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of school

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Union College

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Monday, May 9

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PRESIDENT AND TWO STUDENTS QUESTIONED ON ELECTION

Charged of Irregularities in Voting

President Thiel, Hubert Teel, and Sylvia Simon were called to the office of County Attorney Towle on Friday morning, April 29, to answer to charges brought against them in regard to alleged irregularities at the College View village elections, April 5. All three were exonerated.

The charge brought against Professor Thiel and the management of the school was that of bringing undue pressure upon the students of the college in electioneering to force them to vote against the question of annexation. The charge against Mr. Teel was non-residence. Miss Simon was charged with voting twice.

The charges were brought to the attorney's office, April 23, by a committee appointed at a mass meeting of College View citizens in favor of annexation held Thursday evening, April 21.

MISSION BANDS HAVE VARIED PROGRAMS

China, Africa, and the Philippines Represented

The mission bands which met Friday evening, April 29, had especially interesting features. Jesse Cowdrick, the leader of the African band, gave a dramatic monologue of the struggles of the forces of good and evil for the soul of Ham—embodying the whole African race. The final triumph came when the three angels succeeded in rousing the race and loosing it from the thrall of the spirits of darkness and barbarism.

The Island band was interested in the Philippine legends told by Miss Paulenne Strickland, who was in costume.

The current topic of conversation—China, was discussed in the Asiatic band. Letters from missionaries in China, who have gone through some very harrowing experiences in the present trouble, were read to the members of this band.

This Week's Announcements

Friday, May 6

7:28 p. m. Sunset
8:00 p. m. Vesper service:
hanging of Golden Cords

Saturday, May 7

9:00 a. m. Teachers' meeting
10:00 a. m. Sabbath school
11:15 a. m. Preaching
2:15 p. m. Seminar
8:00 p. m. College chorus presents "The Holy City"

Sunday, May 8

8:00 p. m. Mother's Day program in Adventist church
9:00 p. m. Engel's symphonic orchestra broadcasts Mother's Day program over KFAB

Mother O' Mine

"If I were hanged on the highest tree, Mother o' mine,
O Mother o' mine,
I know whose prayers would follow me, Mother o' mine,
O Mother o' mine!
"If I were drowned in the deepest sea, Mother o' mine,
O Mother o' mine,
I know whose love would follow me, Mother o' mine,
O Mother o' mine!"

—Kipling.

Mother's Day Program to Be Given

The young people's Missionary Volunteer Society will give a Mother's Day program Sunday evening, May 8, in the College View church. Special features of the program will be a tribute to mothers by Wesley Andress, a vocal solo by Miss Helen Jones, readings by Mrs. Glenn Hiltz, Mrs. George Mathews, and Master Eugene Elstrom, and a double male quartet.

THE MINNESOTANS HAVE SUNRISE PICNIC

About thirty students from "The Land of Ten Thousand Lakes" met on the campus in front of North Hall with Professor and Mrs. G. C. Jorgenson, Miss Minnie Olson, and Professor H. O. Olson, president of Broadview Theological Seminary, La Grange, Ill., at 5:15 Thursday morning. They played games until the six o'clock street car arrived on which Professor Olson left.

Then they hiked down Sheridan Boulevard, returning in time for worship. While the dormitory students attended worship, the others fried eggs and made cocoa, all of which disappeared before time for classes.

The Minnesotians contend that the campus of Union College is the best place for a real good time—outside of Minnesota.

LATE SPRING WEEK OF PRAYER CLOSES

"Working for the Master the Highest Occupation" Is Central Theme of Last Meeting

The climax of the late-spring week of prayer was reached Friday night, April 29, at the consecration service conducted by Elder H. U. Stevens. His conclusion, "Man can engage in no higher occupation than working for the Great Master," was earnestly reiterated in the testimonies of many students.

During the week, Professor C. W. Marsh, Central Union educational secretary, Pastor R. T. Baer, and Elder H. F. Saxton had portrayed the Christian life as the only one bringing lasting satisfaction; and the closing service, Sabbath morning, was conducted by Professor W. W. Prescott, his topic being "The Good News of God Concerning His Son, Jesus Christ."

