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The Intelligence of the People the Safeguard of the Nation.

NATIONS rise and fall. Periods of prosperity and decay of human society alternately present themselves upon the panorama of the world's activities. Far away in the dim twilight of antiquity, Egypt emerged from the ocean of time. It fell. Chaldea, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Greece, and Rome respectively built upon each other's ruins. They are no more. A continual struggle for existence seems to be the purpose that runs through all ages. Many a struggle has been in vain. Nations have contended and have failed. Taking a retrospective view of the decline of former nations, we ask ourselves the question, What is the cause? and we are tempted to ask in the same breath, What will prevent the threatening doom of the nations now groaning under the burden of their struggle for existence?

The adversaries of a nation are various. Externally and internally enemies are continually undermining its safety and welfare. Mighty forces are working to retard intellectual and financial progress and advancing civilization. China and Japan have shown in their recent war that battlefields and cannon balls are not things altogether belonging to the past. Are not to-day dark clouds gathering over many a nation, threatening to shatter peace and prosperity? We need heroes to-day, as well as in ages past, who will offer their lives when the safety of the nation is at stake. Also within, the nation's foes are mightily struggling for supremacy and are preparing its doom. Behold! Intemperance, anarchy, infidelity, scepticism, superstition, ignorance, and a mighty host of kindred evils—these all have one purpose, namely, degradation; and they have sworn eternal hostility to whatever is pure, noble, and elevating. They all are exerting their energies for the destruction of society. To-day we need moral and intellectual heroes who stand as beacons-light on the shores of civilization, spreading their lights far and wide over the rocky reefs strewn with the wreckage of time. They must stand at every bay and inlet: they must be firm to endure the beating of the waves; they must point out the paths to men's intended goal.

In our day the power of a nation is not embodied in the will of a despotic potentate. It abides with the people themselves. Power surely is a dangerous thing in the hands of those who have placed themselves behind a bulwark of ignorance; but in the hands of the just and the prudent it becomes a mighty factor in the maintenance of society.
"Ignorance is the curse of God; knowledge is the wing wherewith we fly to heaven." Dreadful ignorance, thou fosterer of vice and superstition, how long wilt thou shrowd the reason of mankind! Oh, noble knowledge how canst thou be infused into the minds of men?

Men must be educated. Education enables men to handle the problems thrown before the human race; it banishes superstition; it nourishes civilization. Throw wide open the doors of schools and churches, and let the multitudes flock to drink from that inexhaustible fountain of knowledge. In our day, in which freedom reigns supreme, in which power to govern is vested with the people, men must be taught to look away from self. The study of history molds man's heart to sympathize with fellow-men; Astronomy and physics embues man with respect for his Creator, and teaches him his own insignificance. The study of government enables him to handle the affairs of state.

It is said that when the glory of Athens was at its highest every citizen was able to discharge the duties of public affairs. Shall we sit among her ruins, and let two thousand years look down upon us with reproach and make us hide our faces with crimson blushes in ingenuous shame?

Again, the masses must be educated. No prosperity, no lasting civilization can be expected unless superstition is uprooted, skepticism and infidelity are broken down, and mightier forces, enlightening the minds of men, rise as monuments of honor that stand forever and forever. Evil forces will be scattered that show a flag upon the shore where knowledge dwelleth. The intelligence of the people is the safeguard of a nation.

Lake Geneva Impressions.

G E N E V A is the name of a beauti-
ful lake as well as city, situated in the south-western part of Wisconsin. It has for a number of years been the permanent rendezvous for convening the Students' Y. M. C. A. Conference of the North-west, which organization now prides itself in claiming a most beautiful camp on the lake front. The camp is exclusively utilized during the summer months for religious objects, the annual Y. M. C. A. Conference, the Y. W. C. A. Conference, and other religious organizations; and, truly, a spot by nature better adapted for the purpose, could not easily be secured.

Everything seems to be in unison with the high spiritual motives of the gathering through. Nothing has been omitted to clothe the propriety of the solemn woods, not even our mirth as it seems to have a divine touch. Every gift of nature has its moral: The birds chant their songs, but only to honor their Maker; the lake, now calm but a ripple, now billowing, reminds us of the "sea of life"; the foliage gently rustling over us, disclosing their healthy vigorous growth as a gift of God; the sun brightly gleaming among the trees, promising the "sun of righteousness to shine in our hearts"; and the evening with its twilight and starry heavens, amid the tranquil scenes of repose and spiritual atmosphere is but a foretaste of the rest beyond. What a privilege to stand in the presence of an omnipotent, omniscient Maker; to enjoy a feast prepared "for them that love Him!"

