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G. A. A. MEMBERSHIP CONTEST.

Hike to Tea Falls—New Officers.

The Girls A. A. is now well under way towards another successful season under the popular leadership of Miss Gray and the newly elected officers, who are Dorothy Austin, President; Lucile Hale, Vice-president; Kathryn Lincham, Secretary; and Agnes Demmin, Treasurer.

A spirited membership contest has begun, and as in former years each class is striving to outdo all others in the business of getting its members to join the G. A. A. President Austin has appointed a girl from each class to work for new members and they are already busy looking up prospects. The following are the special "New Membership Agents," Una Boice for 1917, Adelaide Hill for 1918, Kathryn Lincham for 1919, and Helene Nolan for 1920. More members are needed and it is the opinion of the Association officers that if every non-member were fully aware of the advantages offered for joining and the nominal dues of twenty-five cents a year there would soon not be a single girl not a member of the G. A. A.

Saturday, Oct. 21, the Association held its first hike, which turned out to be a means of securing many new members. The party, numbering about seventy, went to Tea Falls, via Rensselaer. The hike was an old-fashioned good time out in the open, and the many Freshmen who availed themselves of this opportunity to get into closer touch with the members of the upper classes and with Miss Gray seemed to be right at home and enjoying the outing immensely. A Junior, prominently connected with the G. A. A., when interviewed by a "News" reporter, was enthusiastic about the spirit displayed by the Freshmen, saying that "they showed their prowess as hill climbers, creek jumpers, tight-rope walkers, etc. Let me tell you," she went on,

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CONVOCATION A GRAND SUCCESS.

LL. D. Conferred on Edison by Phone.

The fifty-second convocation of the University which began Thursday afternoon was concluded Friday night, when Dr. Finley conferred the degree of Doctor of Laws on Thos. A. Edison at his home in New Jersey by phone.

The entire meeting was marked by good attendance and excellent speakers. More than fifteen hundred educators from all parts of the United States were present.

Friday night, after listening to addresses on the spoken word, the auditorium was cut in on the international telephone circuit and the audience listened through more than 800 receivers scattered through the hall. The first speaker was Dr. Pliny T. Sexton, Chancellor of the University, who spoke from his home in Palmyra. After Dr. Sexton's address a voice was heard saying, "Just a minute and we will hook you up with San Francisco." In less than a minute Pres. Benj. Ide Wheeler, of the University of California, was heard saying, "Good evening," Dr. Wheeler was followed by Theo. N. Vail, then Dr. Finley conferred the degree of LL. D. on Mr. Edison. Dr. Finley said in part: "I, sitting in a hall nearly 200 miles from you, a hall lighted by the glowing filaments which you invented, employ an instrument which you had a part in perfecting, to express to you the congratulations and gratitude for what you have done in making it possible to remember, to produce and to transmit the spoken word."

The meeting then adjourned to the museum where Martin H. Glynn spoke on the subject of a statue to be erected here in honor of Jos. Henry. E. W. Rice, President of the General Electric Co., advocated the establishment of an "institute of original scientific research dedicated to the memory of Henry." Mrs. August Belmont spoke on the Drama as a

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BE IN CHAPEL FRIDAY MORNING.

Frist of a Series of Lectures on Insurance to Be Given.

At the meeting of the students on Friday morning, Oct. 27, the attendance of which is compulsory, a lecture will be given on Insurance. This is the first of a series of lectures on this subject. This subject should be of great interest to all, especially so as it is planned to bring out the relation of insurance to pensions and, above all, to teachers' pensions. The subject of teachers' pensions has been an object of argument so often lately and is so little understood by laymen that these lectures should prove of great value to everyone.

SENIOR RECEPTION

The annual Senior reception will be held on Friday evening, Oct. 27, at 7.30. Zita's orchestra will furnish the music, and an excellent program has been arranged. Dancing will be enjoyed.

THANKSGIVING VACATION.

On account of the late opening of the College this fall the Thanksgiving vacation will extend only over Thanksgiving Day. All other vacations will be given as scheduled.

CROSS COUNTRY RUN NOV. 3.

The date for the annual Cross Country Run has been announced by Manager Sutherland as Nov. 3rd at 5 p. m. The start and finish will be at the south-east corner of the campus. The course will lead along the road skirting the western end of the park, around the lake, past the lake house and along the road, up the hill, back to the starting point. It is expected that a large crowd will be out to watch the race, and number of entrants promises to be a record breaker. So far, judging by form shown in training, it still looks as if Sutherland '19 will carry away the honors. A beautiful silver cup will be given to the winner, with another trophy for the second to cross the line.

