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LECTURES TO WOMEN TO BE ABANDONED

**Dean Pierce Thinks Freshmen
Have Full Schedule
This Year**

MORE STUDIES REQUIRED

Dean Anna E. Pierce will abandon the lectures annually delivered heretofore to the freshman women. The lectures given Thursday afternoons by Dean Pierce, covered a wide range of subjects all the way from how a college girls should dress, to the physical, ethical and moral standards of the modern American college woman. Their purpose was helpfulness to the girls who are away from home for the first time.

Dean Pierce stated that she believes that the first year class had its full share of hours and work without including extra subjects. Two new courses have been introduced this year which require freshman attendance. All freshmen have been required to perform a set of library problems under the instruction of Miss Mary E. Cobb, librarian, to acquaint them with library rules and regulations and fit them to help themselves.

Another new course, instituted this year is Education 9, taught by Professor R. H. Kirtland, of the English department. It is a course to teach the yearlings "How to study"; in short to acclimate them to their new surroundings.

"Perhaps after some of the new undertakings have been accomplished," Dean Pierce stated, "I shall be able to go over some of the high points of my lectures, if it is convenient for the students, and give them the most valuable ideas and discussions. As much as I dislike to deprive them of these Thursday meetings, which are held in little informal groups and in which the students and I become acquainted with each other, I feel that I am acting for their good."

COURT SEASON OPENS WITH JAMAICA TEAM

State College's varsity basketball team will open its season tomorrow night when it will meet the quintet representing Jamaica Teachers' Training school. The game will be called at eight o'clock in the gymnasium.

Prospects for victory looked bright this week, as the varsity whirled through a series of hard practices, defeating the outfit representing the State Comptroller's office Tuesday by a large score. Little is known of the opponents' strength this year, but last season State took their measure easily.

On paper the varsity looks about as good as last year's team. The loss of former Captain Gaimor, who played center, has been filled by Newhew, Captain Hornum and Carr, a freshman, are expected to start the game tomorrow night at forward, with Kucynski, Griffin and Kershaw to pick from as guards.

Tax tickets will admit students to the game. There will be dancing afterwards.

CASTS ANNOUNCED BY MISS FUTTERER FOR ONE-ACT PLAYS

As a result of the tryouts which have been going on for the past two weeks, Miss Futterer has announced the casts for the three one-act plays which the class will present in January.

In "The Shoes that Danced," a fantasy by Anna Hempstead Branch. The cast is as follows:

Watteau Julia Fay
Laurier Sara Wood
Pierrette Evelyn Palmer
Faustine Bertha Zajjan
Courtin Mary Merchant
Columbine Melanie Grant
The Queen Marcella Street
Lady-in-Waiting to the Queen Marjorie Ott

Boy Lillian Eckler
For "Fancy Free," a comedy, the parts will be:

Fancy Helen Hynes
Alfred Alexander Cooper
Ethelbert Niles Haight
Delia Lois Dunn

In "Tickless Time," a comedy by Susan Glaspell. The parts are cast as follows:

Eloise Ruth McNutt
Ian Dewitt Zeh
Annie Elva Loehumson
Mie Reine Perrault
Edly Ed-in Van Kleek
Mrs. Stubbs Blanche Robbins

The chairmanship of the costume committee for the plays has been transferred from Helen Hynes to Mildred Graves.

CHAPEL SYSTEM NOW UNDER DISCUSSION

President A. R. Brubacher called a meeting of the officers of student association and of the presidents and vice-presidents of all classes recently, to obtain student opinion on the present system of two assemblies. Incapacity of the auditorium to seat all the students has made it necessary to divide the student body into two groups and to have each group meet separately until the congested situation is relieved by the erection of the new buildings, he said.

Last year's system of compulsory attendance in assembly for underclassmen and voluntary attendance for upperclassmen had to be suspended because of the unsatisfactory response of upperclassmen. Even the most attractive programs of the year failed to fill the center section of the auditorium which was reserved for upperclassmen, he pointed out.

Dr. Brubacher held his first student conference regarding the student reception of the system November 17. He will bring the matter of a series of improved programs before the faculty which will meet Monday and call a joint meeting of the faculty and student association and class officers the following week. Proceedings of the conference will not be revealed until detailed plans will be arranged.

