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ALTRUISM AS A FACTOR OF CIVILIZATION

For ages past the world has wrought for the future. From the beginning two factors have been at work in the process of developing new and higher types of life. One of these is the "struggle for life;" the other is the "struggle for the life of others." The one is egoism; the other altruism. The one begets selfishness; the other, sympathy and love. The first is necessary for the preservation of the individual; the second, for the preservation and perpetuation of the race. The tendency of the one is to advance the seeming interests of the individual at the expense of his fellows. Led by the other, the individual, forgetful of self, labors to better the condition of his fellows, and thus leads both the race and the self to a higher and a fuller life. Looking backward to the time of primitive man we find egoism seemingly predominant. Man is impelled to growth and change by the forces of hunger, hate, rivalry and fear. Altruism seems to have but a small place in the economy of nature; yet the germs of this great force are there, and it is destined to develop and grow until it becomes the chief factor in the realization of that great end which the Creator had in view when he established the Universe.

The civilization under which we live is justly denominated a Christian civilization. Extend-

ing only to those nations which have grown up under the influence of the Christian church, the best type of that civilization is found only in those countries which have developed in their national life the highest conception of true Christianity. Let me carry you back to the beginning of the Christian era. We find Rome, the mistress of the world, with a magnificent type of material, intellectual and social civilization, yet bearing the seeds of decay and death in her bosom. We find in every nation that only to one's own tribe or people is any consideration due. All others are regarded as outside the pale of sympathy and as fit subjects for plunder. Among the Jews, God's chosen people, this feeling prevails in its utmost intensity. With the advent of the Christian religion altruism is given an enormous impulse. In less than a generation men seem to be transformed. The boundaries of classes, and even of nationalities and races, go down before the new ideas. The new movement is not an intellectual one. The intellectual power which had at this time undermined the old Roman faiths sees nothing in the new, and is either passively contemptuous or actively hostile. At a time when Rome is abandoning her ancient religions and is seeking among the polytheistic religions of the east for something to take their place, she is subjecting the Christians to the bitterest persecutions.

Would you discover in the new faith the vital principles which made it so powerful and caused it to be so hated by the Roman populace? Five hundred years before Christ the Chinese philosopher, Confucius, enunciated a principle of conduct: "Do nothing to others that you would not have them do to yourself." Christ gave us the Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would that they should do unto you." Alike, yet how different! The one negative; the other, positive. The one, do no harm; the other, do that which is right and good—that which will benefit your fellow man. The essential and vital principle of the great ethical system which Christianity gave to the world is altruism. It is this which has transformed the character of man, overthrown old institutions, changed the organization of society, and led humanity from the realms of barbarism into the splendors of nineteenth century civilization.

We cannot pause to comment on the history of the next thirteen centuries, but as we pass along we can observe the epochs of asceticism and self abnegation, the founding of the first public hospitals and the first organized charities, the outpouring from the monasteries of tens of thousands of missionaries, until finally in the fourteenth century we see the abolishment of slavery in western Europe—the annihilation of a condition which in other parts of the world existed five centuries longer, and which in liberty's chosen land has been designated, within the last forty years, as a "God-given institution." This movement was not the result of an uprising by the slaves; not the result of compulsion; not the result of a great intellectual movement, for intellect has ever been opposed to radical reform. It proceeded from the owners of the slaves, and was the peculiar fruit of the great ethical movement ushered in by the Christian religion.

Two centuries more and we are in the midst of the Reformation. In place of the old idea of the necessity for belief in the authority of an intermediary church, there arises the new idea of the necessity for a spiritual change in the individual. Man recognizes the priesthood in his own person. Ushered, as he is, straight into the presence of his creator with no human intermediary, life becomes intense and full of meaning. On the one hand, burdened with the sense of individual responsibility, character is raised and strengthened. On the other, it is deepened and softened by close and intimate contact with those sublime altruistic ideas which were typified in the life and acts of Christ.

