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Editorial

BEST wishes for a happy, helpful New Year
to all.

READ our advertisements, and patronize the
advertisers.

APOLOGIES are in order for the lateness of
our last issue. Will try to be more
prompt in the future.

WHAT is the matter with our Y. M. C. A.
this year? Can it be that our young
men are so perfect that they need none of the
elevating influences of a Christian association,

or that they are so strongly developed in the
opposite direction that they do not care for an
organization of this kind? Among the good
resolutions and beginnings ushered in by the
New Year, why not number the resurrection
of our last year's association, clothed with a
new supply of vigor and enthusiasm?

ALL THE students who know him have
decidedly missed Professor Woodworth
during the term just completed. A few days
before the opening of last term he returned
from his summer vacation looking better than
we had seen him for a long time, but he
was taken ill soon after and has not been able
to be out here since. All are glad to learn
that he expects to be with us again this term.
Prof. Woodworth is one of the most popu-
lar Professors that we have.

THERE are many things we should like to
see begin with the New Year, and we
would mention one. We should like to have
the Faculty resume the Friday evening lec-
tures. The lectures given last year were cer-
tainly well appreciated if attendance is to be
considered as an indication. This is not simply
the idle fancy of the editors, but seems to be
the unanimous wish of all the students, old
and new.

CHIEF among the many demands upon our
time should be that of looking over the
magazines, and thus keeping abreast with the
striding world of literature and thought. You
may not be able to read all, but take what
your wants and inclinations suggest. We only

learn to use a library or reading room when we learn to skim that which is helpful and restful, without laboriously wading through a mass, nothing of which is retained.

As a concise, labor-saving, comprehensive magazine, embracing the leading questions all over the globe, we recommend *The Quarterly Register of Current History*, which is among the new periodicals on our library tables.

NATURALLY we take it for granted that former students, whether graduates or not, carry away with them, when they leave the U. N. D., many pleasant remembrances of pleasing acquaintances and of profitable hours spent in diligent study. We hope they still have a kindly feeling for the University and look back with mingled feelings of pride and pleasure at their student life.

We hope, also, that there are many who, although they never have been connected with the University, yet take an interest in its welfare and enjoy hearing of its progress.

We would like to have these friends of the University visit us, but since most of them are too busy or live too far away to come here, the only way to keep posted on what is happening here is through the columns of our University paper.

We are, to the best of our ability, endeavoring to publish a *University* paper, which contains everything pertaining to the University, and offer this paper to all for a reasonable compensation. We would like to furnish THE STUDENT gratis, but bear in mind an enterprise of this kind can not live on our delightful North Dakota climat  alone. We do not publish THE STUDENT for love nor yet for profit, but it must have some means of sustenance.

Every loyal student or ex-student and very one interested in the welfare of the University, should encourage the faculty and

the students, by showing that the University is thought of by those outside of its walls.

Show your loyalty, therefore, and confer upon us a great favor by forwarding in advance, as promptly as possible, your subscriptions to THE STUDENT.

APROPOS of the late examinations, did it ever occur to you that the ordeal itself is not half so wearisome as the trite lamentations and dark forebodings expressed so generally and liberally before the dread event? And didn't you ever feel, down amid your inexpressibles, that it savors of the juvenile, or worse, when students assure you they expect beyond a shadow of doubt to be plucked, while you know that somewhere in their calculating region they are figuring how near they will be to the *maximum*? If this regulation self-depreciation were not so unvaried and worn out, our cynical mood might be less fierce; but when we think of the timid, uncomplaining ones, wrought up by this very means to such a pitch of nervousness and excitement that they cannot do justice to themselves nor their training, we feel constrained to call a halt to the habitual complainers. You know you have not the least idea of failing; that if somebody else said you were sure to fail, you would consider it a most unjust libel. Then do not, for the satisfaction of hearing your friends assure you of your brilliancy, render the bugbear more formidable than it is, and make those who, after honest work in class, naturally expect to pass a reasonable examination, appear conceited because they do not declare their utter inability.

