



## DEGREES GIVEN TO GRADUATES OF WILLAMETTE

### Fifty-one Diplomas Awarded at Seventy-third Annual Commencement.

### STANFIELD IS SPEAKER

"Evolution of Modern Emphasis of Christianity" Theme; Senators Chamberlain and McNary Are Made Doctors of Law.

Fifty-one degrees were awarded to the graduates from the several departments of the university at the seventy-third commencement held in the First Methodist church, Wednesday morning, June 13.

In accordance with an annual custom the procession was formed at Eaton hall, and marched down State street to the church.

Rev. Joshua Stanfield, D. D., of the First Methodist church, Portland, gave the commencement address, "The Evolution of the Modern Emphasis of Christianity." In part he said:

There is nothing that makes so much of life as the Christian conception of life. Centuries are the lineal descendants of one another. Civilization is a problem of concepts, ideals, and ideas, not a matter of centuries. If the latter were true China would be the strongest nation.

"Christianity revealed God and man. Incarnation is highest doctrine of Christianity, it is the revelation of God in human life. Christianity at best is humanizing God. The biggest study is human life. The Christian religion has discovered man and put worth in life.

"When Christianity becomes an organism the light goes out. It must be a life. Christianity was conquered by Rome. It became an organized political machine. This caused the dark ages. It had to be rediscovered. Then individualism reigned.

"Christianity makes for individuals, strong, conscious personalities. Greatest movements of the centuries came from this truth. But all individualism is not good.

"The modern cry has been 'Back to Christ.' Christianity is experience of life and spirit of Christ in the people. It is not opinions about Christ. Today, to be a Christian one must not be good, but good for something.

"The Declaration of Independence was a declaration of a deep conviction of men, due to distinct Christian teaching. It declared that God had given to men certain inalienable rights. The spirit of '61 and '76 was the same. The spirit is moving the side of right today. The war is between antichrist represented by power and Christ represented by life. The war is between conceptions. Thus the importance of holding right conceptions.

"German Kultur is the greatest paradox in the world. America was not drawn into the war, but enticed by her own free will, actuated by a high and lofty ideal.

"The best outcome of America this year is the graduates of colleges and universities. Go out with a consciousness of power and be true to principles. A man is at his best if he knows and knows he knows."

After the address, the 35 Liberal Arts students were presented by Dean Alden, while President Doney conferred the degrees.

Following in order were the 12 law students presented by Dean I. H. Van Winkle. As a candidate for the master's degree Frederick Anstett McMillin was presented by Professor Von Eschen. He was given the master's hood.

Dr. F. W. Chace presented Miss Emmons for the diploma in music. President Doney also conferred two honorary degrees. Hon. George E. Chamberlain, of Portland and Hon. Charles L. McNary, of Salem, were both awarded the degree, Doctor of Laws.

Previous numbers on the program were: Lommens' Organ Marche Pontificale by Dr. Chace; Invocation, Rev. James Moore, D. D.; Soprano solo, "June," Lola Belle McCaddam; Scripture Lesson, Rev. Robert Brumblay; Baritone solo "The Lord Is My Light," Alhisen, Archie Smith. Quartet composed of Louise Benson, Venita McKinney, Dr. Maurice Roberts and Archie Smith sang "It is

## McMILLIN GETS DEGREE

"Some Proteins and Their Decomposition Products" Is Thesis.

Having written a satisfactory thesis and passed the examination for a master's degree, Frederick A. McMillin was the only one to be honored with this advanced degree this year.

The examination was oral and was given in President Doney's office, June 4. Professor F. Von Eschen questioned him on his major, bacteriology. His other minor was physical chemistry. Dr. J. H. Fairchild questioned him on his thesis "Some Proteins and Their Decomposition Products."

For the past two years Mr. McMillin has been Professor Von Eschen's chief assistant in his science department.

## KIMBALL GIVES ONE DIPLOMA

### Theology College Has Good Program for Eighth Commencement Time

Van Winkle Only Graduate; Rev. G. H. Parkinson Gives Address.

The exercises of commencement week of Kimball College of Theology opened last Sunday morning, June 2, with the baccalaureate sermon in the First Methodist church, by Rev. J. E. Crowther, D. D., of Seattle. This was a strong and inspirational message on the text, "For a great door, and effectual is opened unto me and there are many adversaries."

On Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 was held the competitive reading of hymns and scripture for the Fisher prize. This is the prize of \$20 to be offered annually by the Rev. A. N. Fisher, D. D., for excellence on hymn and scripture reading. There were five who entered the competition—namely Thomas Acheson, J. D. Woodfin, G. R. Abbott, W. J. Warren and J. W. Miller. The judges were the Reverends R. N. Avison, D. D., G. F. Holt, D. D., and G. R. Lovell. The decision of the judges awarded the prize to Thomas Acheson.

The annual communion service and love feast was held at 4 p. m. Thursday, being conducted by Dr. E. S. Hammond. This is always a season of interest and helpfulness to students, friends and alumni of Kimball college, emphasizing as it does the distinctively religious feature of the work.

The graduation exercises were held in the assembly hall on Friday at 2:30. The room was beautifully decorated with the Kimball college colors. While the Processional was being played by Prof. Frank Wilbur Chace, the academic procession entered, led by President H. J. Talbot and President Carl G. Doney, followed by Drs. W. W. Youngson, G. H. Parkinson, the members of the faculty and the graduate of this year, J. Stanley Van Winkle. After the invocation by Dr. Doney, the scripture was read by Dr. Youngson. Rev. G. H. Parkinson, pastor of the Methodist church of Eugene, then delivered the commencement address. His theme was "A Faithful Dispenser of the Word of God," and his message was an earnest, clear and practical setting forth of the mission which the minister has to perform under present day conditions. F. S. Barton rendered beautifully the selection "For the Lord Is Mindful of His Own," from the oratorio St. Paul, by Handel, after which Dr. Talbot delivered the charge to the class, setting forth most vividly and earnestly the lofty ideals of character and conduct to be held before him who enters upon this calling. The degree of Bachelor of Divinity was then conferred upon Rev. J. Stanley Van Winkle.

The presentation of the Stone scholarship prize was made to Mr. Van Winkle by Prof. Edwin Sherwood. Prof. E. S. Hammond then announced the winner of the Fisher prize, which had been previously presented.

Mr. Van Winkle is the only member of the graduating class of this year. He took his A. B. degree three years ago at Albany college, then too one year of theological work in the Macleay College of Theology in

Behold, they came! From far and near; both great and small, thick and thin, married and single—one and all they returned for the 73rd annual commencement. And what a reunion it was. Big talking, loud laughter, tears of joy, laughable gestures, in fact any and all means of conveying thought that could be utilized was availed by the returning alumni.

Of course those who had been away but a year were the greatest gushers, and a few of the phrases uttered may be worth recording. In the words of the school marim, Beryl Holt, as she gazed at the countenance of the California rancher, Joe Gerhart, "Well, of all things; if you don't look like a Mexican Greaser"; or of Paul Irvine, dignified professor of Joseph, Or., when he first lapped Prof. Pfaff of Port Angeles, Wash., "Why, hello Peter, I got something to tell you." This simply goes to show how far they have degenerated in a few short months to the use of the language of the boy play. But who wouldn't have done similarly under the same conditions? Even the greatest may be common at times.

