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INTRODUCTION.

Founded in 1857 as Holland Academy, and chartered in 1866 as Hope College, this institution has experienced a continuous and substantial growth. Though under the control of the Reformed Church in America, and thus safeguarded religiously in methods and aims, her doors are open to all alike. It is the purpose of this Bulletin to set forth the present advantages of Hope College in such a way as to interest those who are seeking an education.

THE COLLEGE.

The Collegiate Department offers five course-groups each built about some dominant idea, and each leading to the degree of Bachelor of Arts. These groups are known as Classical, Philosophical, Natural Science, Modern Language-English, Modern Language-Mathematics. A generous range of election is permitted.

A student pursuing any one of these five groups who elects certain courses in the Department of Education may thus fit himself for teaching and obtain the Michigan State Teachers' Certificate without further normal school attendance.

During recent years there has been a notable increase in the attendance in the College.

PREPARATORY SCHOOL.

This school has all the strong points of the ordinary high school and in addition many features not found in the high school. In the first place it assimilates those students who have had only a two or a three years' course as it does also those whose course has been interrupted and thereby makes them feel out of place in the high school. But a special advantage to the preparatory student is found in the fact that he begins his studies under the regular college professors. Thus his work is supervised throughout the entire eight years and becomes better co-ordinated thereby. The preparatory school is not an adjunct of the college but a very important integral part of the institution.
LOCATION.

Holland is a city of 12,000 inhabitants, and is centrally located on the Pere Marquette railway. A number of daily trains afford direct connection with the leading cities east, and as many with Chicago and other points west. It is on a straight line from Grand Rapids to Chicago, distant from the former city 25 miles, and from the latter city 152 miles. When navigation is open it also has connection with Chicago by a daily line of steamboats. It is therefore most desirably located, having both land and water communication, being near the shore of Lake Michigan, with which it is connected by a beautiful sheet of water, called Macatawa Bay, and on which are numerous popular summer resorts.

A PART OF THE CAMPUS.

Holland is a musical and literary center and from this point of view can provide an unusually good environment for study and general culture. There are in addition to the college course of lectures and musical numbers, and the evenings given by the faculty of music and the choral society, many opportunities of hearing the best platform orators and musicians in the United States. The literary and musical activities of the city are pretty largely centered around the work carried on by the Century Club, the Woman's Literary Club, and the Social Progress Club.
COLLEGE CENSUS.

The president’s report of April, 1915, gives the total enrollment at four hundred forty, of which the college has two hundred one, the preparatory school one hundred forty-five and the school of music ninety-eight.

SOCIAL LIFE ON THE CAMPUS.

The splendid building known as Voorhees Hall, with its large capacity for housing young women and its ample dining room, accommodating both young men and young women, naturally becomes the center of the social life of the College. A number of teachers make their home within its walls, and thus, with the presence of a dean of large experience and culture, the social life is under a constant and wise oversight and direction. This oversight is by no means so rigorous as to check the natural flow of good spirits so abundant in youth. Students at Hope do good work and they also have good times.
SOCIETIES.

Nine literary societies are found in the Institution. The Meliphone, the Cosmopolitan, the Fraternal, the Minerva, and the Sorosis have been maintained for years. The Knickerbocker for men and the Delphi and the Philathea for women are the more recent organizations. These organizations offer decided advantages to their respective members and materially aid in the attainment of the culture which it is the object of the College to promote. The Ulfilas Club is doing excellent work in the fostering of the study of the Dutch language. The students of German have an organization called Die Deutsche Gesellschaft for the purpose of conversation in German. In all of the societies a free, democratic, American spirit is demanded and no class distinctions, based upon wealth, position or influence, are tolerated.

The Science Club is an association for the advancement of scientific study and research. Its membership is open to instructors and students who are interested in Natural Science. Reports based upon scientific investigations in Europe and America are prepared by the members.
RE_FORMED LIFE.

Hope College is characteristically a Christian College. Character development is the main aim. The Young Men and Young Women's Christian Association are in a very flourishing condition. Last year more than one hundred students were engaged in Bible and Mission study outside of the regular course of study. It is through these agencies that there is maintained a high moral tone, which tends to make the student body purposive in their pursuit of study, and consequently is responsible for a high standard of scholarship. This spirit, too, plays an important part in athletics, making that field of student activity pure and honorable.
DISCIPLINE.

Such is the moral sense of the student body that the simple mention of college duties usually suffices to secure their performance. Where such measures fail other means are found adequate. Removal for unworthy conduct is the extreme, though not unknown, penalty.