THERE are good prospects this year for a glee club or at best a double male quartette. The club is not yet organized, but in all probability will be at the beginning of this year. The initial steps have already been

taken. A piano and some of the necessary books have been procured, and our boys are practicing. As comparatively few of those who attend the Conservatory also take studies in the regular college courses, we cannot expect much assistance from our friends there. Prof. Hodge, of course, is heartily in favor of a glee club, and has kindly offered his assistance whenever in his power. All the students join in wishing the glee club success, and we can assure them, if they get to work, that, financially or otherwise, they will not lack support.

THE NEW term brings many new students who will have to go through the old routine of lonesomeness with a touch of envy at seeing the reunions of old friends, the longing for personal sympathy and friendship, the feeling of isolation though surrounded by a crowd. To those newcomers THE STUDENT extends a hearty welcome, and would suggest to old students that "The quality of 'hospitality' is not strained." Do not be so engrossed with your own interests as to neglect a cheery, helpful word to the strangers. Do not wait to see whether Mr. ——— considers Blankville the sole spot of interest off the campus, or looks upon your official stripes with deferential awe; whether Miss ——— wears painfully unharmonious shades, or tries to find out the combination on the radiator for drawing water.

Our young men are usually not slow in finding 'the angel unawares' when entertaining the stranger maidens; and, though it is unorthodox in these co-ed. halls to allow your thoughts this random, our young ladies may perhaps remember that, though Jacob of old must have appeared a rather dusty and out-at-elbow figure to the fair Rachel, she didn't find him altogether undesirable on further acquaintance.

We should learn to overlook chance peculiarities and non-essentials, and know that, some day, the boys and girls with earnest, persever-

ing eyes looking forward eagerly to the charmed life of college, they whose hands and heads have labored and planned for the hard-earned means, will become a part of the stability and true nobility of our land, and we cannot afford to be so short-sighted as not to see the hero and heroine, the manliness and womanliness, behind the ill-fitting coat and unsophisticated speech.

EVERY college student should be interested in the question of a National University. Ex-Governor John W. Hoyt, Chairman of National Committee on a National University, is the staunch supporter of this project and gives, among others, the following reasons why the government should establish such a university:

1. Neither existing institutions nor the great denominational universities in prospect can meet the demand. The nation only is equal to the founding of such a university as the nation needs.

2. The nation needs the influence of a National University upon the government service.

3. The American system of education can only be made complete by the crowning university it lacks as a source of co-ordinating influence, inspiration and elevating power.

4. A National University would powerfully strengthen the patriotic sentiment of the country.

5. A National University would more strongly than any other attract men of genius from every quarter of the world to its professorships and fellowships, thus increasing the cultured intellectual forces of both institution and country.

6. A National University would especially attract students of high character from many lands, whose return after years of contact with free institutions would promote the cause of liberal government everywhere.

7. The founding of a National University

would be, therefore, a most fitting thing for a great nation ambitious to lead the world in civilization.

This is the time for the renewal of the many efforts made by the distinguished men of the United States in behalf of the proposition; and, with the marked appreciation of higher education, Congress should be urged to establish, at an early date, a National University of the highest type.

THERE is a little something the matter with military drill. The boys started out well this year. The majority of them got uniforms and showed a good deal of interest, but now it would almost look as if the interest was dying out. The list of those absent and late every morning is something appalling. The standing excuse is late trains, but are late trains entirely at fault? According to the present time-table the morning train is due ten minutes after the beginning of the drill hour. For those who come from town on the train it is thus impossible to get here on time. The morning hour is a very suitable one for drill, but is there not some remedy by which affairs can be better arranged?

And then comes the "kick" of the Cadet officers. They claim that excuses for absence are too easily obtainable to be consistent with military discipline. They have reputation at stake and would like to show well drilled companies, but when excuses are granted on such slight pretexts that often one-third of each company is absent, they consider progress well-nigh impossible. They think it hardly fair to make military drill—which all young men are required to take—subservient to other recitations and even to special classes for those who are making up. This is not all, but perhaps enough has been said. Let us hope that all will be straightened out with the beginning of the new year.

