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## THOMPSON'S BOOK RECEIVED IN ALBANY

Volume Contains Mackenzie's Comments On Manners, Customs Of Scotland

WROTE AT EDINBURGH

Thompson Receives Grant From Memorial Foundation To Aid Understanding

Copies of "The Anecdotes and Epitaphs of Henry Mackenzie, 1745-1831," edited by Dr. Harold W. Thompson, professor of English, were received in Albany this week.

The book is a collection of comments by Henry Mackenzie on the national manners and customs of Scotland, and short essays and character sketches of his friends. Among these friends were Sir Walter Scott, Garrick, Burns, Lord George Germain, and many other leading writers and statesmen of the period.

"For the task of tracing the manners of his country in its most splendid age Mackenzie's opportunities had been unique," Dr. Thompson points out in the introduction. "He became the most popular British novelist of a decade, wrote the best periodical essays and short tales of his century in Scotland; he was the first important man of letters to greet the genius of Burns; he started the literary career of Walter Scott; gave the first encouragement to Byron."

Mackenzie was a friend of "Britain's greatest sceptical philosopher, Hume; of her greatest comic poet, Burns; of the chief statesman of his time, William Pitt; of poets, poets-wits, beauties, scientists, romances, and all who made the vivid life of Edinburgh, London and Paris," Dr. Thompson writes.

"When he talks of these people he is not displaying what Gibbon's Provoost called 'the ill-fused vanity of being thought far ben with the great'; he is merely speaking in his own way, and the preceding way of men whose social equal he was born to be and whose mental companion he had made himself."

### Records Mackenzie's Puns

The book shows the conviviality of meetings of the statesmen and men of letters. Puns and bon mots are recorded by Mackenzie. The disappearance of numerous anecdotes about Burns is "very truly a most unfortunate loss," Dr. Thompson held.

"To further better understanding between Scotland and that country where her great prestige is perhaps highest is not an insuperable necessity," the author writes in a book dedicating the job of the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation.

Dr. Thompson was one of the first fifteen scholars to receive a grant from the foundation, whose purpose is the furthering of better understanding between America and foreign lands.

### Work Done in England

Most of the work on the volume was done at the University of Edinburgh, where the author was abroad as a holder of the non-stipend grant. He completed a historical study largely by contact with leading researchers there.

Dr. Thompson plans to write a book on Mackenzie in Edinburgh, the present volume is a study of the "Anecdotes and Epitaphs of Henry Mackenzie," printed in England, and published by the Guggenheim Foundation. The price is \$2.25.

A shipment has been sent to this country; the book is now available here. A copy will be placed on the rental shelf of the State College Library. Op. Mr. Helen L. Fay, its manager, said Wednesday.

Dr. Thompson received the degree of bachelor of philosophy from Hamilton college, a master's degree at Harvard, and his doctorate at the latter place in 1915. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, and a life fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland.

## Writes On Mackenzie



Courtesy, Albany Evening News. Dr. HAROLD W. THOMPSON.

## EDITH W. MATTHISON FRIDAY WILL READ "SISTER BEATRICE"

Edith Wynne Matthison, actress and dramatic reader, will be presented by the Dramatic and Art association Friday night in a reading of Maeterlinck's "Sister Beatrice."

Committees for the program were organized yesterday by J. A. Harlow, president of the Dramatic and Art association. They are: Evelyn Graves, 29, patron and patroness; Katherine Graham, 50, tickets; Gertrude Hall, 29, posters and advertising; Louise Dibon, 30, in charge of the human beings who will do clerical work.

Edith Wynne Matthison and her husband, Charles Rand Kennedy, are directors of the Bennett School of Dramatic Art at Millbrook. She formerly played tragic parts on the New York stage, and played in "Sister Beatrice" with the original company.

## DO NOT FAKE STORIES MORRIS ADVISES CLUB

"It all depends on you. A good reporter is made, not by the city editor, but by himself," George Morris of the New York telegraph said to the members of the News club Tuesday night at the college.

"Newsprint reporters have more credit more originals than all of the detectives and police put together," he continued.

"The long news story at the end of which the reader finds out what it is all about is no longer used by the city papers. News in the future is possible only as what is appreciated by the reading public. Develop your own ideas, do not copy what you read. See for yourself what is true or false in the light of the fundamental facts. Get the truth and write it in a plain, unadorned style."

A real newspaper reporter is the only kind of reporter of the world," Mr. Morris said that the call to the news press profession could not be resisted and that once a person is in the profession he can hardly extricate himself from it.

"The world's newspaper is the work of a few men, a man's effort can be made public in a way which is not possible in any other way," Mr. Morris said.

### TAKE REVOTE TODAY

There will be double assembly today. A revote for the Pedagogue popularity contest will be taken in both assemblies for the most beautiful and most ambitious students. Ruth L. Lane, '28, and Robert J. Shillinglaw, '29, are not to be included in this revote because they have won other titles in the contest.

There will be song and cheer practice.

## GRAINGER WILL PLAY 5 PIECES TONIGHT

Program Includes Two Original Compositions, Selections From Cyril Scott

By EDITH LAWRENCE

Percy Grainger, composer and pianist, will be presented tonight by the Music association at Chancellor's hall at 8:30 o'clock.

