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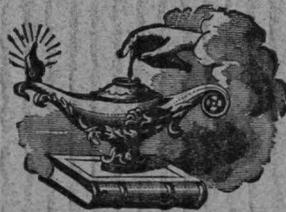
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EDUCATIONAL TOPICS.

THE idea of establishing summer schools seems to have become quite popular. Possibly the demand for these schools arises from the fact that the teachers and students, who have long vacations, do not care to spend so much time in idleness, and rather choose a certain amount of intellectual exertion. It arises, also, because, in this busy commercial age, the American people are not, as a rule, extensive readers, except of novels. They read serious books but little, and hence there springs up a desire to listen to lectures, in which there is given in condensed form the result of much research and study. The school which provides the greatest number of popular lectures has the largest attendance, as there is a disposition to avoid hard, genuine work.

It is a fact generally recognized that summer schools should not, under any circumstances, grant degrees. But the regents of the University of New York have, in their liberality, conferred on the Catholic Summer School the power to bestow the titles of honor. However, the authorities of that institution have, thus far, been wise enough and conservative enough not to exercise such power.

Whether America will derive any direct results from the World's Fair of 1893, in the line of education, remains to be seen. The Centennial Exposition left with us the idea of manual training, and we all know its worth. It is already evident that foreign educators are studying American systems of education, and finding therein much worthy of careful attention. The presence of so many distinguished foreigners at the educational congresses is not only a compli-

ment to the country, but a recognition of the fact that education is the same the world over, and that all teachers have identical objects for which to work, and similar obstacles against which to contend.

Among our universities there is much need of instruction to fit men for the important field of journalism. Many experiments are being tried, but yet this work seems to be sadly neglected. The University of Pennsylvania has, however, seized upon the plan, and this year announces a special course for this training. The course is to consist of lectures on methods, on history of politics and parties, written exercises and practical newspaper reporting. The student will also be trained in rapid composition, correcting copy, and especially in knowing what constitutes "news." The general adoption of such a curriculum by all the universities would be a boon to the newspaper profession, and would also place many graduates in a position to enter at once upon the active duties of the "reporter." Many are convinced that it is not long until we will have schools of journalism, as well as business colleges. There is one thing that gives this movement a peculiar significance at this time, and that is the failure of Cornell to establish such a course of study. This fact has aroused the University of Pennsylvania to attempt to surmount the difficulties of her sister university.

THE OPENING OF THE EIGHTEENTH YEAR.

IN September, 1876, the institution now known as the University of Oregon opened its doors to the students of the Northwest. The beginning was small, there being only five in-

structors—President Johnson, Professor Bailey and Professor Condon, with Mrs Spiller and Miss Mary E Stone in the primary department. As the years passed on, they brought new departments and new instructors to meet the demands of the increasing attendance. And now time is crowding upon us the eighteenth year in the history of the University.

But as we enter upon the duties and into the privileges of another session, it is expedient for us to pause and consider gravely our responsibilities and the advantages afforded. Why, then, is this year of more importance than the last? First, it indicates that we are one year nearer the accomplishment of the great end of life, whatever that may be. It reminds us more than ever that our characteristics are dependent, not upon the cycles of ages, but upon the acts of every moment and hour. In fine, we are one year older. But be not hasty to communicate this fact to others; rather let deportment and those about us be testimonials of the increase in age.

And, secondly, the year opens to us advantages superior to any that have preceded. In addition to the old faculty, we have a new President, who has come with a willingness to supply our every need. And we would not depreciate the kindness and the learning given by the members of the entire faculty. The increase along every line is daily.

Again, there is at our disposal a well equipped gymnasium, a dormitory almost completed, and splendid buildings throughout. We would also take occasion to report the bright and happy dreams of a chemical laboratory. Now, these accommodations are merely agents for our comfort and advancement. They neither crowd the cavities of our heads with knowledge, nor strengthen and develop the faculty of reason. Mental growth comes only to those stimulated with a desire to fill the lofty functions of man. So, regardless of all increased material objects in and about the University, putting aside the religious and pleasant social relations, the eighteenth year ushers in new hopes, and surrounds us with that atmosphere of knowledge which has, from the beginning, been a part of the life of our institution.

May every student, and most especially the older ones, be on the alert to make the most possible of the advantages of another year.

INAUGURAL DAY.

SEPTEMBER the eighteenth, the opening day of the eighteenth year of the University of Oregon, dawned bright and beauti-

ful, with only here and there hovering over the hills a hazy cloud, which was soon scattered by the warm rays of the sun, even as, perchance, the fears of the new students were dispelled by the smiling faces and greetings of welcome on every side, as they pressed along in the crowd of light hearted students thronging up the long walk.

Each undulating wave of the stars and stripes floating at full mast above a carpet of green velvet, seemed to be now beckoning "to rally round," and now shedding a soft benediction upon those beneath, who passed on up into Villard Hall.

The crowd of people, the flag, the class monument of '93, and the many familiar faces on the platform, all seemed to remind us strangely of the last day of Commencement, when we bade "God speed" to the outgoing class. But in another moment we realized that we were soon to say farewell to Professor Johnson as our president, and to welcome him who had come so many miles to be in our midst as our guide in the path of knowledge.

The exercises began with a trio, on organ, violin and piano, which was followed by prayer, offered by Rev. W. S. Gilbert.

The address of welcome, on behalf of the regents, was delivered by Hon. R. S. Bean. He began with the announcement that this event marked an important epoch in the history of the University. Seventeen years ago the doors were flung open for the reception of students. Through many difficulties it had advanced, till now it ranked among the foremost universities of the coast. He spoke in feeling terms concerning the resignation of Professor Johnson, praising his devotion and active, earnest work for the institution during his incumbency.

His remarks to the President were full of cordial welcome and encouragement, as he expressed great hopes for the future of this institution.