DR. THOMPSON WRITES TO EX-DEAN HORNER

Dr. Harold W. Thompson, professor of English, abroad this year upon sabbatical leave of absence, has written to New York State Education, the official magazine of the State Teachers' association. The magazine is edited by Dr. Harlan H. Horner, former dean.

In introducing the letter, Dr. Horner said: As we announced in our September number Doctor Harold W. Thompson, professor of English at the State College for Teachers, is spending the present academic year abroad under the provisions of the John Simon Guggenheim Foundation. Doctor Thompson's particular field of research is concerned with British literature of the eighteenth century. He attended the convention of the World Federation of Education Associations at Edinburgh in July, and in response to our request has given us an account of the convention in his own frank, direct way. We are happy to present his letter in these columns. He did not deliberately promise to write further letters during the year. We are sure, however, that our readers will hope that he may do so.

The letter, in part follows:

Dear Dr. Horner:

Relying upon a warm and irrational friendship born of many battles, you've me promise to write you an account of the Edinburgh convention. I suppose that if I do not keep my promise you will follow your former practice; you recall that you persuaded me to write an article about Theodore Roosevelt for your jolly old magazine and then proceeded to write the article yourself. I dare say that you could do better than I. Contact with our illiterate profession has taught you the use of such ruses as orientate, motivate, reaction and other obscenities which the Elizabethan censors compelled Shakespeare to cut out from his witches' scenes, hereby removing incontestable evidence that he was a schoolmaster.

Well, Edinburgh was the place. You are a member of the Albany Burns Club and can imagine what happened at the 'Meeting of We'come. There were eight speeches of we'comes, all by Scots; one of the speakers did not boast, but he seemed a bit dazed and had probably forgotten his piece. I enjoyed every word. There is no nation on earth which has so little need to advertise its virtues, and none which celebrates them so earnestly and so publicly. They are also subject to what the obscene call an anxiety neurosis; they are afraid that they will be thought to lack humour! I cannot say how often we were told that the legend of the humourless Scot was invented in Scotland to amuse the subject English.

As there were eight speeches of welcome, there were quite properly four speeches of response. The President of the Federation, an American, attempted banter with one unfortunate result. He said that he had suggested to our government that we trade the Philippines for Ireland so that we might "raise" our own policemen. Some of the audience did not find this very funny.

And there you have a hint at the difficulties which beset the convention. We

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Y. W. HOLDS A BAZAAR TODAY FOR CHINESE

**Proceeds For Education Of A
Young Chinese Girl In
America**

SUPPER IN CAFETERIA

The annual bazaar held under the auspices of Y. W. C. A. will be held tonight in the gymnasium. This year the proceeds will be given to the Chinese fund. It will be used to pay the traveling expenses of Miss Helen Lie, a young Chinese girl who will journey to America next summer to take up studies in Smith college. After she has completed her college course here in America, she will return to her native land to teach her own people, according to American forms and customs. Chinese characteristics will be special features of the bazaar booths in the gymnasium carrying out the oriental scheme. Fancy goods, art goods, Japanese ware, food and flowers will be sold, while Georgiana Maar and Ethel Dubois will have charge of a Chinese laundry, and a group of students will present a musical comedy entitled "When East Turns West," written and directed by Bertha Zajjan. The casts consists of the missionary, Helen Tompkins; his wife, Thelma Temple; Chinese queen, Georgia DeMocker; Chinese school children, Ruth McNutt, Hilda Sarr, Madeline Tietjen, Betty Strong, Eleanor Welch, Mildred Lamsley, Helen Kladly, Liola Shorkley, Evelyn Bacile; American college girls, Melanie Grant and Bertha Zajjan.

The bazaar will begin at three o'clock and will continue until eleven o'clock. Between 5:30 and 6:30 supper will be served in the cafeteria of the college. Tickets for the supper may be procured from the "Y" members. At 7:0 there will be a program in the auditorium. The sale closes at 10 p. m. after which there will be dancing in the gym.