It is, therefore, not strange that the first utterances heard from the lips of the delegates are, "What a beautiful place." The gradually sloping bank with its dark green carpet; the native growth of trees, heavy with their luxuriant foliage; the bright pebbly shore with its glistening sand; the crystal lake with hardly a vavious aspect perceptible, except when a fresh breeze vexes its surface; and the charming view of the lake itself, the daily traffic gliding over its smooth waters, its encircling forests, dotted here and there with cozy summer encampments and magnificent edifices, some transplanted from the Chicago Exposition grounds—all this and much more gives the observer in a momentary vision the impression of beauty and the feeling of cheerfulness.

But we must return from this digression. These things are but incidents. We not only assimilated some of the beauty found in Nature, but in nature's God. The broad daylight of reality shown in our hearts as well as it reflected from the flowers, the trees, the meadows, the lakes. The consciousness of our Creator of Heaven and earth was made stronger than ever before, and we could but exclaim, "O beautiful world! O beneficent God!"

The one impression received and which is the very life of the Conference around which all the others center is, What a man can be, if he loves all of self, "to give God the pre-em-ince." This thought is indelibly impressed not only at the expiration of the ten days, but on the very first day. It is, as it were, both the initiatory mark which distinguishes every representative, and the ultimate resolve as the aim of the future. One would almost pronounce it an impossibility, that such a transformation can be affected in the lives ofwayward individuals; but it is the Spirit of the living God, with all its quickening power that pervades the whole atmosphere as an answer to the sincere prayers of the righteous. With this manifest power of God, can any one measure the wide-spread influences exerted, or number the victories won on the inner battle-grounds of self! And it is strange that many call it the greatest privilege of their life, the turning-point of their career!

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turies to come; that in the Life-work Conference, held in the evening twilight on the lake front, the greatest manifestation of God's love and bidding, of our selflessness and indifference was experienced which touched many to become new of God. These days were days of joy in the Lord's service.

Of the many departments of the Association work which were presented, Missions, as a part of the Life-work Conference and Platform Lectures, was given the greatest prominence, although not intentionally on the part of the Executive Committee, but on account of the great need for more "laborers in the field" felt by the speakers and delegates. Does not this very missionary zeal indicate the spiritual life of the Conference? Missions is the result of the closest walk with God. And it is the great responsibility resting upon the Christian, and in a special way on the Christian student, which made this calling one of supreme consideration. Shall I go out as a foreign missionary? Is there anything that tells me why I should not go? Is God calling me to go? Have I surrendered myself unconditionally unto God? These are questions which face the honest Christian at Geneva; and, if there is anything that a delegate prays for, it is the prayer, "Oh Lord, help me to unconditionally surrender myself unto Thee." That God answers prayer was manifested by the victories won on the hill-side. What a kind God we have! He helps everyone who comes to Him in faith.

The Conference was in every way strongly represented, an indication that the college world is progressing along religious lines as well as athletic and social. But this growing interest can not be understood unless we contrast the conditions now prevailing with those only ten years ago. Who would then have thought a Y. M. C. A. Conference possible? Now there are four in the United States, embracing all the American Colleges.

The Conferences are exclusively inter-collegiate in their character, representing the best Christian activity in our colleges. The Geneva Conference this year numbered about three hundred college men, from 17 States, 114 colleges, 19 denominations. Is not this a strong army for Christ? And, indeed, it is inspiring to behold hundreds of college faces, beaming with the love of Jesus Christ. As an old divine remarked, "It is the most inspiring gathering I ever addressed." The word college is emphasized because it embodies a wealth of thought. Is not a college a Y. M. C. A. Conference of much more importance than any convention? It is a gathering of Christian college men who are the hope of the future, hope of the Church, and hope of the State; and we rejoice in its cosmopolitan character, its undivided strength, its powerful influence, which has changed the spiritual atmosphere of many colleges and universities, especially those of a non-denominational character.

The Michigan delegates took no back seat, but very nearly succeeded in getting first place. The number of delegates from the Michigan institutions was as follows:

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O WING to the radical changing and modernizing of the curriculum of the college during the last four or five years, numerous branches have in their turn, suffered neglect. The study of the Bible has been one of these unfortunate branches. But we are glad to note that, during the past year, this, too, has received more attention, and is now pursued with more vigor than ever before. There was, at one time, such a condition of affairs that this by no means unimportant branch of a Christian institution was reckoned barely more than a free hour. The weekly recitation in the study of the word of God was, frequently, considered as an off-day from the regular round of the other beneficial yet less important duties; but, thanks to the generosity of our Eastern friends, since the establishment of a chair in Ethics and Evidence of Christianity, the once de-throned queen of studies has regained access to her rightful throne, and now reigns and splendor more radiant than before her fall.