President Johnson arose at the close of Judge Bean's address, and formally tendered the presidential chair to his successor, accompanying the act with a few suitable remarks.

Appropriately at this point the assembly arose and "My country, 'tis of thee," rang through the spacious halls, echoing down the broad stairways, as though it were a new theme, instead of the same old story, ever inspiring the American youth.

At the close, Dr. Chapman, the new President, arose and delivered a very able address, which added new zeal to the expectant student. He said it was with difficulty that he could find words to express his gratitude for the warm welcome he had received from one and all. Since

his arrival he had, in a measure, acquainted himself with the nature of the different dangers which had been met and overcome by the faculty in former years. Comment on the struggles of the past was but a reminder of the continued struggle in store for the future. Education by the state was not a new idea, but dated back from the founding of Rome. Then followed a short outline history of the public school system.

Dr Chapman's remarks were received with applause. A piano solo, and benediction by Rev. Gilbert closed the exercises. The new President was the recipient of many cordial hand-shakes and kind assurances after the exercises were over.

THE ELECTIVE COURSE IN THE CLASSICS.

ACCORDING to a new rule of the faculty, a student may take Latin or Greek for the full course of six years, if he so desire. The

benefits of this plan are obvious. Formerly, if a student desired to fit himself for a professorship, or any occupation in which a comprehensive knowledge of the classics is necessary, he was compelled to take a post-graduate course at Yale, Harvard, or some other Eastern institution. Now, this is not absolutely necessary, although it would be better if he could do so. Formerly, a student intending to take a further course in the classics was at a disadvantage. For the last two years of the college course he had practically no Latin, and no Greek for a still longer period. This had a natural tendency to make him rusty in these studies.

We hail this change with gladness, as a foreshadowing of what this institution will do when it gets a greater endowment and a larger corps of instructors. The elective system has been a decided success elsewhere, and there is no reason why it should not be so here.

THE LITERARY SOCIETIES.

LAUREAN ITEMS.

The meeting of September 22 was called to order by Vice President Mulkey. After the usual routine of business, the Society proceeded to nominate officers for the ensuing term. After the regular nominations were made, there being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

The meeting of September 30 was presided over by Vice President Mulkey. After the routine business was dispensed with, the Society took a short recess. On being called to order, Chairman Mulkey announced that the Society would now proceed with the election of officers, which resulted in the election of the following named gentlemen: President, F. W. Mulkey; Vice President, C. W. Keene; Secretary, Owen Vanduyn; Assistant Secretary, L. Travis; Treasurer, H. Davis; Censor, L. T. Harris; Editor, P. J. Brattain; Sergeant at Arms, C. Smith.

The meeting of October 7 was called to order by Vice President Mulkey. Immediately after the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, the President called the Society to their feet, and administered the oath of office to the newly elected officers. After the inauguration was over, President Mulkey delivered an able and instructive address, in which he cited the many advantages offered by the Laurean Soci-

ety to the student who avails himself of its privileges. Following Mr. Mulkey, short speeches were made by each of the newly installed officers.

The meeting of October 13th was presided over by President Mulkey. After the usual routine business, Mr. Jake Lurch favored the Society with an interesting essay, and Mr. Carleton Smith entertained the members with a declamation. After a short recess, the question for debate was considered. The subject was, "Resolved, that the South Carolina dispensary liquor law is better than license." The speakers on the part of the affirmative were Messrs. P. J. Brattain, G. F. Welch and W. Wolcott, and those on the part of the negative were Messrs. John Edmundson, Jake Lurch and A. E. Reames. After a careful summary of the arguments adduced, the President rendered his decision in favor of the affirmative.

The Laurean Society added to its list of membership at its last meeting the names of A. C. Smith, H. J. Keeney, C. E. Wolcott, B. B. Richards, H. A. Brown, Fred Fisk, R. H. Hurley, F. P. White, S. R. Hanna, Fred R. Hedges and A. H. Curtis. These gentlemen are making a wise move; there is no place where a greater benefit can be obtained than in the Laurean Society. If one desires to become versed in par-

liamentary law, the Society offers grand inducements. Questions are raised on points of order that call for settlement, and as our authority is "Robert's Rules of Order," the same as used in the senate of the United States, we have the opportunity of becoming acquainted with all the rules and regulations that govern that body. The assertion has been made by prominent members of the bar, who are competent to know, that the strict adherence to rules is better recognized and enforced in the Laurean Society than in the state legislature of Oregon.

We are pleased to state that Mr. A. E. Reames an old time Laurean, and now a member of the bar of this county, has again joined our ranks.

EUTAXIAN NOTES.

Miss Ada Hendricks visited the World's Fair this summer.

Miss Veina Adair is teaching in the Portland schools this winter.

The names of Misses Julia Hill and Fannie Hemenway have been proposed for membership in the Society.

Mrs. Carrie Mount, *nee* Walker, and Mrs. Minnie Stephens, *nee* Shaw, have been visiting friends in Eugene.

President Powell appointed Misses Laura Beatie, Anna Roberts and Melissa Hill as a standing finance committee.

The treasurer's report shows a surplus in the treasury. This is an unheard of event in the history of the Society, and hence some are doubting its existence.

Before our next issue we hope to hear from some more of the absent Eutaxians, so that we may report their occupation to their friends. We want this department to be a medium of communication between those attending Society and the absent members.

The following officers were elected for the term: President, Miss Amy G. Powell; Vice President, Miss Edith Denney; Secretary, Miss Carrie Friendly; Assistant Secretary, Miss Ida Rowe; Treasurer, Miss Etta Owen; Marshal, Miss Melissa Hill; Editor, Anna Roberts.