STUDENT BODY ADDRESSED BY HEADS OF VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

With President Kolin Hager of the Senior Class presiding the first of this year's meetings of the student body was successfully carried out in the auditorium during the regular chapel period on Friday morning, Oct. 20. The meeting was very well attended, almost every seat being taken. It was given over entirely to the students and the speakers were chosen by President Hager from among the undergraduates. A feature of the meeting were the really creditable yells given by the men after each speaker had finished. It is hoped they were the beginning of some real "college yelling" and singing. The speeches were interesting throughout and held the attention of the audience at all times.

The first speaker was Editor-in-Chief Alfred Dedicke of the "State College News." After speaking briefly about the policy of the paper and emphasizing the fact that the "News" is not a class, but a college paper, Mr. Dedicke asked for better support on the part of the students not only of the "News," but of the "Echo," the "Pedagogue," and the athletic teams as well, saying that he believed it to be the duty of each student to support those people who had been authorized by the student-body to take charge of the various activities.

Miss Ethel Houck '17, who is well known as a hard worker and booster of S. C. T., spoke next, her topic being the Song Book. Miss Houck explained the book to the students, telling of the manner in which the board had been elected by the various classes and pointing out its value and importance. She urged every student to become the owner of one of the books which are now in press, the price being within reach of everyone, fifty cents down, and fifty cents on delivery.

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Alfred E. Dedicke, Chairman

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All subscribers among the students are asked to call for their copies of the "State College News" every Wednesday at the table in the main hall near Minerva. You will be given a card which must be presented every week.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor of State College News:

It is indeed gratifying to see that the letter of two weeks ago had some results. Now if something is done besides talking about it, everyone will be more pleased.

At the student assembly last Friday, Mr. Hohaus spoke in regard to class rushes. It is rather difficult to agree with Mr. Hohaus in all that he said. He seemed to look with disfavor upon real scraps and advocated wrestling matches or something of that kind. Let's get away from petticoat influence and have State College known as a men's school as well as a women's school.

Now at State College, with its large number of female students, it might not be just proper to be "rude and rough," and have a regular scrap. It is sad indeed to think that the men should be so influenced by the female element as to hesitate to indulge in a rush for fear of spraining a thumb or something like that. Horrors!

At Yale University the matter was considered as to the advisability of allowing the men to impersonate women in the college plays. It was feared that they would become effeminate.

With the great number of women here, are we not in serious danger of the same thing?

These few observations are to be taken for their face value. It is not the intention to discourage any good work, for any sort of class rivalry would be a distinct relief from that which has existed in the past.

Let us have some action along with the talk.

"SAME SOPH."

Editor of State College News:

Following the suggestion of the Senior president, that I nominate two members of the Junior Class to assist the members of the Senior committee in carrying out the details in connection with the Freshman-Sophomore rivalry, I would submit the following: Jesse Jones and Joseph Walker.

Respectfully,
JUNIOR PRESIDENT.

FIRST SOPHOMORE MEETING.

The Sophomore president, Mr. Gillett, called the first meeting of the Sophomore class for this year on Friday, October 20. Much business of importance was transacted.

KOLLETCH KOMICK KOLYUM

Not for nothing did Bean Swift lisp the lingua Romana for four long years. Listen to this bit of classical Latin, typical of the Augustan age.

"Non paratus," dixit Senior, Cum a sad and doleful look, "Omne recto," quoth Professor, Et scripsit nihil in his book.

Bean Swift's noted kol-league, Herr Ick, kontributes the following to the general jollifikation:

He asked for Stella's hand that night,
And Stella threw him down.

He entered there with heart so light
And asked for Stella's hand that night.

There was a stairkase just in sight
Enkarpeted in brown,

He asked for Stella's hand that night
And Stella threw him down.

Herr Ick.

Herr Ick is klever, no doubt, but Bean Swift was slow to publish this example of his effusions, the reason being, that there are too many steps in the plot. However, of that be you the judge.

Horrors, Agnes! Is nothing sakred? Look at what Milton would have written if he had hung his hat (this is not an attempt at alliteration) on the locker room floor as often as I have and enkontered as often the stony gaze of Minerva: When I consider how the night is spent

Ere half my piled-up work is done,
And praktice teaching (that is death to do),

Komes on the morrow. Tho' my form is bent

From poring over text-books to present

My lesson plans, I smile and sweetly coo,

Why should I work each night as I must rue

That I exist? What rekompense is sent

To me for all my pains? Profs do not know

Who stalling is, or who digs like a grind. To dig

Is nonsense. Let Freshmen only toil beneath a light,

And with abandon burn the mid-night gas,

Seniors should smile the while and stall and bluff.

Situation Wanted.