The course is systematically arranged to suit the entire eight years of study in the school, the climax being reached in the last or Senior year.
New and old students have been welcomed by the President of the college, by the Professors, and by fellow-students. But the end is not yet, for the Anchor comes to you this month with as cordial a welcome as any. We are very glad to meet so many of the old students, and trust they are ready more than ever before to give a helping hand where it is necessary. We hope the new students will very soon feel themselves one of us and do as we ought to do. The Anchor is published every month by the students of the college. All students who subscribe become members of the Anchor Association and have the right to vote at all of its business meetings. We know that the subscription manager will, at any time, be glad to have you subscribe for the small price of fifty cents for the first year. Should any one of the editors ask you for a literary contribution, we hope that you will ever be ready and willing to comply with his request. If ever you have some neat m for the department editors, we know that you will encourage them greatly by giving it to them in person.

Standing at the beginning of this new college year before another season of work fraught with the greatest responsibility, we may well ask ourselves the question, what does a collegiate training mean? If we were to inquire from every individual student, the responses, no doubt, would be far from unanimous. The answers given might reveal purposes honorable enough, but yet betray gross ignorance in their conception of the real significance of a college training. This is especially the case with new students. An education is too often considered as a mere means to a selfish end, as though a college were an establishment to turn out manufactured commodities of usefulness by a process in which the student is wholly passive. Though this view is partially true, it is quite erroneous. In a college there are numerous influences operating upon us, such as those emanating from our intercourse with the great men of the past through books, and those proceeding from our association with students in societies, etc. All these influences are so subtle and puissant in the development of mind and heart, that graduation day finds the student as having undergone a complete metamorphosis in his aesthetical nature and intellectual faculties. He seems to have experienced this change unconsciously. But though he has unconsciously crept out of the skeleton of rudeness and ignorance, we must remember that he was never passive or inactive while undergoing this process of education.
It is impossible that influences should emanate from books and recitations, if there is not very hard intellectual labor on our part. To study is to make ourselves receptive for knowledge, for truth, for advancement. Study alone; and not procrastination and perficition shall utilize our intercourse with books. If the Freshman in prospect could see what Senior retrospect unfolds, how much more would knowledge be sought for and digested. Again, if you would make your sojourn at college fruitful, you must catch something of the college spirit. To this end you must put yourself in contact with college life in all its useful phases, by affiliating with societies, by taking an active part in college interests, by supporting the ANCHOR. To make yourself receptive to all the salutary influences brought to bear upon you, that is what a college training means.

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On page 5 of this number of the ANCHOR, our readers will find a short article entitled, "Bible Study at Hope." We present this article as an answer to inquiries coming from many of the friends of Hope. Many who are deeply interested, and especially in this department of study, have asked such questions as, 'Of what does Bible study at Hope consist?' and, 'What attention is given to it as compared with the other branches?' The article is written by a student who has attended the class in this branch both before and after the establishment of the chair in Ethics and Evidences of Christianity. We trust that the article, brief as it is, will, at least, convey the understanding that Hope College acknowledges the importance of this branch of study and is doing everything possible to place it with the first in importance in its curriculum.

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There lies upon our table a very short but carefully written article the sentiments of which, were we as experienced in politics as the writer is and were we in a position to do so, we would gladly endorse. But the ANCHOR is strictly non-political and will not devote any space to articles which are entirely of that nature. Right in this connection, allow just a few words. We do not wish to put them in any dominating or conceited way, but call it a matter of opinion, if you will. It is very probable that during the next few months nearly every student will, more or less, be tempted to participate in campaign excitement. To study the leading questions and to express one's opinion is well enough to a certain extent, but we hardly think it right for a college student to do this at the expense of other duties. We, especially, think it not profitable to attend all political speeches that are advertised, since very many consist of little more than "mud throwing."

Among the Societies.

"Forever, Never, Never Forever."

Thus time speeds on. Our homes with all their hallowed influences have once more been left behind. To some of us it may be a new thing entirely, while others have experienced this for several years. As we enter upon another year's work we again look toward
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The better hope of success that we want is the same and the same in all and everywhere. As the nation turns with a fixed determination ever striving to master that which is to present and build a State Supreme Power, so with the

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Do you doubt it? Ask those who are now regarded as leaders in such public opinion. Look about you at the foreign mission work, and then at our Indian and men most likely pretending the Gospel not only in the English language but also in our own tongue. And we are led to say, in the Hiri language. Consider for a moment those who are now uttering the voice of God, either in presentation or in the intellect of the prisoner at the bar. And what think you? Have such societies as the Meliphone, Cosmopolitans, Pits, etc.,

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FRATERNAL.

Some unthinking student has interpreted the letters F. S. as meaning Free Silver Society. The letters F. S. mean more to the speaker under stood. The Fraternal Society is a strictly non-political society, and, therefore, may not be called a Free Silver Society; but it is a Society free to all students of the College Department, and is sound in every respect. Just now it is ready for good healthy work.