A certain topic in rhetoric begins "Since Herbert Spencer wrote his essay on the philosophy of style." What could a certain Eutaxian have been thinking of, when called upon, to begin the recitation by saying, "Since Herbert Condon wrote?"—but the laughter of the class prevented any further remarks on the subject.

On September 29th the Eutaxians met at five o'clock, owing to the fact that most of the members had recitations until that hour. It was then decided to hold the meetings on Saturday afternoon at three o'clock until a change could be made in the schedule of recitations. Thus far the plan has been successful.

The Society has discussed plans for the year, and after due consideration has decided to have a change in the program, taking up debates, readings and parliamentary discussion every third week, thus giving three sides to our literary education. For rhetorical events we shall have selections from some author one week, and current events the next.

Misses Mabel Straight, Mercy Applegate and Emma Roberts have had their names transferred to the inactive list. These young ladies are engaged in teaching school. Miss Straight is conducting a kindergarten class in Eugene, Miss Applegate is teaching in the Geary school, Miss Roberts is teaching near The Dalles. The Eutaxians wish them all success in their work, and hope to welcome them back into the Society some time in the near future.

Since our last issue two of our Eutaxian sisters have taken a very important step in their lives, as the following marriage notices will testify:—

On July 31st, at the residence of the bride's mother, Miss Alberta Shelton and Mr. Robert McMurphey.

At the home of the bride's parents, on Wednesday, October 18, Miss Emma C. Dorris and Mr. Hugh Thompson were married.

Both of these young ladies have been active workers in the Eutaxian Society, and have faithfully served as editors. The Eutaxians all unite in wishing them much joy in their new life.

If numbers are an indication of prosperity, the Eutaxian Society started out in a flourishing condition this year. On September 22nd, at the usual time, the President called to order the largest number of young ladies that has ever assembled at the first meeting of the year. Besides the members of the Society, several young ladies just entering the University were present. President Beatie gave a very instructive address of welcome to the members and visitors. She brought forth the many ways in which the Society is beneficial to the young ladies. In the Eutaxian Society there is a freedom and companionship which is prized by all, even after they leave college. The President spoke of the bond of sympathy which exists between the present members of the Society and those long

gone from among us. Although personally unacquainted, the name Eutaxian draws them together..... Misses Myra Norris and Celia

Loomis entertained the Society with a guitar duet. Miss Daisy Loomis delivered an interesting recitation.

THE COLLEGE CLASSES.

SENIOR ITEMS.

Some of the Seniors will be on the programme for the next public rhetorical exercises.

Miss Edith L. Tongue, a former member of '94, graduated at Pacific University last June.

The Senior class extend their most sincere thanks to all those who so kindly and efficiently took part on the programme of the introductory social.

Mr. C. E. Wintermeier, who was with us in our Freshman year, and until recently has been located at Astoria, has taken his departure for the sunny climes of California.

The class of '94 is glad to welcome three new members, Mr. W. E. Rowe and Mr. J. P. Rowe, of the University of Nebraska, and Miss Emma Wold, of Oxford Seminary, Indiana.

Mr. Jones was chosen chairman of the home executive committee. This committee has to make arrangements for the home contest, which is held preliminary to the inter-collegiate oratorical contest.

The lavender and lemon of the '94's now float from the University flag-staff on every fair day. Since our class has increased in numbers, we will have to add a corresponding number of clover leaves to the original ten.

Miss Friendly was ill at the opening of the University, and did not enter until the third week. Mr. Brattain, coming from Eastern Oregon, and Mr. Laurie from Western Washington, were both about two weeks late.

Most of the Senior boys have obtained gymnasium tickets from the President, and some are devoting considerable time to physical exercise. Sprinting seems to be the most popular form of recreation with the Freshmen and Seniors.

The work for the Senior year, according to the new schedule, requires only fifteen credits a week, but most of the class wishing to complete the old schedule, as they begun upon it,

are making from seventeen to twenty credits, instead of the required fifteen.

At a class meeting held in Professor Condon's room on Monday afternoon, October 16, Messrs. Glen and Jones were chosen orators for the preliminary oratorical contest. Mr. J. P. Rowe was elected vice president, and Messrs. W. E. Rowe, P. J. Brattain and Miss Powell were appointed a committee on choosing a class tree.

Two recitations a week are now required in English from the Seniors, and considerable time will be devoted to various exercises and orations in the course of the year. The first papers for the year, persuasive forensics on some chosen theme, have been handed in and the list of subjects for the next forensics will be found posted in the library.

The annual introductory social was given on the evening of October 7th, by the Senior class. After listening to an interesting program, consisting of vocal and instrumental music, and an address by President Chapman, the remaining hours of the evening were devoted to the usual promenade. In spite of the bad weather, an unusually large number were present.

At the close of last year several of our members were suffering with troublesome eyes. If the advice contained in President Chapman's talk upon the care of the eyes is carefully followed out during the dark, cloudy winter months, when most of the studying must be done by artificial light, much annoyance may be prevented. This is certainly a case where "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

We now number thirteen. An unlucky number in popular belief. We are accustomed to laugh at the superstitions of the ancients and of modern unenlightened races, yet how much freer from superstitious beliefs are many people who belong to our most highly civilized and enlightened nations today? Who can say that he is entirely free from superstitions? We smile when we read of the alarm which an eclipse of the sun causes among the ignorant peasants of China, and of how they try to frighten away the

demon, who is feeding upon the sun, by beating drums and raising a hideous din. Are they any more to be laughed at than the farmer who plants his potatoes, shingles his buildings, or builds his rail fences only when the moon is just right? Are they any more foolish than the person who worries for days because he has "seen the new moon over the wrong shoulder?" Those natural phenomena and other appearances which the Greeks and Romans regarded as indicative of the approval or displeasure of their gods, have been so thoroughly examined by philosophers and explained by science, that they now pass almost unnoticed; yet a small volume might be written on the superstitions of today, which would contain many beliefs more ridiculous and less excusable than many entertained by the untutored barbarians of the dark ages. If a young lady begins a garment on Friday, "she will never live to wear it out." If she can find a pin lying with the point toward her when on her way to Rhetoric, or some other recitation, she is "sure to have good luck." Alas! It does not always work. Yes, we are thirteen; but if any one of us, failing to "thrust" his way through the year, arrives "at the sear and yellow leaf," is "mowed down by time," and "planted on the hillside," what absurdity it will be to attribute the fact to this cause. Some writer has said that "the doctrine of luck is the philosophy of atheism. It ignores the grand, all-pervading rule of law, and rests upon the atheistical idea of chance. It dethrones the God of the universe, annihilates all law, and converts the world into a pandemonium. It is the lowest and worst form of infidelity." Is he not about right?