Wanted; Position as a model in a makaroni factory. Address

Peppery Pelham.

It is Bean Swift's idea that Manager Pearsall got the notion of putting that "F" on the tags from too close a study of his last year's report card.

This ends this week's nonsense. If I have beguiled a sad heart from one moment of sadness, if I have brought one

smile to the lips of kare, if I have erased one wrinkle from a worried brow, I shall not have worked in vain. Selah!

BEAN SWIFT.

COLLEGE CLUB.

Prof. Risley Speaks on the Spirit of '76.

The first meeting of the College Club was held on Friday, October 20th. Prof. Risley spoke to the Club on "The Spirit of '76." In a town hall in New England there is a picture showing the three ages, Youth, Middle Age, and Old Age marching onward together to war. What was it that animated these men? It was the spirit of '76, which had grown from the philosophy of the time, a time when people were thinking about the individual rights of men; a time when the freedom of the press was beginning to be recognized, and it was decided that "Truth cannot be libeled."

How much of the spirit of '76 have we in 1916? Could we draw a picture of the young, middle-aged, and old marching together to war? What would force men into action like that of '76? Certainly not an emphasis on the individual, not the commercial element, not military training, nor internationalism. The greatest need of the people of this country is self-denial. The Boy Scout movement is doing a great deal to encourage self-denial and a feeling for the rights of others. The boys have some way of showing whether they have done anything for someone else during the day. It would be a good thing if all college students thought of this and had some way of reminding themselves to think of others and do something for someone else. In addition to self-denial, we should cultivate a wholesomeness of attitude towards everything, cleanliness in everything, in our city and in our government, and this attitude should help make us good citizens. It is by developing these principles that we can make the spirit of 1916 as great and far-reaching as that of '76.

College Club was fortunate in having Prof. Risley, its organizer, as the first speaker. All those who attended for the first time will want to come again. Watch the bulletin board for a notice of the next meeting!

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"those Freshmen were good sports. What if the trail was muddy, that trifle was forgotten in the good time that came with the cheerful fires, the 'hot dogs' and rolls, and the delicious coffee, that were in order when the halt was called. If 1920 can be judged by our new members, they are a bunch of people worth knowing." This opinion seemed to be shared by all. The hike was managed by a committee consisting of Lillian Penney, Grace Braem and Beatrice Sullivan.

CONVOCATION A GRAND SUCCESS*Continued from Page 1*

Means of Teaching. Thos. A. Watson, the first man to hear the human voice over the telephone, told of his part in its discovery.

In the afternoon the pictured word was considered. This subject was discussed by Dr. A. C. Thompson, Principal of the Brockport Normal School and President of the State Teachers' Association; Pres. Chas. H. Keyes, of the

Skidmore School of Arts, and A. W. Abrams, Chief of the Visual Instruction Division of the State Education Department. The Junior High School was discussed in the morning session by Dr. Chas. F. Wheelock, Assistant Commissioner of Education, and Dr. Thos. H. Briggs, Professor of Education at Columbia University.

There were numerous meetings and conferences of various educational groups. The district superintendents met at noon when they were served luncheon by the pupils in the Domestic Science Department of the State College for Teachers.

STUDENT BODY ADDRESSED, ETC*Continued from Page 1*

Jesse Jones '18, the popular captain of the basketball five, was well received as the next speaker. Mr. Jones spoke on what he represents to all—athletics. He pointed out the great opportunities for the rise of State College in the various lines of sport this year and assured the student body that the members of the teams would do their part, but that

in order to get the best out of the teams, they must have the undivided support of the students. Not only is the money needed which their attendance at the games would bring, but also the helpful cheering of a large crowd of loyal rooters. Mr. Jones ended by urging everyone to contribute freely to the Tag-Day fund.

The last speaker was Reinhard Hohaus '17, who spoke on the interesting topic of Sophomore-Freshmen rivalry. Mr. Hohaus asked that the present classes get away from the chaotic state of affairs that has existed in former years and that they agree upon some well-planned and supervised series of contests, these contests to be in the form of basketball and baseball games, wrestling bouts, track-meets, and a tug-of-war. A final suggestion which seemed to find much favor with the audience, was that the tug-of-war be held with the teams on an opposite side of Washington Park lake, situated so that the losing team would be drawn into the lake.

Y. W. C. A. RECEPTION TO FRESHMEN.

First Social Activity of Season.

The members of the Y. W. C. A. gave a reception Friday evening in honor of the Freshmen class. The gym was prettily decorated with palms and the colors of 1920, yellow and white. The program consisted of vocal solos by Kolin Hager and Miss Spear, whistling solo by Miss Spencer, and readings by Jack Harwich.