The first Friday evening, September 18, found its members prepared for future labor and search after truth. J. J. Bumainga, '98, N. Boer, '97, J. J. De Pree, '99, were respectively elected president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. Mention was also made of the death of the organizer of the Society—the Rev. Philip Phelps, D. D., LL. D. — and a committee was appointed to draw up suitable resolutions.

COSMOPOLITAN.

Again the Cosmopolitans have gathered from all points of the globe. Judging from the enthusiasm displayed at their first meeting, a year of prosperity lies before them. The fact that they stand upon the vantage ground of several years progress, offers an excellent opportunity to all who desire to become more efficient in the art of speaking, and, as such, the Society extends a cordial invitation to all old and new students to attend its meetings. There is nothing in the entire college course that will give a student better discipline of the mind than to take part in a well-organized literary society. And this is what our Society offers to every student of Hope College.

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MELIPHONE.

The Meliphone Society looks forward to another year of faithful and diligent work. The two sections have organized and are anxious again to test their powers of eloquence.

We would invite all new students of the Preparatory Department to join us and thus make use of this opportunity to become acquainted with Society doings and to improve themselves in the use of the English language.

The following officers were elected by the Alpha Section: President, O. E. Fisher; Vice-president, Wm. E. Van der Hart; Secretary, Henry Telman; Treasurer, John Nywening; Sargeant-at-arms, Henry J. Steketee; Marshal, Leonard R. Heyboer; Member of Executive Committee, Martin Koster.

The Philomathian Section has elected the following officers: President, J. Steunenberg; Vice-President, D. Ten Cate; Secretary, J. Wayer; Treasurer, A. Wagemaker; Sergeant-at-arms, J. de Holland; Marshal, P. Verburg; Member of Executive Committee, J. Wayer.
the future, hoping and trusting that we shall end the same in safety and with success. All of us should begin work with a fixed determination, ever striving to master that which is given us to perform, and, resting alone upon Supreme Power, success will crown our efforts.

But although this is a general remark, we would now be a little more specific. Hope College, as we know, is a Christian Institution. She offers not only a broad intellectual education, but, above all, her students have this great privilege of a spiritual development.

This is obtained in a great measure from our Y. M. C. A. which has proved so beneficial to all connected therewith.

Let all be regular in attending these meetings, laying a foundation upon which no man need be ashamed to build, but, on the contrary, he will reap results such as will prove to have an influence for good not only upon himself but also upon his fellow.

The Tuesday evening prayer meeting must not be forgotten. There is that many a one has for the first time met the Saviour of the world. And do we not all desire to have communion with our God who can build us up and strengthen us in our Christian warfare?

So much for spiritual development. Our Institution offers also an intellectual development not only by means of her daily recitations in the class room, but by means of her literary societies.

These have also proved a great blessing to each and every one joining such a society, and have had an influence upon them in whatever voca-

tion of life they have been called. Do you doubt it? Ask those who are now regarded as leaders in forming public opinion. Look for a moment at the foreign mission field, and, likewise, at our land where men now stand proclaiming the Gospel not only in the English language but also, we are glad to say, in the Holland language. Consider for a moment those who are now uttering the cries of justice either in prosecution or in defense of the prisoner at the bar. And what think you? Have such societies as the Meliphone, Cosmopolitan, Fraternal, G. M. S. and Ullfias been of no avail?

Join one of these immediately. Let us do all that is in our power to benefit ourselves while we have such golden opportunities, and then in turn benefit our neighbors so that their hopes and aspirations may not be put to shame.

ULIFIAS.

The Ullfias Society held its first meeting Monday evening, September 21. The meeting was well attended, compared with opening meetings of other years. The following officers were elected: President, F. Wiersema; Vice-President, J. H. Eefting; Secretary, J. Meengs; Treasurer, J. H. Ter Avest.

The Ullfias has done much in assisting its members to speak their mother language with greater ease and accuracy, and in the spirit shown at the first meeting, hopes to accomplish much during the coming year. We hope to have Prof. Doesburg in our midst to kindly assist us as he has done in the past. We also hope to see many join our ranks this year, that we may be the better fitted to mutually benefit one another.

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In Memoriam.

During the summer vacation, two of the most esteemed friends of Hope College have been taken to their heavenly home. The Rev. Philip Phelps, D. D., died at Albany, N. Y., and the Hon. Nathan F. Graves, LL.D., died at Syracuse, N. Y.

We need not say that both these gentlemen were highly esteemed by the students of Hope, although hardly any were personally acquainted with them. Some of us remember Dr. Phelps as residing in Van Vleck Hall, occupying what is now Prof. Nykerg's room and Prof. Doesburg's room; and have learned about him as President of the college. More of us have seen and heard Dr. Phelps in 1894 at the inauguration of President Kollen. We know Dr. Graves as the donor of Graves Library Building and a library of ten thousand volumes. We have learned, through Dr. Kollen, to know him as a devout and highly influential Christian.