JUNIOR NOTES.

We now number a round dozen.

Miss McClung has decided to graduate with the present Junior class.

Mr. Matthews and Miss Beatie were rather late starting in, but we all join in saying "better late than never."

September 18th found the Juniors once more gathered together under the sheltering wing of their future Alma Mater.

Miss Eaves stood faithfully by Eugene as a summer resort, dividing her time between Darwinism and Joaquin Miller.

Mr. McKinley says, with a sigh, that the life of a canvasser is truly a hard one, compared with which college life is a bed of roses.

With this issue the present Junior editor steps out and hands her quill to the next best, wishing the new scribe all success in the wide field of editorial work.

If any one is in search for Moses, he will not find him among our number, although there is an occasional cry of "Moses" now and then, merely as a warning to keep clear of green spectacles.

A larger part of the class spent last vacation in Eugene. Miss Kerns, however, has many a harrowing tale to tell of cougars and bears, as encountered and seen while she camped at Kitson springs.

Miss Veazie spent a large part of her vacation on her uncle's farm near The Dalles. Various scenes of rural life, of Indians and their picturesque trappings, and of mountain beauty, flit across her memory of the summer months.

Alas! and the Junior class is no more a secret society, for into its sacred precincts have been ruthlessly ushered the common horde, and the strange gases, odors and mysteries of chemistry are no longer looked upon in wide-eyed wonderment by the subs.

The Junior studies for the year have been changed. The regular course, as it now stands, which amounts to sixteen credits or hours each week, is as follows: Modern English Literature, Elementary Chemistry, Economics, Geology, Constitutional Law, and English.

Seniors and Juniors are studying Geology together, and it is with kindling interest that the secrets of nature's unseen laboratory are gradually discovered—how these strange rocks, with Japanese hieroglyphics, these perfect cubes and pyramids with glittering edges, and those odd mixtures of varied tints were formed.

Miss McClung has the proud distinction of being the source and fountain head of the class, for all information concerning the World's Fair. The marvelous things seen there are continually being recalled. In Geology she can hardly refrain from wishing for some of the great slabs of gleaming onyx, and other minerals of the great exposition.

The Modern English Literature class is studying the "Life of George Ebers," as revealed by himself in all its German simplicity. There is no better instance of a life that has been shaped by its early environment than his. He spent his youth in a beautiful home, coming in contact with artists, musicians and sculptors of the highest culture, which did much toward implanting within him those characteristics now shown in all his writings.

Dr. Chapman's classes in Economics and Constitutional Law are encouraged to do considerable outside reading, gleanings from which are brought into the class, so all receive the benefits therefrom. This will prove to be of great value in broadening the student. One is so apt in attending college to confine himself solely to his text books, which tends to narrow one's outlook.

The first meeting for English was one taken up almost altogether in looking into the future. As a general thing, one does not know what the future may have in store for him, but our work for the year was very definitely laid out, and will include four selections, five papers, and each will be on for public rhetorical twice, besides taking his part in the event of the year—Junior Exhibition.

Although it takes the slow-going Oregonian some little time to adjust himself to new methods, having once been taken out of his old rut, the students of the University have shown themselves to be an exception to the rule, in that by dint of close application to note book and bulletin boards, they in a week's time pretty well mastered the complicated system of recitations, and only occasionally does one forget to go to class on time.

SOPHOMORE HAPPENINGS.

The class now numbers twenty-four.

Miss Anna Roberts, once a member of '93, has joined the class of '96.

A portion of the classicals have substituted French for this year's Latin.

Mr. Glen and Miss Wold, of the Senior class, are taking the Phillipics with '96.

Miss Agnes Millican returned to the University to share the pleasures and benefits of the year.

The Greek class now has thirteen members. This is the largest one in the history of the institution.

Charles Eastland, who left college at the close of 1891, is now in attendance at the University as a Sophomore.

John Edmundson has returned to the University, and now his familiar voice is heard once again in the Laurean Society.

Rhetoric is now the all-absorbing theme of interest. Where two or more sophomores are "gathered together," it is sure to be the topic of conversation.

Fred W. Mulkey, during the vacation, spent three weeks at Chicago, enjoying the benefits derived from the exposition.

Lately a Sophomore discovered the existence of "Mr." Theremin. Next we shall hear of "Mr." Socrates and "Mr." Demosthenes.

The Latin class is now reading Cicero's oration in favor of the Manilian law. The students, as a rule, enjoy this much more than the oration against Catiline.

Again our class has an official head. Harry Templeton, our President, has returned after an absence of one term, and now joy reigns supreme in the Sophomore ranks.

At the last election of the Laurean Society the class was well represented in the choice of officers. Fred W. Mulkey was elected president, Clarence W. Keene vice president, and L. M. Travis assistant secretary.

The following verse from the Ann Arbor *Oracle* was handed to the editor by a Sophomore. It expresses the contempt of the average Sophomore for all things Freshman:—

Oh, Freshman crew! Oh, Freshman crew!
Was there a time when we were you?
Oh, Freshman crew, it can't be so,
That we were you a year ago.