IT HAS frequently been remarked that there is a certain beauty in prairie scenery, and that it has one element of sublimity—the vastness of the ocean—but is not that about all? The first sight of our prairies, stretching from horizon to horizon, gives a very strong impression, but the monotony of the scenery soon renders it tame. Of course, in this as in everything else, there are enthusiasts who believe that the poetry of this prairie is yet to be sung, but must they not admit that this scenery would be improved by a few islands of forest scattered here and there over our ocean of prairie.

The latter evidently was the opinion of Mr. Budge when he began his laudable work of improving the campus and vicinity. Last year he put out on both sides of Broadway, the street leading to the University, a row of elms as large as could be planted. They took root and did well almost without exception. Encouraged by this, he has this year put out still more, so that we now have, along Broadway, where all Grand Forkers take their pleasure drives, a row of elms over a mile long. Besides all this, in his capacity as member of the Trustees' committee on buildings and grounds, Mr. Budge has planted about fifty of these large elms on the University campus. They will be a lasting memento of Mr. Budge's work for the University.

THE STUDENT is happy to be able to give its readers this month the following account of the new principal of our Normal Department, Prof. Willis M. West, lately superintendent of the city schools of Faribault, Minnesota.

Mr. West was born at St. Cloud, Minn., Nov. 15, 1857. He spent his boyhood at St. Cloud, attending the common schools and the St. Cloud Normal. After an interval of a year and a half spent in outside work, he entered

the then Sub-Freshman class of the University of Minnesota, taking the classical course. He was absent from college all his Freshman year, and the last two terms each of his Junior and Senior years for the purpose of earning money with which to prosecute his studies. Notwithstanding his protracted absences, he graduated with his regular class in 1879, taking the B. A. degree at that time and the M. A. degree two years later. During his college course he was principal of the graded schools at Caledonia and Wilmar, Minnesota. After graduation he went as principal of schools to Waseca, Minnesota, resigning during the first term to take the principalship of the grammar department of the Faribault city schools. He remained at Faribault the remainder of the year, and the following year, resigning there to accept the superintendency of the Duluth Schools. He remained at Duluth three years, but resigned in 1884 to accept (for personal reasons) the superintendency (principalship) of the Faribault schools—a connection which he has retained for nearly eighty years, finally resigning to accept the principalship of our Normal Department. Shortly after going to Duluth, Mr. West married Miss Mellie Mott, of Faribault. They have six children.

Mr. West has long been known as one of the most scholarly men in the public school work of Minnesota. He has been a diligent student and a great reader all his life. While interested in all departments of intellectual activity, his special studies have been more largely along certain historical lines than in other directions. He has long been a recognized leader in educational matters in Minnesota, particularly those pertaining to the public schools, and we predict that he will soon become a prominent factor in the educational work of North Dakota.

In behalf of the University, THE STUDENT extends to Mr. West a hearty greeting as he enters upon his work in the new state.

The School Board at Faribault, in accepting Mr. West's resignation, adopted the following resolutions :

WHEREAS, Prof. Willis M. West, superintendent of the Faribault public schools for the past eight years, has been offered, and with the unanimous consent of the Board of Education, has accepted the Chair of Pedagogics in the University of North Dakota,

RESOLVED, That it is with the utmost reluctance that we offer Prof. West his release, believing that his services to our schools as an organizer, disciplinarian and instructor are of the best, and doubting our ability to secure his equal in all respects, and that we give him such release, feeling that he is entitled, by faithful service, to whatever advantages the change will afford him,

RESOLVED, That under the superintendency of Prof. West the Faribault schools have steadily advanced in every department and in all characteristics; that he has proven himself a learner as well as a teacher; that he has constantly and persistently sought the best methods and when found and proved, been prompt to adopt them; that the literary standing of the schools has been noticeably advanced by the means he has employed; that his personal influence has had a marked effect upon the culture of the community over and beyond his immediate school work; that he is a pleasant, courteous, accomplished gentleman, whose influence has always been elevating, purifying and strengthening; that we most earnestly and heartily commend him, and his accomplished wife, to those who will cluster about them in the enlarged field to which they are called and in the new work which comes to their hands; and, finally, that the Board of Education but voices the thoughts of all Faribault when it says: "We regret your departure—we pray for your success and happiness."