FORMER PRESIDENT OF UNION PASSES AWAY

N. W. Kauble Dies at His Home in Lodi, California

Word has been received that Elder N. W. Kauble, president of Union College during 1897, died Wednesday evening, April 27, at his home in Lodi, Calif. Elder Kauble labored for several years in this section, holding various positions. He was president of the Colorado Conference, then superintendent of the district now known as the Central Union Conference. From this position he was called to the presidency of Union College in 1897. This period witnessed important advances in collegiate educational policies, and during his administration the collegiate department in the Nebraska State Teachers' Association was organized. Of the six standard colleges in Nebraska sending delegates to effect this organization Union College was one. Elder Kauble was unable to attend the conference and appointed Dr. B. E. Nicola then professor of chemistry, to represent Union College.

COLLEGE CHORUS TO APPEAR MAY 6

Eighty Voices to Sing Gaul's "Holy City"

The Union College chorus of eighty voices under the direction of Professor William I. Morey, will present the sacred oratorio "The Holy City," by Gaul, in the college chapel Saturday night, May 7, at 8 p. m.

Miss Elma Fish is the accompanist. The members of the solo quartet are Miss Grace Buck, soprano; Miss Jeanette Hawley, alto; William M. Robinson, tenor; and Wesley Rhoads, baritone.

Miss Philmon Lectures at Shelton Academy

Miss Rochelle Philmon, professor of English at Union College, went to Shelton, Nebr., April 29, to deliver the last number of the lyceum course at the academy. The lecture, "The Poetry of Life," was enthusiastically appreciated by the audience.

While at the academy she also addressed the Missionary Volunteer Society, and other organizations.

Miss Philmon returned Monday, May 2.

Hanging of Golden Cords to Take Place May 6

The Missionary Volunteer Society Friday evening, May 6, will witness the annual hanging of the golden cords. A golden cord will be hung for each of those who have recently gone out from Union College to do service in foreign mission fields.

DEAN WILCOX RETURNS UNACCOMPANIED

Assures South Hall Boys of His Loyalty

On the evening of April 25 the young men of South Hall eagerly welcomed Dean Wilcox home from his short spring vacation. A great tension among the boys was relieved when Professor Wilcox was seen coming from the car to the dormitory with only one traveling bag, and unaccompanied. At the evening worship, much to the satisfaction of the boys, he expressed his appreciation of their conduct during his absence, and promised faithfully that as long as he was preceptor of South Hall he would not "pester" them with a step-mother. It is thought by some, however, that an occasional reminder of this promise will not be amiss.

Professor Wilcox spent his vacation at Grand Island with the B. C. Marshall family. He reports that his chief indulgences were sleeping late in the mornings and playing volley ball.

DEAN REES VISITS NORTHERN ACADEMIES

Esther Hartzell Fills Position of Preceptress Pro Tem

Miss Pearl L. Rees, dean of women, spent last week visiting the academies of the Northern Union Conference. She went first to Plainview Academy at Redfield, S. Dak.; from there to the Sheyenne River Academy at Harvey, N. Dak.; and came back by the way of Maple Wood Academy, Maple Plain, Minn., and Oak Park Academy, Nevada, Iowa. The object of her itinerary was to interest the senior classes of these academies in coming to Union College next year. Miss Esther Hartzell has been acting as preceptress during the absence of Miss Rees.

WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY WINS CONTEST

Felix Lorenz Wins "Hunt and Peck" Loving Cup

Mrs. Mighty Lonely Is Acquitted by Jury

Wesleyan University won the silver loving cup at the typewriting contest between that school and Union College, Saturday night, May 30. Miss Frances Sergus of Wesleyan wrote 470 words with 7 errors, leaving her 40 words net per minute.

Mrs. Genevieve Tinsley, one of Union's representatives, wrote 777 words in the ten-minute period, but omitted three lines containing thirty-three words. Had it not been for this omission she would have netted 57 words a minute—a gain of seventeen over that of Miss Sergus.

A Remington typewriter was used by the winner. She was awarded a prize of a five-dollar bill. Each of the six contestants received a pound box of assorted chocolates.

Following the contest a mock trial was featured by the commercial students.

