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Forward

THIS is not a mistake of the printer—only a mark of *progress*. “Foreword” has developed into “Forward.”

Bob Burdette tells of a student who exclaimed, “Oh! if I only had a thousand dollars, I could make my fortune.” “No doubt about it,” replied Burdette, “we know you could, my son. Just roll up your sleeves and earn the thousand, and the thing is done.” There is a large family of these young fellows, and there are some institutions that are sure they could achieve dazzling success if they only had the money in hand right now—money earned by somebody else.

“The best prophet of the future is the past.” We have great confidence in the student who undertakes a difficult task, meets and conquers all obstacles, and arrives. Somehow we cannot escape the impression that when he gets out into the big world, he will do the same thing, accomplish what he undertakes. And somehow, when a student who fails to show virility and leadership in his work in the class-room and on the field, tells of the great things he is going to do some day in the rosy future, our enthusiasm fails to kindle.

Hope College is willing to submit to this test, “The best prophet of the future is the past.” Facing the Progress Campaign of the Reformed Church in America, as it marches forward, shoulder to shoulder with the other Protestant Churches of this country, she cries, “Give us the means and the students for a mighty forward drive. In the past we have had some money and some students, and we can give no mean account of what we have done with them. In furnishing Christian leadership for the Church and the world, with God’s blessing, we can show results like these:

Ministers	260
Missionaries	45
Professors	10
Doctors	50
Teachers	160

This does not include those who have entered other professions or who have retired or who have taken up farm work."

The writer of this forward foreword believes in Hope College; believes in it so sincerely that he has placed three of his own children under its care; believes that the college has proved itself gloriously worthy of the larger confidence and liberality of the Church. Read the rest of this bulletin, and give Hope College everything she needs for making a forward move in the Name of Christ and of His Church. She has given a splendid sample of what she could do with a few talents; give her an opportunity to show what she can do with more.

Prospects

The year 1919-1920 opens most auspiciously for Hope College. It became evident even before College opened that the enrollment would be large and gratifying. On the opening day, Dr. Henry Dosker of Louisville, Ky., gave the address. The attendance was very large and the address one of the best ever given by this alumnus and enthusiastic friend of Hope College. The Freshman class has a membership of over a hundred, and the Senior class will be the largest in the history of Hope. The complete roll will be published in the next catalog. Nearly all the men who left school to take up the cause of Country in the Great War are back at work with us. Hope College comes out of the war stronger and better than it has ever been.

The President's Message to Alumni

WITHOUT the assistance of the occult this letter is a direct message from Hope's "Asiatics" to all our alumni.

The writer is, by chance, the medium of its transference to you. Disavowing a play upon words it attempts to orient you all into the spirit of the "Asiatics" as they view the future which lies before them and which they believe lies before the "Homelanders" also. One of them said to me in the conversation which finally produced this quarterly letter,

"The future of the Orient is in the hands of Hope's men. With them the Orient stands or falls. Can Hope meet the challenge?" There was but one answer to this startling avowal. Other colleges may take up the cry and seek to disprove the statement. With keen pleasure I shall welcome them to do so. But in a very real sense that Asiatic brother of ours was—and is—right. My reply was, "Yes." I countered at once, however, with the statement, "We here feel that much is dependent in America upon Hope also. To what extent will you of the Orient meet the increased demands upon your College if she enlists her forces to continue men and means for your work?" Six weeks later another "Asiatic"—this time an East Indian—suggested the plan which this message brings, and the plan was outlined by these two who met a third en tour in our western states. More, they volunteered to start the plan themselves and to place it before all the other "Asiatics" at home on furlough or abroad.

The message? It is simply this: "The future of the Orient is in the hands of Hope's men." To achieve all this increased equipment and money for current expenditures is the first requisite. The "Asiatics" headed the list with a pledge for Twenty-five Dollars annually for each of five years provided some sum be pledged by each of the other alumni of Hope. The estimate was that this twenty-five dollars was the income from a capital sum of five hundred dollars. They realize that a missionary cannot give from his meager salary any capital amount for the increase of the endowed funds of their College. They also realize that so far as finances are concerned, "Death ends all" in a missionary family. In consequence they pledged themselves to give this amount each year for five years—PROVIDED HOPE COLLEGE MAKES GOOD ITS ANSWER TO THE CHALLENGE, they will continue their pledge for a longer period.

No better method of placing this challenge before the Alumni of Hope College has occurred to me than in this quarterly letter. True, there have been "drives" and there will be "drives" in the future beyond any doubt and we may well ask ourselves whether there is to be no end to it all. There must come a point where it cannot go further and then the process of elimination will begin. But the

FUTURE OF THE ORIENT cannot be eliminated and the **FUTURE OF AMERICA** cannot be eliminated. To these your College is pledged by the spirit of its founders, by the ambitions and purposes of your own souls, by the beckoning hands of the Asia and the America that is still to be. A carefully arranged budget for the current year shows a deficit of almost ten thousand dollars unless your College deliberately curtails her work—and then the **FUTURE OF THE ORIENT** and the **FUTURE OF AMERICA** will stand in jeopardy. How does the challenge of the "Asiatics" appeal to you?

