elaborate degree in his performances.
- 4. I, Leonard Schlytern, do hesitatingly will my remarkable ability and technique of juggling trays, pillows, plates, or "what have you" to Walter Nielsen. With this will is given a book containing suggestions on the process and, also, a program of practice hours.
- 5. I, Mabel Marsh, do give the use of my "years of experience" to Frances Bellows so that she may have many chances to recite in Dr. Hanson's classes this next year.
- 6. I, Henry Hansen, will my experience in editing an annual to my roommate. May it bring him fewer gray hairs and less grief.
- 7. I, Aleine Miller, do give my repertoire to Robert Jamison with the idea that he will have a wider range from which to choose his piano selections. We all feel that the "Battle Cry of Freedom" has done its duty.





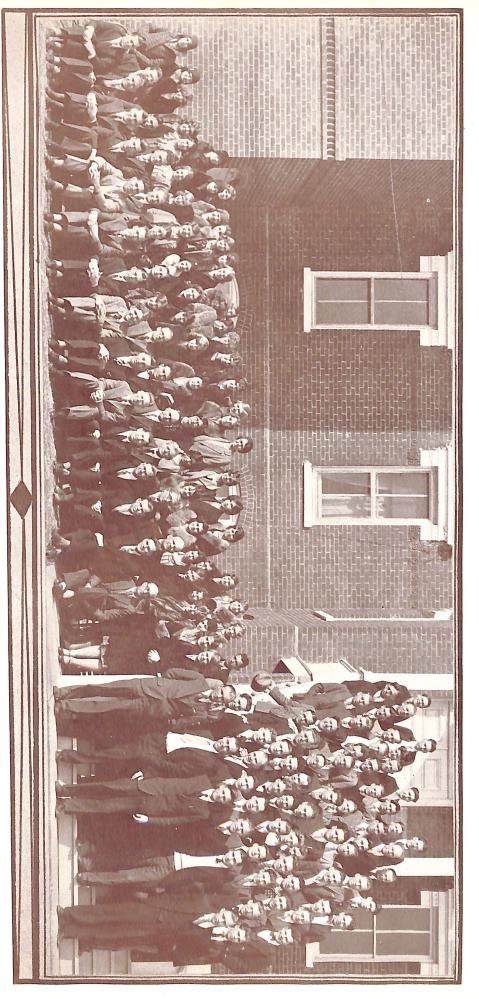
- 8. I, Albert Olsen, in all usual solemnity do hereby will my skill in entertaining others to "Albert" Peterson knowing that he will assume the responsibility of keeping up the former reputation.
- 9. I, Peder Hauge, do bequeath my speed limit to Ervin Bondo with the hope that there will be fewer collisions and more enjoyment of scenery. Ervin seems to be an example of this "fast moving age."
- 10. I, Esther Fogdall, do will my conscientiousness with which I undertake each new assigned task to anyone who feels he needs it most.
- 11. I, Silas Larsen, do bequeath my magic power of keeping hidden from the public eye to Bayard Hopewell.
- 12. I, Frances Mortenson, do bequeath all of my "campus labs" and my view from fourth floor to Ruth Olson and Esther Jensen hoping that they will receive credit for the lab hours and that they will enjoy the campus scenes.
- 13. I, Esther Nelson, do will my giggles to Bertha Anderson in exchange for some height which is much needed for the purpose of combatting my Vig cousins.
- 14. I, Erma Madsen, do cheerfully will my mischief making spirit and pep to Doris Jensen.
- 15. I, Edwin Petrusson, entrust the care of my little sister "Petey" to Ellen Danielson. With the will is attached a list of "Don'ts," such as—don't forget to give her oranges, don't allow her to keep late hours, etc.
- 16. I, Myrtle Hanson, do will my curly blonde locks to Murry Peterson.
- 17. I. Vernette Johnson, do bequeath my football tactics to John Christensen.
- 18. I, Lois Hanson Wulf, do will my ideas and suggestions that I have learned these past few months of married life to Othilia Nelson.
- 19. I. Marie Madsen, do bequeath to the steadfast Jean Larson my unique accomplishment of missing as many classes as I have attended.
- 20. I, Philip Magnussen, do will to the practice teachers a certain unknown quality of personality that brings about decided revolutions in appearances and actions of school children that have been under my influence.
- 21. I, Peter Sorensen, do will to George Skow my book on "Economy of Time at the Table," which contains actual photos illustrating a "side pass," "an overhand reach," and other useful plays.
- 22. I, Myra Hansen, will my many patrons for the hair-dressing purposes to Ruth Johnson.

In witness whereof we attach our signature to this document.

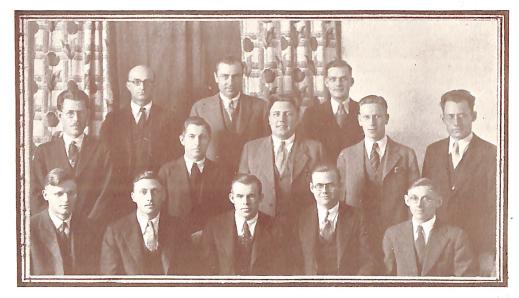
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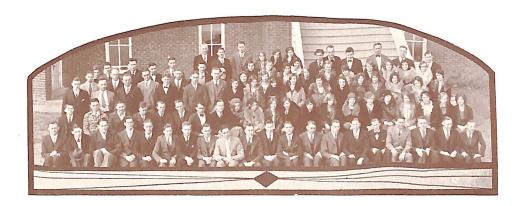
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#### SEMINARY

Our enrollment this year had the largest percentage of college graduates in the history of the Seminary. It is hoped that in the near future every applicant to our Seminary will be able to present a college degree. We cannot help but realize that in this day and age our church needs well-trained men. In the study of theology, our Seminary not only makes possible intellectual enrichment, but also affords a splendid opportunity to deepen one's spiritual life. When a young man goes into the holy ministry to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ as the Savior of men, the message of his preaching must be a living conviction in his own soul, and he must be able to give to the world an answer of the faith that dwells in his heart. It is just to this very end that we feel Trinity Theological Seminary helps us.