SWIMMING MEET TO TAKE PLACE DEC. 8

The swimming meet which has been planned by the G. A. A. will be held at Bath 3, December 8. Training for the meet has been under way since the early part of October, and several new and striking features will be introduced. The meet will be competitive and try-outs are being held. A preliminary meet was held at the bath, Tuesday, November 23. At that time the class was divided into two teams, one headed by Bertha Zajjan, and the other by Ruth McNutt. McNutt's team came in first with a total of 21 points. Isabel Johnston and Kathleen Doughty acted as judges. The meet consisted of five events: a back stroke race, a surface dive, plunge for distance, underwater swim and relay. Later a "follow the leader" event, water tricks, and games were enjoyed. The elementary class has taken up the back stroke and two kinds of floats.

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THE WORLD COURT

Shall the United States still maintain her extra-World-Court position along with Turkey, Soviet Russia, Germany, Mexico, and several other small or backward nations? The question will again be debated by Congress December 17. In the meantime, a student movement is sweeping the country, of which State will be a part through the student poll to be taken in assembly this morning.

Will the vote be intelligent? An effort has been made to have it so by means of open forums, literature, and public address. We hope that no one casting a ballot registers a mental process to some such effect as these commonly heard objections:

(1) Joining the Court will involve us in the League of Nations, and I protest against League membership. The Court, it is true, was a creation of the League largely through the initiative of the United States, which strongly advocated the foundation of such a permanent court in both the Hague conferences of 1899 and 1907; but the League acted as a mere instigator of the Court, retaining NO power over it except as an electing body, special provision being made for non-League members in the election of judges.

(2) Membership in the Court will force us into legal entanglements. Not so! (Unless we voluntarily sign the optional clause, which has, so far, been ratified by only a few small nations.) The Court has no power of decision unless both parties to the dispute submit the question.

(3) The Court has no power to enforce decisions. Granted. But what nation, having agreed to submit a dispute to the decision of a tribunal, will be so "yellow streaked" as to refuse to accept an adverse judgment? (Oh, it will probably be done sometime—live long and learn.)

(4) The United States should not entangle itself in foreign affairs. (Whoever reaches this stage of argument nothing can convince; he is blind to existing conditions.)

THOMPSON WRITES LETTER

were met to increase the spirit of goodwill among the peoples of the earth, and we did not always understand the jokes. There was the usual amount of talking for the sake of being prominent, the usual trumpeting of platitudes, and an astonishing ignorance of what others have accomplished.

Our State was finely represented by Commissioner Wiley, but unfortunately he had not been assigned a definite part in the program.

We did contribute some novelties, however. There was a gentleman from Ohio, representing himself, who almost emptied a hall with a discourse upon an international symbolic flag. Then there was a woman representing the National Security League of New York, I believe, with the most strident voice I have ever heard. I understood her to say,—and others gained the same impression,—that until her organization put its hand to the plough the American Constitution was never mentioned in half our schools, but that she and her colleagues were changing all that and were now instructing American teachers in citizenship. She generously offered the services of her organization to other peoples. No reply came from the stunned Americans, but a man with the terrier speech of Dundee told the audience that he thanked his maker that in Scotland teachers were not instructed by amateurs. He was decidedly rude, but the audience applauded.

In spite of what I have told you, we had reason again and again to be proud of American education. Nearly all the speakers except the British and the Americans referred to us as pioneers and quoted our systems as models. This grew rather monotonous and seemed to exasperate the British a little, most of whom seemed completely ignorant of any system except their own.

Professor I. J. Findlay of the University of Manchester, said: . . . We want peace because we fear war; we are simply continuing and aggravating an "anxiety neurosis." One place to eliminate anxiety is in the classroom, particularly with little children, and this does not mean the elimination of a standard of attainment. He believes that a child of eleven or twelve is old enough to study a foreign language; he advocates Esperanto as a valuable auxiliary language and as an introduction to foreign languages. I think that your readers would be astonished to learn of the progress of Esperanto. Ten continental European nations broadcast Esperanto now; the British Society for the Advancement of Science recommends its use; it is being taught in a good many schools from England to Japan. In fact, the most enthusiastic support came from a Japanese delegate, who, incidentally, told what he thought of English medical students who neglected the study of German.

