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FACULTY ENTERTAINS DR. GRAVES AT LUNCHEON Y. W. C. A. RECEPTION FRIDAY EVENING

STATE COLLEGE CALENDAR

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30.

11:35 a. m.,

Student Assembly.

8-11 p. m.,

Y. W. C. A. Reception, Gymnasium.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1.

p. m.,

Newman Club Hike.

ROTARY CONFERENCE

Dean Horner Speaker on Club Day
at Altamont

A conference of the official board of the Schenectady, Troy, and Albany Rotary Clubs met last week at the Mohawk Club in Schenectady to discuss activities in which these clubs have a common interest and to arrange for inter-city meets during the coming season.

Dean Harlan H. Horner, president of the Albany club, presided. It was decided to extend the scope of the conference and invite the Amsterdam and Hudson clubs to join in the movement for promoting the interests of the territory comprehended by these various organizations.

Friday, September 23, was Club Day at the Albany-Schenectady County Fair, which was held in Altamont. One of the attractions of the program arranged for this occasion was an address by Dean Horner of the Rotary Club. Many fraternal organizations from this section of the state were represented.

STUDENT ASSEMBLY

At Student Assembly, Friday, September 30, Dr. Brubacher will address the students.

Freshmen will note the prevailing custom of leaving all books, knitting, lunch, etc., in the lockers before entering the auditorium. This is done by common consent of the entire student body, as was expressed last year.

REGISTRATION

Approximate figures on registration are:

Total registration 650
Number of freshmen 245

FACULTY RECEIVE THE CLASS OF '25

Dr. Brubacher and the faculty of the college met the freshman class, '25, and their sister class, '23, at an informal reception last Friday evening. We can assure you that juniors as well as freshmen were relieved not to be thrust into a formal receiving line, abhorred in previous years, and were very happy to meet their faculty in just a friendly greeting.

Dr. Brubacher gave an introductory talk to the incoming class and named them the "Baby Class."

Eira Williams, '23, and Jane Green, '24, students of Miss Futterer, each entertained us by a pleasing recitation.

Two original dances by Miss Bennett were given by students in the Physical Education Department. "Moment Musical" was a dainty dance given by Helen Walsh, '22, Marian Brennan, '22, and Dorothy Fithill, '22. Gaiety and grace were characteristics of the next group of dancers, the Polish girls. All the Physical Education majors and minors gave this striking dance.

We were glad again to have Miss Bennett sing for us. Dr. Thompson and Mr. Candlyn were in charge of the rest of the evening's music, which was enjoyed by all.

Credit is due the committee in charge, consisting of Professor Decker, Miss Pierce, Miss Gillett, Miss Bennett, and Mr. Snavely.

FACULTY LUNCHEON IN HONOR OF DR. GRAVES

The State College faculty gave a complimentary luncheon to Commissioner Frank Pierpont Graves in the college cafeteria at 12:15, September 23d. Fifty-nine members of the faculty attended the luncheon. President Brubacher had invited the ten normal school principals of the state and the assistant commissioner, George M. Wiley, as his personal guests, and all were in attendance. In presenting Dr. Graves

after the luncheon, President Brubacher spoke as follows: "We have great pleasure, Dr. Graves, in your presence among us as our guest today. We know that you have been cultivating a part of the same educational field that we are trying to cultivate. This gives us a friendly feeling toward you. We believe that you will understand our problems; we believe you will have a kindly and sympathetic interest in our work. But we also want you to know that here in this faculty you have friends and enthusiastic supporters. When your great task of leadership grows heavy; when you face the difficult problems that will confront you, we would have you feel that here in this academic seclusion you may find rest and refreshment. Here you will always find friends who will understand and sympathize with your work. We therefore welcome you heartily today and wish you abundant success in your great office."