Mrs. Lonely, charged with burning her house to collect the insurance, was ably defended by her lawyer, Attorney Keene, against K. O. Keepit, representing the Gettit and Keepit Insurance Company, and his lawyer, Attorney Sharp.

The attorney for the plaintiff attempted to prove that Mrs. Lonely's "hired man" who had sprayed the house with kerosene "to kill the cockroaches" had deliberately set fire to the house and left. Complexities arose in cross-examining the witnesses, and amusing "storms" precipitated by the attorneys kept the interest at a high pitch throughout the trial.

The defense proved to the satisfaction of the jury that the charge was false, and Mrs. Lonely was acquitted.

A "Hunt and Peck" typewriting contest followed with the following results: Felix Lorenz, 18 words per minute; H. F. Saxton, 5 in the hole; H. D. Enslow, 6 in the hole; and Dr. Cecil Lovell, 7 in the hole. Mr. Lorenz was awarded a tin loving cup for his feat.

SENIORS HAVE GALA DAY AT CRETE

Boat Riding, Games, and "Eats" Furnish Entertainment

Half a hundred seniors with their sponsor, Professor B. H. Wilcox, and Professor H. U. Stevens, Mrs. James Oss, and Mrs. E. L. Pingnot, left the campus by auto at 9:30 a. m. Sunday, May 1, for a day's outing at Crete, Nebr.

Boat riding, games, and "ample eats" were outstanding features of the day's entertainment. They returned in time for a study period Sunday night.

Francis Showacy will be connected with Elder E. G. Crosier's tent effort at St. Joseph, Mo., this summer.

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Editorial

"Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his Mother!" John 19:22.

MOTHER! in whom reposes humanity's greatest love!

In whom rests the hope of mankind! In whom lies the destiny of the nations! By whom civilization either stands or falls.

By whom the cross is upheld and Christianity magnified!

MOTHER! without whom affection would languish, society fail, and tenderness and lovingkindness disappear from the earth!

Thy name is graven in the hearts of men. It is worthy to be written across the sky in letters of living fire. There bloom no flowers as sweet as thy tenderness. Not all the jewels to be found in the dark caverns of earth can fashion a crown so radiant or so beautiful as to be worthy of a place on the brow of one so loved of little children, so respected of men and so honored of God!

No sacrifice is too great, no suffering too intense, no grief too poignant, for mother to endure for the sake of her child! Next to God, whom the apostle says is love, she loves best. Her love is deeper than depth, wider than width, higher than height, more enduring than time.

It seems conceded that mothers have more and greater and deeper love than have others of God's creation. And thus it is that they must be most like Him.

"Had I Thy hand, O God! and all its might, And all the works of beauty in the light Beneath my gaze, I'd make my noblest work a mother, too, As Thou didst, Master Artist of the Blue, In heaven's ways."

Vox Populi

Dear Editor:

I understand that there is rumor afloat that uniforms are to be worn by the dormitory girls next year. I am not in favor of this, for I feel that it is impractical. I am not in a position to buy new dresses for school next year. I have to wear my last year's best dress for school. I do not believe I'm the only one in that situation either. As far as their looking nice is concerned, I agree perfectly. There is nothing so attractive as a group all dressed alike, but I doubt seriously if a uniform could be adopted that would please and suit the tall and short, fat and thin, and young and old. As far as making it easier to live up to the dress regulations is concerned, I see no light in the plan, as it is just as easy to shorten a uniform as it is to shorten any other dress.

I believe that girls between the ages of sixteen and twenty-two should be taught to cultivate their individual tastes instead of keeping them hidden under a uniform which is supposed to be for their betterment. I do think that the academies would do well to

adopt a uniform, but for college girls I believe it would be unwise.

Yours for individuality,
A Reader.

Dear Vox Populi:

Being a man, or at least of the other side of the house, I can only approach this subject of uniform dress from the male attitude. Therefore I cannot speak from the side of comfort or economy, and neither do I believe that it concerns morality. I do believe, however, that there are two counts on which I can speak. One is the undesirability of uniformity, the other, the relation of such a regulation to individuality and character building.