To me the most interesting of the addresses was by Professor Patrick Geddes of the College des Ecoles, Montpellier, the consultant architect of the new University of Jerusalem, a man with fine wit and an encyclopaedic knowledge of universities. He traced the different types of university from the Greeks, through the monastic, medieval, renaissance, encyclopaedic, and Napoleonic types. He attacked this last type with its elaborate system of examinations and of memorizing for examinations, "a system of cultivation under which the buds are not allowed to open." He was particularly bitter against "the passing school of utilitarians who drop their f." He admitted that specialization is necessary in this age, but he asked whether we were to have dis-specialization or

USE YOUR EYES

THE NEWS' SIGNED ARTICLE BY A FACULTY MEMBER IS CONTRIBUTED THIS WEEK BY

PROFESSOR GEORGE M. YORK

Epictetus, a stoic philosopher of the first century A. D., wrote as follows: "Did God give the eyes for nothing and was it for nothing that He mingled in them a spirit of such might and cunning? Was it for nothing that He made light without which there were no benefit of any other thing?"

About every other man or woman one meets is wearing eye-glasses and a great many others are on their way to the oculist. There are very few people in the world who have eyes that can see and observe. "If the trouble is in the iris or retina, a piece of ground glass will quickly restore your focus, but if the fault lies in the brain base which is the seat of perception, no amount of ocular skill will print an enduring picture on your memory." To behold is fatally easy, but to observe requires that the brain cells be fully organized and put in action. The average brain is flabby from disuse. Only the most persistent regime of training will make it sufficiently sensitive to recall the objects carried to it through ether waves.

No characteristic so marks a man or woman for preferment in life as the gift

of sight. For thousands of years every normal creature had seen the lightning flash but Benjamin Franklin observed it. Every great invention breaks the heart of a hundred men who had dreamed about it years in advance of the inventor's patent. They had made a dreamer's model, but hazy imagination or relenting concentration had omitted the spring or screw that would have tightened the mental patent into a practical machine. The successful man or woman in business or professional life is one who has learned to see beyond the nose, to reason from effect back to cause, to distinguish live wires from dead ones without coming into actual contact with the wire. College are turning out many boys and girls who are unconscious of their surroundings. Every student should become a part of all he sees. He should see the things at which he looks, not because the process bears such a close relation to his bank account, but because observation and appreciation go so far in changing one's life from a condition of mere existence to one of real living.

BOOK-ENDS

VOLCANO; A FROLIC

By Ralph Strauss

Reading a story of American small-town life has all the intrinsic virtues of reading history, for it gives one the pleasant consciousness of time profitably employed. For even as one reads, the story becomes history; the small town becomes a metropolis. There is a quite different feeling accompanying, however, when the setting of the story is a wee English town. The reader might follow his desire to visit there twenty years afterward and find the stage still set precisely as the author left it. An English Common remains a Common; it is not enchanted overnight into a factory or an apartment house. The persons of the story, too, are unchanged—another generation, perhaps, but doing the same things in the same way with exactly the same mild emotions.

Such a Rip Van Winkle English town does Ralph Strauss give us in *Croome*. If the inhabitants of this ancient, unsophisticated hamlet felt the vague stirrings of any ambition, it was only to be permitted to go on unmolested, its sleepy, emotionless way. It would require, indeed, nothing short of a volcano to upset the even tenor of the joys and griefs of *Croome* inhabitants. But the author seems to have possessed the faith that is alleged to have potential mountain-moving powers; and so from nowhere at all he transports a delightful volcanic mountain, already seething impatiently, and places it deftly in the middle of the cherished *Croome* Common. And the town wakes up one morning and rubs its eyes—

Like every respectable English townlet, *Croome* has two distinct sides—that which lives very seriously for the uplift of the lower classes, and that which struggles to provide the ungrateful upper classes with successive generations of servants more or less faithful. And the volcano, a very earnest social uplifter, mixes them up appallingly.

Strauss strips his story of all dignity from the start. It is a frolic, he insists; and if you have no wish to drop your own dignity and frolic with him, we both warn you to find a really serious book and leave *Volcano* to the next person on the Co-op's lone waiter list.

Olga A. Hampel, '26.

con-specialization. He admitted that the problem is increased by the higher education of women; as he said, "Eve is after the apple again." He insisted that in the universities and colleges each teacher should explain the bearing of his subject upon civilization in its social sense and upon nature. He told of how this fundamental problem is being solved for different people in Jerusalem, in India, in America. He had special praise for Columbia and Dartmouth, where he himself has lectured in courses dealing with the history of civilization. Such courses and courses in general science he regards as indications of the birth of a new and great type of university.