NOTES ON MICHIGAN'S UNIVERSITY.

MICHIGAN is justly proud of her great University. In President Angell's annual report many facts are given of interest to all friends of higher education. Last Commencement 627 degrees were conferred upon graduates, which exceeds the number in any University of America at any time. The following table shows the attendance last year by states and countries: Michigan, 1,162; Illinois, 282; Ohio, 205; Indiana, 113; Pennsylvania, 84; New York, 84; Iowa, 75; Missouri, 32; California, 30; Minnesota, 28; Wisconsin, 27; Kansas, 26; Nebraska, 24; Utah, 22; Colorado, 21; Kentucky, 16; Massachusetts, 14; Washington, 11; Montana, 9; Tennessee, 9; Oregon, 8; District of Columbia, 7; New Hampshire, 7; Arkansas, 5; Connecticut, 5; South Dakota, 5; Vermont, 5; Idaho, 4; Maine, 4; North Dakota, 4; Texas, 4; West Virginia, 4; Delaware, 3; Georgia, 3; New Jersey, 2; Mississippi, 2; North Carolina, 2; Virginia, 2; Florida, 1; Indian Territory, 1; Maryland, 1; Rhode Island, 1; Ontario, 37; Japan, 15; England, 3; New Brunswick, 3; Porto Rico, 2; Bulgaria, 1; Costa Rica, 1; Ireland, 1; Mexico, 1; Sweden, 1; Syria, 1; Turkey, 1. The increase since 1884-'85 is 1,135 and has been steady year by year, the chief gain being in the literary and law departments.

The library now contains in the aggregate 77,705 volumes, 16,288 pamphlets, and 601 maps. The increase during the past year has been 3,106 volumes, 584 pamphlets, and 30 maps. The record of the books used shows that 128,930 volumes were drawn.

Women were not admitted to the University until 1870; during '70-'71 but thirty-four attended, of whom fourteen were in the literary, eighteen in the medical, and two in the law department. Last year there were 445 women in attendance. Professors and residents of Ann Arbor unite in commendation of the

change. The new influence has very perceptibly improved the manners and morals of the student body. Teachers pronounce the ladies better students on the whole than gentlemen, but add that generally the latter are more practical in the application of facts learned in college to their following life-work, though when women give themselves up to professions they are equally successful with men. As an example might be cited several prominent lady lawyers, graduates of this, the first University that offered a law course to women, who are practicing with eminent success in our large cities.

There is no Dormitory system in connection with the University. The students board in private houses, or form clubs and furnish all the necessary accessories, including house-keeper, lady matron, etc. An attempt has been made during the past year, by wives of members of the Faculty and the Women's Christian League, to discourage this club life among the girls, as it has proved conducive to unpleasant exclusiveness and detrimental to lessons and health.

Each college building is furnished with a suite of parlors for the use of the ladies during unoccupied recitation hours. Until last year, a great need was felt of bringing all departments together socially, and the Women's League was formed with officers from the various departments, the president from the Literary, the secretary from the Medical, and others from the various departments, including Dentistry and Law. The college chapel was too large for social gatherings, and none of the college parlors were large enough. The wives of members of the Faculty opened their homes once in two weeks for afternoon receptions, but the numbers were so large that two divisions were made. This year the Christian Association building has been completed and has opened its commodious parlors to the

Women's League. A part of the officers of the C. A. are ladies who look after the new students and strangers of their own sex, find suitable rooms and board, and look after their welfare morally and spiritually.