Wouldn't this be a wonderful world if all the trees were oaks, if all the flowers were roses, if all the grass was blue grass, and the only weeds were Russian thistles? And say, also, that in addition every horse was black, all cows Holsteins, and all dogs Airdales, and all our cats were yellow. Then to cap it all, make all the houses Dutch style in architecture and paint them a uniform white. Wouldn't this be a grand and glorious world. Then why not all dress alike, too?

Of course I don't know much, but I understand that character is only another name for a person's individuality. How could one develop taste, moderation, and common sense if forced into a drab uniformity with every other poor mortal, whether it is in conduct, dress, or otherwise. Give them freedom and teach them to use wisdom in choice, taste in color, ability in manufacturing, and character is the result. Everyone is different by nature. Let them develop in accordance with their natural differences, making the most of natural advantages in shape, complexion, and the like, and at the same time covering up any disadvantages which nature may have saddled upon them.

A Mere Man.

Dear Clock Tower:

There are rumors that the young women of North Hall are seriously considering the wearing of uniforms this next school year. I think this would be a very good innovation if they were conservative in their plans. If a little is good, more is not always better. There are many reasons for adopting a uniform. This custom would establish an equality among the young women and curb the extravagance of a certain class, and place the other class in a position where they would not continually feel the contrast between themselves and others. The dress question would be very easy to handle if regulation gowns were worn. With the clothes question, that eternal topic of conversation and thought among the "fair sex," more or less settled, I feel sure that there will be more time for study and recreations, for in the first place there will not be the time-absorbing task of planning new clothes, nor will so much time be necessary in caring for the clothes.

Frankly, I am a lover of the beautiful, and contrary to the opinion of some, I think there is always something attractive in a uniform. You know how it is with the soldier boys.

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There is the objection that a uniform impedes the development of individual good taste, but I believe that this is unfounded in the case of college women. Besides, the plan, I understand, would not be for wearing the uniform constantly, but at certain appointed times. In a dress in which she can become un-self-conscious, a girl can be her own charming self, and the uniform will bring out the individual personality.

For beauty, then, as well as for financial and moral reasons, I am anticipating with much interest the further action to be taken by the young women of North Hall.

Interested.

The Academy

Academy students greatly enjoyed an entertainment given by Professor and Mrs. McCully on Sunday evening, April 24. Several games provided entertainment. After the games refreshments were served.

Elder Hay was with the academy during the late spring week of prayer. His daily talks and endeavor met with great success.

The Poet's Corner

MA'S GONE

The house just seems so lonely,
The table's just so bare;
The hours drag by so slowly,
Just 'cause my ma ain't there.

My socks they get so holy,
And buttons get no care,
My shirts are torn and mussy,
Just 'cause my ma ain't there.

There's no one calls "It's morning,"
No one to brush my hair
Or say, "Your shoes are muddy,"
Just 'cause my ma ain't there.

I just can't study lessons,
And no one seems to care;
Can't fix my mind on nothin',
Just 'cause my ma ain't there.

I hope ma'll soon be comin',
I miss her, I declare!
I ain't cut out for bachelin',—
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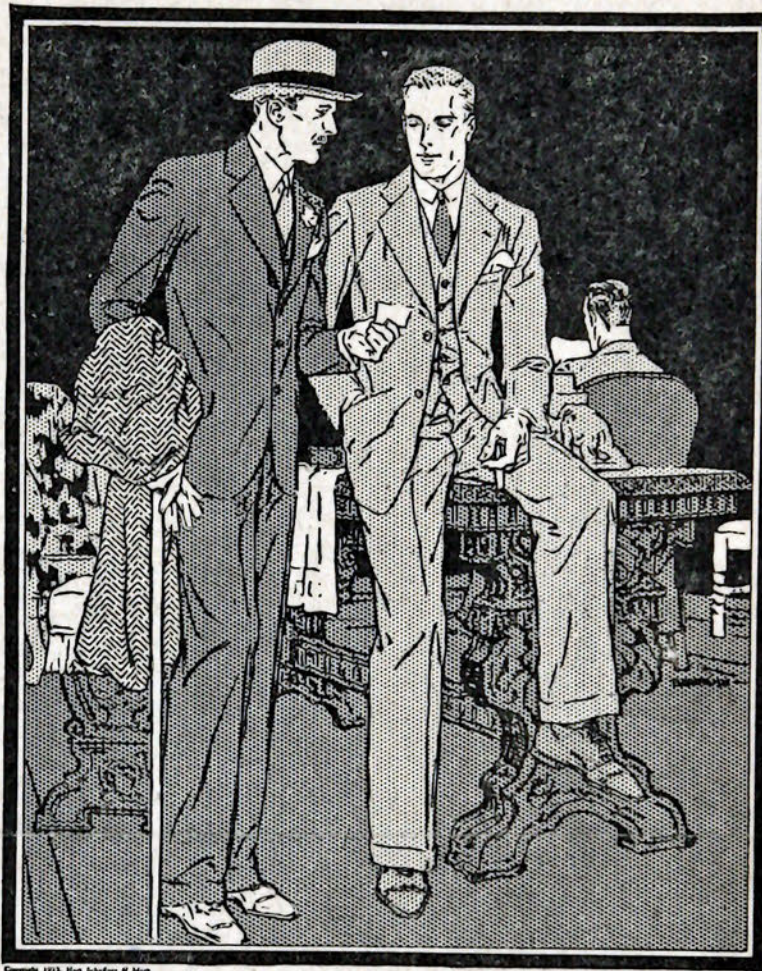
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Epidemics