Dr. Graves spoke briefly in reply. He called attention to the fact that he will always feel more at home in such institutions as State College than anywhere else because he had given his life largely to the training of teachers. He reviewed the history of teacher training when President Butler was the Professor of Philosophy at Columbia. When he was Professor of Philosophy he called himself the "Professor of Philosophy, Education, Pedagogy, School Management and Psychology." Dr. Graves called this a university settee rather than a professional chair. From this small beginning has come enormous development in schools of education, departments of education and teachers' colleges. In the early days the Department of Education was in dispute among other members of the faculty, but to-day these same professors of education have one recognition, so that dozens of colleges and universities of the country have as Presidents former professors of education. It is now generally recognized that high school teachers must have professional training before they are qualified for their work, and "even college professors will soon be re-

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Y. W. C. A. RECEPTION

This Friday evening, September 30th, the Y. W. C. A. is going to welcome all the freshmen. The reception will last from eight to eleven, and the organization guarantees to keep you amused for the aforesaid three hours. The faculty, members of the Y. W. C. A., and all entering students are invited. You will be entertained either profitably or otherwise during the whole evening, and you will meet more people in one night than you ever expected to meet in your lifetime. Come, all ye frosh, and see what the mysterious booklets contain. Come and find out what wonderful pals you will meet in a march around the "gym." Y. W. treats everybody well, and it is whispered about that there will be refreshments. If you fail to become acquainted with Y. W. and its activities, you miss an interesting part of college life. So let us see all the peppy people at this second reception of the college year.

KAPPA DELTA RHO ADOPTS SPECIAL PLATFORM

With a view to the promotion of general college spirit, it was decided that K Δ P should establish a precedent at State College by adopting a special platform for the ensuing year, showing just where the fraternity stands in respect to her responsibilities as the leading fraternity at State. Upon this platform, with its five broad planks, K Δ P will stand this year, and hereby pledges herself to:

1. Work for a higher scholarship rank as a fraternity;
2. Promote and support all college enterprises that make for the best welfare of the college;
3. Work for and support athletics and co-operate with the coaching and managerial staffs in the interests of athletics;
4. Aid in enforcing class and college traditions;
5. Continue to be in every sense the leading fraternity at State College.

FRESHMEN — ATTENTION!

Dean Pierce desires to meet the members of the freshman class on Wednesday afternoon, at 4 o'clock, in the auditorium.

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BE REPORTERS

In view of the fact that there has been much criticism of both the contents of sorority notes and of the fact that only a small part of the college students have been represented in the personal column of the "News," the board is asking that everyone co-operate in making it an all college column. We wish sorority, fraternity, and dormitory notes to be handed in as before, but we also wish to reserve the right to cut them to suit the interest of the readers. In addition to this, we are requesting that all houses where there are a number of girls have a reporter. All people aside from these should feel free to hand us anything that they think of interest. All contributions should be left on the desk in the publication office. With the co-operation of each student we hope to make this a column for all, not for a few.

THE LONG, STEADY STRIDE

We're off, we sons and daughters of State, and if we have not already done so, we shall each one of us soon settle into the stride that shall carry us through the present college year. Let us draw for ourselves a mental picture of this race which we have entered. For our college life is a race in that we are all expectant of a place at the finish. Most of us left the line at the sound of the starter's gun, which in the majority of cases was probably no more than an inner impulse that started our feet toward our first class. Some of us started from the scratch, some well in advance, and a few from behind the line. Where will we be when the first distance marker is passed? Among those who settled down at once to the steady grind, intent on the goal ahead, concentrating every effort to reach that goal, and utterly oblivious to the events that are keeping pace with us on every side? Among the laggards who lack either the life or the interest, or both, to keep in the race? Or will we be with those who swing into the long, regular stride that covers the ground with a minimum of effort and leaves

plenty of opportunity and strength for taking in everything worth while on the side? Follow them all to the end of the year, the grinds always sure of a place, but nothing more; the laggards either not finishing at all or else breaking their necks and their health in order to squeeze through; and the big crowd of real workers, swinging easily into the final sprint, confident, satisfied, and happy. Let us get our stride early and swing along together with the smoothness of well-oiled machinery, for the Alma Mater of each of us is the Alma Mater of all.