As a very practical measure, a French delegate presented excellent resolutions regarding university reciprocity. He urged that all governments remit passport and visa fees to students and professors. He also urged reciprocity in the matter of credits and degrees. France now extends the courtesy of university equivalents to twenty-eight different countries; from some countries she gets no return; with America she has complete reciprocity. It seems to me unfortunate that these resolutions were ruled out of order by the chairman, but some good may come of them. It is well that other nations should hear of this French-American entente.

In the matter of Secondary education an interesting report was read suggesting how international good-will can be fostered in the high school curriculum. The committee proposed:

(1) A course in Universal Biography to present the contributions of various races to our civilization. A call for an international PLUTARCH!

(2) Visual instruction in Geography and Topography, the "movies" to be utilized.

(3) The study of "humanistic" literature drawn from all peoples and collected in an anthology.

(4) Aesthetic instruction as part of the regular course, with visits to museums.

(5) Instruction in the elements of Civics and Economics, to be begun at the age of twelve and continued for three or four years.

Faithfully yours,

HAROLD W. THOMPSON.

COLLEGE NEWS AT A GLANCE

The scholarship average for last June of Alpha Delta Omicron sorority was announced today as 1.47 by Ruth Ames, '26, its president. The percentage was made public following compilation by sorority members and the college officials. The sorority was recognized by President A. R. Brubacher last year.

The mark places the sorority in next to the first place in the list previously announced.

Pauline George '23, spent the week-end at the Kappa Delta house.

Hilda J. Klinkhart, senior, has left college and has gone to the state of Washington, where she will live on a ranch.

Miss Klinkhart was a member of the senior staff who are publishing the year-book, she was secretary of the senior class and last year she was vice-president of the class.

She was a member of the Gamma Kappa Phi sorority.

Burlington, Vt.—The University of Vermont basketball schedule for 1925-26 has been announced as including: December 15, St. Michael's; 17, New York State Teachers.

Delta Omega held its semi-annual Alumnae Day last Saturday afternoon and evening. About eighteen alumnae returned. A buffet supper was served by the sophomores. Bridge was played after each class had presented a stunt.

Eva Sleight and Hazel C. Benjamin were elected at the last senior class meeting to the offices of member of the finance board and class secretary, respectively.

Gamma Kappa Phi welcomes Marjorie Youngs, '28, as a pledge member.

Miss Ruth Schmitter was a week-end guest at Gamma Kappa Phi house.

Blanche Brown, '22, has been awarded a graduate scholarship at Columbia. She has been given a year's leave of absence from St. Agnes school for study and expects to major in nutrition and biochemistry.

Pave hall held its annual fall house dance November 21. Professor Barnard S. Bronson Miss Elizabeth D. Anderson and Mrs. Scoutin chaperoned the party. The house was attractively decorated in Pave Hall colors, green and white. Punch and cakes were served for refreshments to the twenty-five couples present. Music was furnished by the Green Rajah Orchestra.

Mrs. Fletcher Tufts, nee Anita Ayres, '25, and Esther Hermes of Briarcliff Manor, were week-end guests recently at the Alpha Delta Omicron house.

The alumnae of Alpha Delta Omicron sorority held a meeting at 659 Hudson avenue recently. After the meeting a bridge luncheon was served by the sophomores of the sorority.

Peta Zeta congratulates Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Scott on the birth of a daughter, on Friday, November 13. Mrs. Scott was formerly Jean Page, '25.

Hermione Brabb, '25, became Mrs. Raymond Hix of Jamaica, N. Y., September 12, 1925. Mr. Hix is with the Guaranty Trust Company. Their home is at 8716 Homelawn avenue.

Psi Gamma entertained her faculty members at a tea Sunday, November 22.

Miss Cobb attended the Thirteenth Conference of Eastern College Librarians Saturday, November 28, at Columbia University in New York city.

Alpha Epsilon Phi extends sincerest sympathy to Be'la Hyman, '27, the death

of her father and to Ethel Herschberg, '28, the death of her mother.