As the students are without any restraint save that of public opinion and their own good sense, life socially has many charms. During the year each class gives a reception more or less elaborate and original. Besides the regular class gatherings, after the term is well opened the ladies of the Sophomore class haze their Freshmen sisters by giving them a reception to which no others are invited except the ladies of the University and wives of the Faculty. The higher class ladies escort the Freshmen home and play the part of gallants generally. The Senior Commencement is the most elaborate and expensive affair of the year. As dancing is not allowed in the University buildings, on account of the popular sentiment of the town, the Seniors erect a large tent near by for the gay revellers, while the reception and refreshments are in the University building. This, with Commencement, ends the round of work and pleasure in the largest co-educational college of America.

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EVENING ON PLEASANT LAKE.

IN THE northwest part of the State there is a small lake, where I had the pleasure of spending a few days during the fall of '88. The lake is about two miles in circumference; and, in some places, about half a mile wide. The shores are lined with reeds where the wild ducks delight to feed. The lake is not, at this season, more than two or three feet deep along the shore, on account of the dryness in summer.

One afternoon I was rowing around in the lake, both for the exercise and for the shooting.

The sport was somewhat exciting, and it was nearly sunset when I started for home.

The ducks, that had been enjoying themselves in the middle of the lake, then gathered in little flocks, some upon the shore, their heads under their wings, while the younger ones, not yet ready for bed, were swimming about and diving for their supper, giving little quacks of contentment now and then on securing an unusually nice bit of food.

The geese coming from their supper in the grain fields, break the stillness by their noisy calls. Here they come, flock after flock, till they alight in the middle of the lake, where they immediately begin taking their evening bath, all the time making a deafening noise. After a while however, the noise subsides, and nothing is to be heard except the occasional quack of a duck or the squawk of a goose trying to settle herself comfortably for the night. Now a flock of swans flies gracefully overhead, their white wings shining in the rays of the setting sun. Now a strange wild cry is heard, and, as I look about, two large cranes are seen soaring aloft.

The sun has set in all its splendor, and the moon sheds its mellow light upon the clear water, in which the trees and sky are reflected, making a picture that makes one sigh, "If only an artist were here."

The boat glides slowly along. Not a sound is to be heard except when once in a while an old drake flies up quacking on being disturbed from his evening nap, or when a little rail is seen gliding swiftly through the water to disappear presently among the reeds. Then, finding itself safe, it begins its strange piping. How nice it would be to stay upon the lake! But the boat reaches the shore, and my ride, like other pleasant things, comes to an end.

R. P. C.

The State laws of Michigan have been amended so as to exclude from the public schools all children suffering from consumption or chronic catarrh.

THE ALPINE HUNTER.

[TRANSLATED FROM THE GERMAN BY M. R. G. '93.]

"Wilt thou not the tender flock—
Feeding on the grassy lea,
Sporting near the brooklet free—
Guard from foe and craggy rock?"
"Mother, mother, let me go
To chase o'er mountain peaks the roe!"

"Wilt thou not with merry horn—
Through the forest's echoing dells,
Where resound the pealing bells—
Call the herd at eve and morn?"
"Mother, mother, let your child
Freely roam the mountains wild!"

"Wilt thou not the flow'rets tend,
Smiling in their dewy bed?
No gardens bloom where, wild and dread,
The precipices sheer descend."
"Let them bloom—those flow'rets fair!
Let me seek the Alpine air!"

Onward to the chase the stress
Of daring venture drives the youth;
Restless on through wilds uncouth,
Through mountain gloom and dark recess.
Fleet as winds o'er billowy swell
Speeds the trembling, lithe gazelle.

Up the rocky, barfen steep
Climbs she now with airy bound;
Now o'er yawning rift profound
She is borne with venturous leap,
But behind, the daring foe
Follows close with deadly bow.

Now upon the dizzy height
Hangs she, on the topmost crest,
O'er the rock's sheer, rugged breast,
Where path is none to guide her flight.
Beneath, abrupt the steep descent;
Behind, the foe with dread intent.

With a silent glance of woe
Sues she to the huntsman stern;
Pleads in vain, for, ere she turn
He already aims the bow.
Sudden from the mountain hold
Steps the mountain spirit old,

And with pitying hands divine
Shields from harm the tortured roe:
"Must thou then bring death and woe
Even here to me and mine?"
Room for all hath God's domain;
From my flocks thy hand restrain."