VIEW OF BLACK RIVER, AT HOLLAND, MICH.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND TUITION.

A limited number of scholarships are annually granted those who are needy and deserving. The low annual charge made by the institution, however,—more properly styled an incidental fee rather than tuition—makes such concession unnecessary for the majority. This amounts to only $24 per year for college students and $18 per year for preparatory students.
SELF-HELP.

Very many students are able to provide for a large share of their expenses by various kinds of employment. The College authorities co-operate with the student in finding suitable situations, though, here as elsewhere, the student's own determination and adaptiveness chiefly determine his success.

In the matter of necessary expenses it may be suggested that while it is not advisable to begin a school year without some money, of the two evils, having too much money is more to be feared than having too scant a supply.

PRIZES.

The college and preparatory school take a just pride in the number and value of the prizes that are awarded annually. Twenty-five dollars is given for the best essay by a college junior in English and a similar one for the best essay by a senior in Dutch literature. English prizes of the value of fifteen and ten dollars are offered for proficiency in "C" English. The Raven fund provides prizes of thirty and twenty dollars for oratory—the winner of the first prize is the Hope representative at the State contest. The Coles prizes for oratory and debate are of special value. In addition to these are three prizes of twenty-five dollars each for essays on work in missions and on temperance. Two medals are offered annually to the senior girl and the "A" class girl who have made the best record in the four years for scholarship, usefulness and character.

In oratory and debating Hope ranks second to none of any of the Colleges of the State. In the Prohibition Contest Hope's representative took first place in both State and District Contests, and second place in the National Contest held at Topeka, Kan. This year Hope again won first place in the State Contest, and second at the District Contest recently held in Atlantic City. Last March Hope took first place in the State Oratorical Contest. Two of Hope's graduates have won Rhodes Scholarships, while there are still five who are eligible to the scholarship, since they have successfully passed the qualifying examination. Six members of the class of 1914 won fellowships in the State Universities. The class of 1915 won three.

The reason for such success lies primarily in the fact that students are trained to think for themselves, and to work independently.
Owing to the nature of this Bulletin no description of the literary courses in general is attempted. Those desiring such information should consult the general catalog—copy of which will be sent on application—or correspond with the president.

Attention is especially directed, however, to the advantages of the department of Education and of the School of Music.

EDUCATION.

Special facilities are offered students who are preparing to teach in the grades or in the high school. The department of education offers courses in the principles and practice of teaching, and provides opportunities for students to do observation work and teaching in the local schools. Students in the preparatory school are given the advantage of taking review courses for the county teacher's examination, while the college seniors obtain State certificates good for three years.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT.

Thorough training under capable teachers may be had in Piano, Pipe Organ, Voice Culture, Violin and the ordinary branches of Musical Theory.

Besides the private work of the studio, ensemble practice and public appearance, together with numerous opportunities to hear distinguished artists, constitute for the Hope College student musical advantages of the highest order.

Rates of tuition will be found very low considering the character of the instruction offered. Fuller information will be furnished on application.
VAN RAALTE HALL, wherein are Laboratories, Museum, and numerous Lecture Rooms.
ATHLETICS.

It is a matter of just pride that at Hope College athletics are a means and not an end. With the exception of football all forms of sport are generously encouraged. The basketball season means basketball for practically every student, as the leagues formed in both Preparatory School and College offer an opportunity for each student to play. Inter-class games in baseball do the same for the student during the summer term. Preparation for the annual field day in May keeps many students busy from the time the snow leaves the ground. Besides, there is the annual Muskegon-Grand Rapids-Hope cross-country, and the Grand Rapids-Hope relay race. On the College Campus are excellent tennis courts, and much use is made of them. Opportunities for boating and fishing are unexcelled.

In basketball Hope has a position that is enviable among the colleges of the state. Our team meets regularly the strongest teams in the state. Last year's baseball season was a very successful one.

The Athletics of the College are directly under the supervision of a Board of Control, composed of one alumnus, two professors, and two members of the student body.
PUBLICATIONS.

Connected with the institution two religious weeklies are published, De Hope and The Leader. The former is in the Dutch language, and both are devoted to furthering the cause of the Reformed Church in America.

A weekly paper, The Anchor, is published by the students, and is under their management and control. It is a paper of high literary merit. Its editorial columns, with comments on various themes, give the students an open forum to express their views. Containing as it does local news, social, athletic and otherwise, and devoting considerable space to Alumni news as well, it is characteristically a College newspaper.

EXAMINATIONS.

Examinations for admission will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 14, at 9 a. m. Regular work in all classes will begin Sept. 15.
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