FOR STATE COLLEGE

Put State College on the map. It isn't at present,—at least not under its real title. Nine out of every ten persons you meet on the street right here in town do not know that State College is in Albany. The majority of the people know it as the State Normal College, the Albany Normal School, or some such name. Have you noticed how many letters in the mail box are addressed under one of these erroneous names? Many of them come from well-known firms which ought to know better.

Why not advertise the college? When anything worth while happens, spread the news. Make the public realize that this is a real college. If you have the chance to boost State, take it, and boost to the limit. It will help a great deal to make State College known to everyone. Get busy and at every opportunity talk about your Alma Mater and what it stands for. You are proud of it. Tell others why you are. Make them feel interested in this "best college in the world."

When you have done this, State College will get proper recognition. It deserves recognition. See that it gets it. How will you know when this is accomplished? That will be easy. People will then go to the trouble of finding out about college. Begin to advertise now!

CONCERNING CONTRIBUTIONS

Since the day for publication of the "News" has been changed, it will be necessary that all contributions of any nature reach the Editors by Wednesday afternoon. Please remember the usual regulations about size of paper, legibility, etc. The Board of Editors welcomes notes from all organizations and hopes that the reporters will co-operate in getting the paper out on time.

FACULTY NOTES

A daughter, Jane Marion, was born to Mr. and Mrs. William G. Kennedy on June 18, 1921.

We congratulate Dr. and Mrs. H. W. Thompson upon the arrival of a daughter, July 5, 1921.

To the State College Students:

Europe is so full of a number of things, it can do very well without any kings!

Your first trip over will prove that to you. Whatever your interests; whatever your enjoyment, some part of Europe will satisfy it! Every first trip is full of the thrill of curiosity and excitement. You can imagine these same experiences happening when you go over.

If you are doubtful as to your sailing ability, choose your boat on the Canadian Pacific, and sailing from Montreal to Liverpool you will have three days of the lovely

banks of the St. Lawrence. Before you are out at sea you will have met people and gotten such a good start on a jolly time you won't want to take the time to be seasick. On board there will be a range of travellers, from the companions first over, who, like yourself, do not know when they are badly off, and, therefore, complain not to the man who is taking his ninetieth trip and makes as many voyage comparisons. You will eat, walk, read, eat, play shuffle board, nap, eat, and be ready to eat again. Someone will ask if you "sing, dance or play," or will be an audience for the Sailors' Seamen Fund. You will be "jolly well" acquainted with all on board by word, smile or sight when your day to land arrives and you sight "Old England" for the first time. I hope you will see it as I did—the golden setting sun, changing as we turned to go up the Mersey, the passing of small boats, and the anchoring mid-stream at Liverpool, with a tall clock tower and building making an interesting skyline in the long English twilight. We disembarked early the next day.

There was one original person on that boat who did not visit Chester that first day. I was not that one. I got my first pleasure there in the very age of things. A walk around the Roman walls, stopping at different towers to look across the fields of rural England, combines beauty and history. Here the Chester Cathedral, especially known for the wonderful wood carvings, demands a long visit.

After Chester—London! The King and Queen of the Belgians were there on a visit, for which occasion the city wore its best flags and decorations and had a parade. The music was splendid. I felt like marching on, but I stood on to see Their Majesties go by in carriages escorted by the Honorable Artillery Company in their brilliant red uniforms. Besides the absolute places one must see in London, I saw many new war statues: To the Soldier Dead; to Edith Cavell; the Unknown Soldier's grave in Westminster.

After London—Paris! You must see for yourself! The city of buildings, museums, gardens and restaurants which stand for themselves and Paris. Six weeks of it cannot be put in six lines. I had some lectures on French art at the Sorbonne. I went to the Louvre for lectures and for recreation. One could never be homesick in Paris, for there is always the Louvre, with the originals of those pictures you have always known and loved, and among them you feel at home. A newly opened musée is the house and chapel which Rodin left to the State for that purpose. Here his splendid works are being collected.

Near by are the chateaux which once pleased royalty, and now all people can visit and enjoy. Versailles holds the recent interest of the signing of peace. This summer, at Fontainebleau, courses in music were given for American students only. Rambouillet is the summer home of the French President. Chantilly was used as a German barracks during the war. These were some of the chateaux I visited.