Another two centuries and we arrive at the necessary result and sequel of the Reformation. It is commonly supposed that the victories of the French Revolution were won by the enthusiasm of the masses. At the time nothing was so impressive as the irresistible advance of the people. Today nothing causes so much wonder as their weakness. Without weapons, without organization, without definite aims, with leaders representing different and utterly antagonistic currents of thought they were swept onward by forces over which they had no control, and which they did not themselves understand. People had often before arisen against their masters and had almost invariably been driven back to their tasks. The odds which might have been utilized against them were enormous—a firm and determined stand by the ruling class, the launching of the national troops upon the rabble, the streets swept clean with grape and canister, and all, for the time being, would have been over. But turning towards the ruling classes we find only weakness, irresolution and disorganization. Concerted action would have rendered their cause irresistible, but effective

resistance was impossible. The great body of humanitarian feeling which had been accumulating so long had done its work. The cause of the people was won in the hearts of their masters. Let us take our stand in the French assembly on the night of August 4, 1789, when feudalism, in the words of Carlyle, "after a reign of a thousand of years, abdicates, abjures and condemns itself." We are surrounded on every side by dignitaries temporal and spiritual, peers and archbishops, each striving to outdo the other in patriotic devotedness—abolishing tithes, seigniorial dues, privileges, immunity, feudalism root and branch, and then uniting their voices in the swelling music of a *te deum*.

Cross over the channel to England. You find there two great political parties. One the party of class, wealth, privilege, prestige and high social position; the other comprising those lower in the social scale, those who led toilsome strenuous lives for the least reward—the party which is still today immeasurably the weaker of the two. Glance over the legislation of England for the past century and you will gaze upon a movement unique in history. You see measure after measure passed with the object of making every man politically the equal of every other. You behold this party of the power holding class education, enfranchising and equipping the masses in the struggle against itself. If you analyze closely, you will observe that the fund of altruistic feeling set in motion by the advent of the Christian religion has grown so enormously as profoundly to affect the lives and character of men. The consequent deepening and softening of character has progressed most rapidly among the power holding classes. Their minds have become so sensitive to suffering, wrong and degradation that they are rendered incapable of utilizing their own strength and

making any effective resistance to the onward march of liberal ideas. And were it not for those strongly developed altruistic feelings these classes would be able even now to utilize all the power of the press, all the appliances of science, all the developments of industrialism, all the economic tendencies of the time to restrain, arrest and turn back the tide of progress. Not satisfied with proclaiming the theory that all men are created equal—a theory that receives no sanction from reason or experience—not satisfied with the establishment of the principle of political equality for all men and the emancipation of the individual from the rule of a privileged class, society under the stimulus of the altruistic feelings, is bending its energies toward securing to all the right to be admitted to the rivalry of life on a footing of perfect equality of opportunity.

Would you look about you for evidence of the power of altruism? What is the meaning of the thousands of public hospitals for the poor, the asylums for the blind and deaf, the great organized charities in our large cities? Why the movements for better prison regulations, for temperance, prohibition, the enfranchisement of woman, and for the prevention of cruelty to animals?

Would you compare the past with the present? Turn back to the times of Trajan. Seat yourself upon a bench of the Coliseum. All around you are assembled the flower of the Roman populace, warriors and youths, matrons and tender maidens. Below upon the sands of the arena the Christian captive is battling for his life with the fierce "Numidian lion." The emperor, anxious to please the populace, orders into the arena two armies and engages them in mortal combat. Below, the clash of arms, seas of blood, shrieks of the wounded, groans of the dying; above, men and women gloating upon

the scene and urging on the combatants to further slaughter. Now come back for a moment and watch how a generous people care for the sufferers at a Johnstown flood or a Hinckley forest fire. Be with them in spirit as they reach out their hands to the famine stricken peasants of Ireland and Russia. Follow the frigates of England as she drives the slave trader from the high seas. And finally go with me to the garter of the Manchester cotton spinner, where out of work for want of cotton, and with his starving wife and babies huddled about him, he sends a cherry "God speed you" to the North fighting on valiantly to strike the shackles from four million human brothers; and then ask yourselves what is the vital principle of our civilization.

That the future progress of civilization is indissolubly bound up with the development of the altruistic feelings the phenomena of social evolution teach in no uncertain terms. Starting far back in the time of primitive man the altruistic factor has grown increment by increment, generation after generation. Given an enormous impulse by the advent of Christianity, accelerated by the Reformation and the ideas of the French Revolution, ever growing in mass as it moves, it is sweeping onward with a momentum that is irresistible. Who can doubt that this all pervading fund of altruism will continue to sweep onward and onward with ever increasing momentum until the doctrine of love shall have entirely displaced the doctrine of belief and ceremony, the principle of equality of opportunity shall have superseded the principle of special and hereditary personal rights either to power or wealth, and the sympathetic relation which binds soul to soul in fellow feeling shall become the highest controlling power upon earth.