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#### COLLEGE

The college department's enrollment furnishes an interesting study to those who have been observing its growth. While college enrollment generally made a phenomenal increase after the late World War, there was no such phenomenal spurt experienced by Dana but a slow and substantial growth until at the present time enrollment gives promise of becoming large enough to aid in the plan of becoming a member of the N. C. Association of Colleges.

This growth is the result of the desire to prepare for life's duties, to grow into higher manhood and womanhood, to be able to accommodate oneself to changing conditions of a dynamic society which cannot be too strongly encouraged. The ideals of intellectual integrity, of social virtues, and of religious sincerity, must be held high. These are the ideals of the church which maintains the college and the continued existence of the church is contingent upon the strength of these ideals to carry over into actual vocations of life. The responsibility for this rests with the faculty.

Guided by the history of the past, the future may be courageously faced. Year by year will bring larger numbers of students, stronger and richer courses of study and more adequately equipped laboratories and libraries, and a sincerely Christian faculty deeply devoted to the cause of furthering the best interests of each individual of the student body.

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Back row: E. Fogdall, M. Madsen, A. Sorensen, A. Voetmann, A. Jensen. Middle row: M. Hansen, N. Carlsen, T. Rasmussen, V. Kohl, T. Levison, R. Nelson, R. Krogh Bottom row: R. Hansen, J. Jensen, T. Rix, A. Hansen, J. Mogensen, C. Sieck.

#### ACADEMY

The academic department was established in the very earliest history of this institution. When the first building was dedicated in 1886, and Trinity Seminary was formally opened, an academic course was added. This course offered pre-seminary preparation to prospective theological students and also gave an opportunity for higher education to other young people of the congregations of the synod. From a very small beginning, the academy grew to a considerable size, adding a business course, normal course, and music course.

In recent years the academy enrollment has gradually been decreasing, due chiefly to better opportunity than formerly for high school education nearer the home of the students. Meanwhile the college enrollment has proportionately increased. This has been a general tendency in church colleges, and many have dropped the academic department entirely. In the present year twenty-four have been enrolled in Dana College academy classes and five are graduating from the course. The academy has for many years been fully accredited by the University of Nebraska and other institutions of higher learning.







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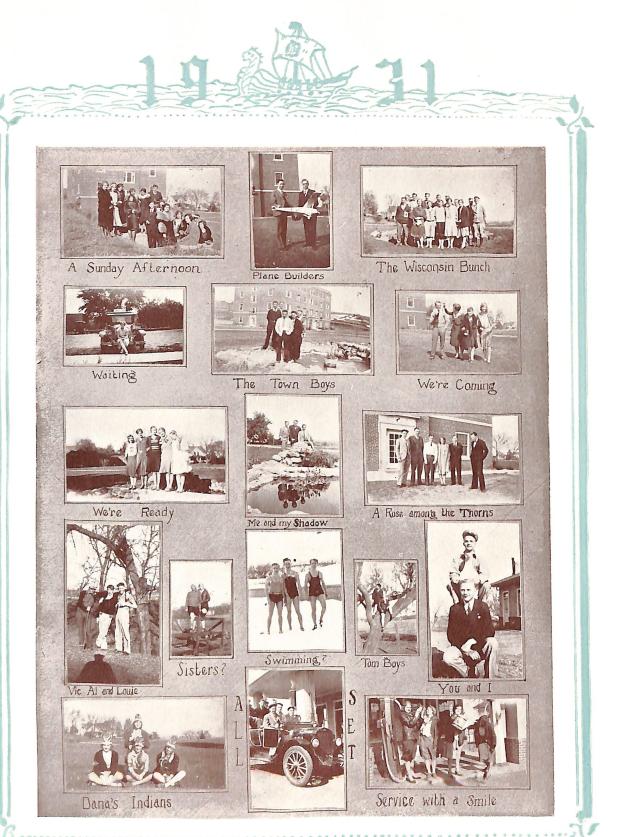
Front row: W. Olsen, T. Rix, R. Hansen, N. Carlsen, C. Sieck, A. Sorensen.

#### WINTER STUDENTS

The accredited winter semester was begun at Dana College in the fall of 1929. Instead of the usual "short courses," the new plan including a full 18 week semester with full credit was given for satisfactory work in college and in academy. The past two years' experience with the plan justify the conclusion that there are young people who are ambitious to secure higher education but who are unable to make use of the traditional nine-month term.

The winter students made good use of their opportunities. Most of them were serious-minded, ambitious, and imbued with a desire to profit from their semester at Dana. Some of them took an active part in basketball, in the college declamatory contest, in music, and in other activities. Several from the group are planning to return for further education next fall.

MARJAH





# ARGANIZATIONS



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#### THE STUDENT BODY ORGANIZATION

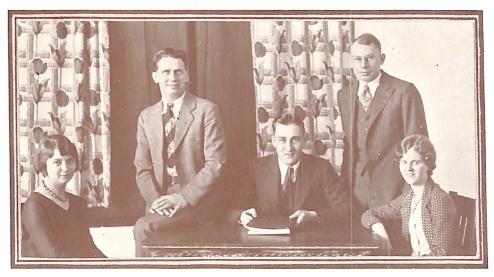
The student body has been organized for the purpose of considering and discussing problems of common interest to us all. Students here have the opportunity of developing themselves into efficient leaders and of expressing themselves in an impressive manner.

All registered students are eligible for membership.

The officers are elected at the annual election in January, and serve for a term of one year. A candidate for the presidency must have been at Dana one year prior to election.

"Cooperation" is our watchword. Without this, we would have no interest and enthusiasm. All students are expected to participate in student body activities. On this cooperative spirit depends the success of our school because, as a rule, students make a school what it is.





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W. Larsen, Pres.; G. Robertson, 1st Vice-Pres.; F. Mortenson, 2nd Vice-Pres.; H. Danielson, Sec'y; R. Larsen, Treas.