After listening to the alumni chatter for a day or so the following seems to be the future hopes and plans which they are cherishing:

Howard Jewett is undecided as to whether he will go to war or go to Sweet Home, Or., as principal of schools.

Lloyd Shuster and wife will be at St. Helens, Or., the coming year where "Shis" will teach.

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## TRUSTEES PASS UPON BUSINESS OF IMPORTANCE

### Make Military Training for All Male Students Compulsory for Two Years.

### REPORT ON EATON WILL

Endowment Committee Plans Campaign for a \$200,000 Building and \$500,000 Endowment Fund.

With about 25 members of the Board of Trustees present at the regular June meeting held last Tuesday several matters of importance were passed up.

Of greatest importance to the students is the decision to make military training compulsory for all male students for at least two years. Definite plans have not been worked out.

No definite action was taken in regard to a new Lausanne hall except that a plat be made of the campus and prospective buildings. Two blueprints of the new hall are being considered, one by Fred A. Legg, and the other by George M. Post, both local architects.

A. M. Smith, chairman of the endowment committee, reported that the Eaton estate bequeathed to Willamette was worth between \$70,000 and \$100,000. The other members of the committee are R. A. Booth, C. P. Bishop, Carl G. Doney, and B. L. Steeves. It was also decided to push the endowment campaign in greater earnestness. The plan now includes \$200,000 for buildings and \$500,000 for endowments.

For the past few years there has been some doubt about the continuance of the Law College, but at this meeting it was definitely decided to continue this department.

So far no person has been found to take the position on the faculty formerly held by Professor Stauffer.

## MANY ALUMNI DIVULGE PLANS

### Classmates, and Grads Old and Young Revive Spirit of Bygone Days

Pfaff Will Teach at Port Angeles; Pedagog and Preachers Out-Number Other Professions.

Tuesday afternoon found the campus crowded with a gay assemblage of students and friends of the University; and the dignified seniors clad in cap and gown standing in file on the steps of Eaton hall. Mr. Gillette arose to the occasion and made the presentation speech in behalf of the senior class and presented the most appropriate gift of gifts, a concrete walk extending from Eaton hall to Waller hall. Dr. Steeves, president of the board of trustees, responded to Mr. Gillette's presentation after which the seniors marched for the first time officially upon the new walk to Waller hall chapel, where the class day stunts were pulled off.

Seldom is the college chapel as crowded as that of Tuesday afternoon to view the stunts performed by the members of the freshman and sophomore classes. The freshman's contribution was the first number of the program. The participants marched on to the platform as impersonators of the dignified and staid faculty members. Dean Alden presided at the meeting of the faculty at which time the nominations were to be made for the Albert Prize. Those faculty members best imitated were Professor Ebsen who kept his audience in a continual roar. Another characteristic imitation was that of Professor Perck by Paul Doney who made a very renowned speech when he nominated Laban Steeves for the prize. In comment upon this nomination Dean Alden responded with Steeves' research thesis. It reads:

I love to plow when spring is new  
And cut the angleworms in two.  
Perhaps you know 'tis wrong to cut  
An angleworm in two.  
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Edna B. Billings . . . . . Harrington, Wash.  
Irma Botsford . . . . . Salem, Or.  
Gladys E. Carson . . . . . Salem, Or.  
Karl A. Chapley . . . . . Salem, Or.  
Carrie Cooksey . . . . . Salem, Or.  
Lila A. Doughty . . . . . Salem, Or.  
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Earl C. Flegel . . . . . Portland, Or.  
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Grover A. Gates . . . . . Salem, Or.  
Rosamond Gilbert . . . . . Salem, Or.  
Alpheus J. Gillette . . . . . Woodburn, Or.  
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Henry C. Gregg . . . . . Ballston, Or.  
Louis O. Hepp . . . . . Salem, Or.  
Ruth E. Hodge . . . . . Salem, Or.  
Flora E. House . . . . . Douglas, Ariz.  
Samuel R. King . . . . . Emmett, Ida.  
Gustav F. Lienting, Jr. . . . . Salem, Or.  
Violet Maclean . . . . . Portland, Or.  
Margaret C. Miller . . . . . Salem, Or.  
Nettie Emma Minton . . . . . Salem, Or.  
Eugenia B. McElathriff . . . . . Salem, Or.  
Carl A. Reetz . . . . . Newberg, Or.  
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Harry H. Savage . . . . . Salem, Or.  
Laban A. Steeves . . . . . Salem, Or.  
Harriet Ruth Tasker . . . . . Salem, Or.  
Esther L. Taylor . . . . . Bismark, N. D.  
Adelaide Tobie . . . . . Greenacres, Wash.  
Ruth R. Winters . . . . . La Grande, Or.  
Leigh Douglass . . . . . Wenatchee, Wash.

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## DONEY DELIVERS BACCALAUREATE SERMON SUNDAY

### Annual Sermon to Graduating Class Is Delivered in the Methodist Church

### MUSIC IS APPROPRIATE

Class of 1917 Listens to Masterful Address; "The Wealth of Waste" Is Theme; Morning Service Is Unusually Solemn.

"The Wealth of Waste" was the theme of President Carl G. Doney when he delivered the baccalaureate sermon to the senior class at the First Methodist church, Sunday morning.

For 29 years the commencement exercises of the University have been held in this old historic church, and the association added to solemnity of the service. The music under the direction of Dr. Frank Wilbur Chace of the College of Music was of a high order and was appropriate to the occasion.

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## VOLUNTEER BAND ELECTS

Murray Keefer Is Leader; Successful Year Closed.

At a called meeting of the Student Volunteer Band last Wednesday Murray Keefer was elected leader and Pearl Crowder secretary-treasurer for the first semester of the 1917-1918 school year.

Although a small organization, in point of numbers, the Volunteer Band has successfully carried out several very worthy enterprises during the past school year.

The Ministry-Missions Conference, held at Willamette in April, was a product of the untiring efforts of its members.

With the help of the Y. W. C. A. and some good alumni friends, the band raised \$50 for the salary of Mr. Pak, a native preacher in Korea. Mr. Pak has been supported by the Willamette University Student Volunteer Band for the last seven years.

## LAWN FETE BIG EVENT OF WEEK

### Juniors Stage Clever Take Off On Play "Sherwood"; Alumni Entertain

Evening Proves a Gala Celebration; Seniors Leave Possessions; Both Glee Clubs Heard.

With everything favorable, the Senior Lawn Fete was staged Tuesday evening on the campus. The weather was perfect and the campus brilliantly illuminated.

In the center was a stage banked with ivy and scotch broom from which a delightful program was given. During the first part of the evening an orchestra rendered several selections while the students greeted alumni and all enjoyed a delightful social time. The first number on the program was Hoffman's "Barearroll" sung by the Ladies' Glee Club.

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## A. N. MOORES IS NEW PRESIDENT OF W. U. ALUMNI

### Annual Business Meeting of Association Fortells Good for Willamette.

### NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

Gertrude Reeves Smith Re-Elected Secretary; Stella Graham Bates Treasurer; Burgess Ford Alumni Trustee.

With a marked increase in attendance and enthusiasm the Willamette University Alumni association held its annual business meeting, Wednesday afternoon in Waller Hall chapel.