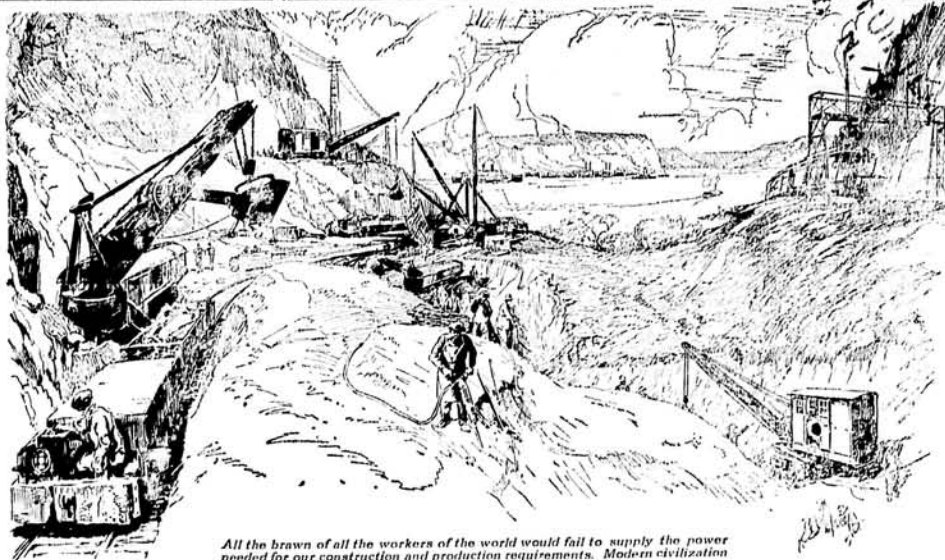
Miss Helen Smith, graduate of Holyoke '25, traveling secretary of Y. W. and who is interested in Student Volunteer work, attended Y. W. cabinet meeting Monday evening and spoke at the regular Y. W. meeting Tuesday evening in room B.

Cordelia Haight, Psi Gamma, a for-

A BOOK A WEEK

Miss Cobb recommends:
Masfield, John. Trial of Jesus. Macmillan, \$1.75. (Play.)
Wilson, Margaret. Other Kenworthys. Harper, \$2.00. H.

mer graduate of State College, was visiting at college last Monday.



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NEWMAN COMMUNION DECEMBER 13

The second Quarterly Communion and breakfast of Newman club will take place Sunday, December 13. The club will attend the 9:00 o'clock mass at St. Vincent de Paul's Church and will then proceed to the Academy of the Holy Names where the breakfast will take place.

Tickets for the breakfast will be given out in the Rotunda at a date to be announced later or they may be secured through the councillors. Gertrude Lynch, '26, vice-president, is planning an appropriate Christmas program.

The Alumnae Association of Newman club will give a dance for the active members at the Knights of Columbus Hall the night of December 11.

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**MATH. CLUB INITIATES
MANY NEW MEMBERS**

Mathematics club initiated about a dozen new members at its fall initiation, held in the gymnasium Friday evening, November 20. The program given by the initiates included a pirate stunt, a very dramatic representation of "She Sat in the Hammock," and a memory test, the latter given by Carleton Moose, '26, to a group of initiates. Following the custom of the club, the initiates answered roll call with the statement of a geometric proposition. Games and dancing followed.

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**RUTH MINER ADDRESSES
POLI SCI AT DINNER**

Miss Ruth Miner, Albany lawyer, talked about her extraordinary work, at the Thanksgiving dinner of Political Science club, Tuesday evening, November 24. Miss Miner spoke of her varied experiences, and threw light on "law."

The dinner opened with the singing of the Alma Mater after which Dr. Leonard Woods Richardson invoked the blessing. Louise D. Gunn, chairman of the dinner, told the Legend of the Evergreen Memory, and explained how this idea was carried out on the design of the place cards.

There were 70 people present including these faculty members: Dean Anna E. Pierce, Dr. Richardson, Miss Eunice A. Perine, Professor and Mrs. Adna W. Bixley, Professor and Mrs. David Hutchinson, Miss Helen T. Fay, Professor F. Laura Thompson, and Professor Florence E. Winchell.

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