We have gathered short biographical sketches of the deceased which we present to our readers.

Rev. Philip Phelps, D. D., LL. D.

Dr. Phelps was born in Albany, July 12, 1826, the eldest of the sons of Philip Phelps, who held the office of Deputy Comptroller of the State of New York for fifty years. He entered the Albany Academy in 1832, and graduated in 1832. After graduation at Union College, in 1844, he spent two years in teaching, during which interval he was editor of the Youth's Temperance Enterprise, a paper published by the New York State Youth's Temperance Society, of which he had been one of the founders. At the age of 16 he united with the Middle Dutch Church of Albany, (now the Madison Avenue Reformed Church), under the pastorate of Dr. I. N. Wyckoff. In 1846 he entered the theological seminary of the Reformed Church at New Brunswick, N. J.

Failure of health at the close of his theological course kept him from the service, but in 1850 he was ordained to the ministry of the Gospel by the Classis of Albany, and took charge of the mission station at Hastings-on-Hudson, which, under his ministry, grew into an important church. From that charge he was called in 1859 to the principaship of the Holland Academy in Michigan, which, in 1866, was incorporated as Hope College, of which Dr. Phelps became the first president, and held this office until his resignation in 1878.

In 1864 he had the honor of being chosen president of the General Synod at its session held in Schenectady. Dr. Phelps was also missionary pastor for the English service at Holland, Michigan.

He organized the American Church there in 1862, which, in 1866, was incorporated under the name of Hope Church. After his resignation of the presidency of Hope College, his time was employed in various literary duties, both at Holland and in Albany. In 1886 he accepted the pastorate of the Reformed churches of Blenheim and Breakabeen, N. Y., which he resigned in the fall of 1895, when he went to reside with his son, the Rev. Philip Phelps, pastor of the First Reformed Church of Ghent, N. Y.

The last Sunday previous to his illness, July 26th, he supplied the pulpit of his first charge at Hastings-on-Hudson. On the following Tuesday he became ill, and in the absence of his family from Ghent he came to Albany to the home of his sister, Mrs. E. P. Jones, where he died September 4, 1896.

Dr. Philip Phelps was a man possessing a pure, earnest Christian character. "His soul was as transparent as light itself." And he will ever be remembered as the composed but efficient man in whatever position he has served.

The following is a copy of the resolutions adopted by the Executive Committee of the Council and by the College Faculty:

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to call to his eternal reward the Rev. Philip Phelps, D. D., LL. D., therefore be it

Resolved, That, while we mourn the loss of one we have loved, yet we feel deeply thankful to God, that, in his kind providence there lived among us one, as full of the spirit of God, that he was a living example of Christian soul, self-denial and consecration.

Resolved, That we especially desire to record our appreciation of his noble life among us as the administrator of the Christian College. Here he laid foundations for the present College, which have made it safe and profitable to build. Here he has been seed, the fruit of which, we believe, shall make the Lebanon, and the influence of which shall extend beyond the confines of time.

Resolved, That we hereby express our gratitude to Almighty God for the boundless amount of talent and ability which was implanted in the heart of our beloved brother, which was enabled to become a great power for good in our Church as a successful organizer, a wise counselor, and a faithful Christian.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, and published in our church papers.

On behalf of the Council of Hope College, G. J. Kollen, A. Voogh, G. J. DeRosa, Committee.


Hon. Nathan F. Graves, LL.D.

Dr. Graves was born in Oneida county, N. Y., February 17, 1813, and came from a family whose early ancestry were brought from Normandy to England by William the Conqueror. Those of the family that emigrated to this country settled in New Lon-
missionary stations in Asiatic countries, and bore testimony of their useful services.

Upon his return, Dr. Graves was elected Mayor of Syracuse, and acted for several years as school commissioner and president of the board of education.

In his declining years he continued the practice of his profession, besides, filling other positions of honor, such as vice-president of the Syracuse Savings Bank, trustee of the State Idiotic Asylum and of the U. S. Life Insurance Co. of New York, elder in the Reformed church, superintendent of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, and president of the Syracuse Civil Service Reform Association.

Dr. Graves died at Syracuse, on July 21, 1896. Not only do such institutions as Hope College lose an esteemed friend and benefactor, but the world loses a Christian man of wide-reaching influence. Neighbors and life-long friends have borne testimony to his genial social disposition, and to the simple and pure Christian tianity which was the soul of his integrity.

Dr. Graves left an estate valued at $330,000. After having disposed of a small portion of this as legacies for charitable objects, the residence is left to establish a Home for the Aged.