#### HERMES

#### A Messenger From Dana

In 1918 the student body and members of the faculty felt the need for a publication which would convey a message from Dana College and Trinity Theological Seminary to the people of the synod. In this same year the first Hermes was published in a pamphlet form. It was in this early stage not an official publication by the school but a distinctly private enterprise. In November, 1920, the Hermes was for the first time in its history published as an official organ by the student body of the college and seminary. For several years there were only four issues of the Hermes a year, then in 1925 it was increased to eight, and finally in 1926 it was decided to issue it semimonthly. In the course of its growth, development, and expansion, the messenger from Dana has naturally undergone considerable change. The present Hermes has many points in common with that of a modern newspaper, incorporating within its pages the varied phases of school life and constantly keeping in mind the high ideals of the institution.







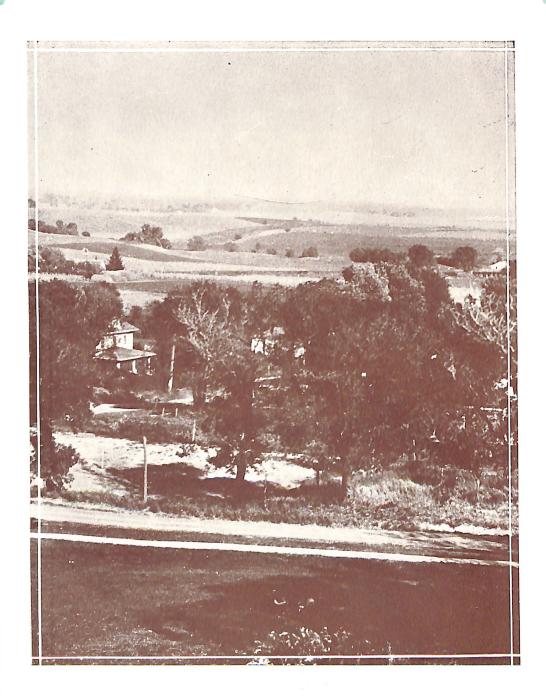
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#### LUTHER LEAGUE

The Luther League of Dana College and Trinity Seminary occupies one of the foremost positions among the campus organizations. The League holds its meetings, which are conducted by the students, every Wednesday evening during the school year.

The organization is of great importance in aiding in the creation and maintenance of the Christian atmosphere at the institution. The League, further, has the distinct purpose not only of attempting to keep the individual students steadfast in the faith of their fathers, but also of being a positive influence in helping some puzzled and troubled souls to find their personal Savior in Jesus Christ.

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#### HESPERIAN LITERARY SOCIETY

In every college there are organizations of a literary character which aim through their programs to furnish intellectual enjoyment, and at the same time to afford an opportunity for relaxation from the routine of college life. The Hesperian Literary Society meets this need for the Dana student. The programs, characterized by clean humor, animated debates, good music, and interesting discussions on history, science, and literature, are given at the close of the school week. Through them the society offers the student opportunity to develop his various abilities, to put to practical use the discussions of the class room, to meet and mingle with his fellow students, and to enjoy worthwhile recreation.

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#### DANNEBROG LITERARY SOCIETY

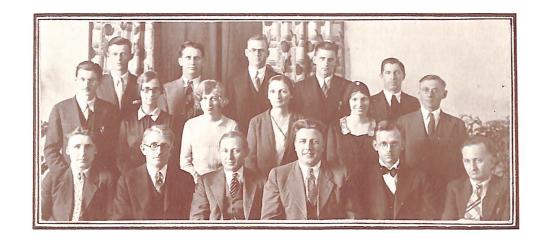
The Dannebrog Literary Society has for over thirty years been a prominent society at Dana. The language necessarily limits the attendance, but there is each year a group which finds Dannebrog a valuable channel to a hitherto unknown rich store of Danish literature of lasting beauty. Again this year the society has studied many prominent authors and their works, and has learned many beautiful Danish songs.

The society has also sponsored several festival activities, notably the banquet for winter students and the Christmas program with its games, stories, music, and "wienerbrod." These social gatherings have brought the students closer together in a free and festive spirit.

As we thus review this year in Dannebrog, we feel that it still deserves a place among us, for it brings us the best from Danish literature and life and thereby enriches our lives.

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#### NORDIC READING CIRCLE

The Nordic Reading Circle is a small informal group of men and women, teachers and students, who feel that our Danish cultural heritage is a most fruitful source of inspiration and an indispensable aid to the understanding of our own lives and aspirations. Our purpose is to immerse ourselves into this culture through study and discussion of good literary works from the Motherland. Danish literature is so rich and varied that we have been able during the past year to touch only a very few spots in this great field. The books studied have been within a somewhat narrow range, since we have confined ourselves to that portion of Danish literature which we could hope intelligently to understand and which was not too remote from our mutual or individual interests and tastes. We have endeavored to approach the questions which arose in our studies with open minds and with as little restraint from conventionality as possible. This, together with the informal character of our monthly meetings, has contributed to make many of our gatherings interesting, enlightening, and useful in bringing about a closer relationship and more human understanding within our little group. Of material or technical knowledge not much has been attained; of spiritual values, intangible and invisible though they may be, our year's work has presumably not been barren. For whatever earnest effort has been taken to delve into the realm of the spirit must come to some fruition.

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#### MISSION SOCIETY

The Mission Society is an organization that aims to familiarize the student with some of the work that is carried on in the mission fields, and to arouse a keener interest in mission work.

It has been the aim of the organization to get in contact with missionaries who are home on furloughs, and to engage them in addressing the student body. The society has been fortunate in that respect during the past year. At various times the society has been favored by having missionaries tell of their experiences in the mission work abroad. These living experiences, naturally, create a greater interest in missions among the students. These living testimonies from missionaries who have dedicated their lives and services in mission work are often instrumental in helping some students accept the challenge for service in missions, and to dedicate their lives to that service.

At other times, again, a pastor or a student has given missionary talks or biographies of men and women who have labored in the mission field.

The members of the society are assessed annual dues. The funds are generally divided and sent to two or more missions.

The society plays an important part in school life. It does not sponsor any definite mission, nor send out missionaries, but it aims to bring the student in close touch with mission work; not neccessarily showing preference to any definite mission, but rather considering all missions and the furthering of God's Kingdom among men.

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#### THE NORTH SIDE MISSION

The North Side Mission was organized in the fall of 1924 by students of Dana College.