E. B. ROBBINS.

THE WORK OF THE FALL TERM IN THE LABORATORIES

The number of students taking work in the Biological sciences was not quite so large last term as in some previous years.

The Second Preparatory class made a study of Elementary Physiology and Hygiene. The text was supplemented by lectures and microscopical work. In the college department two courses in Biology were offered. In Biology I. an elementary study was first made of living matter and vital energy. The facts thus learned were afterward applied by examinations of a typical animal and plant, and of a few representatives of the unicellular organisms. Sedgwick and Wilson's General Biology was used as a text. Frequent lectures were given by the professor, and outside reading was often resorted to.

The members in the class of Bacteriology report a very profitable and interesting term's work. A study was made of the life-history of Bacteria, and especially of their relation to the more common fermentative, putrefactive, and disease processes. Sanitary questions and the theories of immunity were taken up and discussed. Practical problems in the bacteriological analysis of water were given; and the class spent a delightful afternoon in examining the Grand Forks filter. Cultures of most of the germs studied were furnished; and all the laboratory work was carried on independently. During the winter term the class will study the embryology of plants.

Prof. Brannon has been much aided in his work by the addition to his laboratory of new gas burners, drying ovens and a bacteriological room.

In the department of chemistry instruction is being given to classes in three courses: Course

I. is a study in general chemistry. During the fall term the class has been working upon non-metallic elements. During the coming winter the metallic elements will be taken up, and the amount of laboratory work much increased. This class is so large that it has been necessary to make two sections for laboratory work. The class in course II. has been engaged in qualitative analysis during the fall term. Quantitative work will be taken up during most of the winter and spring terms. The latter subject is begun by simple gravimetric and volumetric problems, such as will familiarize the student with exact methods of determination. As soon as he becomes familiar with the methods, and the use of apparatus, the student is given easy problems of a practical nature, which will lead him to see direct applications of his work to the arts, manufactures and general affairs of daily life. The class in course III. has been at work during the fall term upon general organic chemistry. Special attention has been given to the laboratory preparation of the most important organic compounds used in medicine and in industrial pursuits.

The class in Physics I. has covered the usual ground in mechanics and sound in Sabine's Manual. With the torsion pendulum, Smith and Burrows succeeded in getting the moment of inertia of the brass bar to agree more closely with the theoretical value than any of their predecessors in this work. Their experiments with Kundt's sound apparatus have also been quite successful. Not one else has yet, however, gotten better results than Robbins and Morrison in the determination of the forces of gravity.

The Preparatory class in Physics is not so large as it has been in some former years, because of the more rigid application of the rule requiring previous or concurrent study of Geometry. The class has already covered the

subjects of mechanics and fluids. Especially good work has been done in the subject of specific gravity, a large number of the class getting their results within one per cent. of authorized values. The best piece of work was probably done by the girls in finding the law connecting the length of a pendulum with its period of vibration.

The students in Bacteriology had some interesting work recently in the identification of bacteria. A culture of some unknown bacteria was given to each student, and "sowings" were made on gelatine, potato and agar-agar, and in milk and beef broth. An account was kept of the manner in which the colonies developed in these different media and descriptions were made of the morphology and staining reactions of the organisms. Comparisons were then made with the descriptions given in Sternberg's Bacteriology. Each member of the class succeeded in identifying his bacteria.

Alumni et Alumnae

Prendergast spent Thanksgiving at Hillsboro.
Staub spent Sunday, Dec. 12, at his home in Thompson.

Nearly all the new students have their uniforms now.

Guy Rukke returned to the "U." in time to take the examinations.

Forrest was absent from classes several days recently, on account of illness.

Rev. Mr. Gifford, of the city, preached in the parlor Sunday evening, Dec. 19.

Some of our kodak friends took some good pictures of the big fire in the city.

Wm. V. O'Connor is reading law in the office of Bangs and Fisk, in Grand Forks.