He will play the following numbers: 1. Toccata and Fugue in D minor (for organ, arranged for piano by Busoni); Bach, 2. Four chorale preludes, Bach-Busoni, 3. Sonata in B flat minor, Chopin, 4. a. The Garden of Soul, symphony Cyril Scott, b. Jour d'au Rayel, c. Rumble on a theme from "Rose Cavalier" Strauss, Grainger, d. Irish Medley (on Danish folk songs) Grainger.

Grainger's program shows his wide variety of tastes. His favorite composer is Bach but he is almost equally devoted to Brahms, Wagner, Grieg, Debussy, Chopin, Debussy, Cyril Scott and Richard Strauss. Grainger has always done bold pioneer work in the cause of modern and ultra modern music; he was the first pianist to play Debussy's music in England, Scandinavia, Australia and South Africa. Yet Grainger was never merely and exclusively a "modernist." He never let his hold on folk song, and on the great composers of the past simply because he happened to be able to understand the message of his own age so well.

### Composed "Best Seller"

"Nothing human is foreign to him," wrote the great Dutch critic, Herman Rooders about him and the same transcending diversity is seen in his compositions. His hilarious compositions as "Country Gardens," "Children's March" and "Mock Morris," are in marked contrast to others, tender, sentimental, dreamily melodic as "Colonial Song," "Frisch Time from County Kerry," "Frisch Time to Fester" and others.

As Grainger's heart has gone out to all kinds of emotions, to the artistic expression of all races, so have audiences in all parts of the world responded to his art in like measure. Grainger, whether as pianist or composer, is as well known in Europe as in America, in the Antipodes as in the Northern Hemisphere. His "Country Gardens" is said to be the "best seller" among the modern piano pieces. His compositions appear simultaneously in English, American, Australian, Scandinavian, German and Austrian editions, and he is said to be the only English-speaking composer whose works have been pirated by the "Red Edition" of Soviet Russia.

Students will be admitted by tax ticket, other tickets ranging from 75 cents to \$2.00 may be bought from the Music association at College or at Church and South.

## 18 SENIORS TO TEACH IN ALBANY SCHOOLS

Many home economics seniors will be teaching in the Albany schools February 27. Mary Deck will teach clothing in school 1, Charlotte Duncan, clothing in school 2, Elizabeth Strong, clothing in school 3, Elizabeth Jones, clothing in school 4, Ruth Kimball, clothing in school 4, Christine Cavendish, food in school 12, Dorothy Rowland, food in school 14, Ruth Cardak, food in school 18, Dorothy Murray, food in school 18.

Ruth Wesley is teaching elementary food in the Milne High school the first half of the semester, and Beatrice Wright will do so the second half. Esther Kimball is teaching advanced foods now and the Lane club will continue in the second half. Carolyn Jewell and Ruth Wesley are teaching elementary clothing, the former teaching two days and the latter three days a week. Mary Ross is teaching advanced clothing now and Ruth Cardak will do so the second half of the semester.

Mary Deck is instructor in foods every Thursday afternoon at the House of the Good Shepherd.

## Steer Clear Of Men Students If You Want A Lindsey Marriage

If Miss Flapper wants to be married to a judge Ben Lindsey, she had best steer clear of the men students here.

Thirty-one men students almost unanimously refused to approve the latest form of union Sunday in a student forum conducted by the Young Men's Christian association. Only one student came out with an unqualified opinion, for companionate marriage.

Twelve voted against it, and eighteen declared they were undecided. Professor Richmond H. Kirtland, of the education department, led the discussion, and explained the principles of the topic.

"The American blunder lies in the fact that a large part of the people are unable to practice moderation," Professor Kirtland declared. He advised the students to pick girls with similar interests and tastes, declaring that Americans waver from one extreme to another.

The meeting was one of a series of Sunday afternoon discussions sponsored by the student Y. M. C. A. President A. R. Brubacher recently addressed the group, speaking on the modern interpretation of religion.

## VARSITY WILL MEET PLATTSBURG QUINTET AT HOME TOMORROW

By ROY V. SULLIVAN

Tomorrow night the State College varsity will take the floor for the eighth time this year against the Plattsburg five. Victorious in their last two starts, but not displaying their best basketball by any means, the State College five is favored to win by a comfortable margin. The second team has shown improvement in its every start and will no doubt play a good part of tomorrow's game.

The Purple and Gold may play tomorrow without the services of either of its regular guards. In practice Tuesday Joe Herney sustained an injury to his right eye and also suffered a cut over the left eye when another player struck his fingers in Herney's face. Herney may play tomorrow but he has been wearing a bandage over the eye since Tuesday.

The varsity may be handicapped by the loss of Francis Gopin, regular left guard. Gopin, who is on the shelf because of a knee injured in a Cooper Union game, has played in every basket ball game he sat in his college career. His knee may be in good enough shape to risk it for a minute or two just to keep his record intact, but this seems highly improbable. Captain Koczynski, who has played but one minute of the last two games, may return to the starting lineup of Coach Rutherford Baker may keep him out until the Providence game next week. This is the biggest game remaining on the Purple and Gold card.