James Crawford '11, president of the Alumni association for the year 1916-1917 presided, and in addition to the routine business several new matters were acted upon that tend to make the association more effective in its work and relations to the university.

The officers elected for the year 1917-1918 are: A. N. Moores '76, Salem, president; Dr. Frank E. Brown '98, Salem, first vice-president; Mrs. Lila Swafford Moser '05, Tacoma, second vice president; David L. Cook '16, Newberg, third vice president; Gertrude Reeves Smith '13, Salem, was re-elected secretary; Mrs. Graham Bates '15, Salem, treasurer; Mrs. F. H. Thompson '10, Salem, and Miss Sylvia Jones '06, Salem, executive members; Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Goltra '87 and '84, Salem, ex-officio members of executive committee; Burgess Ford '05, Jefferson, alumni trustee; Alfred Schramm '13, Salem, and James B. C. Oakes '13, Portland, members of the athletic association.

The matter of combining the alumni association dues and the subscription to the Willamette Collegian was discussed and will probably be used again next year.

A vote of thanks was extended Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Goltra for their work in the association.

Resolutions were passed that messages of condolence be sent to the families of Hon. A. E. Eaton, T. S. McDaniels, and George Schreiber '13, expressing the sorrow of the alumni association at the death of these esteemed members and friends of Willamette university.

About 75 old grads attended the business meeting and 106 sent in their dues.

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The Alumni Association offers two prizes each year. One for the best examination paper in Latin composition and one for the best Constitutional History examination. This year Mary Walker received the prize in Latin Grammar and Wesley Hammond received the prize in Constitutional History. The prizes are \$10 each.

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RECOMMENDATIONS.

Despite all the conditions working to the contrary, the past year has been a successful as well as a memorable period. Needed improvements have been inaugurated, and some faults have been clearly brought to light in the administration of the student body's affairs.

With the hope that the student body of the year may profit by the experience of this year's work, the following recommendations are presented. They are not the capricious thoughts of one individual, but have been expressed by several well-meaning students at various and sundry times.

It would be well for the student body to rule that any student who has not paid his student body fees in full shall not be allowed any of the privileges connected with the administration of the student body affairs. To be allowed the honor of voting at any election, a voice in student body meetings, a place on any athletic or forensics team, or to hold any office, a student must have paid his fees in full.

The reason for this suggestion is based on the condition that allows students to give the registrar a note for this fee. This makes it necessary to carry over about \$150 each year, with the result that only a part is finally collected. Since the fee is so small the condition as stated above should be a means of obtaining all moneys due, while not embarrassing any worthy student.

Undoubtedly student managers should receive some token of appreciation from the student body for their services, but the paid athletic manager idea has failed to alleviate any previous evils. So far as efficiency goes, the one manager system is no better than a manager for each activity.

To those solely interested in fornication the announcement in the recent edition of the catalog of University prizes for winners in any University contest in public speaking is a boon, but to others it is not justified.

The Collegian, supported by a large number of students, many active in forensics work, claim that such prizes are unwarranted. Why should forensics work be aided by free tuition prizes when those who take part in athletic events, edit and manage the student publications, or otherwise give much of their time are not so favored?

Those who engage in forensics work give no more of their time and ability than the students engaged in other activities, and taking it year in and year out bring no more honor or do no more creditable work for the good of the school. Besides forensics work is awarded and participants are allowed the privilege of its partial substitution for class work. Next year's editor of the Collegian will

give two days each week to the publication and receive no recognition from the student body or university except a possible five hour credit.

To safeguard the student body funds a requisition system has been installed. This is an efficient means when strictly adhered to, but a fake when a few exceptions are allowed. A few have the idea that they may buy anything that may pertain to the welfare of the student body and then send the bill to the executive committee for payment. It is time that such practices were stopped by a strict adherence to the requisition system. Students should acquaint themselves with it.

Willamette students and faculty should demand, and make every endeavor to secure the best chapel speakers. Good ones have been heard during the past years, but some national characters have been missed. Such men as G. Stanley Hall, David Starr Jordan and Thomas M. Balliet could have been heard had a little effort and an invitation been extended them. An address from any one of the three men named is worth all that it costs. More good may result than a week of some class room work.

Student credit with business men should be carefully guarded. This applies to both students and organizations.

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"If any one speak ill of thee, consider whether he hath truth on his side; and if so, reform thyself, that his censures may not affect thee."—Ephletatus.

### THE YEAR.

The year of 1916-17 will long be remembered as the year of success and failure, of peace and war, of sunshine and rain, but weighing the one against the other, taking into account the incidents under each, one is forced to say the year has been a glorious one. It has been a year of action and decision. The very best in a man has been called upon. What more do you wish to make good.

Despite the materialism of war, one is forced to say with the idealists, that there is a divine purpose in the workings of the world, and could we understand all there would be no evil.

WRITE TO THE COLLEGIAN.

The alumni always take great interest in their alma mater and advise undergraduates to keep up their school enthusiasm and spirit after leaving the school. However there is one thing they fail to do which will help the institution, the alumni association, and the Collegian. That is to keep the Collegian readers informed about facts concerning the alumni.

The alumni notes in the Collegian are of great interest but it is impossible to get any great number of them unless the alumni themselves assist. We hope the class of 1917 will remember this and next year will not fail to write to the Collegian. It is a little thing, but your alma mater will appreciate it.

THE EDITOR-ELECT.

Many thoughts arise as the present occupant of the editorial chair is about to resign his official capacity to his so worthy successor. In the name of Donald Matthews is the greatest promise for better things we can make. Under his leadership it will be greatly improved compared to the efforts exposed this year. In fact some of the best articles on the editorial page this year are his creation. Likewise in the sitting and writing up of news he is superior. All he needs is the support of students who can write, and only a day in June, 1918, can tell what that man can do.

Although the Girls' Willamette Club was seriously handicapped by a lack of funds to make their issue of the Collegian an artistic success, it without doubt proved that the co-eds are equal to any task. Nothing but praise can be accorded the editorial work.

COMMENCEMENT.

Not only were the beautiful summer days conducive to the success of every event of commencement week, but the loyal co-operation of every one interested in Willamette comes in for its share of praise.

Noticeable this year above all others was the large number of students present. This is probably one of the best features, since, due to time of conducting the final examinations, the plan should be maintained from year to year.

Likewise for the success of the week the seniors are indebted to work given by other students in preparation by the several class day attractions. In addition each class and the alumni staged an original stunt.

Memories of the week will long be dear to the class of 1917 and the university at large.

### OUR LAST WORD.

To each and every one of the members of the editorial staff the editor wishes to express his deep appreciation for their loyal help during the college year just closed. Any service the Collegian has been able to perform for the student body and university as a whole is due to the combined efforts of all the writers for the several issues.

The Collegian is more deeply indebted to Miss Carrie Cooksey, than to any other staff member. As society editor she assumed complete charge of that department, relieving the editor of all responsibility in the gathering and editing of the several articles each week. No matter how difficult the gaining of other copy proved, the society copy was always up to standard.

Other persons who deserve special credit are: Rosamond Gilbert, who, as associate editor during the last three months, attended to all the news assignments in addition to writing several stories each week. Donald Matthews has been the editor's standby, always the man for any assignment. A large number of the best stories are the production of Ruth Spoor. Maxwell Hall, Mary Eyre, Esther and Aetna Emmel were also among the Collegian's best workers.