Miss Ella Burnham was called home during examinations by the death of her mother.

W. C. Hawthorne, '95, has a position as assistant in the chemical laboratory of Chicago University.

On Monday, Dec. 6, the boys in the preparatory building, bought a barrel of apples for refreshments.

Miss Nettie Carpenter and brother spent Thanksgiving at their home in Forest River, returning Sunday.

A fire brigade has been organized in the Prep. building, and practice drills will commence next term.

S. J. Radcliffe, of the class of '95, is reading law in the office of Attorney John C. Campbell, at Larimore, N. D. Mr. Radcliffe expects to complete his law studies there preparatory to applying for admission to the bar.

Senior—"May I have the pleasure?"

Miss P.—"Oui."

Senior—"What does 'oui' mean?"

Miss P.—"O. U. and I."—*Ex.*

Rolla P. Currie, of the class of '93, still holds a position in the Smithsonian Institution of Washington, D. C. In the spring of 1897 Mr. Currie accompanied Prof. Cook on an expedition sent out under the auspices of the Smithsonian Institution to Liberia, Africa. Mr. Currie is reported to have shown great diligence and distinguished ability as an entomologist on that expedition. While in Liberia, he discovered a new germ of gallfly, which has been named in his honor, *Currieae*. It is worthy of note also that in the summer of '96, while Mr. Currie was in this state, collecting specimens for the above named institution, he found, in the neighborhood of the University, a new species of another

kind of fly, which will probably also be named after him. As a reward for his able assistance to Prof. Cook, and his special proficiency in his chosen line of work, Mr. Currie was, immediately on the return of the expedition, promoted to a position of greater responsibility in the institution.

The Masquerade.

At nine, one eve, in the ladies' hall,
The young ladies held a masquerade ball.
Aunt Clo, the Ghost, Mother Goose, were there,
And Fauntleroy, so winning and fair.
They danced together, young and old,
All that the parlor well could hold.
Their revel they kept till the bell did ring,
Which stopped the dancing and every thing.

Kind, Indeed!

President, (sympathetically)—
Dear little girl don't cry,
He has been very mean I know;
But do not cry, for Doctor thought best,
That you to town should not go.

Athletics

The picture of the football team graces this issue of THE STUDENT. We leave it to each one to form his or her opinion of the individual good looks of the team that represented us last fall. The number of games played was small; next year we hope to make arrangements for more. The following scores tell the story of the season:

U. N. D.—Agricultural College 39—0
U. N. D.—Carleton 0—20
U. N. D.—Agricultural College 22—0

The members of the Athletic Association have constructed a large rink on the south campus,

and the winter's sport has commenced in earnest. Every evening an enthusiastic crowd of students may be seen enjoying the favorite outdoor exercise, and sometimes the professors also join in the fun. The games of tag and prisoner's base are often played for the sake of variety, but the old local game of "broom" has not yet made its appearance. Judging from the great interest taken by the young ladies as well as by the young men, we may look forward to a very profitable season in the line of winter sports.

We have some good skaters, both at speed and figure skating, and a few contests would be interesting. It is probable that our champions may enter the local races in the city.

At this time of the year we are not busy with games and contests, and it is prudent to take advantage of our leisure in athletics to build a firm foundation for the spring and for the future in general. Without a vigorous athletic association we can never hope to win great laurels in the field of athletics. Our care now should be to increase the membership and the funds of the association. Our University is not burdened with an insupportable number of societies and clubs, and the few that we do support should for this reason thrive all the better. The Athletic Association in particular is "the common inheritance of all," and every student who has any interest in the success of our institution ought to be a member of the association.

Fire squads have recently been organized in the three buildings, and drill will be held on every Saturday afternoon. This is a step in the right direction. For two or three years we have had nothing of the kind, but the recent destructive fires in the city have reminded us of the need of having some efficient organization to combat a fire in case one should arise.

We have been assured of getting a new commandant in the near future, to take the place of Lieut. Farnsworth, whose term expired last spring. During the fall term the battalion has been under the leadership of Acting Commandant Selby. It is to be hoped that gymnasium work and target practice will be resumed this term.

Nov. 24 the following promotions were made in the Battalion of Cadets:

To be Captain—

Burrows E. A., assigned to Co. A.