The following is a copy of the resolutions adopted by the Executive Committee of the Council and by the College Faculty:

WHEREAS, It has pleased God to take to Himself Hon. Nathan F. Graves, LL.D., a member of the Board of Trustees of Hope College, and a most generous supporter of this institution; therefore be it

Resolved, That as we in the body of Christ are to honor those who through the fruits of their love for, and generous aid to this institution, we shall ever look with grateful hearts upon Dr. Graves Library and bow God for raising up for this Christian College such a friend, as was our brother.

Resolved, That as we receive the objects, that Dr. Graves left us, to know that his works follow him, and that his example among us will continue to be an inspiration to all who desire to make their in

De Alumnis.

The Rev. J. A. Otte, M. D., '87, has arrived at Yokohama, bound for China.

The Rev. Herman Van der Ploeg, '92, and Mrs. Van der Ploeg, of New Era, Mich., spent their vacation in this city.

The Rev. W. Te Winkel, '93, has charge of a congregation in the western part of Pennsylvania.

J ohn L. De Jong and James Sterenberg, both '93, who received fellowships at Princeton last year, will preach for one year before availing themselves of the opportunity of studying abroad. The former has charge of the Second Reformed church at Orange City, Iowa; the latter of the Reformed church at Morrison, Ill.

Messrs. Fred. Lubbers, Ed. Dinten and Ed. Kelder, all '96, are studying Theology at the Western Theological Seminary.

Mr. Sheldon Van den Berg, '96, has gone to New Brunswick, N. J., to study Theology.

Mr. Harry Wiersum, '96, enters the Princeton Theological Seminary.

Mr. Henry Van der Ploeg, '93, is editor-in-chief of "De Volkstem," a Dutch free-white weekly published in this town.


Mr. Wm. Miedema, '93, is about to leave Holland and locate in the state of South Dakota. He has accepted the offer of the Board of Domestic Missions to be Stated Supply for the churches at Centerville, Waukanda, and Hooker.
Opening of Hope College.

W e think that we speak the truth when we say, that never before in the history of the College has the occasion been so bright and hopeful as it is at the opening of this school year. Certainly, never before have so many new students applied for admission into the two departments of the school.

Many of the old students began to return to Holland as early as September 7, and more continued to come every day of that week. On Monday, September 14, all the members of the Fall Campaign Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association presented themselves ready for the duty of welcoming the new students.

One or more of these gentlemen were stationed at the railroad depot and boat landing with instructions to serve all new comers in every way possible. They conducted the new students to the boarding house, or assisted in the selection of such a boarding house and room, etc.; thus making all the newcomers feel that we were happy to have them come to school with us.

On Tuesday, September 15, about sixty-three students applied for admission, some upon examination, others by certificates. Twenty-five of this number entered the College Department, and thirty-five the Preparatory Department.

Wednesday, September 16, was the opening day of the school. At about five minutes before nine o'clock a.m., the students and faculty of the Seminary filed into the chapel. The College faculty soon followed. President Kolleen presided at this gathering. Dr. H. E. Dosker of the Seminary offered prayer. The opening remarks of Pres. Kolleen were very suggestive and encouraging to both new and old students. The exercises were concluded by the assignment of duties for Thursday.

All the Professors were present, and, judging by their announcements, were ready for hard work.

It was rather amusing, just after the dismissal of this gathering, to see so many students wend their way towards the office of the Book Association. The manager of this Association had posted notices in conspicuous places, so that the student could not help knowing where was the only and cheapest place to purchase his textbooks.

On this day, there was more business at the office than two could conveniently manage. The Association did $350 worth of business within one week.

As we have said, the outlook for Hope is very encouraging. There are at present 18 Seniors, 16 Juniors, 24 Sophomores, 23 Freshman, and 8 Unclassified in the College Department; and a total of 107 in the Preparatory Department. Next year will witness the graduation of the largest Senior class that has ever graduated here.


**This fascinating and inspiring poem of poetry is in some of its main elements similar to Tennyson's story of the Holy Grail—a cup from which, in mythological romance, our Spiritual and Kingly Master is supposed to have drank at his last supper. This cup has been brought to England, remained in the family of Joseph of Arrimathaea for many years when, one of his lineal descendants having broken the condition—which was purity—by which it remained in their hands, it disappeared. The author, Lowell, makes the pursuit of it the burden of his production. He represents himself and the gradual approach of his theme, as being like an organist who begins with hesitancy on the keys which gradually blend into beautiful rises and falls, and before he is aware, he is in the midst of and accomplishes a captivating lay. He goes on to say, that pleasant environments and ecstasies of rapture are not our lot only in infancy, when we have no cares nor can comprehend the slightest depth of sorrow; but even in our maturity and old age, we are surrounded with and enjoy the beauties of Nature and receive the blessings allotted us which always have a tendency to convey our thoughts heavenward.