Harry S. Templeton, Will McClure, Charles McClure, Herbert Hanna, Frank Taylor and Virgil V. Johnson are the Sophomore charter members of the newly organized Philologian Society. H. S. Templeton was temporary secretary; Frank Taylor and V. V. Johnson were members of the committee on constitution.

The class held its first regular meeting of the year at the home of Mr. F. M. Wilkins, October 14. Nominations for officers for the ensuing year were made. The class colors adopted last year were reconsidered, and a committee was appointed to report new colors. Committees on a class motto and class yell were also appointed. Miss Maud Wilkins was chosen to represent the class in the local oratorical contest. After the business of the class was transacted, a social time was spent during the remainder of the evening. It is needless to say that this was much enjoyed by those present.

FRESHMAN NOTES.

One of the most pleasant and profitable features of the Freshman work is the drill in Composition under Professor Carson. Our first papers, character sketches, were handed in October 2nd. Our next, which are to be narratives, are due November 6th.

Miss Lauer returned from a trip to Portland last week.

Mr. E. R. Bryson, in addition to his regular course, is studying Anglo Saxon.

We regret the absence of Miss Maude Cooper from our class. We hope to have her back soon.

Miss Miller of Grants Pass, Miss Hill of The Dalles, Mr. Hedges of Oregon City, and Mr. Curtis, have joined the class. We most heartily welcome these students. May their career here be prosperous.

A regular meeting of the class was held at the home of Miss Lauer on the evening of October 14. The principal business transacted was the choosing of the class colors, and the election of Mr. Woodson to represent the class in the local oratorical contest. The colors chosen were purple and gold. The rest of the evening was spent

in music and games. Refreshments were served by our pleasing young hostess. The guests departed at a late hour, with the unanimous opinion that the evening had been a most pleasant one.

On Monday evening, October 2nd, the members of the Freshman class met at the residence of Miss Ada Hendricks for the purpose of effecting a permanent organization, a previous meeting having been held at the Laurean and Eutaxian hall on the afternoon of September 27. A constitution was adopted and signed by thirty-eight members, the largest class in the history of the University. The following officers were elected: President, Miss Cooper; Vice President, C. B. Haight; Secretary, Miss Hendricks; Assistant Secretary, Miss Kelly; Treasurer, Fred Fisk; Editor, John Pipes.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

D. H. Roberts, '93, is studying law in The Dalles.

Miss Maude Cooper, of Independence, is not with us this year.

Eighty-seven students in the college classes. That speaks well.

Miss Wilder Campbell is attending school at Monmouth this winter.

Mr. Frank Porter and his sister Linna took a trip to the World's Fair this fall.

James D. Fay is editing the *Jacksonville Times* while the editor is absent in the East.

Miss Julia Hill, who has a sister in the Senior class, is attending the University this year.

Miss Etta Preston, who was in school last year, is now in attendance at St. Helens Hall, Portland.

Kaspar K. Kubli and J. G. Miller, both members of the class of '93, are deeply interested in the pursuits of law at Harvard.

The Misses Alice and Sue Dorris, both graduates from the University, are at the home of their parents in Eugene this year.

Judge Bean, '78, on the part of the regents, welcomed the new President at the inaugural ceremonies. His address was highly enjoyed.

Mr. Alvin Curtis has returned to college, after one year's absence, and has brought with him a younger brother. We are glad to welcome them both.

For the first time in the history of the University, a child of an alumnus is attending college. This person is Condon McCornack. His name will give you his history.

It is to be much regretted that Lawrence T. Harris, '93, is prevented this year from continuing study at Harvard on account of a failure of his eyes. He has the sympathy of us all.

Herbert Condon and Lenn Stevens, both of '92, have again gone to Ann Arbor to complete a very thorough course in law. Their summer was pleasantly passed among friends and relatives in Lane county.

Mr. E. H. Lauer, '93, is attending the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia this year. He will finish an advanced course of chemistry in two years. And C. E. Henderson is studying law at the University of Michigan.

The familiar step of E. Dell Johnson is greatly missed in and about the University this year. He has gone to Portland, and is there engaged in the somewhat tedious pursuits of medicine. But the profession is a most noble one, and we would urge on all inclined toward the attainment of an M. D. degree.

A. P. McKinley, valedictorian of '93, is now a private tutor at Sellwood, and is doing well.

Mr. Otis Taylor is attending the State Agricultural College this year. His specialty is Mechanics.

Miss Anna Matthews is at present visiting with relatives at Lake City, Iowa. Later she will take up the study of music at Evanston.

Miss Anna Roberts, whose face is so familiar to many, again resumes work in the University. You will all notice that Miss Roberts is on the staff of THE REFLECTOR as a representative of the Eutaxians. She writes in this issue.

C. F. Martin, the winner of the first prize last commencement, is now engaged as an editor on the *Press-Time*, a prominent paper of Seattle. Mr. Martin is doing exceedingly well, as he now stands next to the editor-in-chief of that paper.

Hon. C. K. Wilkinson has lately suffered severe illness, but has partially recovered. His pleasant face was noticed on our streets a few days ago. We are sorry for his misfortune and hope that all his efforts may be crowned with success.

Harry L. Hopkins, '93, is now one of one hundred and ten seniors at Oberlin. His loyalty to the University of Oregon is ever increasing. The training he here received has placed him in a position to compete with seniors in a great college.

There were present at the inaugural ceremony, President Campbell, of the State Normal School at Monmouth, and President Bloss, of the State Agricultural College at Corvallis. Every one seemed glad to note this demonstration of a common tie.

Hon. B. B. Beekman, '84, was paid this fall an honor which many would be proud to possess. He was the orator selected to deliver the address at the opening of the Portland Exposition. That he should be thus honored, is a marked recognition of his ability.