To be 1st Lieutenant—

Flanagan J. J., assigned to Co. A.

To be 2nd Lieutenants—

Skulason S. G., Adjutant.

Francis H., assigned to Co. A.

McDonald A., assigned to Co. B.

To be 1st Sergeants—

Jewell T., assigned to Co. A.

Bakkum J. L., assigned to Co. B.

To be Sergeants—

McMahon M., assigned to Co. A.

Rudser R., assigned to Co. B.

Fairchild L., assigned to Co. A.

Fitzmaurice G., assigned to Co. B.

Rinde H., assigned to Co. A.

Vobayda F., assigned to Co. B.

To be Corporals—

Carpenter C., assigned to Co. B.

Calder W., assigned to Co. A.

Johnson P. G., assigned to Co. B.

Fitzmaurice E., assigned to Co. A.

Douglas J., assigned to Co. A.

Simenson L., assigned to Co. B.

Young W., assigned to Co. A.

Some favorite songs of prominent seniors:

"Halle(lou)jah!"

"The Little Fishermayden."

"Annie Laurie."

"Mary Had a Little Lamb."

"Hail Columbia!"

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THE oratorical contest for University students will be held in one of the churches of Grand Forks, Monday evening, Jan. 17. At the time of writing, five students have signified their intention of entering.

SOME changes have been made in the editorial staff of the STUDENT since the last issue. Miss Wright, of the literary department, has re-

signed on account of having too much work. The board decided not to fill the vacancy, and two editors will represent this department, as was the case prior to last year. Miss May Baptie has been elected to represent the Normal students as their editor.

WINTER has again clothed in white the beautiful valley in which we dwell. Chill breezes, and icicles hanging from our windows, remind us that another year has been checked off in the book of time. We wish our readers a Happy New Year. May it be the pleasantest you have ever spent. If you have made good resolutions, try to live up to them; if not, perhaps it is just as well, for resolutions made and broken are worse than none at all. May you at all times be of good cheer and dispel the gloom from your path, just as the gentle spring breezes will soon melt away the icicles and snow and leave a beautiful, verdant earth, is the wish of the "STUDENT" to you all. Again we wish you a Happy New Year.

THE newest thing at the U. is the "Black List." Quite a sensation was aroused when, a few days before examination, it was whispered about that our President had a list of all those who were likely to fall below the mark in any of their studies. The rumor was only too true, and, strange to say, several names had found their way to that list. Each professor had been requested to hand in the names of all the students in his classes who might possibly find an examination too rigid a test of their knowledge in the subject. This was done in order that the individuals so designated might be warned and have an opportunity to make an extra effort in examination. It is safe to say that the list will

not be so long next time; for, profiting by the experience of the first, some will ponder more deeply over their daily tasks in order to escape classification with the gloomy throng. Examinations are a test, but if one conscientiously performs his daily work, he need have little fear as to the outcome, or the "Black List."



Odz-dzo-dzi!

Ri-ri-ri!

Hi-yah! Hi-yah!

North Dakota!

(Sioux War Cry!!!)

Some doubts have recently come up as to the exact wording of the University yell. We have therefore taken the opportunity to reprint it as it was given in THE STUDENT for February, 1892, at which time the yell was composed and adopted. Two or three of the students now in attendance were here at that time, and they well remember with what expressions of sorrow the announcement was received that our President had forbidden the use of the former yell, which, though short and inappropriate, had become endeared to the hearts of all the boys through several years of great popularity. The present yell has a bit of historical value attached to it; and probably some of our students will appreciate it more when they are told that it contains the universal Indian chant and the Sioux war cry.



It has been remarked by some of the members of the recently organized glee club that there is a total lack of original college songs among us. It is certainly a deplorable fact that we have no songs which are distinctly our own. We see no reason why such have not already been written, unless it be that our institution

is still young and a *genius loci* has not yet had time to develop in it. We have no hoary traditions to hand down, no distinguished assemblages of alumni to look back upon. But anyone who has stayed here for several years, cannot have failed to perceive that forces are already at work differentiating our little community from other communities. The ties which bind us together are being drawn more closely as each year passes by, and it is undoubtedly due to this increased sense of fellowship that the need of a college song has sprung up. Is there anyone among us who can satisfy this need? We want one or more songs, adapted to some popular music. These might be sung by the students at social gatherings or on other occasions, and would do much to keep up our college spirit. Now, if there is anyone who wants to have his or her name gratefully recorded in the annals of the U. N. D., here is a splendid opportunity.



