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FOREWORD

"A special value attaches to the small college that insures its permanence among the educational institutions of the land.

In this mention of the small college we do not mean one which by its limited endowment and meagre equipment and mediocre teaching force fails to commend itself to the prospective collegian, and remains small by the stress of unfortunate circumstances. We mean a college that does not aspire to do the work of a university, that is not ambitious to number its studentry by thousands, that sets its own bounds and limitations and places emphasis upon the quality rather than upon the quantity of the work it undertakes to do—a college that has a definite aim and purpose and adheres to it sacredly, no matter how alluring the present day temptations may be to broaden its scope and exploit the whole field of study and research.

There are such institutions, fortunately, and they will always be in demand. There are parents everywhere who will select such schools for their sons and daughters in preference to the popular educational centers; and what is more, there are men, not a few, occupying university chairs, who freely proclaim the advantages of the thoroging small college over the more pretentious state supported institutions.

If the further claim can be made for the small college that it is not colorless so far as morality and religion are concerned, but that it is truly Christian in character, it commends itself still more strongly to thoughtful people. The misgivings sometimes felt by loving parents as they send son or daughter away to college will be greatly allayed, if they can be rea-

sonably certain that the respect for the high and holy things of life which they have sought carefully to cultivate in their children at home, will not be ruthlessly blighted but tenderly fostered in the atmosphere of the college they attend.

Hope College is proud to belong to the type of institution described. It is among the larger of the small, Christian colleges. With a comfortable endowment and liberal donations from friends, it has been able to make its campus attractive, to keep its buildings and appliances up to date, and to select as members of its faculty men and women who are experts in their respective departments.

The courses of study outlined with a view to thorough preparation for the Bachelor of Arts degree and later professional studies are sufficiently flexible to attract students of varying tastes, and to be of value to such as may not complete their course.

Although most of the denominational colleges of the state have been compelled to close the doors of their preparatory schools, Hope College, though meeting the same competitions, has succeeded in maintaining its academic department in strength, and finds it a dependable feeder to the College.

While the buoyancy and hilarity and exuberance of youth find free expression on the campus and none need chafe under restraint, the students themselves frown upon such excesses as would disturb the peace or impair the good name of the institution. A few years ago the 'honor system' was adopted as applied to examinations and results thus far have been very gratifying in all phases of college activities.

At the June session of the Council of Hope College a plan was adopted for giving credit for quality as

well as the usual quantity of hours required for graduation. The honors, 'Summa cum Laude'; 'Magna cum Laude,' and 'Cum Laude' were made operative at the June commencement. By granting these honors it is hoped that the high standard of scholarship may be the better maintained."

COLLEGE CALENDAR

1920-1921

First Semester

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September 14—Examination for Admission, beginning at 9 A. M.

September 15—First Semester begins at 9 A. M.

November 25—Thanksgiving Recess.

December 17—Christmas Recess begins.

Announcements regarding the calendar for the remainder of the year will appear in the November bulletin.

The annual fees have been increased to forty dollars in the College and to thirty dollars in the Preparatory departments to meet partially the increased cost of operating expenses.

Requests for more detailed information will receive prompt attention from the president, Dr. E. D. Dimment, or the registrar, Prof. Wynand Wichers.