The people of Harvard seem astonished at the way Professor McClure, F. S. Dunn and A. J. Collier do their work. They almost envy the ability of the representatives of the West, and solicit more such young men. This remark is not given without a knowledge of the opinion of the faculty of Harvard.

We were pleasantly surprised to return to college and find T. M. Roberts, '93, engaged in teaching the ideal youth how to find an unknown quantity. Our best wishes for his success are offered, and we trust that memories of the present editorial staff may always be cher-

ished by him as he calls up his former relations to us.

A. E. Reames, a graduate of the law department of Washington and Lee University, is a partner of one of Lane County's popular lawyers, Mr. Skipworth. It will be remembered that Mr. Reames was largely interested in the founding of THE REFLECTOR, and was its Editor-in-Chief the first year. To a great degree, we are indebted to him for all that the paper is and expects to be in years to come. May he never see it fall, but ever rise in interest and usefulness.

Since our last issue, the fiery darts of Cupid have been so continually and skillfully hurled that two of our fairest young ladies have fallen victims. They were unable to find protection, unless it be in man, the stronger sex. So, rather than allow themselves to fall, he has been trusted, and those two young men are certainly worthy of all confidence given them. Our former classmate and friend, Alberta Shelton, now lives in Eugene with her devoted husband, Mr. McMurphey. Mrs. McMurphey has very successfully served as an editor on the staff of THE REFLECTOR, and hence our best wishes for a happy life will always attend her. On Wednesday, October 18, Miss Emma Dorris, '89, was married to Mr. Hugh Thompson, of Salem. Mrs. Thompson has left scores of friends, who would that she were among us. It is needless to speak of her activity in whatever tended toward the better. May her new home be full of sunshine, and may she be as free as possible from the cares to which we are all subject. The only objection that could be brought in either of the above cases, would be this same old idea of "foreign immigration."

The oratorical movement is now progressing, and it is with a sense of pride that we announce to the public subjects which will be discussed in your hearing the first Friday of February. It will take only a glance to tell you all that these subjects cover a very wide range of knowledge. As the choice of subjects is given to the writer, it will of necessity be representative of the individual turn of mind. The subjects are as follows: "Rosy Fingered Aurora and Her Sublimity," I. M. Glen; "Resolved, That all night sessions in Congress will tend to impair the faculties of the Legislators and lessen their chances for longevity," G. W. Jones; "The incomprehensible inconsistency of the heterogeneously conglomerate diatomic theory of the Nebular Hypothesis percolating through the Milky Way," Roslyn McKinley; "The birds that sing in the spring, tra la, bring promise of merry sunshine," Maude Wilkins; "Resolved,

That perpetual dripping will not only wear away the stone, but what's under it," Mr. Woodson.

This being the last issue of the REFLECTOR that will be under the management of the present incumbents, we wish to say a few words to all and most especially to those under whose election we labored. Whatever has been published in our monthly columns, has been the product of our best thought, and we do sincerely trust that it has met with the approval of you all. There are splendid opportunities for improvements to be made on the college paper. Some of them are bound down by numerous obstacles, while others lie upon the surface. As we close our work the question appeals very strongly, Have we done our duty? It is easy to say that we have tried, but possibly quite difficult to show that we have succeeded. As editor-in-chief, I wish publicly to recognize the support and co-operation given me by the editors of the various departments. Our suggestions have been mutually heeded. And now, as we leave this very important work to those who may follow, it is with the greatest regard for their success. And we wish also to pledge our hearty support in whatever way it may be needed. Long live THE REFLECTOR!

CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC.

Punctum Contra Punctum.

Miss Mae Huff, class of '90, is engaged in teaching music in our own little city.

Miss Ethel Simpson Class of '93 has secured a position as teacher of music in Dallas, Oregon.

Mrs. Mary Kinsey Krausse, at present residing in Salem, still continues to charm with her ever nimble fingers.

Miss E. H. Tarbet, a former teacher in the Conservatory and a competent musician, has accepted a position in New York where she now lives.

Mrs. Louise S. Linn, teacher of voice and violin, and your humble scribe, spent their summer vacation in unfolding and disclosing the mysteries and intricacies of the chosen art.

Conservatory duties and privileges have again been bestowed upon us. It is with pleasure that we welcome so many of our former students. To those of you who have registered with us this year we most gladly extend a heartfelt interest in your welfare and progress.

Mrs. Alberta Shelton McMurphey, class of '88, was heard commencement week in two very pleasing piano solos. Mrs. Rose Midgley Hollenbeck is continuing her musical studies in St. Louis.

Miss Mary E. McCornack, director of the Conservatory, forsook the arduous duties of teaching during the summer months and employed her time more pleasantly by attending the Y. P. S. C. E National Convention held in Montreal, and seeing and hearing the beauties and wonders that only the World's Fair could afford.

The music rendered on the evening of the Seniors Reception, was well received and appreciated. Miss Carrie Hovey, Conservatory Class '93, began the program with a piano solo. Mrs. Louise S. Linn, teacher in the Conservatory and Mr. Irving Glenn were the vocalists of the evening. President Chapman's address, the main feature of the program, was highly instructive and entertaining to all.

As a student, a follower of knowledge enters that most inspiring, most elevating, most ennobling realm, the realm of well directed, concentrated thought. Without conscientious application, one need never hope to gain the highest attainments of art or science. Longfellow has beautifully expressed one's devotion to art, in saying: "Have you real talent for art? Then study music, do something worthy of the art; dedicate your whole soul to the beloved saint." Chopin has said: "One arrives at art by roads barred to the vulgar; by the road of prayer, of purity of heart; by confidence in the wisdom of the Eternal, and even in that which is incomprehensible." As students of music, we must train the mind as well as the fingers. A broad education is infinitely necessary to a musician. "All wholesome knowledge gained in other branches of learning adds so much to the intelligent comprehension of musical ideas. No really great musical artist has arrived at greatness by studying music alone." "I deplore," said the president of one of our greatest American conservatories, "the lack of interest exhibited by our students toward general knowledge. We urge our students to continue their musical studies in Europe, but before they go they ought to know whether Shakespeare is living or dead." It is necessary to be conversant with many fields of thought in order to firmly establish one's intellectual standing. If one would gain the name musician, in its higher, more comprehensive sense, let him also gain the reputation of being broadly educated.