Of other evidences of war you know—the sad, ruined battlefields, towns that were and no more exist. With true French spirit, each town has already placed its commemorative tablet and monument to its citizens. Our own cemeteries, well kept, have their rows of white crosses, and over all our dear American flag. It is a noble resting place among the people for whom they fought, and who cherish their memory.

At Coblenz, the American Army of Occupation Headquarters, there was quite an American atmosphere with our soldiers, and the general American impression made by the presence of many compatriots. Here, at the American postoffice letters can be sent with United States stamps. And as for exchange! Ten dollars made me feel so rich that I couldn't close my purse on the supply of marks. It has been a long time since ten dollars has made anyone feel rich!

Before I sailed I visited the Alps: A week in the French Alps, at Grenoble, where every street ended in a snow-capped mountain, hence by motor to Chamonix, via Chambery, Aix-les-Bains and Annecy. At Chamonix we got the view of Mont Blanc, and went on the Mer de Glace. A week in the Swiss Alps, at Geneva, Lanconne, Montreux, visiting the charming Chateau Chillon to Interlaken, going up the Jungfrau, where you can snowball in August, makes you wonder how the guides exist with the snow burn, which seems to be ravelling their faces away. I did my best mountain climbing by funicular. As graceful as a Swiss cow is a compliment after you've seen them roaming over mountains, angled about 90 degrees. The cows wear large bells about their necks, which tingle to make timeful music as they move.

At the end of a perfect summer I am wishing for each of you an early visit to Europe, with all its attending interests and pleasures. Not the least of the joys of journeying is the westward voyage with the good old U. S. A. ahead. The New York skyline is at its best as your ship comes in, and you feel the thrill of "America first" and always.

ANNA RANDOLPH KEIM.

NEWMAN CLUB

Welcome, Class of '25! And heartiest of greetings to the returning faculty and students. Newman Club extends a cordial invitation to all future Newmanites to attend a club hike, to be held October 1.

On October 2 there will be a meeting of the councilors and officers at 454 Western avenue, and on October 3 the first club meeting of the year will take place. At this time Father Dunne will deliver one of his instructive lectures, the subject of which will be "Psychoanalysis." The faculty and student body are strongly urged to attend this first meeting.

OUR BOOK SHOP

The Co-op has opened its doors for the college year, and it intends to keep them open. The shop is the students' own, for they are welcome there whether they come to sell or to buy, because there are rows on rows of seasoned, veteran books as well as bright new ones to be had. Then, the Co-op is the place to come for paper, note-books, pens, and all those things that come under that heading, "school supplies." There is a very efficient pencil sharpener in the shop, too. College banners, pennants, pillow-tops and stationery are also on sale. The Co-op is managed by Miss Beulah Thomas of the faculty, and her able assistants guarantee every visitor quick and efficient service. The Co-op is a great shop, and it's a real chummy one, too. Come often—and bring the freshmen.

G. A. A.

What Does It Stand For?

It is really the Girls' Athletic Association, but it stands for the following things:

G—stands for **Good Times**. All work and no play—you know the rest, and you are surely not that kind. You want the very best of good times, don't you? The jolliest events of the year are the G. A. A. frolics which are held in the gym. Stunts and games fill the evening and everybody goes home with a "smile that won't come off." And of course you love to hike! Glorious hikes are planned for this year—one big one to Indian Ladder, as well as many shorter ones.

A—stands for **Athletics**. Now, girls, your favorite sport is open to you, and other sports that will soon rank among your favorites. "Play the game!" The tennis courts in the park are open as late in the fall as anyone wishes to play. Make the best of these fine days. Sign up promptly for the tennis tournament. Everybody is in it. Then there is soccer—a great game! If you don't know how to play, come out and learn. Watch the bulletin board for notice of practice. It is wonderful sport in the fall weather.

Go out for basketball. The Inter-Class games are so exciting and you do want your class to win the championship, don't you? Watch for news of other athletics as well.