THE LEGEND OF MINNEWAUKAN,
OR DEVIL'S LAKE.

[PAT. DONAN'S VERSION.]

The sun of Dakota was blazing amain;
Since dawn they had traversed a waterless plain;
Standing Bear with his pony and Minnie his squaw,
When far in the distance first timber they saw.

The last drop of whisky was drained from his flask,
And Minnie, though patient, was faint with her task;
When, weary and fainting, they welcomed the gleam
Announcing the presence of lake or of stream.

They stand by the water, he leaps from his steed,
The pride of the warrior tamed by his need;
In wifely submission, she waits 'till the brave
Shall have quenched his fierce thirst in the clear, sparkling wave.

He raises the water, he laps from his hand,
But straightway 'tis thrown with disgust on the sand;
While he sulkily growls 'twixt a sigh and a groan,
"'Tis the Devil's own water; bah! Minnie walk on."

Local and Personal

Who tied Dick in the chair?

This is fine weather for a sleigh ride.

"Ducks" seem to be all the rage lately.

When you travel don't forget the cook stove.

Dick to M: "United we stand, divided we fall."

Miss Braithwait spent her vacation at Hillsboro.

"Oh you must not feel insulted, it's all in the family."

The Adelphi Society intends giving an open meeting before long.

Miss Benjamin visited her home during the early part of last month.

Fact: Miss N. B. has watered her geranium twice since Thanksgiving.

First Normal to Freshman: "How many generations back were you born?"

One of our former students, Miss Sara Angier, has gone to southern Minnesota to teach.

Miss Henrietta Paulson spent Thanksgiving vacation with friends in Grafton.

A good deal of excitement has been caused in the dining room lately on account of the numerous changes.

"Excuse me for separating you from your partner."

Mr. Craig has been obliged to leave school for a short time on account of his eyes.

Mr. Douglas is with us again. He says everything is "rushing" at Park River.

The pet frog at the Dormitory croaked so much during vacation that she almost lost her voice.

The "little fellow" was finished just in time. It has a very soothing effect on a person's nerves.

Miss Beaton has left the University to prepare for teaching after Christmas. She was one of our worthy Normals.

"I only had to wait forty minutes at the junction, but that didn't matter much considering the circumstances which took me there."

We all hope that Miss MacDonald had a pleasant visit with her sister. Doubtless "Cholley" added to her pleasure.

Many students attended the recital at the Conservatory and expressed themselves greatly pleased.

It has been reported that Mr. Douglas can't be beaten in climbing seats.

Singing at the opening exercises has revived. We all hope it will not fall through this year.

What is the cause for the great number of headaches, colds, etc., contracted Thanksgiving vacation?

The blizzard of Dec. 4th detained many of the day students over night at the University.

The examinations passed with their usual bluster and many are the feathers floating throughout the main building.

Mr. Duncan McRea has returned and looks to be the same "jolly good fellow."

Messrs Robertson and Marclely visited the University Thanksgiving week and enjoyed an excellent dinner with their fair friends.

New students and applications are coming in every day. We shall be very crowded this term, we fear.

Isn't it a shame Johnnie, that we can't have even the vestibule on Sunday afternoons?

After physiology, how refreshing the art room is, especially when there is a Freshman in it.

"Oh dear, if there should be a snow storm and Walter could not get here in time for the play!"

We always supposed that only fur coats shed hairs but, strange to say, ex-Senior Robertson has a cloth coat which sheds long black hairs.

We were much pleased to see some of our Professors out on the ice, and we hope the others will follow their good example.

As a rule, do sisters have much influence over brothers in regard to aspiring young ladies?

A person visiting the Dormitory during examination week would know Christmas was near at hand at seeing the young ladies busily crocheting neckties.

Misses Bigelow and MacDonald do not expect to return to school until after the holidays.

We are proud of our essayists, Misses Paulson and Percival. They showed great ability and talent in the essays prepared for Chapel.