One obstacle which confronted the students the first four years was that of securing a building in which to gather the children. This difficulty was overcome three years ago, when Prof. J. P. Nielsen purchased a house in North Blair, which we call the "North Side Chapel," to be used for mission purposes.

The purpose of carrying on mission work in North Side is not to take the children away from their own churches; but rather to create an interest for the church and for the nobler things of life in the hearts of those children, and adults as well, that do not have a church home. It has been the earnest desire of every student connected with the work to plant into the hearts of these people the Eternal Truths. The work has not been in vain, for several children have been baptized and others, both young and old, have joined churches. There still is a fine group of children that are loyal to the North Side Chapel.

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## New Pipe Organ

Patrons and friends of Dana College and Trinity Seminary will be pleased to learn that a new pipe organ has been purchased by our school. The purchase of the organ this year has been made possible by the liberal financial gift of \$2100 by Mr. M. Moeller, the manufacturer of the organ. This sum is half of the total cost.

For several years students and faculty members have looked forward to the time when a pipe organ on the campus would be a reality. These hopes and aspirations for the expansion of the music department are about to be realized, due chiefly to the generous offer of Mr. Moeller. Mr. Moeller, himself a Dane, has on numerous occasions shown his interest in the undertakings and the success of the Danish people.

In addition to the manufacturer of this organ, who has made this very generous contribution, there are others who have shown their good will by giving liberally toward the purchase of an organ for Dana.

The organ is to be installed in the Dana College Auditorium and will be in use for the Annual Synodical Convention to be held here in Blair from June 2nd to 7th. On Sunday afternoon, June 7th, there will be a dedication service consisting of several organ numbers by Mrs. Dorothy Brann Malmin, dedication of the organ by President N. C. Carlsen, and brief talks by Mr. M. Moeller, Prof. Gunnar J. Malmin, President Erland Nelson, and Rev. Karl J. Wilhelmsen.





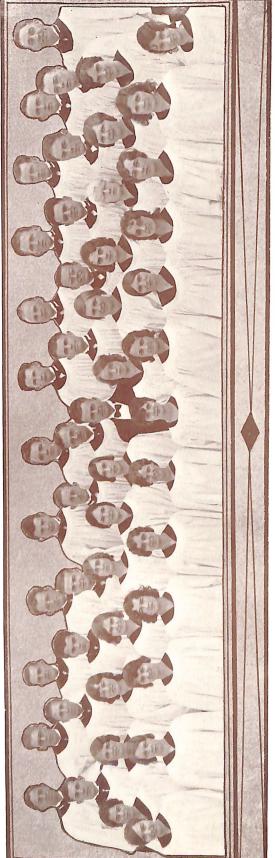
## Music

Singing has played an important part in the life of Dana from its earliest history. In 1917 Miss Agnes Nielsen (Mrs. Silas Andersen) organized an A Cappella Choral Union. Under her leadership and that of her successors, Miss Carrie Sinamark (Mrs. Prof. H. C. Jersild) and Miss Helen Anderson, short tours were made to Danish Lutheran Churches in Iowa and Nebraska. During the summer of 1924 a quartet made a tour of almost ten thousand miles, rendering eighty concerts in twelve states.

Under Prof. Waldo B. Nielsen, the Dana A Cappella Choir made successful tours through the Middle States and in the summer of 1929, the choir toured to Europe. Under his able leadership, the choir took an honored place among the a cappella choirs which have sprung up during recent years, largely inspired by the marvelous St. Olaf Choir and the dean of choir conductors, Dr. F. Melius Christiansen.

Our present choir director, Prof. Gunnar J. Malmin, who is ably assisted by Mrs. Dorothy Brann Malmin, has accomplished a notable work as leader of this year's choir voices. The choir, which consisted of fifty voices, rendered concerts in Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, South Dakota, and Nebraska, and won for itself favorable comments. With the commendable interest shown in choir work and the able leadership of our music director, the choir promises well for the future.





## Dana Choir

The Dana A Cappella Choir made an extensive tour into Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and South Dakota, visiting eighteen cities in these states. A home-coming program was given in Blair and concerts were rendered at Omaha and Council Bluffs following the annual spring tour.

The following are comments from leading newspapers on the concerts rendered.

#### CHEROKEE DAILY TIMES:

"Throughout the entire program, the audience was held captive by the beauty and excellent presentation of the classical numbers. Through the unassuming movements of his baton, Mr. Malmin at all times was rewarded by perfect response from each individual singer, making the united chorus a superb, harmonic blending of voices. At various times, organ-like effects were produced by perfectly sustained tones, while in diminuendo and crescendo phrases, skilled breath control was exhibited in the required varying degrees of decreasing or increasing volume. Pianissimo passages were not weak, but revealed reserve power and when expression demanded fortissimo effects, the result was thrilling."

#### DECORAH POSTEN:

"It was a real pleasure to listen to these young voices. We can truthfully say that the concert was far beyond expectation.

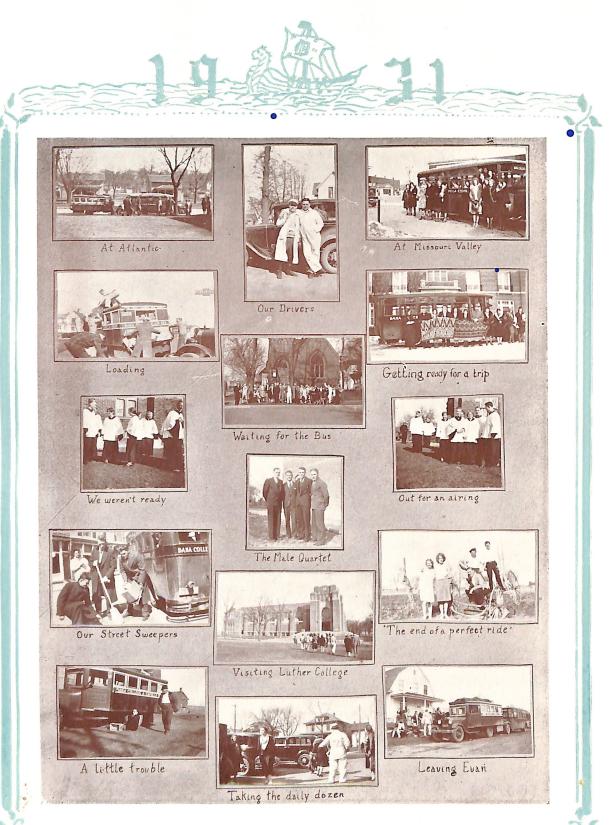
#### MINNEAPOLIS TIDENDE: (A Norwegian daily published in Minneapolis.)