A—stands for **Achievement**. This is the best part of all. While you are enjoying yourself you are achieving, for you are earning points toward your numerals and letters to wear for your Alma Mater. In the first number of the "News" the point system was explained, and you may refer to it also on the G. A. A. Bulletin Board in the lower hall. Get in touch with the captains of sports, who will record your points for you. Captains have been appointed as follows:

Tennis—Queenie Homan.
Soccer—Genevieve Zimbar.
Hiking—Lela Cackener.
Skating—Kathryn Merchant.
Swimming—Grace Fox.
Track—Emily Belding.
Volley Ball—Ethel Seymour.
Baseball—Marian Miller.
The dues are only \$.25 a year, and a day will be appointed when you will have an opportunity to pay them in the rotunda.
Join G. A. A.

ROUND ABOUT COLLEGE

The Y. W. C. A. house is open at 747 Madison avenue, with Mrs. Giffin, house-mother and Augusta Knapp, '22, house-chairman.

The girls at the house are: Augusta Knapp, '22; Elisa Rigouard, '22; Mary Allen, '23; Elinor Buell, '23; Virginia Conaro, '23; Dorothy Dangremond, '23; Laura Ebell, '23; Beatrice Haswell, '23; Ida Kavenins, '23; Leila Lester, '23; Ethel Mead, '23; Mary Miller, '23; Nellie Maxim, '24; Esther Ostrander, '24; Leah Howell, '25; Jacquelyn Monroe, '25; Esther Sherman, '25; Mary Vedder, '25.

At a recent house meeting the following officers were elected: Vice-Chairman, Beatrice Haswell, '23; Treasurer, Dorothy Dangremond, '23; Secretary, Nellie Maxim, '24; Reporter, Dorothy Dangremond, '23; Critic, Mary Allen, '23.

Mrs. Knapp spent the first week of college with her daughter, Augusta, '22.

Dora Schwadelsky, '21, is attending the School of Philanthropy of Columbia University.

Helen Goldsmith, '21, is teaching in Walden, N. Y.

Sherlock Holmes, our vest-pocket edition of what a professor should be, is now principal at Wallkill High School in the Catskills.

The girls living at the I K Φ house are: Sybil Balme, '22; Cora Meserve, '22; Marion Cline, '23; Susan Collier, '23; Ethel Cummings, '23; Elmira Currie, '23; Marion Rose, '23; Mary Smith, '23; Hilda Teft, '23, and Dorothy Banner, instructor in the Chemistry Department.

I K Φ congratulates Hazel Rowley, '20, on being instructor in the Physics Department.

Some of our alumni teaching are: Mildred Mann, '19, at Whitesboro, N. Y.; Mildred Meserve, '20, at Watertown, N. Y.; Edna Parshall, '20, at Mamaroneck, N. Y.; Molly Stewart, '20, at Oceanside, L. I.; Marcella Ryan, '20, at Port Chester, N. Y.; Katharine Collier, '21, at Cobleskill, N. Y.; Florence Fitch, '21, at Corinth, N. Y.

Eleanor Gillin, '23, is in the City Hospital recovering from an operation.

A E Φ regrets very much that Nellie Fieldman, '23, will be unable to be with us this year.

Psi Gamma welcomes the following pledge members: Emma Deutl, '22; May Wood, '23, and Elizabeth Stroupe, '24.

The marriage of Dorothy H. Howell, '21, to Lieut. Herbert Baker took place at her home in Highland Falls September 3. Lieut. Baker is now stationed at Camp Knox, Kentucky.

The Psi Gamma house welcomes the following new girls: May Wood, '23; Lucy Keller, '24; Elizabeth Nagel, '24, and Dorothy Jones, '24.

On Thursday evening last Sigma Xi Kappa entertained a few of our new men. As a starter, the lunch went to the Hall to see the "Seven Keys to Baldpate." There were so many in the crowd that the police reserves had to be called out. After nearly breaking up the show, the mob returned to the Brown Bungalow for smokes, coffee, and doughnuts. Before long Bowse Cassavant felt moved to speech, and we were treated to some choice bits of James Whitcomb Riley and other more or less noted poets.