The new rink opened December 1st with a good attendance. Our President has tried the ice and we hope to see the other Professors follow his example.

"He and I were neighbors at Bartlett for eight years, but I have lost track of him lately. Now that the snow has come, I am liable to find him again."

All those who wish to ease their minds on the "rocking chair question" would do well to go to the owner, who is able to give a satisfactory answer.

Judging from appearances, one of the Sophomores seems to have taken a fancy to one of the "fine arts." Often in the twilight she may be seen gazing at her model in the far distance.

The Thanksgiving vacation proved too much for Miss Paulson and Mr. Griggs. They have both had difficulty in walking ever since. Grafton did not seem to agree with them.

Miss Winnie McMillan, one of our old students, paid us a short visit the first of the month. She intends teaching this winter, but is going out west in the spring.

Miss Leuren Cocks has returned to school. We are always glad to welcome our old students back.

The Juniors have been likened unto sacks of flour. If it is so, they must contain good substantial stuff. Probably No. 1 Hard.

Our President reported lights burning after 10:15 in Room 16, Dr. Patten's laboratory, and in the room below, Prof. Estes' class-room. We would like to know how many marks the Professors received.

About fifty fine elm trees have been set out recently at regular intervals along the drives on the University grounds. Mr. Budge has again shown his deep interest in this institution by his careful superintendence of the work.

The Juniors are not all angels and "they have no wings at all," but they get there all the same and now have the finest tree on the grounds. It is an elm with seven tops, each top representing a member of the class.

The Per Gradus is a very prosperous society. Every student in the young men's Dormitory,

with one or two exceptions, is a member and some of the new scholars are valuable additions.

One of the rules of the Olympic Association is that none shall be allowed on the mattresses in the gymnasium unless they wear tennis shoes. Constantly sewing the mattresses became very monotonous and so the boys made this rule.

Supt. Ogden visited the University last month and made a few remarks which were taken to heart by the students. One of our Juniors seemed particularly happy when the Prof. remarked that we were even better looking this year than last. Well, that moustache is a great improvement anyway, John.

The boys, after considerable parleying, obtained permission from Mayor Richardson to use the city water for flooding the skating rink, which is 250x90 feet, but the ice is rough and the rink is not much of a credit to the University as it is at present. Go to work boys, the young ladies are dying to skate.

Two of our old students failed to respond when school opened after Thanksgiving vacation. They were Miss Nellie MacDonald and Miss Nellie de Groat. Miss MacDonald will be with us again after Christmas, but on account of poor health Miss de Groat will spend the remainder of the winter in New York.

The gymnasium is at last finished, and, at almost any of the unoccupied hours of the day and between the hours of nine and ten P. M., you may see the boys making good use of the apparatus. Some of the young men bid fair to become noted athletes in the course of time.

One evening during the latter part of November, the fire alarm was sounded in the main building. Bruce A. Griggs, while assisting in taking a section of hose to the basement where the fire was supposed to be, slipped and sprained his foot so that he was compelled to

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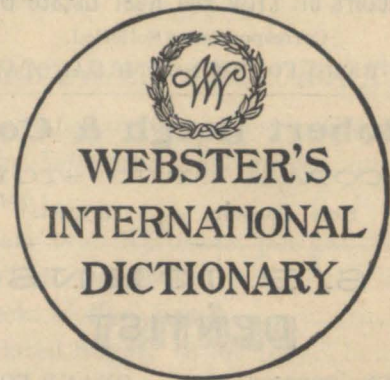
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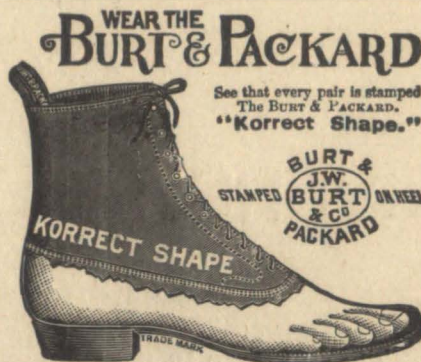
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