"It was a splendid group of singers all of whem themselves seemed to be in possession of good voices and good vocal technique. Under the direction of their capable leader they sang with an inspired feeling and devotion which commanded admiration and respect. The choir maintained a high standard of tone and well-discipline ensemble. The classic purity and harmonic beauty of the masterpieces was presented with the most beautiful effect. There were splendid tonal effects, beautiful crescendos and decrescendos, good rhythm, expression, and enthusiasm in the singing."

#### NORTHFIELD NEWS:

"The choir is to be praised for its achievement in a cappella singing. Evenly balanced voices, precision of attack, and distinct phrasing marked the rendition of the first number, "Now Let Every Tongue Adore Thee" by Bach. The girls' chorus sang with simplicity, clarity, and sweetness of tone. "Gloria Patri" by Palestriva was interesting in its achievement of fortissimo and pianissimo echo effects."

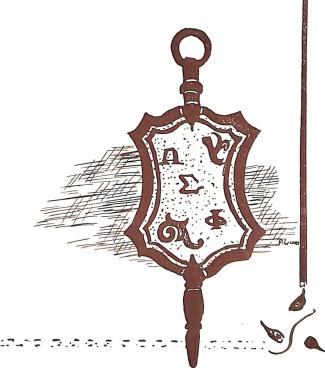




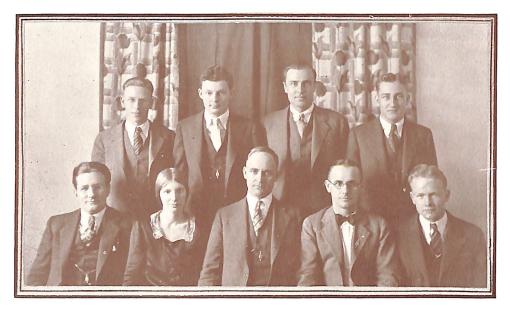




# FORENSICS







#### ALPHA SIGMA PHI

The Alpha Chapter of the Alpha Sigma Phi has been a very active organization during the year 1930—31. The purpose of this society is to encourage forensic activities.

Most of the members of Alpha Sigma Phi became eligible to membership through participation in inter-collegiate debate, while some gained membership through inter-collegiate oratory. Out of a group of fourteen who were initiated into the local chapter last fall seven met the requirements for full membership.

The Debater's Manual printed by the Alpha Chapter again this year was entitled, "Shall the Nations Adopt Free Trade?" and was sold to many universities, colleges, and libraries. This book next year will be in demand by the high schools of the nation who adopt this question for debate.

The officers of the Alpha Chapter for 1930 were the following: Ervin Bondo, President; Othilia Nelson, first Vice-President; Paul G. Rasmussen, second Vice-President; Leo Andersen, Secretary; and Harald Larsen, Treasurer.

Besides carrying on the work of the Alpha Chapter, the Dana officers served as the Executive Council of the national organization in its first year, 1930—31. Bluffton College, The University of Miami, Davis and Elkins College, Taylor University, Cumberland University, and Indiana State Teachers College have joined the national organization. Others have applied for membership, and with a large number of schools already members, the future of Alpha Sigma Phi seems assured.







#### DEBATE

Debate is one of the important and valuable activities in which the students of Dana are privileged to participate. This year's schedule was heavier than that of any previous year. Dana competed in eleven intercollegiate contests, out of which only one was a non-conference debate. On the whole, the season was very successful by reason of the diligent and persistent efforts of those who willingly offered their time and also because of the splendid work of Dr. Popcke, coach of debate. The entire student body deserves credit for its wonderful moral support at each debate.

Out of the seventeen who made up the debate squad, the following were selected for the varsity teams. Affirmative: Ervin Bondo (Captain), Alfred

C. Jensen, William Larsen, and Alvin Carlsen. Negative: Levi Larsen Larsen, (Captain), Ingward Olson, Harvey Kuhr, and Harald Larsen.



#### OLD STATE LINE ORATORICAL CONTEST

The Alpha Chapter of the Alpha Sigma Phi sponsored an oratorical contest on December 10, 1930, to select a representative for the State Oratorical Contest. Mr. Alfred C. Jensen won first place with his well composed and splendidly delivered oration, "The Present Significance of the Constitution," and was therefore privileged to make the trip to Kearney, Nebraska, on December 12, 1930, to represent Dana in the Old Line State Oratorical Contest.