Professor Risley, not to be outdone, arose to the occasion with some more or less humorous and more or less relevant remarks. Baldwin offered him a cigar to keep quiet, and he accepted. Finally, after much encouragement, the sheet iron quartet got going and we all joined in. With Bowse hitting a "barber-shop" tenor, and Charley Grubel grumbling along in the sub-basement, we had "quite some" harmony.

As the "wee sma' hours" began to dawn we sang "Home, Sweet Home," "Good Night, Ladies," and similar reminders. The assemblage finally took the hint and the party broke up. Everybody claims he had a good time and we are inclined to believe them.

William A. Strain, Jr., of last year's class, has gone to North Western University to start work toward his doctor's degree.

Ted Cassavant, our star athlete and tenor of last year, is teaching in our sister city of Troy. We all wish him luck because we know what Troy is like.

Joe Sherlock, our so-called card sharp, has sold himself to the Standard Oil Company and has started to run the Green Island office. We understand that he is now a sub-clerk, but has great hopes.

Marion Burnap has returned to college to complete her practice teaching.

Harriet Rising, '21, spent the week end at the K Δ house.

Castella Hees has returned to college after a year's teaching.

Miss Elsie Stevens of Philadelphia spent Thursday night with Frances Silson at the K Δ house.

Nellie Parkhurst, '21, is teaching at Carthage, N. Y.

Florence Bohne, '20, is taking some courses at college while teaching in the city.

K Δ P reports that Lawrence W. Hill, director of the Physical Education Department of the city of Albany, has been pledged as an honorary member.

Heartiest congratulations are extended to Ted Hill, '21, on his marriage to Miss Nellie Horn of Fairhaven on August 12, and to Louis Hoffman, '20, whose marriage took place earlier in the summer.

Reg Bruce, '21, entered Columbia Law School this week.

"Shorty" Hathorne, '21, spent the week end with his fraternity brothers. "Shorty" looks good to us all, and we wish him all kinds of success at Peekskill this year.

"Uncle" Elton Hakes, '21, was also around, and we expect to see him often, for he's a loyal son of old S. C. T. and is teaching over at Scotia.

Frances Reeks, '22, is house president of Δ U this year.

Delta Omega welcomes Doris Johnson, '24, and Muriel Daggett, '24, as pledge members.

Dorothy Wight, '20, married Winfield Brooks this summer.

Frances Reeks, Marjorie Smith, Catherine Drury and Doris Johnson are living at the Δ U house.

There are thirty girls at Syddum Hall this year, with Mrs. Frear as social director and Mrs. Henderson as housekeeper.

ELISE RIGOUARD TELLS OF HER EXPERIENCES

[Elise Rigouard, '22, has returned to State College this semester after spending part of last year abroad. We copy the following from the Poughkeepsie Evening Star.]

Miss Elisa Rigouard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Rigouard of 46 North Clinton street, who has just returned to America on the Portuguese steamship "Leopoldina," after studying for eight months at the University of Paris, France, spoke interestingly of her experiences abroad to a reporter of the Evening Star to-day.

Miss Rigouard graduated from the Poughkeepsie High School in 1918, going then to the State College at Albany. Her study in the art and science department at the Paris University will go to her credit on the completion of her course at the State College this June.

She returned to this country on the boat aboard which was the American Legion contingent of 104 men.

"The accommodations for students in Paris are poor," said Miss Rigouard, "but the superior depth of study you derive from the instructors and the studies at the University make up for the lack of accommodations and the many inconveniences you are forced to endure while there. The French students apply themselves more diligently to their lessons than we do. They think nothing of studying twelve to fourteen hours. Examinations are much more difficult, for first there are written 'exams,' then a thesis followed by an oral examination. They are conducted on a competitive basis and even the students that

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would be refused there would pass in schools here.

"The thing that impressed me most in all France was the art, the wonderful art in historical monuments, splendid paintings and unusual architecture. All the buildings are beautiful, even those most simply designed. Of course, much relief is now going on all over in France and the warmest sympathy exists between America and France.