To the public we make no boast of being the "best college paper," but at all times have endeavored to portray Willamette life as it is. A few have not been pleased with all that has or has not been said, but since perfection seems impossible, we have few regrets to express for the year's work.

Too much study will give anybody headaches.—Mary Pickford.

In order that the man may be the noble creature he can be in peace or war he must have the approval, encouragement, smile and practical aid of woman.—Rev. Russel H. Conwell.

### Gentleman Caller Asked to Hold the Line a Minute

Gentlemen callers are not altogether an unfamiliar sight at Dewdrop Inn. Most of the girls are called for at frequent intervals but somehow Aetna Emmel's name is always forgotten when the gentlemen are panned out.

This fact probably accounts for the excited demeanor of Mabel Garrett the other day when the door bell rang and a real live gentleman asked to see Miss Emmel.

"Yes, she is here," said Mabel. "Just hold the line a minute and I'll call her."

### Library Receives New Books

The University library received recently a valuable gift from Hon. R. A. Booth: Ten volumes by Nicholas and Hay on "Abraham Lincoln: A History." There are several works on Lincoln in the library but none can compare with this authentic official history. Nicholas and Hay were Lincoln's private secretaries and had an intimate knowledge of his great heart and life.

The University also received from Mr. Leslie M. Scott of Portland, two volumes of "Editorials and Addresses on Religion, Theology and Morals" by Harvey J. Scott, formerly editor of the Oregonian.

Being editors is great boys: Just join in the work and try. If before you loved to live, boys, Then you'll surely wish to die.

Philosophy is finding out how many things there are in the world which you can't have if you want them, and don't want if you can have them.—Puck.

### WHEN THE WAR'S GOING TO END.

Absolute knowledge have I none. But my aunt's washerwoman's son heard a policeman on his beat say to a laborer on the street: That he had a letter just last week written in the finest Greek From a Chinese coolie in Timbuctoo.

Who sold the niggers in Cuba knew Of a colored man in a Texas town Who got it straight from a circus clown.

That a man in Klondyke heard the news From a gang of South American Jews About somebody in Borneo Who heard of a man who claimed to know.

Of a swell society dame Whose mother-in-law will undertake To prove that her 7th husband's sister's niece.

Has stated in a printed piece That she has a son who has a friend Who knows when the war is going to end.

Lives of editors remind us. That their lives are not sublime. For they have to work like thunder. To get their paper out on time.

Mr. Lloyd R. Haight, who is a former member of the class of 1913, arrived in Salem Saturday evening. During the past winter he has been attending the University of Pennsylvania dental department. He expects to remain in Salem for a few weeks, and then go to his home at Riverview, Wash.

### Professor Matthews Gives Talk at Farewell Meeting of Christian Associations

The annual farewell meeting of the Christian Associations was held in the beautifully decorated chapel at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

Miss Fannie McKennon, president of the Y. W. C. A., presided and Professor Matthews gave one of his inimitable talks which carry so much of all that is worth while to his hearers. Perhaps no speaker is so popular with students and alumni, and his talk on Sunday afternoon will be one long remembered by all of them, but especially will it linger in the memory of the class of 1917.

In part the professor said: "If I had a hundred children I would send them all to college. A self-educated man never has the tolerance for the opinions of others or the broad-mindedness of the college student. Some people have the world divided into two classes, the successful self-made man like Lincoln and the college man who failed. The world must have men who are bigger.

Delightful musical numbers were rendered by popular campus musicians. Dr. Frank Wilbur Chase rendered an organ prelude, vocal solos were sung by Miss Margaret Wible and Mr. Harold B. Joy, Miss Lucille McCully played a violin solo.

### Editor-Elect Turns Stew Builder for Uncle Sam's Foresters in Washington

Editor-elect Donald Matthews has decided to take to the woods for the summer. Perhaps he thought it wise to go far from the maddening crowd where he could organize his knowledge and prepare weighty editorials for the coming year; or perhaps he wished to avoid the many office seekers and "would be reporters" that always crowd (?) the Collegian office. Whatever his reason, he is gone and writes as follows: "How is Sam? Too bad I had to leave the old boy in a hole with a Collegian on top but, then—I begin cooking for 15 men, planting trees tomorrow. Snow everywhere up here."

He is in the U. S. Forestry service at Leavenworth, Wash.

The principal thing you've got to do to keep an audience in good humor is to make it think that it is superior to you in intelligence.—Charlie Chaplin.

### DONEY DELIVERS BACCALAUREATE

moral and spiritual forces rule men, and men rule things. "The modern idea of the interpretation of matter is applicable to the spiritual as well as the physical world. We are not wholly materialists or spiritualists, we are a physical body with a soul.

"In the great sacrifice of Christ the value of the soul is indicated. He would not have died for all the material wealth in the world. What may it profit a man though he gain the whole world and lose his own soul." All force is soul force. Soul is the sum total of sensations and aspirations. The soul is the indistinguishable sparks of divine light.

"The supreme moment in a man's life is that when a man becomes conscious of his soul. What if he does not become conscious of it—then he remains one of those who see the waste of sacrifice.

"Today America is squandering its wealth for an ideal. Christ in man's savior because he would not save himself. He still lives in all he died for. If the precious ointment of your life be given in sacrifice you will enrich the world.

### KIMBALL GIVES ONE DIPLOMA

Los Angeles, and completed his theological course in the past two years at Kimball. He expects to enter the pastorate in the North Montana conference, at Hinsdale.

The annual alumni meeting was held at 4 p. m. In the alumni roll call the following answered to their names: Class of 1910, D. L. Fields, H. G. McCain, G. O. Oliver; 1913, F. R. Jackson, F. M. Jasper, T. D. Yarnes; 1914, William Nicholl; 1917, J. Stanley Van Winkle. Officers elected for the ensuing year were: President, T. D. Yarnes; vice-president, William Nicholl; secretary-treasurer, F. M. Jasper.

DEGREES GIVEN TO GRADUATES (Continued from Page 1)  
the Lot of Friends to Part" by Buck; Benediction, Rev. Walton Skilworth, P. D.  
After the exercises a reception was given in honor of the graduates in the church parlors.

### CLASS STUNTS PLEASE CROWD

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God made them for to alicc. For if you slit one plum in twain, The ends will soon get well again. And then is his great wonder shown, You have two worms instead of one.

Professor Ehsen nominated Rosamond Gilbert, but again the Dean objected. He said: Why I've seen at times when her nose turned up.

And her brows drew down, Until she wore a great big frown. And on her cheek, as sure as fate, There shown the burning kiss of Haught.

Mrs. Senn was another very interesting speaker who bewailed the fact of the many empty chapel seats. Mrs. Chace was there, too, with her kodak and she incidentally told her husband when he had said enough. But to be sure Dr. Doney was the wisest, and while the majority of the Profs appeared biased and prejudiced as to their nominees for the prize, Dr. Doney, cool as ever, placed the name of Max Hall in nomination. As a result of the vote the prize of 25 cents fell on the head of little innocent Max Hall.