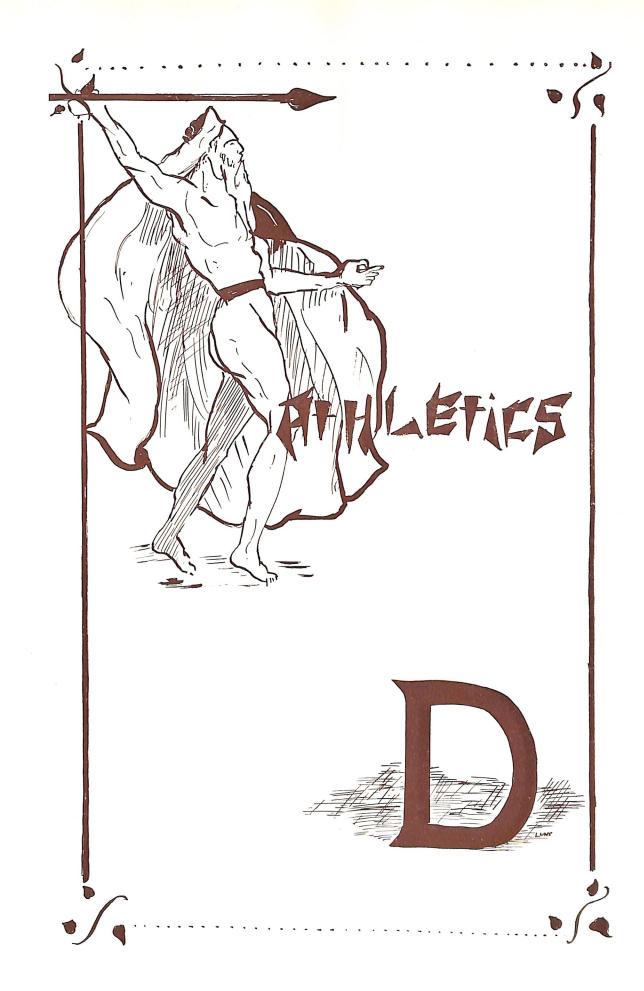


## The Annual Brock Dramatic Contest The Hesperian Humorous Contest The Van Deusen Oratorical Contest

Students of Dana College have always displayed great interest in forensic activities. On the debate platform, in a dramatic contest, in humorous selections, and in the art of oratory the Vikings have showed exceptional skill and earnest purpose. Citizens of Blair, Nebraska, on the other hand have done much to encourage this kind of work by giving prizes annually for work done in the field of dramatics and oratory. The Hesperian Society has also set aside a sum of money for work done in humorous selections. On March 21 the dramatic and humorous contests were held. There were four contestants in the dramatic section: Viola Hansen, Margaret Badgerow, Ellen Danielsen and Madeline Nielsen. Viola Hansen was awarded the first prize with her rendition of "THE LOST WORD;" Margaret Badgerow obtained second place with "NUMBER SIX"; and Madeline Nielsen scored third with "CONNOR." In the humorous divison, first place was won by Earl Simonsen with the "VILLAGE DEBATING SOCIETY;" second place award went to Robert Jamison with "IVORY SOAP," and Robert Larsen took third prize honors with "VOTE FOR SCHULTZ." Other entrants included Emil Pedersen and Fred Christofferson, Miss Nona Robinson and Mr. R. S. Cartwright, both of Omaha, acted as judges in these two contests.

The Van Deusen Oratorical Contest was held on Monday, March 23. There were more contestants in this division than in any of the other contests. Mr. Van Deusen, donor of the prizes, was introduced to the large audience by Dr. Popcke of the Public Speaking department. Mr. Van Deusen awarded the prizes personally to Alfred R. Jensen, first place winner with "THE POWER OF CONVICTION; Alfred C. Jensen took second with the "UNKNOWN SPEAKER," and Alvin Carlsen gained third with "THE MENACE OF LAW-LESSNESS." Other contestants included Ervin Bondo, Clifford Sieck, Merle Hagedorn, and Johan Petersen. Mr. John F. Showalter of Omaha Technical High School judged the contest.

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## Football

#### Coach Jones

Cleveland "Tex" Jones, new athletic director and coach at Dana College, came to Blair from Canyon, Texas. Coach Jones came to Dana after an excellent athletic career at West Texas State Teachers' College where he starred in both football and basketball. In his senior year he was forward on the championship basketball team. During his first year of coaching at Dana, he has produced winning teams, of which the football team was champion of the Nebraska Junior College Conference. We congratulate Coach Jones on his success, and are happy to know that he will be back again next year.

#### Team

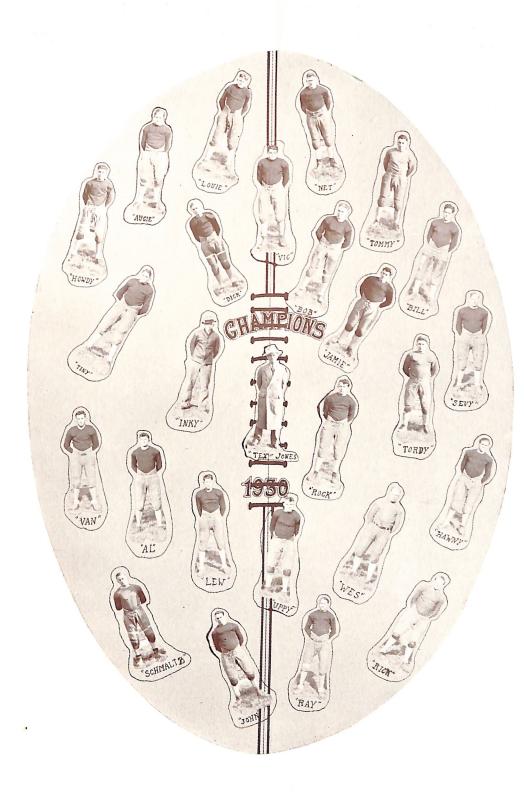
The 1930 football season proved the most interesting and successful year in the history of inter-collegiate football at Dana. A large squad of men was out every afternoon for practice, which induced the players to fight hard to gain and hold a berth on the team. A number of inexperienced men were able, through good coaching and persistent drill, to gain a place on the Dana championship team of the N. J. C. C.

Coach Jones introduced a new style of offensive play which proved very deceptive and effective in placing the Vikings among the scoring teams. Even some of the stronger non-conference teams were kept on their guard against attack, and made to feel that they only gained the victory through a hard-fought battle.

Eighteen men were awarded the Dana athletic letter. A number of these letter-men expect to return next fall, and with this year's training and experience to their advantage, Coach Jones will have a good nucleus around which to build an even stronger team in the coming season.

We congratulate our team upon its success and wish Coach Jones and the Vikings a successful season in the fall of 1931.









Back row: S. Sorensen, A. Jensen,
Pres. E. Nelson.
Front row: Coach Jones, M. Rosenbladt, Prof. S. M. Thomsen.