Stated in its simplest form the plan is this: Each alumnus is invited to pledge such a sum as he can to the current expenses of the College for a period of five years. This has no connection whatsoever with the Five Years Progress Campaign of the Reformed Church in America. It is purely a Hope College proposition. Every alumnus of Hope College has received free over and above all outlays during his residence years, a sum which at current values is equivalent to about one hundred dollars a year. Many of these alumni have labored nobly for church and society at paltry salaries and may seem to have returned to society far more than this amount multiplied many times. But every true man does likewise. And there still remains the fact that your Alma Mater once did this for you and now wishes to do it for others who are destined to take your places in church and school and trade and medicine and law—in any sphere where you now are. It is a free gift on your part to make possible for the next boy and girl that which you received of inspiration and knowledge and purpose and eternal impetus. It is an opportunity—not an obligation. It is the **FUTURE OF AMERICA** and the **FUTURE OF THE ORIENT**. What appeal does the challenge sent across the oceans make to you?

One of those "Asiatics" leaves Holland and Hope November 18th for the Indian field which is his "home" and his last word to me was, "I shall make the appeal to the boys in the field and **THEY WILL MAKE GOOD.**"

Extending you the greetings of your College and my personal good wishes, I am

Faternally yours,

EDWARD D. DIMNENT.

Changes in Faculty

THE Hope College Faculty has undergone several changes since June, 1919. Seven new instructors have been engaged.

MISS HARRIET BAKER was appointed instructor in English in the Preparatory School. Miss Baker received her A. B. degree from Hope College in June, 1919.

REV. JACOB VANDER MEULEN holds the chair of Greek Languages and Literature. Rev. Vander Meulen received his A. B. degree from Hope College in 1897, his A. M. degree in 1900, and spent the summer of 1919 at the University of Chicago.

PROF. EGBERT WINTER holds the chair of Education. Prof. Winter received his A. B. degree from Hope College in 1901 and his A. M. degree from the University of Michigan in 1916. Prof. Winter spent the eighteen years following his graduation teaching in Wisconsin, Illinois, and Michigan.

MR. WILLIAM TEN HAKEN was appointed Assistant in Mathematics. Mr. Ten Haken received his A. B. degree from Hope College in 1917 and until 1919 served as First Lieutenant in the United States Army.

MISS MARTHA J. GIBSON is a member of the Department of English. Miss Gibson received her A. B. degree from the University of Cincinnati in 1912 and her A. M. degree in 1914. She spent the four years following her graduation in graduate study, during which time she was assistant in the Department of English at the University of Cincinnati. During the past two years Miss Gibson held the chair of English at Hedding College.

MISS ANNE VISSCHER has been engaged as an assistant in the English Department. Miss Visscher spent three years at Hope College, after which she received her A. B. degree at the University of Michigan, in 1917.

PROF. ROBERT G. EVANS holds the chair of Physics. Prof. Evans is a graduate of Albion College, receiving his A. B. degree in 1910 and his A. M. degree in 1911. Prof. Evans

taught applied Mathematics at Albion College while working for his A. M. degree.

MR. JOHN F. SCHOUTEN has been engaged as Athletic Coach.

The Christian Association

THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION is a very active organization, with a membership of 150. It is very successfully carrying on work in four Mission Sunday Schools. Besides the vital prayer meetings held every Tuesday evening, in union with the Young Woman's Christian Association, it takes an active and a controlling interest in all the Christian activities in the College. It aims to make "Christ the King of the Campus" and no student who misses the spirit of the "Y" can fully obtain the true "Spirit of Hope."

THE YOUNG WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION is an important factor in helping the women of Hope live consistently with christian beliefs. In addition to the regular work and the annual pledges for the support of Hope High School in India, the association has pledged \$75 for the Women's College in Japan. Through Eight Weeks Clubs during the summer, many of the members have the opportunity of "passing on" the inspiration of the Association work to their respective rural or city communities.

The enrollment for this year is 125 members.

School of Music

IT IS a source of gratification to report that the School of Music is beginning to occupy a large place in the program of the student body. Hope College has always offered the highest type of instruction in the several departments of Music, and the present Faculty is no exception to this rule. In addition to the courses offered in Voice, Violin, and Piano, Mr. Harold Tower, of Grand Rapids, offers instruction in Organ and Harmony. The prestige and reputation gained by Mr. Tower as an artist and performer gives him a place among the leading musicians in Western Michigan.

In the near future the School of Music will be more definitely united, organized, and systematized, so that our

students may engage in this branch of aesthetic study with larger results and under more favorable conditions.

The students at the College are showing a manifest interest in matters pertaining to musical appreciation, and all possible is done to foster a distinct musical atmosphere. Two splendid Glee Clubs, one for the young men and the other for young women, are meeting weekly under the direction of Mr. Harold Tower. An excellent orchestra has been organized under the conductorship of Mr. Bruno Me'necke. These several organizations will appear in concert at intervals throughout the year, and special effort is being used to produce programs of unquestioned merit. With the wealth of material that the College possesses the outlook is most encouraging. As a nation we are beginning to place greater emphasis upon the study of music in our schools and colleges, for the comprehension and appreciation of aesthetics is a distinct spiritual asset, which must be made a lawful heritage of every American.