The article below was written by Gerald Minchin and read before the Writers' Club at one of its first meetings.

One of the most significant features of modern life is epidemics. Personally, I do not see how they can be avoided, or any great necessity for avoiding them, though often they are attended by very calamitous circumstances.

One of the chief uses of epidemics, is the fixing of landmarks in our history, giving us something in common with other people. The only thing that makes me glad that I had measles, is the fact that everyone else had them at the same time. Also, one suffers a very substantial loss, if, when the conversation turns on epidemics, he is unable to say that he has taken part in at least two or three. Somehow he loses cast. One of the inspiring moments of a person's life comes when, in the midst of a table conversation touching epidemics, he suddenly recalls that he once had chicken-pox when the whole town was down with it, and immediately he bursts forth into an ardent panegyric on the progress, climax, and denouement of said disease, to the mutual edification of the whole company.

There was once an epidemic of appendicitis in our town. It started with the mayor's wife just after the black-berry season opened and continued for over five months. After the parson's wife contracted one, it spread rapidly in church circles, until there was hardly an appendix left in the whole congregation. This was followed by a physical culture craze. Some have traced its origin to the parson's eloquent sermon on Samson, but I am firmly convinced that it was simply a reaction from the previous epidemic—that's the way they go. Mr. Amos Seedling, superintendent of the Sunday school, was most enthusiastic, and formed a class of small boys before whom he gave demonstrations. It was a remarkable sight to see Amos go through his series of painful contortions, his attenuated limbs destitute of muscle, swinging with a wild wind-mill motion. Mrs. Jemima Trumble also succumbed. And it was truly an amazing spectacle to see her coax her swollen limbs into action, and to observe the graceful postures she assumed on performing the 'trunk bend' and the neck stretch." It certainly was a striking tribute to the strangle hold of an epidemic.

One of the most peculiar epidemics I ever heard of occurred in my father's family. He was one of a

large family of boys, and my mother was one of a large family of girls. My eldest uncle started things by marrying my eldest aunt, with the consequence that in the end five brothers had married five sisters. Everyone thought there would be a sixth, but the disease had spent itself and the last one didn't come off.

I was once caught in a fasting epidemic with well-nigh disastrous results. An itinerant evangelist had visited our town, and with much eloquence and apparent sincerity, had impressed upon us that the only way to overcome our natural base tendencies, was to fast. He recounted with much enthusiasm an occasion on which he had been covered with a choice selection of Job's boils, and had fasted for two weeks, resulting in a most marvelous complexion and control of his animal appetites. There was nothing particularly wrong with me at the time, but I was convicted that I should fast. A persuasive speaker always plays a fearful havoc with my emotions. After two weeks I was in a semi-transparent condition, with one foot in the grave and the other on a banana skin, and was extremely docile, which pleasant state the evangelist attributed to the salutary effects fasting has on the passions. The fact is, I was physically incapable of being anything else. This epidemic was finally broken by concerted effort on the part of the grocers and the Chinese gardeners, who arose and thrust the fasting evangelist from the town.