In the receiving line were: Miss Edith Wallace, President; Miss Marion Blodgett, Vice-President; Miss Labrina Taylor, Secretary; Eloise Lansing, Treasurer, and the Misses Faith Wallace, Esther Aldrich, Leah Bice, Clara Slack, Marion Putnam, Mildred Guernsey, Marion Payne, Helen Kelso, and Louisa Vedder. Music for the occasion was furnished by O'Neil's orchestra.

SOPHS BEAT FROSH 22:21.

Monday afternoon the Sophs defeated the Frosh at basketball, the score being 22:21. The game was fast and closely contested throughout.

This afternoon at 4.30 the Seniors will play the Juniors and another hot battle is expected.

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FREDERICK R. HYN-
SON OF PHILA-
DELPHIA.

A bit of news which, though appearing rather late, will nevertheless be news to many, is embodied in the engagement of Miss Florence Burt, which was announced last summer. Miss Burt graduated from Mt. Holyoke in 1913 and has been since 1915 Secretary and Assistant Registrar at State College. This year she is teaching Advanced Stenography under Professor York. Her engagement was announced to be to Frederick R. Hynson, of Philadelphia, who is an '07 man of the College of William and Mary. The many friends Miss Burt has made, both among the faculty and students join in cordial good wishes.

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PRATT INSTITUTE ART EXHIBIT.

Saturday morning, the Art Department opened the Pratt Institute Exhibit of art work, done by students. Entering Miss Perine's room, one sees the work done in the first and second year of design—the use of charcoal, water-colors, and the combination of the two, ending with the more complicated designs of stained-glass windows. These are particularly interesting.

Pen sketching, and the water-color and charcoal combination, make the section in magazine illustration a lively rival for admiration. An illustration for "Hiawatha," in particular, draws the attention.

The poster work is exceedingly attractive, and shows cleverness as well as artistic talent.

The water-color representations of flowers—roses, chrysanthemums, dahlias, and others, made one wish to stay longer, and admire the beauty and splendid technique of the work. The pictures in oils were fine. "Pratt" can be justly proud of this exhibit.

MEETING OF NORMAL SCHOOL PRINCIPALS WITH PRES. BRUBACHER.

Last Thursday President Brubacher called a meeting in his office of a number of Normal School principals who were in town. The purpose of the meeting was the seeking of a more satisfactory set of rules governing the entrance of Normal School graduates into State College. The discussion covered three things:

1. The relation between the entrance requirements of both the Normal Schools and State College for Teachers.

2. The credit properly to be assigned to a graduate of a Normal School upon his entrance into State College.

3. The relative value to be placed upon the academic and the professional work accomplished by a Normal School graduate.

The meeting was a very interesting one and will probably result in slight modifications of the respective rules in next year's catalogue.

Last Saturday the lease was signed for the practice house for the H. E. Department. The house is situated at 429 Washington avenue.

S. C. BASKET BALL SCHEDULE UP-TO-DATE.

Herewith is given the schedule of the basketball five as given out by Manager Pearsall. The schedule includes thirteen games, of which seven will be played in Albany on the Albany High School court. The season will open on December 8 with a game against R. P. I. at Troy and will end with a contest with Potsdam Normal School in Albany on March 2. The schedule, of course, is subject to changes:

Dec. 8.—Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute at Troy.

Dec. 16.—Union College at Schenectady.

Dec. 19.—St. Lawrence University at Albany.

Jan. 5.—St. Lawrence University at Canton.

Jan. 6.—Clarkson Institute of Technology at Potsdam.

Jan. 13.—Hobart College at Albany.

Jan. 19.—Springfield Y. M. C. A. College at Albany.

Feb. 3.—St. John's College at Albany.

Feb. 10.—Pratt Institute at Albany.

Feb. 16.—Pratt Institute at Brooklyn.

Feb. 17.—St. John's College at Brooklyn.

Feb. 22.—Colgate University at Albany.

March 2.—Potsdam Normal School at Albany.

In the schedule will be found four teams not played last year, Hobart, Springfield Y. M. C. A., Pratt Institute, and Potsdam Normal. All of these institutions have been represented on the court for years and are sure to give us a hard rub for the honors. The appointment of a coach has not yet been decided upon.

MEETING OF DRAPER MEMORIAL COMMITTEE.

President Brubacher last week attended a meeting of the Draper Memorial Committee, of which he is one of the three members. The other members are Superintendent Charles E. Gorton, of Yonkers, who is chairman, and Dean George P. Bristol, of Cornell University. The committee at the meeting decided to commission Mr. Frederick Keck, the noted New York City sculptor, to make the statue of Dr. Draper, which is to be set up in the State Education Building.

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