Then, also, whether in infancy or old age, the pleasures of this planet, sold at the Devil's bough, are very expensive for which we barter our souls and emit the real joy of life; even the friendless, lonesome beggar receives not as a boon the dingy nook where he may calmly and quietly shake off his mortal coil; and we must bargain for the dark and gloomy abode in which all dust and ashes must inevitably repose; but if we be prudent and earnest, we may, by simply asking, receive heaven with all its limitless splendors which include the poetical inspiring days of June.

'Tis in this June that Heaven comes down to earth with its bright rays to see if Nature is in harmony with the grandeur of the firmament, and wherever we gaze we may see the stamp and glisten of activity, and wherever we listen we may hear the murmur of existence. 'Tis in this June that every leaf and blade of grass have the hue of brilliance and become the fitting abode of some animated being; when all life which has ebbed away returns cheerfully to its former haunts and flows on gracefully as of yore. 'Tis in this June that the golden-headed dandelion, the cooling zephyr, the cloudless sky, the growing grass, and the rippling stream bring us the message of joyful times, so that our hearts are filled to overflowing with love, and the grief of life is not apparent.

'Tis in this June that the sorrowing heart flings off its despondency and forgets the wave-like billows of tribulations in which it floundered and struggled; when the heart, having to undergo no appalling vicissitudes nor to battle against the relentless, malignant fury of its own selfishness and conceit, can be true to its Maker and Preserver.

It was in this season of the year that naughty, arrogant Sir Launfal peremptorily and proudly commanded that his beautifully gilded mail be made ready for him, as he was determined to go at the next sunrise in search of the Holy Grail, wherever that search might lead him, be it over trackless deserts, in tempestuous seas, or among unknown terror. That night he lay himself to sleep on the rushes which were lying on his castle floor, hoping that, haply, a vision might come to him concerning his intended pursuit, which hope was fulfilled.
In this vision he beheld the eastern grandeur of the morning bathed in golden hue, and everything appeared so magnificent except his own, dull, gray castle, open only to the rich, and though the summer besieged it on all sides, would allow none of its brightening influence to penetrate her dark recesses or dreary walls.

Out of this castle he beheld himself dashes forth, seated on a strong charger and wrapped in his bright mail, beginning the search of the holy cup. But at the gate he met a sight which made his very flesh shrink and shiver, from which he turned with a sinking heart. It was a leper asking alms. In order to rid himself of so disgusting a spectacle, he threw him in haughty disdain a piece of the yellowish metal which, however, the leper scorched to lift from the dust, preferring the poison which he had brought him with a blessing to the rich man's pretended charity.

Again we are transported to a different scene. Everything roundabout has upon it the seal of the chilly atmosphere coming from the regions of the tail. Where'er the indifferent winds of the north have filled up space, all objects evidence with unmistakable signs their affinity to the wintry season. The cold chill wind sweeps over the bleak hill-top and open desert, carrying a shiver with it everywhere, and the little stream erects over its silvery waters a beautiful roof of pellucid ice. With the winter comes, also, the day wherein we commemorate the birth of our beloved Master, and Lowell takes us to an old-fashioned, brightly illuminated homestead, embelished with holly and ivy, within which cottage the frolicsome shout of gayety and the merry peal of laughter are alternately heard; where also the yule-log having been lit by superstitious fingers is reluctantly ebbing away in space.

But without all was desolate and dreary; not a leaf was to be seen on bush or tree; not a bird, save a stray crow, could be found; and when morninging awoke from its slumber, it seemed as if she had forever lost her warm, inspiring influences and had grown shrunk and decrepit.

Sir Launfal again beholds himself coming back from his vain search; but, oh! what a change. It was no more the lofty, presumptuous, vain, gloating, dashing, and unprepared maiden-knight; but the humiliated, unpresuming, old, wan, frail, and experienced soldier, bearing deep down in his soul the stamp of poverty and suffering.

He came back only to be turned from his own abode, at whose portals he sought admittance, which was not professed. Receiving this last stroke of coldness, with composure he sat himself down near by and began to muse of sunnier climes in order to inject warmth into his heart, when of a sudden he was interrupted in his reverie by hearing these scarcely audible words, "For Christ's sweet sake I beg an alms," and on looking beside him, he observed a cowering being in the last stages of the dreaded leprosy.

Did Sir Launfal not turn from him with loathing depicted on his aspect? Did he not in scornful disregard fling at him some coin? No. Other feelings had possession of the once cruel heart; other heart-throbs had supplanted those filled with emptiness, and he had only words of love to empty himself of, as he likened the leper,—who had received the world's cold shoulder of indifference, who had been crowned with a garland of thorns, who had drank to the dregs the bitterness of the cup of fate,—to Him who was crucified for a sinful world.