Exchanges



The *Volante* contains an interesting article on the life and character of "Joan of Arc."

The *Normal College Echo* contains an interesting and sensational story entitled "Howe's Cave."

Student self-government was recently tried at Northwestern University, but was given up as a failure.

According to statistics, only 5 per cent. of pupils in the Chicago public schools ever reach the high school.

The *Carletonia*, edited by the students of Carleton College, contains an interesting sketch

about the trip of the football team to North Dakota.

"*The Oak, Lily and Ivy*," published by the senior class of the Milford High School, has a very attractive cover, and the whole paper speaks well for the editor.

Cambridge and Oxford have refused to grant degrees to women. Thirty Oxford students have taken oath, not to take degrees at commencement, if women are also allowed to do so.—*College Chips*.

College bred men in the United States number only one-fifth of one per cent, or one in 500 of the whole population. They have furnished 30 per cent. of our congressmen, 50 per cent. of our senators, 60 per cent. of our presidents, and 70 per cent of our supreme court judges.—*Oberlin Review*.

Student—"Why is my brain like the north pole?"

Prof.—"Because no one has ever discovered it."—*Ex.*

Normal Items

MAY BAPTIE

The Senior Normal class this year consists of three members: Misses Hansen, Cooper and Baptie.

Ask a member of the advanced pedagogy class to "photograph" your mental images for you, when you form any which you would really like to have kept. A few members of the class are experts.

The professors will be busy for the next few weeks looking over the papers sent in from the high schools. The number of schools asking for these examinations is increasing yearly,

which fact shows that the standards in those schools are being raised.

The number of normal students is somewhat larger this year than last. Doubtless the summer schools deserve much of the credit for giving the young teachers of the state that taste of knowledge which makes them hunger after more, and makes so many of them return to take up normal and even college work.

During the fall term the class in advanced pedagogy completed Halleck's Education of the Central Nervous System, and Kirkpatrick's Inductive Psychology. Several of the senior college students, realizing how beneficial this course is to those intending to teach, have selected it as one of their electives.

At the meeting of the State Educational Association held in Grand Forks during vacation, almost all of the University professors read papers and took part in the discussions. The meeting was one of the most enthusiastic educational meetings ever held in the state, and a large number of teachers was in attendance. Education is beginning to gain a firm foothold in North Dakota.

Officers Elected

Glee Club

The University Glee Club has elected the following officers:

President—Benj. Riesland.

Vice President—Miss Ella Burnham.

Secretary—Lotta Cooper.

Treasurer—Miss Eva Montgomery.

Musical Instructor—Fred Squires.

Sergeant-at-Arms—Neussle.

Per Gradus

At a regular meeting of Per Gradus, Dec. 3, the following officers were elected:

S. G. Skulason—Speaker.

P. G. Johnson—Vice-Speaker.

Wm. Calder—Treasurer.

Miss Nettie Carpenter—Secretary.

Mrs. A. L. McDonald—Sergeant-at-Arms.

Clara Brown—Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms.

Local Items

"Twarn't Me!"

Miss Violet Murdock entered classes at the U. Dec. 7.

Wm. McCaffery, of Bathgate, N. D., joined us lately.

Gilbert spent Sunday, Nov. 21, at his home in Emerado.

Mr. Harry Francis took his Thanksgiving dinner at home.

The U. G. C. has charge of the singing in chapel exercises.

Miss Estella Downes visited classes at the U. Thursday, Dec. 9.

Miss Sissel Sletto visited friends at the U. Thursday, Dec. 16.

Rob Ray, '97, spent a day at the U. about Thanksgiving time.

Prof. Estes failed to meet his classes Dec. 15, on account of illness.

Miss Rachel Quam visited her sister, Gertrude, Monday, Nov. 6.

Miss Beulah Robinson visited her home during Thanksgiving week.

Miss Williams, of Arvilla, has entered the preparatory department.

Never go to town to satisfy morbid curiosity or you may get low marks.

McNeil, of Edinburg, N. D., has joined the preparatory department.