Send-Off for Legionnaires

"When the 104 Legionnaires were leaving France all the orphans from miles around—the war orphans adopted by Americans—came to Saint Lazare and cheered the boys. Each child carried an American flag and all shouted three cheers at the tops of their voices. Bands played patriotic airs. The station there was elaborately decorated with American flags. The scene, upon the boys' departure from France, was so impressive that it brought tears to many eyes. As the train stopped at Rouen the mayor delivered a farewell address, and at Havre they were accorded a cordial welcome.

"On reaching New York the welcoming contingent occupied the police boat with Mayor Hylan. The fire department band, from the bow of the police boat, greeted the 'Leopoldina' with 'The Star Spangled Banner,' and greetings from both boats were exchanged across the water.

"John G. Emory, national commander of the American Legion, issued a statement immediately after stepping ashore saying that the welcome extended the Legionnaires abroad exceeded all expectations.

"The Legionnaires during their stay overseas spent nineteen days in France and two days in Belgium. While with Marshal Foch they were given assurance that he would come to America for the disarmament conference in time to be the guest of honor at the third annual convention of the Legion at Kansas City, opening October 31. The tour of France extended from Bordeaux to Strasbourg.

"Paris is filled with Americans. At the University there were 250 foreign students and 75 of these were Americans. The University is a big international league in itself. Politics in France at present is, as you know, upside down.

"I attended a very interesting meeting of the lower house of Parliament, when Briand spoke about

the London conference. The meeting was unusual from many angles and decidedly interesting and instructive.

"This summer I visited many cities in southern France which are so rich in Roman history. Some of the cities still have Roman names and some of the Roman monuments dated back to the year 1 A. D.

"I heard at Orange, in the Roman theatre, presentations of the classical drama and also the Colon orchestra, the greatest orchestra in France."

FACULTY LUNCHEON

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quired to be acquainted with methods of teaching so that it will no longer be true, as has been said, that a teacher is one who teaches—a professor one who professes to teach." Dr. Graves expressed his pleasure to meet with the State College faculty and give a brief outline of the problems before the State Department of Education, including the training of teachers, rural school consolidation and the general problem of school administration. The luncheon was a pronounced success. Every member of the faculty was personally presented to the new Commissioner, who showed that he is a very human and very lovable successor of Dr. Finley.

SPECIAL!! EXTRA!!!

Mysterious rumor has it that Mary Grace Congdon, '23, recently received a chiding communication from the Dean's office. The purport of this dire letter is said to be concerning the leaving of personal effects about these noble precincts. The "effects" took the form of an exciting snapshot of M. G. in a graceful pose.

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The Principals of the Normal Schools of New York State, Dr. Wiley, the Assistant Commissioner of Education, and the faculty of New York State College were present at the first Student Assembly to welcome the new Commissioner of Education, Dr. Frank Pierpont Graves. Dr. Thompson led the student body in singing "College of the Empire State." Then Dr. Brubacher, after inviting the surplus freshmen to occupy the front seats, introduced Commissioner Graves.

Dr. Graves delivered a very interesting address on the subject, "Character." Character is what we are, have been and shall be. The two great elements which enter into the formation of character are habits and ideals. Character is a combination of habits, some good and some bad. Each habit which we form is an asset to us or a liability. It is either a useful, obedient servant or a hard, cruel master. Habits are hard to form, but when they are once made it is very difficult to change them, whether they are good or bad.

Our habits are determined by the ideals which we hold. Many ideals have come down to us in history.

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Aristotle's ideal was that we should show the mean between two extremes; we should follow the middle course. Another historical ideal is that when we do anything we should consider what would be the result if everyone acted in the same way; if our act were universal. This is an intellectual and unemotional ideal. The greatest ideal of the world is that which was taught by its greatest teacher.

"Whatsoever ye would that men do unto you, do ye also unto them."

Assembly was closed with the singing of "America." "The Baby Class" remained seated until upper-classmen had passed out, according to college tradition. 1925 is to be congratulated upon its promptness in observing rules.

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