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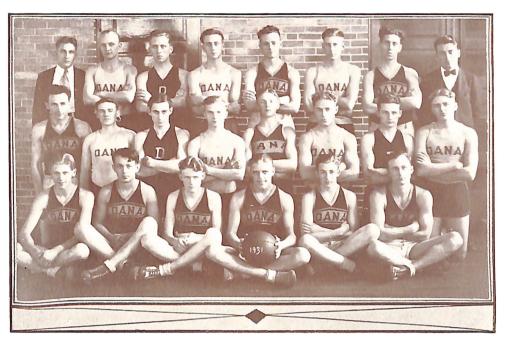
#### ATHLETIC COUNCIL

The Athletic Council, consisting of the president of the college, the athletic coach, one faculty member, and three students, constitutes the executive head of the athletic organizations at Dana. All matters of a disciplinary nature must be brought to the attention of the Council and seriously considered prior to the awarding of the athletic letters. This organization must recommend all candidates for the letters before they can be awarded by the school.

Furthermore, the council has charge of selling tickets, placing posters, and deciding ways and means of raising money to supply athletic equipment and to meet other obligations in the interest of and for the promotion of Dana's participation in inter-collegiate athletics.







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Middle row: P. Johnson, H. Christensen, L. Boulier, H. Danielsen, T. Rix, R. Larsen, P. Magnussen, A. Hansen.
Front row: A. Vig, A. Curtis, L. Christensen, J. Moller, A. Petersen, P. Sørensen.

#### BASKETBALL

The success of the Viking's 1930—31 basketball season can be ascribed to factors other than those comprising the actual victories scored in competitive games. A successful season is too often determined in terms of victory, whereas, such important factors as the ability and earnestness of the individual to achieve the skill of team play, sportsmanship, both on and off the floor, and sincere regard for rules, are utterly ignored.

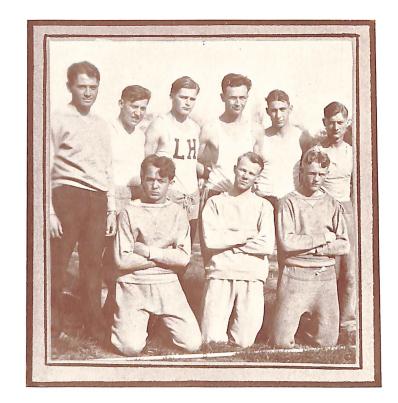
In reviewing the record of the past season, it is clear that Dana's presentation on the hardwood court was not successful as far as mere victories are concerned, but when the many factors involved are considered, it is evident that the season was nevertheless a success.

Starting out the season with a comparatively weak nucleus and with considerable "green" material with which to build a team, Coach "Tex" Jones, as the season wore on, was able to mold a combination that represented Dana College creditably in every respect. When the season came to a close, there was sufficient evidence to prove that the tutelage and training the team had received were of the highest order.

With most of this year's competent material available for the 1931—32 campaign, great things may be expected. Every student is whole-hearted in his belief that next year will find the Vikings even more successful.





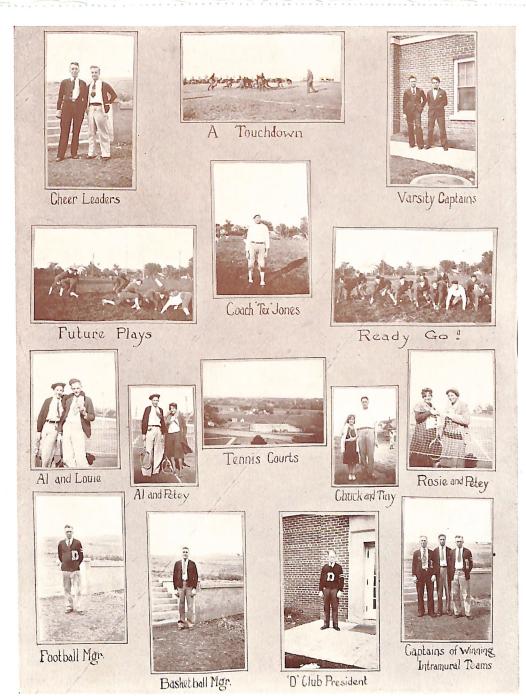


#### TRACK

Track has this year been initiated into Dana's program of intercollegiate athletics. The team is somewhat handicapped by the lack of good track facilities, but the men are coping with circumstances as best they can. They have been out for daily practise, and are gradually getting into form for the conference track meet which was held at Concordia College. Several members of the team starred in high school track and with such members the team made a good showing at the conference meet. With the success of this season's track team, greater interest will be created for the sport and a larger number of men will participate in it next year. Most of the men of this year's team are returning and prospects for a marked advance in track next year is very hopefully expected.

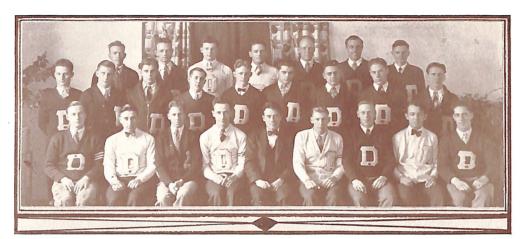
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#### THE DANA COLLEGE "D" CLUB

The Dana College "D" Club, as we have it now, was officially organized in the spring of 1929. Anyone earning a letter in any form of athletics at Dana College becomes a member of this club. The purpose of this organization is to form a closer union and fellowship among the letter-men of our college, and to further the interests of athletics, and thus raise them to a higher standard. Its aim is not only to increase the interests of athletics, but also to raise the value of the athletic letter among the letter-men of Dana College.







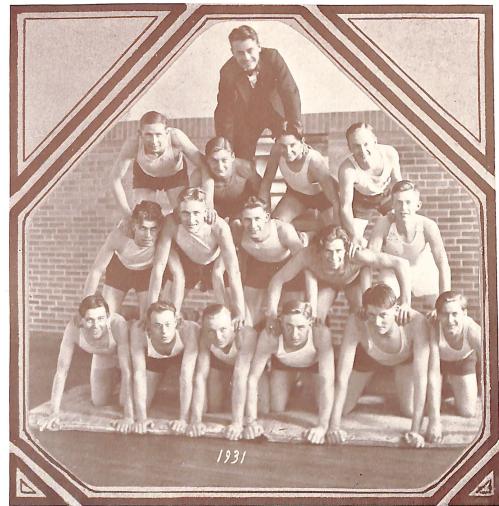
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Second row: D. Baxter, T. Rasmussen, N. Schultz, A. Johnson, R. Olsen, E. Madsen, E. Nelson, M. Larsen, E. Petrusson, O. Nelson.
Front row: F. Bellows, E. Christensen, E. Danielsen, R. Vig, E. Nielsen, M. Rosenbladt, G. Wayne.