These simple words were received with silent gratitude and sunk deeply into that love-deceived heart of the leper, and his eyes became so expressive that they carried our deposed lord into days of yore, when he had treated the other leper so unkindly. He had but a single hard crust and but the cold water of the stream to give him, yet it was manna and rich wine to that hungering and thirsting soul.

Sir Launfal fell again into a muse, when, suddenly, a light shone round about him and he no more beheld the dying leper, but there he stood with the glory of another and better world deeply fixed on his expression; fair as the lovely sea-nymphs of intellectual Greece; shining as the polished steel; tall as the princely pines; straight as the rays of the archer-god at noon-day.

Presently the knight hears the musical words spoken so sweetly and softly, yea, even bordering on sublimity, flowing forth from over his rounded lips as the rippling waters flow gracefully onward through field and dale. "Be ye not afraid. You have spent your days in search of the holy cup without avail, but at last your efforts have been rewarded and crowned with success. This cup, from which you granted me to drink, is the long-sought one, and you have also partaken of the Holy Supper, for this crust is my crucified body, and this water my shed blood. Remember, it is not in what we give, but in that which we share that we are allowed to partake of this supper; and he who gives his love with his alms, feeds him self, his hungering neighbor, and me." The vision now came to an end, but it had wrought its mission and taught its lesson. He awoke as from a trance and exclaimed that the holy cup was found in his castle, inferring that it could always be found by the truly earnest seeker. From that time to the present, his castle doors were open to the wanderer, as well as to the case-loving to poverty as well as to wealth; to the noble and ignoble; to the unclean leper and the outwardly cleansed Lord. Summer, also, had proven victorious in her siege of over three centuries long, and had at last been admitted over the threshold to brighten the dreary rooms and darkened hall-way, and to play hide-and-seek in the large court-yard.

Thus we end a piece filled with graphic and amazingly beautiful descriptions of nature, and containing truths sufficient to ennoble the most degraded life.

**College Jottings.**

**THE ANCHOR.**

*Edited by L. van Den Bub, '97, and R. Quetly, '99.*

We'll stay—

Unless we strike a colder day.

Hard times! No fun!

But wait until we get 16 to 1.
Wm. Prakken will not return this year.

One poor, forlorn, bachelor Professor.

Ja V's only calling place is across the track.

The busy "B's" mourn the loss of their ma.

Bryan, the boy orator: Meulpolder, the boy preacher.

Jim Te Winkle's beaming countenance is again among us.

Ed. Dinnent is the owner of a handsome up-to-date wheel.

My goodness notions, F—t what is the use. And it was in vain.

Students desiring to develop muscle should diet on horseflesh. — "K—r."

The Misses Peeks and Appeldoorn have discontinued their college work.

J. Van Ess, alumni editor, contemplates burning bituminous coal this winter.

E. Takken, of last year's Freshman class, is teaching school at East Saugatuck.

Martin Hyink is the owner of a handsome diamond which he found in Chicago last June.

Mr. A. Van Oeveren took advantage of the excursion to Chicago Friday, September 18.

Two of our worthy professors have deserted bachelor life and now enjoy a home of their own.

The members of the Foot-ball Association have elected Ed. Kelder manager for this season.

Some people have the mistaken idea that A. L. W. lives on North Front street, Grand Rapids. His home is on North Ionia street.

Mr. Ferguson was in Grand Rapids on Thursday, October 1, to attend the wedding of a sister.

"What will you bet that the contents are not known?"

A very pretty exhibition game of foot ball was played at the County Fair on Thursday, October 1st. Two college teams—the blues, captain J. J. Hanninga, and the orange, captain J. E. Kuizenga—entered the contest. The blues were victorious by a score of 12 to 6. Henry Schipper officiated as umpire, and Mr. Haddock of the city High School acted as referee.

The college Glee Club has already begun work for this year. The Club meets every Friday afternoon at a quarter before five o'clock. On Friday, October 2, six new members were elected. This is a good beginning and, certainly, shows that the students intend to do good work during this year.

The Juniors have concluded to subdivide International law for Calculus.

The Sophomores are enjoying the study of Surveying and Navigation. A company of six were out on Friday afternoon surveying a section of the campus.

J. W. Kots and Verwey are the latest initiated Van Vleckites.

Peter De Jong, of last year's Freshman class, is attending the University of Chicago.

The following is a Senior's (mistaken) quotation from Bryan:

"This unendurable taint of sin.
This hellfire upon, this all-blasting fire.
"

Prof. Yntema has telephone connection between his residence and his class-room in Van Vleck Hall.

A new wood-shed has been built for the use of the inmates of Van Vleck Hall. This is quite an improvement over the old structure. Mr. Bloemendaal has a private room in one end of the building, where, they say, he keeps his kindling-wood safely stored.

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