Have you ever been in a nut-butter epidemic? They are very exhilarating. They often lead to further complications such as massage and hydrotherapy. It often begins with tuberculosis in an old cow, and spreads rapidly to maiden aunts and fanatics. In its acute stages butter and milk are banned, and eggs are frowned upon, and nut-butter manufacturers wax wealthy. I once lived with a nut-butter maniac. Now I have no personal feeling against nut-butter, but I do insist that it should be kept under adequate control. My good landlady had heard that there was as much nourishment in a tin of nut-butter as in a sheep (the label on the can said so) so immediately she ordered a flock of a few dozen cans, and we gorged on that phantom butter for several moons. Sometimes we took it neat, but more often it was cunningly camouflaged, cropping out in roasts,

soups, pies, and salads. I sought shelter under my sister's roof, but it was there, too. I took to eating at my favorite restaurant, only to find that it had been taken over by a nut-butter fiend. The thing went its course, how-

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NOTICE OF INCORPORATION

Notice is hereby given that on February 8, 1927, Allied Real Estate Offices filed in the office of the Secretary of State and County Clerk of Lancaster County, Nebraska, Articles of Incorporation, designating the name of said corporation as Allied Real Estate Offices, with principal place of business in Lincoln, Nebraska. The general nature of the business to be transacted by said corporation is to be a general real estate, exchange, immigration, development, sales, auctions, building, loans, rentals, city property management, farm operations, insurance, appraisals, collections, employment, advertising, auditing, promotion and finance, and establishing agencies in this state and throughout the United States for the purpose of rendering service in any or all of the above specified.

The amount of the capital stock of this corporation is twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) subdivided into two hundred fifty shares each of the par value of one hundred dollars (\$100), all common, voting, and non-assessable.

Said corporation to commence business February 5, 1927, A. D., and terminate February 5, 1977. The highest indebtedness to which this corporation shall at any time subject itself shall be not to exceed two-thirds of its paid up capital.

The affairs of this corporation shall be managed by a board of directors of not more than five (5) nor less than three (3) and the following shall be the officers until their successors are elected: M. L. Test, President; H. F. Cornell, Vice-president; C. I. Cline, Treasurer; and Frank A. Stech, Secretary.

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FRESHMEN GIRLS RISE EARLY ON MAY 1

Take Cross-Country Hike to Cook Breakfast over Bonfire

For sometime the springtime "wanderlust" has infected the residents of the second floor of North Hall, most of whom are freshmen; accordingly, Sunday, May Day, thirty girls left their quiet slumbers at 4:30 in the morning to hike cross country to the woods beyond the state penitentiary, a distance of some four miles, where they cooked their breakfast over a bonfire. One girl was heard to remark that it was the best breakfast she had tasted for a year—especially referring to the eggs which Misses Alice Dennison and Opal Mohr cooked. At nine-thirty the last freshman stragglers, footsore but happy, arrived home just in time to see some of the seniors leave for their picnic.

JUNIORS GIVE SABBATH SCHOOL PROGRAM

Symposium by Five Members Is Special Feature

The Sabbath school program on April 30 was given by the college juniors. Peter Merkle gave the scripture reading and offered prayer. The review was conducted by Hubert Teel. "When I Read My Bible Through," a musical reading, was given by Theresa Brickman. A symposium, "What Would You Do, If —?" was given by five members: Myrtle Cummings, Jesse Cowdrick, Avola Owen, Katherine Beck, and Earl Gardner. The program ended with a mixed quartet by members of the junior class.

Senior Appointments

Miss Alma Lorenz, class of '27, has received an official call from the General Conference to connect with the Seventh-day Adventist academy located in Honolulu, Hawaii. Miss Lorenz is undecided as to her acceptance.

Miss Anna Stedman, class of '27, has secured a position in her home town high school, Summerfield, Kans. Miss Stedman is to teach history and civics.

MERE MENTION

The Humann brothers made their headquarters at Campion Academy while filling their appointments at Greeley, Ft. Collins, Loveland, and Boulder.

Roy Kinzer delivered the sermon last Sabbath, April 23, at Shelton Academy, while there with the Humann brothers. His subject was "The Importance of Christian Education."