Miss Christine Koppang visited her sister a few days about the 1st of Dec.

It is rumored that some of the boys intend to start a whisker club this term.

Prof. Brannon gave a lecture on "Dust," Monday, Nov. 21st, at Brayton.

Attorney John Campbell, '90, called on his sister Tuesday evening, Dec. 14.

State Superintendent J. G. Halland visited the U. in the early part of December.

Wm. Calder left us Saturday, Dec. 4. He expects to return for the spring term.

What was the cause of that bright smile on the face of a certain senior on Dec. 16.

Laverne Fairchild spent Sunday and Monday, Nov. 28 and 29, at his home in Drayton.

Miss Blanche McIntosh, of Mugford, N. D., has entered the preparatory department.

At our reception the "Jolly Miller" is still remembered. When will he be forgotten?

Rev. Mr. Manson, of Grand Forks, preached to the students Sunday evening, Dec. 12.

Miss Lilian Boyes is staying in the ladies' hall while her mother is visiting in Canada.

Thomas Jewell spent several days with his uncle at Mapes the latter part of November.

Student before examination—"Ther'll be lots of plucked geese ready for Christmas this year."

The individual who receives a satchel containing eatables from home, has many friends.

When such a sign as "Student at the P. O." is put on the bulletin board many respond quickly, but their enthusiasm is as nothing compared to the eagerness of the young ladies

when our postmaster goes to the ladies' parlor and puts up the sign "Wife Wanted."

Per Gradus is flourishing, although many of the preparatory students are timid about joining.

Several students attended the lecture on "The Ascent of the Matterhorn" Monday evening, Nov. 29.

Miss Adah Nesbitt, of Grand Forks, spent Saturday evening, Dec. 11, with Miss Mary Monroe.

No reception was held Saturday, Dec. 18, on account of examination commencing Monday morning.

Student, (after debating in Per Gradus)—"What time does the seven o'clock train run through?"

The Normal students called a meeting Saturday, Dec. 18, and elected Miss May Baptie as their editor.

Mrs. Cooley's lecture on "Primary Education," was attended by our faculty and many of the students.

It is bad management for a young man to take a young lady to a concert and then miss the seven o'clock train.

E. B. Eobbins visited the University Saturday, Nov. 26, and took advantage of reception to renew acquaintances.

Skating is the sport. The rink is kept in good condition and all the skaters take advantage of the opportunity.

About a dozen students remained at the U. during the vacation. They celebrated Christmas eve in the ladies' parlor.

Misses Maud Alexander and Beulah McGlinch spent a few days about the 1st of December with Miss Anna McGlinch.

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Prof. Hall intends starting a class in dancing on Saturday evenings, so that the students at the U. can attend without interfering with school work.

A number of our musically inclined young people went to hear the famous Maximilian Dick perform on his violin in the opera house, Dec. 6.

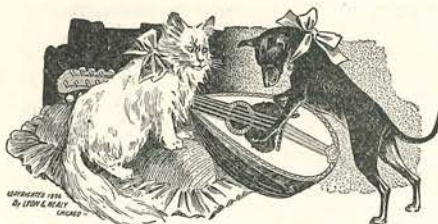
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At the reception Nov. 19, the "Songs of Seven" were acted in tableaux, E. Benj. Riesland and F. D. L. Squires, each sang a solo.

Saturday evening, Dec. 17, the reception was largely attended by students from the Business College. We were pleased to have them with us, and hope they will come again.

Most of the students went home to spend a merry Christmas, and those that stayed were often, in their loneliness, startled by the sound of their own footsteps in the silent halls.



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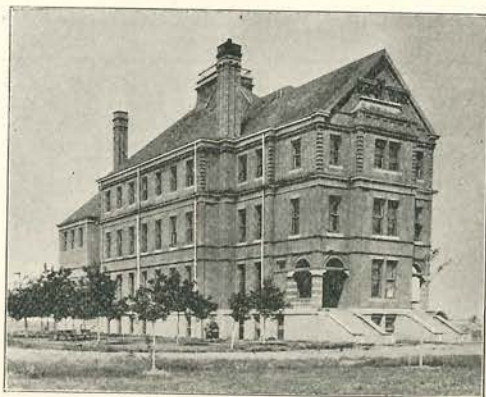
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