The next number on the program was a senior class meeting as presented by the sophomore class. Ruth Tasker, in her Mitchell, with little Freddie close by, was an exceedingly interesting feature of the stunt. Alpha Gilette proteim, president of the class, appeared as usual. "Goodness, only nose" and presided while the class gift was discussed by members of the class. Every thing from a sanatorium as suggested by Mr. Douglas and seconded by Miss Carson, to a graphophone to canaries were offered an invaluable suggestions. Mr. King presented the only feasible thing, a concrete walk. This was unanimously accepted and duly installed.

The senior class had charge of the slides which followed, all of which proved very interesting. The evolution of our president and his family caused considerable applause by the audience. Other interesting features were revealed and the afternoon entertainment was concluded with pictures of the campus at which time the university glee club sang the "Old Historic Temple."

### MANY ALUMNI DIVULGE PLANS

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copy his position at that place as teacher of public speaking, etc. unless he goes to France as an officer for Uncle Sam.

David Cook will continue as principal of the high school at Newberg, Oregon.

John L. Gary and family will be at Myrtle Point, Or., where "Dad" will be principal of the high school. Harold Jory and wife will again teach in the Enterprise high school. Jory is principal there this year.

The Ross sisters, Ada and Laura, will return to Amity next year as pedagogues in the institution of learning there.

Arnold Hall has decided to take on something heavier for next year, just what, he will not say. He was at Sodaville this year.

Paul Todd '15, is to be at Hoballa, Wash., as superintendent of schools. He reports that he likes his work there very much.

Roland "Peter" Pfaff is to be back at Port Angeles, Wash. "Peter" is teaching science and coaching athletics.

Paul R. Smith, '16, is at San Francisco, Cal., where he is credit manager for the Union Oil Co.

Kate Barton, '15, who has been teaching the natives at Hermiston, will return to that oasis in the desert of Eastern Oregon next year.

Wm. Schreiber, '13, who has been in Honolulu, Hawaii, for the past year teaching, is expecting to spend the summer at his home in McMinnville.

Frederick McMillin, '16, will attend Rush Medical College at Chicago next year.

Norton DeLong, '12, is with the Morris Bros. Investment Co. of Portland.

James Crawford, '12, of Portland, commonly known as "Jimmie," is maddening about the campus looking up votes in preparing for his gubernatorial campaign for next year.

Ray Smith and wife, of Salem, were seen on the campus greeting old class mates.

Burgess Ford will be at Stayton, Or., next year.

Louis Hepp, '17, will occupy the place at Jefferson vacated this year by Burgess Ford.

Lubin Steeves, '17, and wife will be in Portland next year where Lubin will study medicine.

D. Lester Fields, '09, pastor of McMinnville M. E. church, was back on the campus looking for some of his classmates.

Others who have many ideas of what they will do have not definitely decided so the chronicle announces that they should speak later.

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# SOCIETY

By Carrie Cooksey

## FAREWELL WILLAMETTE

The dawnlike gleams of gold must die,  
The daylight glow must fade away;  
Our college years like swallows fly  
And sadness fills our parting day.  
With trembling lip and dimming eye,  
We leave the stage whereon we played,  
We bow our heads to say good-bye,  
And face the great world unafraid.

**CHORUS**  
Farewell! Willamette, school we love,  
We sing a parting song to thee;  
Farewell! Thou school all schools above,  
Farewell! Farewell! Farewell to thee!  
Our love shall grow from year to year,  
Our love let sweetest music tell;  
Farewell! Willamette, loved so dear,  
Farewell! Our college life, our college life, farewell!

We shall not loosen every tie  
That binds us to the life we leave;  
Our friends, ideals and loves defy  
All changing scenes, all hearts that grieve.  
The night must darken down the sky  
Before a fairer day can dawn;  
Our hope lies just beneath the sigh,  
They tell our college days is gone.  
**CHORUS**

The largest social event of the year took place Monday evening when Dr. and Mrs. Carl Gregg Doney gave their annual reception to the alumni, students and friends of Willamette University, at their home on the corner of State and Twelfth streets. The seniors of the university were guests of honor for the evening. In the reception rooms a pretty decorative scheme was carried out with pink and white roses, lily and maiden hair ferns. Large clusters of roses were banked about the rooms with the greens twined about the chandeliers and over the archways.

In the receiving line were President and Mrs. Carl Gregg Doney, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Talbot, Dr. and Mrs. B. L. Steeves, and members of the senior class. Mrs. M. C. Findley introduced the guests to the line. Mrs. G. H. Alden, Mrs. Alice Doid, Mrs. F. W. Chace, Mrs. R. E. Stauffer, Mrs. E. C. Richards, Mrs. W. E. Kirk, and Mrs. J. T. Mathews assisted in entertaining throughout the evening. Mrs. Gustav Ebsen invited the guests to the dining room and Mrs. J. O. Hall directed them to a room on the second floor where punch was served. The dining room was artistically decorated with pink roses and smilax. The table center piece was a pretty cluster of roses. Ropes of smilax hung from the chandelier and were also twined about the table. Pink shaded candles added a touch of color to the decorative scheme. Those ladies presiding over the cutting of the loaves were Mrs. E.

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Miss Gertrude Cunningham was honored with a pretty 1 o'clock luncheon by her aunt, Mrs. H. H. Olinzer. A pink color scheme was carried out in the table appointment, a floral piece of pink gladiolus adorned the center of the table while pink shaded candles added a soft glow of color. Ten places were marked by corsage bouquets of lavender and pink sweet peas. At the bride-elect's place was a shower bouquet and a miniature bride and groom. Little cupies hung from the lights. Those attending the pre-nuptial attention were the Misses Dorothy Pearce, Ada Ross, Laura Ross, Barbara Steiner, Caroline Dick, Lola Cooley, Rosamond Gilbert, Mrs. Geo. Brown and Mrs. D. W. Matthews.

A large number of guests called during the receiving hours, and were thus privileged to enjoy one of the largest and most delightful social evenings of the school year.

The Marion hotel was the scene of the Annual Alumni Banquet of Willamette University on the evening of June 9. Following their banquet a joint reception was held in the society halls. A color scheme of blue and gold, the society colors, was used in the decorations. High clusters of scotch broom were arranged in baskets about the halls. An informal social hour occupied the first part of the evening. Following this a short program was enjoyed. Laban Steeves represented the Websterian society with a clever speech of welcome. Mr. H. B. Jory, who always makes the Adelante-Web programs complete with his pleasing baritone voice, gave several vocal selections. The favorite of professors, James T. Matthews, spoke a few words to the societies. Miss Faye Bolin responded with two readings. Vocal solos were given by Miss Hazel Hocken-smith. Mr. E. Paul Todd, ex '15, when called upon for an impromptu speech, proved himself quite equal to the occasion. This concluded the formal program for the evening, after which Miss Ruth Hodge, chairman of the gift committee, presented to the societies a silver punch ladle from the senior Adelantes and Websterians. Later Miss Mildred Wiggins assisted by the Misses Freda Campbell and Lella Johnson served punch to the large crowd of visitors and students present.

The evening was an altogether pleasant one, being made especially so with the presence of such a large number of alumni members. The faculty members present at the reception were Dean and Mrs. George H. Alden, Professor and Mrs. Hancock, Professor James T. Matthews, and Professor Florian Von Eschen.