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond T. Moore motored from their home at Blencoe, Iowa, last Friday to visit friends in College View over the week-end. Mrs. Moore was formerly Miss Thelma Brewer.

Pastor Roscoe Baer gave an illustrated lecture on South America at the Lutheran church of Davie, Nebr., on the evening of May 1.

RADIO PROGRAM

for May 8

Vocal Solo ----- Selected
Mrs. Paul Bringle
Lecture --- Professor W. W. Prescott
When I See My Saviour --- Harkness
Mother, My Dear ----- Treharne
Estelle Kiehnhoff
I Love a Little Cottage ----- O'Hara
Ship o' Dreams ----- Francis
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----- Coerne
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Orchestra

News from Other Colleges

The Walla Walla College spring week of prayer began the fourth week in April. Pastor C. T. Everson was in charge.

The Oakwood Junior College quartet appeared on the Walla Walla lyceum course April 23.

Professor and Mrs. Harry Morse, and Jessie Evans, of Washington Missionary College, are going to China as missionaries, according to reports. Professor Morse is dean of men; Mrs. Morse is critic teacher; and Miss Evans is the daughter of Elder I. H. Evans, vice-president of the General Conference in charge of the Far Eastern Division Conference.

Handel's oratorio "The Messiah" was rendered at Pacific Union College, April 9, by the college oratorio chorus and the St. Helena Sanitarium mixed chorus.

FAUST STUDENTS ENTERTAINED AT THE HARDY HOME

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Hardy opened their commodious home on Sheridan Boulevard, April 25, to Miss Philmon's comparative literature class. The occasion was a report of certain members of the class on Goethe's "Faust." The luxurious library with its many books, gave a fitting setting for the program which had been planned. Character sketches were given of Faust by Avola Owen, of Marguerite by Louis Hansen, and of Mephistopheles by Ralph Wilson. A sketch of the opera, "Faust," was then presented by Misses Lu Zetta Krassin and Myra Jordan, supplemented with several selections from the opera on the Brunswick Panatrope, reproducing renditions by Caruso, Farrar, and the Philadelphia symphony orchestra.

EPIDEMICS

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ever, and with the revival of the consumptive cow, bovine butter came into vogue again.

Shortly after this we passed through a severe attack of intelligence tests. There are several phenomena peculiar to this disease, one being that it is difficult to observe it in other people. I did not know that the thing was abroad until one day I applied for a job at the candle factory.

"How is your I. Q.?" asked the foreman.

"Oh," I replied, beaming on him, "thank you, it's not nearly so painful as it was. I had it cut out last week."

He looked at me very compassionately and passed on to the next man. I determined to find out what it was all about, so I went home and asked Elizabeth, and she said that the children had had one each that day at school. I concluded it must be contagious, probably like an epileptic fit, judging by what Egbert told me. He had to do some most abnormal things,

such as thread some colored beads on a string, count to twenty with his eyes shut, and answer some foolish riddle, after which he was declared to be normal. Even to this day I can't see any connection between those things and the needs of a candle factory or the work of a street car conductor, which is Egbert's chosen profession. But in epidemics people never stop to reason things out, for if they did we wouldn't have any. However, it would be impossible to tell of all the epidemics one passes through in the course of several years. They are practically continuous and cover every phase of human existence, effecting the 'intellectuals' as well as the common herd. Now, I have no objection to any number of people becoming effected so long as they do not try to pass it on to others, but generally that is just exactly what happens when, for instance, some dyspeptic individual becomes addicted to bran or toasties, or other partially digested preparations, and insists that everyone else who doesn't do likewise is in a very precarious position, mentally, physically, and spiritually. But the terrible thing about it is, that it is those persons with such microscopic intellects who are the most susceptible. On the other hand, I do not feel that they should be rudely disturbed, but that nature should be allowed to take its course, for she has a knack of dealing with these eruptions that gives infinite satisfaction both to the eruptor and the eruptee. The former feels that he has gotten much credit to himself, and his object (if he ever had one) has been accomplished, while the latter is content that the disturbance has ceased without undue pressure on his part, which might lead to the breaking of an otherwise sacred friendship.

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