#### LADIES' GYMNASTICS

Dana early realized the benefits derived from athletics, not only for boys, but also for girls, and each year our girls have received physical education under the leadership of competent instructors. This year, under the direction of Coach Jones, the girls have received special instruction in basketball. Teams have been selected from time to time by certain captains to compete with one another at the gymnastic periods twice a week. A record has been kept of the results of the games each time, and the teams were changed often to maintain a balance.

In these games excellent sportsmanship has been displayed by the opposing teams, and the girls have been benefited not only in gaining a better understanding of the game, but in developing greater physical endurance and strength. Through these games, as through other sports, not only physical development, but mental alertness is gained. All of these benefits tend toward a more intense enjoyment of life.





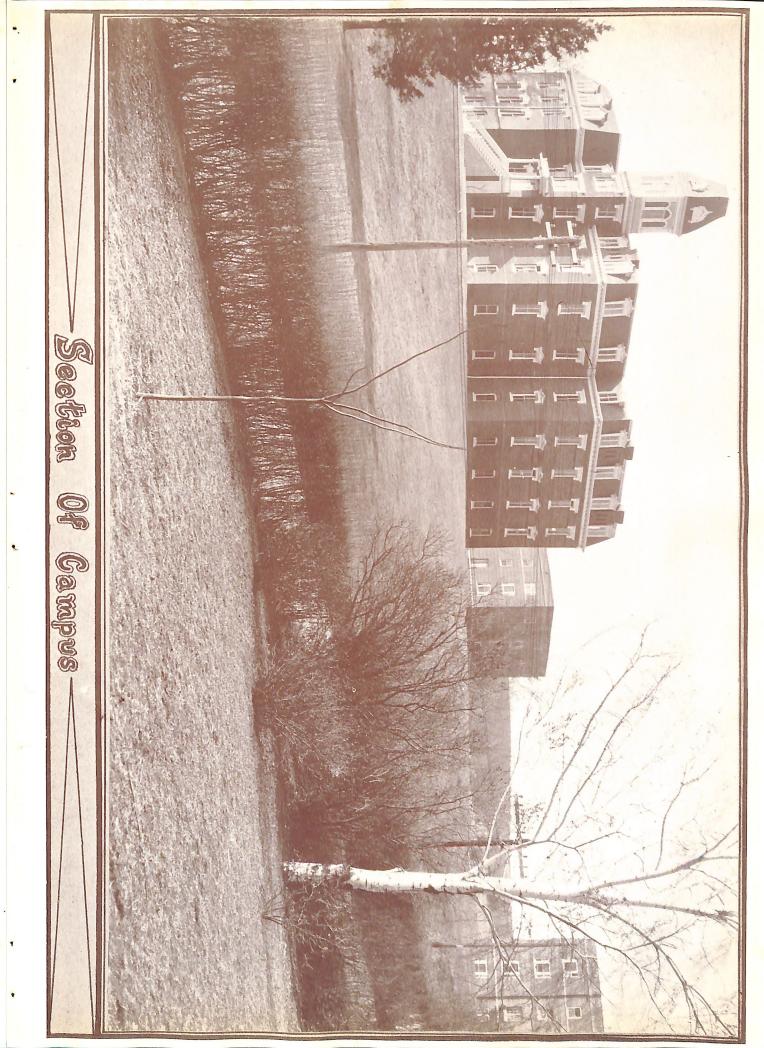
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#### MEN'S GYMNASTICS

The physical training class, though a minor division of the athletic department, is very important. Students who for special reasons are not interested in the major sports, such as football, basketball, and track must also be accommodated.

Those individuals who are physically unable to participate in strenuous games, nevertheless need basic training in bodily development. It is the aim of this class to give personal attention to such students. Others may have been gifted with a fine physique; such individuals are encouraged to develop greater body coordination and skill. The physical training department, therefore, plays a very important part in the life of Dana students.

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Standing: L. Boulier, G. Skow, P. Hauge, P. Lund, A. Miller, P. Magnussen, C. Gilbertsen, E. Fogdall, L. Schlytern, F. Mortenson, A. Olsen.
Sitting: S. Larsen, H. Hansen, E. Nelson.

#### **EDITORIAL**

The Senior Class of 1931 in the publishing of this Annual has again shouldered the responsibilities involved in compiling a book of memories of our School. During the past few months all of our efforts have been directed toward making this 1931 Danian a book that will help to perpetuate the true spirit and traditions of Dana.

As we view the past with its many trials and mistakes, we have a feeling of both relief and regret; relief because the book is at last completed, and regret because it is not a perfect piece of work.

We realize that no class is able to carry on the work alone, and we therefore wish to express our deep appreciation to ALL; to those who have helped us with valuable suggestions, and also to those who have in a material way helped us to realize our purpose. Especially do we wish to acknowledge the splendid work of our artists who have taken such an interest in this senior publication.







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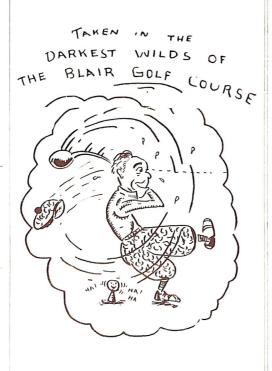
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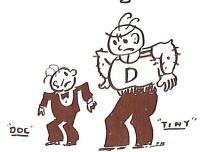
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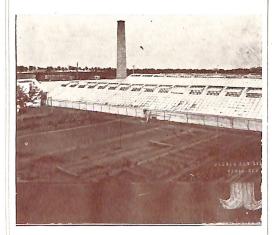
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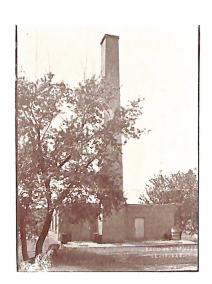
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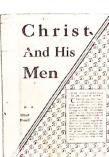
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