A pretty wedding took place Thursday evening, June 14, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Brown at 605 N. Summer street when Mrs. Brown's niece, Miss Gertrude Cunningham, became the bride of Lloyd Shisler. In the presence of about fifty guests the nuptial vows were read by Rev. James Elvin of the First Congregational church. The bride and groom entered the artistically decorated drawing room unattended and took their places under an improvised bower of roses and greens where the impressive ring ceremony was performed. Little Harold Olinger acted as ring bearer.

The bride was beautiful in a dainty organady dress and tulle veil. She carried a shower bouquet of gladiolus and lilies of the valley. Following the ceremony a luncheon was served. A vogue setting was used in the dining room decorations with a prevailing color scheme of pink. The Misses Laura Ross, Ada Ross, Caroline Dick and Barbara Steiner assisted in serving.

Mr. and Mrs. Shisler left immediately for Eugene where they will attend summer school. The bride is a popular Willamette student, being a member of the 1918 class. The bridegroom graduated from the University with the class of '16. He taught last year in the St. Helen's high school. Mr. and Mrs. Shisler expect to be in St. Helens next winter.

This young couple have a host of friends in University circles and the best of good wishes go with them for their happiness and success in the future.

Web spirit and brotherly fellowship were the outstanding features of the annual reunion banquet of the Websterian literary society which took place between the hours of 5:30 and 8:30 on Saturday evening at the First Congregational church. Around the attractively decorated tables, places were marked for a large number of alumni and active members of the organization. At the conclusion of the five-course dinner Mr. Howard Jowett, '16, took the position of toastmaster. Even though a year of teaching has been added to Mr. Jowett's experiences, it has not disqualified in the least as an able and clever toastmaster.

The toast program follows: "Websterianism Against the World," Sam R. King. "Living on the Sound," Paul Todd. "The Old Web Goat," James

Crawford. "The Best Joke I Know," John Gary. "Enterprising My Specialty," Harold Jory. "President of the Student Body," Harry Bowers. "Impromptu," Ray Mark. "Impromptu," Roy Shields. "Results of the Year," Laban Steeves.

At the conclusion of the toast program the Websterians adjourned to the society halls and joined with the Adelantes in a reception to the alumni members.

With the bride's father officiating Mr. Carl Reetz and Miss Marjorie Hazleton were united in marriage Thursday, June 14. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride in Newberg. Only a small circle of friends were present.

Mr. Reetz was graduated from the College of Liberal Arts with the class of 1917. He also did creditable work in Kimball College, and since entering Willamette he has done considerable pastoral work. The bride has been a student in Pacific College for the past year. After June 20 they will be at home in the parsonage of the Methodist church at Lafayette, Oregon, where Mr. Reetz will preach.

The class of 1917 partook of their last "feed" together on Monday morning. At 6:20 the seven-teeners journeyed to Hall's camp ground south of the city where the annual senior breakfast took place. With the Misses Rosamond Gilbert and Ruth Hodge and Mr. Sam King in charge of the "eats" there was an ample supply of good things to eat. The breakfast table was decorated with yellow flowers and places were marked for twenty-four members of the class. Fruit, ham, eggs, parker-house rolls, coffee and doughnuts proved a most delicious menu. After the pangs of early morning hunger were satisfied, the group assembled around the camp fire and Mr. Alpheus Gillette in the capacity of toastmaster called on several of the members for toasts. Miss Aetna Emmel responded with the toast, "To Our Faculty." It was particularly clever, and is as follows: "Mr. Toastmaster and Classmates: At a time like this I think it is eminently proper that we propose a toast to our faculty. They have meant much to us and I believe that we all agree with a remark which I heard President Doney make the other day. You know the faculty always have their meetings in Dean Alden's room and at the last faculty meeting I happened to be sitting in Dr. Hall's room and overheard Dr. Doney's closing remarks to the faculty. He was thanking them for the valuable service they had rendered during the past year and felt that the University owed them a great debt for their willingness in giving their talent so freely for the good of the students and then he concluded: 'A worse faculty would have done us just as well, if we had known where to find it.' "But there are members of the faculty who are our real friends. Last Friday Mr. Clark was making slighting remarks about the edifice that the seniors are erecting on the front campus. 'It's all that Violet Maclean, she's always making a fuss of some sort. Last May Day she got everything all messed up. It took me a week to get things straightened again.' "Just then Dean Alden happened along and said: 'Now you just leave Miss Maclean alone. That platform she is making is for the senior's feet.' "There is another professor that is certainly loyal to Willamette and to our class. For the past month Professor Matthews has been collecting testimonies from the students as to why they liked Willamette. Most of them were very flattering, but one with Carl Reetz's name attached to it seemed to be some sort of a classic quotation which he could not interpret. In his perplexity he went to Professor Stauffer and on the piece of paper were written these three words: 'Quoth the Raven.' "So here's to our faculty—First in war, last in peace, And a night mare in the thoughts of the seniors." Miss Irma Botsford was the next

to speak, having as her subject "Class of 1917." In her talk Miss Botsford paid high tribute to the "eats" for which the class of 1917 has always been famous. Miss Eva Grant, who was a former member of the class responded to the subject, "Peeling Off." The subject was especially fitting to Miss Grant as she has just recovered from the scarlet fever.

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The Adelantes, old and new, assembled in their halls Saturday evening promptly at six o'clock. From here, they were conducted to the Marion hotel, where the annual banquet took place. Tables had been arranged in the center of the large dining room, and were artistically adorned with clusters of blue and gold flowers. White-cards embossed with a gold Minerva head marked the fifty places. A five course repast with music intermingled between each course was enjoyed during the early part of the affair. Then Miss Carrie H. Cooksey, president of the Adelante Society took charge, making a short speech of welcome, and later introduced Miss Kate Barton '15 as toast mistress for the evening. Those responding with toasts were Miss Blanche Baker as president elect for next year, Mrs. F. H. Thompson with the subject "Our Alma Mater, W. U.," Miss Rosamond Gilbert responded to the subject of Halls—Webs, Water Proof—Love Proof, and Miss Gladys's toast was "Adelante Ginger Can." This concluded the toast list, after which Miss Helen Pearce presented to the society \$15 as a gift from the alumni members. This money is to be applied on the dish fund. Concluding the affair Miss Cooksey read a number of communications from former members who were unable to be present, but responded with clever notes and rhymes. The Adelantes then adjourned to the halls for the joint reception with the Websterians.

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Miss Jennie Compton formerly of New Meadows, Idaho, but now of Walla Walla, spent the day of June sixth with Miss Beth Briggs. Miss Compton left in the evening for Fresno, California.

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# PAUL HOMAN WRITES FROM AMARA, MESOPOTAMIA

## PLANS TO BE BACK AT OLD WILLAMETTE THE COMING SEPTEMBER; TELLS OF COUNTRY, THE WAR, THE SOLDIERS, WORK OF Y. M. C. A. AND PROSPECTS FOR THE LAND RICH IN HISTORY AND TRADITIONS.

Amara, Mesopotamia, March 20, 1917.

Mr. Sam R. King  
Editor, Willamette Collegian  
Dear Sam—

You will be wondering what has become of my easy promise to write "something" for the Collegian. You would have more sympathy for the weakness of the flesh if you knew how little anything that is or happens in this wilderness inspires me to attempt recording it. The habit of taking one's pen in hand has forsaken me and I fear I shall return to civilization as wordless and illiterate as an Arab. But I will scrape the rust off my pen now and deliver a frontal attack on your columns. Once over the parapet and into the enemy's trenches, I'm a bad man to stay. So prepare for columns, and kindly delete any further muddled metaphors which the censor may overlook.