CONTRIBUTED ARTICLES.

ROMANCE AND REALITY OF BARONIAL LIFE.

When we read some interesting work of fiction, such as Scott's *Ivanhoe* or *Kenilworth*, or when we study the picture of some grand old castle with its weather-beaten walls, its towering battlements and turrets, we are apt to become much interested in those old times of chivalry and romance. Possibly we may be so carried away by the scenes depicted and the incidents described, that we almost wish we had lived in those days.

Our imagination pictures only the romantic side, which by its poetic brightness obscures all stern reality. The pictures of life in the middle ages, as shown us in some of Scott's delightful descriptions, are truly pleasing and romantic, yet they may not be altogether realistic.

The chief characters in these romances belong to the gentry, or better class of that time. According to the stories, they lived in baronial castles, which were splendidly furnished and surrounded by vast estates. They had hosts of attendants and retainers, wore the richest of apparel, amused themselves with archery and hawking, or rode on finely equipped and blooded steeds after the hounds.

The picture brought before our minds by the descriptions of the banquets and feasts of those days is truly appetizing. Summing it all up, we would be led to believe that these barons led lives of delightful indolence and luxury. A little of the true history of these times, however, will give a more correct, but less pleasing idea of baronial life.

It is probable that in reality that grand old castle stood like a prison upon some bleak hillside and was built with an eye to strength rather than to comfort or beauty. It was surrounded by a moat filled with stagnant water. Within this castle the rooms were roughly plastered with mud, or not plastered at all. No carpets covered the floors nor were there any mirrors or pictures upon the walls. There was no glass in the little, narrow windows, and the only furniture consisted of a few rough beds, stools and tables.

Picture *Ivanhoe* lying in such a room on such a bed and being lulled to sleep by the music of

the frogs, in the moat beneath, as it is wafted through the glassless windows. What swarms of hungry mosquitoes and what noxious odors must have come from the same source.

If we examine the culinary department of this castle we will find some more little details which our modest novelist failed to mention. Those sumptuous banquets, of which we read, consisted in reality, of food which, to quote Macaulay, "would raise a riot in a modern workhouse." The bread was made only of rye, and of a very poor quality, as was also the wine. The whole feast was served upon the coarsest kind of table furniture. As the science of farming was but little understood, the vast estate surrounding the castle was of little value. Our commonest vegetables were unknown. The art of curing hay not being known, only enough stock could be kept over winter to preserve the race, and these cattle were badly dwarfed from lack of food and care.

The lordly proprietor of this castle may have been a kind baron who extended a benevolent and protecting hand toward the little population of peasants who performed what work his estate might require, but more likely he was a haughty knight, whose cruelty and ferocity were displayed, both at home and when away. The torturing of old Isaac, the Jew, as described in *Ivanhoe*, furnishes an example of the cruel cunning which they not unfrequently exercised.

The regal attire of these barons was seldom changed. Bathing was considered becoming only to Infidels and Mohammedans so they seldom, if ever, bathed. Bad food, lack of vegetables and utter defiance of the laws of health caused horrible maladies unknown at the present time.

Many of these castles may have been the homes of happy families, but many more, it is likely, were the abodes of misery and oppression; yet history tells that, although this feudal system, or baronial rule, inflicted much misery on the great body of society, it still had many good results in the development of the individual man. At any rate let us not be deceived by any books of poetry or romantic fiction, but while we read and enjoy them let us not lose sight of reality in the dazzling beauties of romance.

THE DORMITORY.

The campus of the University of Oregon is gradually assuming the appearance of the perfected grounds of Eastern institutions. There are, in this campus, about seventeen acres of rolling land, situated so as to command a view of the valley and the snow-capped mountains, which are attractive features of the Upper Willamette. Adorning this plot of land, there are at present the following buildings: Villard Hall, Deady Hall, the Gymnasium, and the new building just added, the Dormitory.

As is the custom among us, the imaginative mind is active. In such a mood, it takes but a small field glass to see a large laboratory, furnished with the most useful apparatus. We can see, also, in the distance, the well regulated grounds of an athletic association, and to make a personal application, young men of strong and robust physique. If all the readers of this journal will share the enthusiasm of both instructors and students, such scenes will also gladden your minds.

But in order that we may be sure that we are dealing with realities, we will return to a somewhat exhaustive description of the Dormitory. We copy from the Eugene Daily *Guard* as follows:—

"The building is 50 feet high, 152 feet long and forty feet wide, with the main entrances on the west side. There are two of these, one for the male and the other for the female students. The latter will occupy the north end of the building and the former the south. A 14-foot wing, with 5 feet projection is built above each entrance, and rests on six cast iron columns set on concrete steps. At the top of these wings are two gables, and two more on the other side of the building just opposite. There are also two gables on each end of the roof, the eight giving the building an appearance which reminds one of the old Hollandish style of architecture.

"On the inside, directly in front and between the two entrances, is the large dining hall, 23x50 feet. Opening back from the middle of this is the service room, 12x16 feet, which is fitted with shelves and cupboards for dishes, etc. Off the service room on the south are the store room for the kitchen, and the large linen room. The former is 8x12 and the latter 7x12. Both are finished in spruce, with drawers, shelves and cupboards complete. On the other side of the service room is the kitchen, 12x24, and beyond it is the pantry, 10x12. The kitchen contains a large hot water tank and a ten-foot French range.