Things that are first out in our desert-bound world probably never get to you at all. You may have noticed in a casual newspaper paragraph that the British had taken Bagdad. You wondered, vaguely where it was, and yawned. When was this beastly heroism war going to be over so that newspapers could resume their former edifying accounts of baseball and friendly, peaceable murders. That isn't the kind of sentiment Bagdad arouses in us. When you have set tight for months and watched your army unable to make a forward move; when you could not help suspecting that perhaps they never could move and that the labor and suffering of this campaign in an unfriendly land might reap only a barren satement; then to have the Turks crumble away and your own men walk into the very heart of the Turk's empire, do you

wonder that we turn north and say our prayers toward Bagdad? But it's no use trying to tell you. You have not filled yourself with the lore of ancient Bagdad, and you have not seen convoy after convoy of wounded men pass down the Tigris, all for the sake of this Bagdad. You have not wondered about what is to be the future of this land from which our first fathers emerged. So why should you care? Whether you care or not, I am going to Bagdad in a fortnight, and nothing I have done in a year interests me so much. From all reports that are coming down, it is a dirty and degenerate grandchild of the City of the Faithful—but even at that a gem beside the weird collection of mud hovels which make up Mesopotamia "cities."

After a man has spent a summer in "the land of two rivers," he is prepared to make one or two contributions to the field of Biblical criticism. For instance, it is no trick at all to state positively why the father of Abraham packed up his baggage and set out with his family for other worlds. If they had their way about it there are numbers of thousands of British soldiers who would do the same. The only obvious course of action for a man in Mesopotamia is to get out of it. Here are none of the things that delight the eye and heart of man. Instead of rolling, fertile plains, pine clad mountains, rushing streams, only flatness and sand. The only beauty of the landscape lies in the palm groves along the river and in the marvelous, weird murages of the desert. Strange travesties or towns dot the river banks, mere huddled patches of reed huts; or where the trade routes cross, towns of sundried brick. Around open, untidy courts the houses are built, and the signs and smell of decay are in every house. Decay is the key to this country's secret. The houses are in decay; the race of Arabs into whose mien and body providence put so much that is strong are degraded; even the camels go about with a blase air and the tiny asses which do most of the burden bearing have not energy to wag their ears. The only up-to-date efficient element in the country is the flies, fleas and mosquitoes. When they keep up their deadly work, by day and night, they start you in the inevitable line of decay.

The thing that offends this smell of decay is the impression one cannot escape that the British are breathing into Mesopotamia a new spirit of life which will recreate her. These valleys of the Tigris and Euphrates were once the most populous

and civilized regions in the world. Wave after wave of conquest and the folly of barbarian invaders have left the merest traces of an irrigation system that supported millions of population, and made this vast region the haunt of jackals and very like-minded Arabs. These later years, local politics haven't been of the sort to encourage any great tilling of the soil. The desert Arab tribes get too much sport from their blood feuds to care for anything so dull as plowing; while the little predatory calls of Bedouins aren't exactly encouraging to the few who try to cultivate their patches beside the Tigris. The British are discouraging these picturesque politics; and the Arabs of course are beginning to lament the good old days when a little bask-shish to the Turkish officials permitted them to take up their Martins and do what they liked to the grain, asses, camels, maid-servants, followers, wives and person of the neighboring sheiks. There is no doubt that under the encouragement of British capital, agriculture and trade will gradually expand. It may be a vision far from fulfillment, but not a vain one, to see the whole of this immense tract once more as fair a garden as this world holds.

I am writing as though I were the historian and prophet of Mesopotamia, whereas I am supposed merely to be spilling a few columns of paper as sad proof to Willamette how little is profited by having a Rhodes scholar in her lists. And as these sheets of foolscap mount up, I see myself getting in bad with all the leading social lights of the varsity—for where, oh tell me where, is the report of the latest "informal party" or "quiet dinner" going to be squeezed in? I have hopes of the editor as a man of discretion who will abridge me to still the populace. I warn him, though, to treat me with respect, or else to graduate and flee away; for I am sailing into my old haunts sometime next fall to settle all old scores.

The Y. M. C. A. out here tries to serve as many of the camps and hospitals as the number of our men permits. At the base-camps we are well fixed up with good buildings, many of them built for us by the military authorities. The further up the river we get the more primitive the equipment and in the lines which were bringing Kut-el-Amara there were two Y. M. C. A. centers in dug-outs to escape the bullets of Johnnie Turk. Already the American drawl has lodged itself here, for most of the Y. M. C. A. secretaries are American or Canadian. A large number of Canadian doctors also help in our in-roads upon the precision of English speech. The work we have to do covers a pretty wide field, as anything that helps to make the monotony and privation of this campaign less poignant, and that puts Tommy in a better frame of mind to "stick it" are in our sphere. The justification of the Y. M. C. A. is apparent in the way that the men crowd into our places for the lectures, concerts and meetings that we provide, or, if there is no entertainment on, just to sit around in a friendly atmosphere free from discipline, or to play billiards, or write a letter home. Almost every letter that leaves the country is on Y. M. C. A. paper. An one equis has it, "There'll be lots of breach of promise cases after the war with the red triangle paper for evidence." We run canteens; organize sports, and act as show-mongers for the army. Preacher, lecturer, groceryman, athletic director, and general dispenser of the "glad hand" have to be combined in a secretary. So you can imagine how bad some secretaries are. The principle compensation is to know that your work is not only useful, but appreciated. And a man feels that he can't do too much for men who keep good natured when the temperature is 125 degrees and fall to creak when clouds of sand have put a silver lining on their lungs. The heat, insects and fevers of a Mesopotamia summer produce this immortal sentence—"It's European inhabitants only who remain alive during the day, through a perception of the humour of their situation and by night through the agency of the prayers of their despairing relatives."

As I write these hard words, my conscience rises up to choke me off; for these early spring days could not be rivalled in softness of air even by the Rivera.

I'm afraid I have trespassed too far on your space and your good nature. It is a pleasant thought that I shall probably within six months get back to the old Willamette campus and all those associations that, from this angle of vision seem like dim memories of a former incarnation. I'm almost afraid to come back. I feel more at home among Arabs, and probably I shall arrive in the land of my glory to find my name forgotten. I shall forgive Willamette

even that and call down the blessings of the gods for her prosperity, if only I am not required to speak in chapel. That would finish all my good will and kind feelings.

Sincerely yours,  
Paul T. Homan.

### SOCIETY

A party consisting of Mrs. W. W. Emmons, Miss Vera Waite of Seattle, Miss Lucille and Marian Emmons, and Mr. Carl Emmons, motored up the Columbia Highway Thursday and Friday.

Miss Junia Todd, ex '17, and Mr. E. Paul Todd, ex '15, were guests of their aunt, Miss Junia Todd, at Lausanne hall. Miss Todd has just graduated from Puget Sound College.

Miss Margaret Phy, of Union, Oregon, was the guest of Miss Fannie McKennon for commencement week.

The Misses Gertrude Dillard and Margaret Fuller had as their guests at a line party at the Oregon Saturday evening the Misses Helen Rose and Ruth Lawson.

Miss Ruth Winters had, as her guest for commencement week her sister, Miss Marguerite Winters, of La Grande.

Rev. W. S. Gordon, of Astoria, was in the city for the week as the guest of his daughter, Miss Evelyn Gordon. Rev. Gordon also attended the trustees' meeting on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunbar, of Grants Pass, motored to Salem the first part of the week and visited with their daughter, Miss Allene Dunbar. Later they went on to Portland for a few days' visit.

Miss Glenn Teeters was hostess at a dairy spread in her rooms at the hall on Friday evening. The affair was in honor of Miss Lela Meachan of O. A. C., the week-end guest of Miss Teeters. The little attention was a jolly one. Other guests for the evening were the Misses Ruth Lawson, Marian Barnes and Helen Ross.

Miss Louise Newport, of Lebanon, was the guest of her sister, Miss Beatrice Newport, during commencement week.

Mrs. C. C. Emmel, of Sherwood, was in the city for commencement activities.

Dr. and Mrs. G. G. Forbes, of Portland, were in the city during the last week of school. Mrs. Forbes was Miss May Emmel before her marriage.

Miss Marie Sneed, of Halsey, was the week-end guest of Miss Irma Botsford.

Mrs. J. M. Honnold, of McMinnville, was in the city attending the affairs of commencement week. Mrs. Honnold is an aunt of Miss Carrie Cooksey.

Mr. Vergil A. Parker, of Albany, was the dinner guest of Beth Briggs on Sunday.

Miss Mildred Johnson was the Sunday dinner guest of Miss Rosamond Gilbert.

The members of the Owyhee Club were entertained very delightfully at a picnic given by the girls of Dewdrop Inn on Tuesday evening, June 5. A very delicious picnic lunch was enjoyed, then various games were played. In the growing twilight, the evening of fun was brought to a close with the singing of college songs to the accompaniment of ukuleles.

Miss Beth Briggs and her mother, Mrs. W. P. Briggs, of New Meadows, Idaho, were the guests of Rev. H. C. Stover for Thursday evening dinner.

Monday morning Rev. and Mrs. H. C. Stover, accompanied by Miss Beth Briggs and Mrs. W. P. Briggs, motored to Eugene where the party spent a most delightful day.

Mr. Harold Miller, of Oregon City, was the guest of Miss Pearl Crowder on Saturday.

Miss Pearl Crowder spent Sunday motoring in the country.

Moore on "The Freshman Girls of our Society," Miss Gladys Carson on "Here and Here."

The senior girls presented their senior gift to the society at this time. These framed pictures represent the first articles for the furnishing of the new halls next year. The senior girls were then presented with attractive silver flower pins by the Chresto girls.

Mrs. W. P. Briggs of New Meadows, Idaho is visiting her daughter at the Owyhee Club. Wednesday they leave for Portland and will spend the first part of the summer travelling through northern and eastern Oregon.

Miss Mary Walker left for her home in Walla Walla Washington on June eighth.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Hockensmith of Albany motored to Salem Sunday morning. Later in the day they returned to their home accompanied by their daughter, Miss Hazel Hockensmith.

Miss Jean McInturff and Mrs. Amelia Gosselman entertained with a pretty dinner on Thursday evening at their home on South Eighteenth street. Covers were placed for six.

A formal center piece adorned the table. Those in the party besides the hostesses were the Misses Eva Grant and Helen McInturff, Messrs. Sam King and Harry Pearcy.

A wedding of interest to University people is that of Miss Elwina Schramm and Mr. R. L. Pfaff which will be solemnized Friday evening, June 15, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Schramm at 320 Marion street. Promptly at 6 o'clock the wedding vows will be read by Rev. J. W. Beckley in the presence of only the immediate family.

Following the ceremony the bridal couple will leave for Seattle, where Mr. Pfaff plans to attend Washington University summer school, specializing in scientific work. After August 1, Mr. and Mrs. Pfaff will be located in Port Angeles, Wash., where Mr. Pfaff teaches in the high school. These young people are alumni of Willamette and while in school they were active along many lines of work.

The good wishes of their friends are extended to them.

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The prize given annually by the Dean of the College of Law of Willamette University, was this year awarded to Russel M. Brooks, member of the class just graduated from the college, for having performed the most satisfactory work in the Moot Court during the year 1916-17. Brooks was chosen for these honors by a committee appointed by Dean I. H. Van Winkle for the purpose of making a selection therefor. He was foremost in his work in that court as well as in his class work, and is well deserving of this prize, as is freely admitted by the other members of the senior law class. Dean Van Winkle had this to say regarding the selection: "Mr. Brooks is to be congratulated in this matter, for having been chosen the recipient of this prize, as there were several other members who ran him an extremely close race. A choice was not easily made." The prize consists of a three-volume set of Lord's Oregon Laws.

Here is the record of the cases tried this year by the members of the class:

	Won.	Lost.	No. Dec.	Tot.
Brooks	1	1	0	2
Blynn, A.	0	2	0	2
Blynn, P.	0	1	1	2
Fletcher	0	2	0	2
Gregg	1	1	0	2
Lampert	0	1	1	2
Mott	1	0	0	1
Randall	1	1	0	2
Savage	2	0	0	2
Smith	1	0	1	2
West	2	0	1	3
Wight	1	1	0	2

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### "The Challenge of College" Theme of Bowers' Address

"The Challenge of College" was the theme of Harry Bowers' commencement address before the Brownsville high school. Mr. Bowers was the choice of the graduating class for this occasion.

From all reports the student body's president-elect convinced all, that having capacity, a college course was the only requisite for success. The address was delivered Monday night.

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The members of the class of '17 are about to enter the cold, cold world. They have glorious plans for their first twelve months of liberty.

Ruth Tasker is going to drive her car up to Barons, Alberta, Canada, this summer, where she will sell hail insurance. Next winter she will spend at home.

Flora Housel will attend University of Oregon summer school and teach during the winter.

Edna Billings will break the speed limit in her home town this summer.

Erma Botsford is going to the coast. Next winter she will take some special work under Dr. Sherman.

Margaret Miller will be in Portland during vacation.

Addie Tobie will attend Cheney summer school and then teach at Vader, near Chehalis. She will teach English, French, Latin and Domestic Science.

Eugene McInturff will teach at Stayton.

Violet Maclean is to be in Ashland next winter.

Carrie Cooksey expects to travel for several months.

Aetna Emmel intends to bake cookies for her brothers and help Esther get married, and then teach during the winter.

Ruth Hodge will work in the library and then teach.

Lucile Emmons will be in Salem and give lessons in music.

Carl Reetz will preach at Lafayette.

ette. Grover Gates expects to hold up the mountain travelers in California. Emma Minton will be in the country during the summer.

Rosamond Gilbert will teach next winter (as all good girls do.)

Alphus Gillette will also join the happy throng of teachers. And Esther Emmel will join the happy throng of married women.

Leigh Douglas will spend his vacation in Eugene attending the summer school.

Olive Rosche will be at home, on the farm, during the vacation, and expects to teach somewhere in the United States during the winter.

Harry Savage also intends to teach but does not know where.

Gustav Leining has a large circuit at Sweethome. He will be the pastor of four churches.

Laban Steeves says he is to be manager of Glacier National Park during the summer months, and next winter will attend the Portland Medical College.

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