The pantry is fitted with bins and cupboards arranged in a most convenient manner. Leading from the service room, both to the kitchen and the dining room, fly doors are swung. In the culinary department the shelving and all the wood work is finished in hard oil, same as the rest of the building.

"Covering the whole width of the south end is the boys' sitting room, 12x38 feet. This is excellently lighted and will be a pleasant room. Between this and the dining room are five bedrooms, ranged on either side of the hall, the same size as all the bedrooms in the building, 12x16.

"On the north side of the dining room and opening from the hall is a small linen room especially for the girls' department. Back from the hall between this and the girls' sitting room are the superintendent's and matron's departments, consisting of a good sized sitting room and bedroom. Opposite these in front are two bedrooms. The sitting room for the girls is the same size as that for the boys, and similarly lighted.

"A stairway ascends from each front entrance and above the first floor the partition between the two departments is made solid. The newels, balusters and rails of the stairway are made of maple and ash. On both the second and third floors there are eight bedrooms on the north and twelve on the south end. On each of these floors, in either department and next the middle partition, are arranged the bath rooms and lavatories. Each room is supplied with two tubs, and the fittings to these, as well as to the marble wash basins, are nickel. Each tub is supplied with hose fixtures for shower baths, with either hot or cold water.

"There is only one chimney in the building, but it is a mammoth one. It contains four flues, the main one from the boiler being 12x20 inches and 8 inches thick. The one from the range is 12x12 inches, from the laundry 8x12, and the steam vent from the kitchen 8x12. On the top is a solid concrete protection. Mr. Hutchins, the contractor who has directed the building, expresses much satisfaction that they were able to procure such good brick for the building throughout. Although made in this vicinity, they are of a superior quality, and are so well made that scarcely a building in the Willamette valley is better constructed in this respect.

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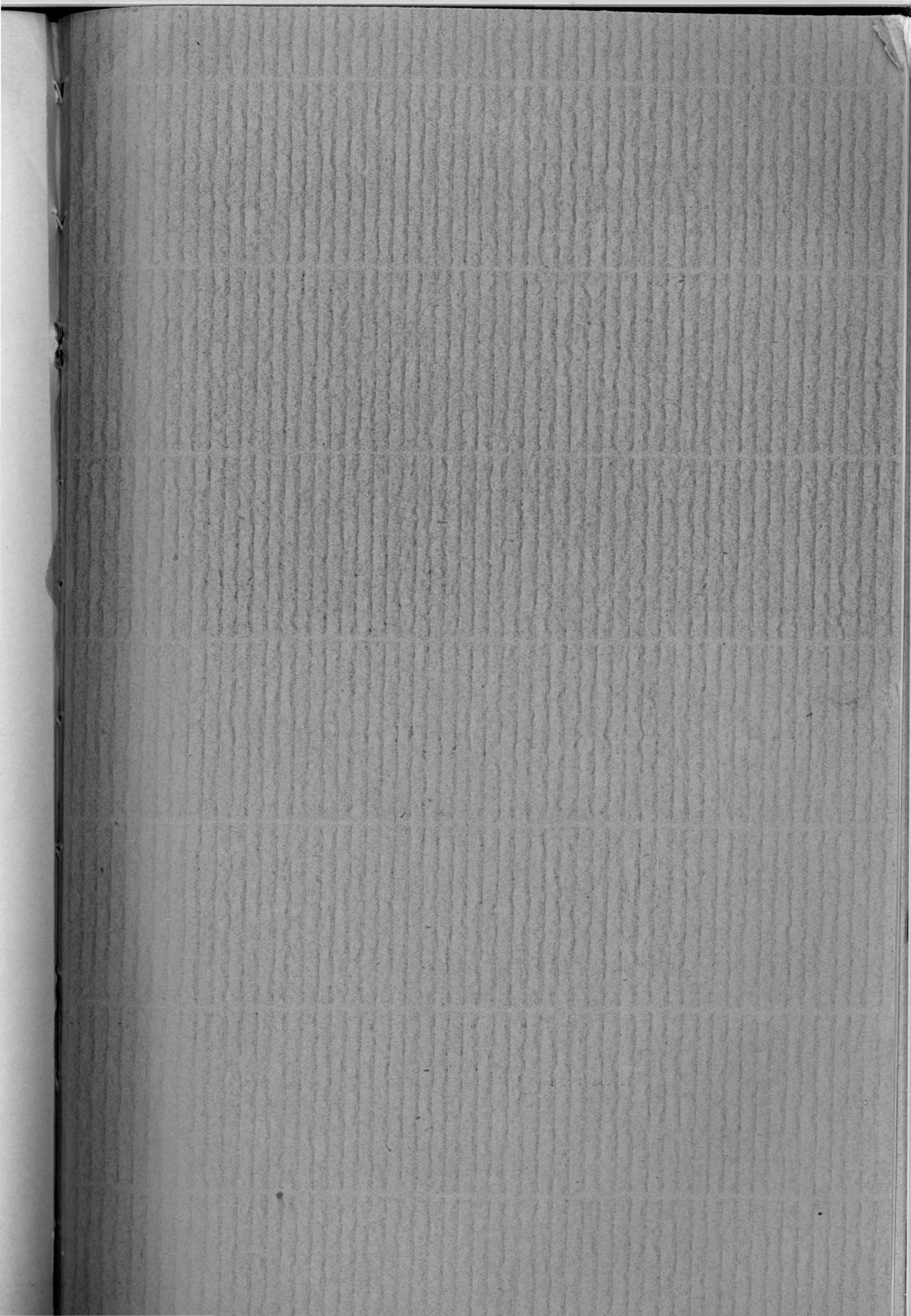
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