In the preliminaries, the junior varsity will oppose the Purple of North Albany. The Purple, who are setting the pace in the city league, have number in their lineup several of the best amateur basketball players of the city. The preliminary game will probably be a hard fought and interesting one as the main game.

## SPANISH CARNIVAL SET FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 27

Spanish carnival will be Friday, April 27. Dinner will be served in the cafeteria, followed by an entertainment and dancing. The following committee chairman have been appointed: entertainment, Gertrude Hall, '29; costumes, Ruth G. Moore, '28; flowers and balloons, Dorothy Terrill, '28; refreshments, Beatrice Mcarty, '30; dinner, Elizabeth Strong, '28; and music, Mary Wirtz, '28. The faculty advisers are Miss Alice T. Hill, instructor in Spanish, and Professor Jesse F. Stuard, professor of Spanish.

## SEVEN INSTRUCTORS TO GO TO MEETING

President Gwinn To Show Film Of American Education At Convention

SESSION BEGINS FEB. 26

"Curriculum Development In Senior High School" To Be Published

Seven faculty members will attend the annual meeting of the department of superintendence of the National Education association, from Feb. 26 to March 1.

The delegates are President A. R. Brubacher, Professor John M. Sayles, head of the education department and principal of the Milne High school, and Dr. M. G. Nelson, assistant professor of education; Dr. A. K. Beik, assistant professor of education; Professor Florence F. Winchell, head of the home economics department; Dean Anna E. Pierce; and Professor Martha Caroline Pritchard, director of the library school.

The session will open with a vesper service, Sunday afternoon, Feb. 26. At the Monday night session, President J. M. Gwinn will show a master film of American education which will picture school activities of a kind such as ordinarily can be seen only by extended travel, the association's bulletin, issued today, announces.

### To Discuss Adolescence

Problems of secondary education will have a leading place on the program. A joint session of the department of superintendence and the National Association of Secondary School Principals is scheduled for Tuesday night, Feb. 28.

The sixth year book of the department of superintendence will be ready for the Boston meeting. The title is "Curriculum Development in the Senior High School," and it will be the last of a series prepared under the direction of the curriculum commission.

Other discussion groups will have as their topics programs of education for adolescent youth, variations found in secondary school curricula, counseling and guidance for adolescent boys and girls, curriculum problems of the small high school, the senior high school teacher, the major teacher, relationship between the school and social agencies.

Daniel J. Kelly, superintendent of the Binghamton public schools, is chairman of the section to discuss the relation of health and physical education.

## COUNCIL PICKS TEAM TO DEBATE CAPITAL PROTECTION ABROAD

Four men were chosen Friday afternoon as members of the varsity debate team which will meet the University of Pittsburgh. The men's team includes: Louis M. Klon, '29, Emanuel Green and Louis J. Wolcott, '29, and James J. Cassidy, '30, alternates. Judges of the debate were Dr. Harold W. Thompson, professor of English; Dr. David Hutchinson, professor of government; and Clarence A. Hallett, assistant professor of history.

The varsity team spoke for five minutes on the subject, Resolved, that the United States should protect with armed force, capital invested in foreign land until after a formal declaration of war.

"The contract of the debate with the men's team of the University of Pittsburgh will be signed as soon as the debate council can decide upon a suitable time for the contest," Christine F. Curtis, '28, senior member of the council, said yesterday. "The contest will be held at home." The question which the men's team will argue is, "Resolved: that American private investments in foreign countries should be protected until a formal declaration of war."

We are also considering the subject selected by the Interscholastic Forensic society, "Resolved: that Mussolini's principles are justified."

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## STUDENTS WELCOME COMMITTEE

Chapel programs will be free for a time at least, of discussions on the amendment to the Constitution. A committee appointed by Ruth Lane, president of the student association, and made up of interested students, will make a thorough study of the situation at State College, will work upon its constitution and later submit a plan to the association for discussion and approval. Research work will be done to determine conditions in other successful schools, and the methods used there will, if possible, be worked over and applied to our situation here.

It is only natural that this topic of discussion should be, by this time, a trifle irksome. In fact, it seems rather impractical for such scattered and dwindling discussions, as have been carried on from week to week in our assembly programs, to be of much benefit. However, with this new committee at work, who will, for a time at least, relieve the student body, and give it time to get collected—and rested—everyone ought to be in a freshened condition to meet these problems thoughtfully and wisely when they are again brought up.

## PLEASE PAY TAX OR EXPLAIN!

This matter of student tax is becoming a decidedly odious topic to members of the student association. I need not say that the News is coming to feel, as the weeks go on and there continues to be a list of non payers "advertised" in its columns, very much in the role of a nagging old "school marm". What's going to be done about it? Why, pay your student tax, of course. In the event that you are absolutely out of funds, or positively are unable to meet this expense, tell a member of the finance board about it. Surely you will find him understanding and broad-minded; and, if nothing more, fair.

At least, if your excuse of delinquency is a legitimate one, your explanation of this, to the finance board will relieve you—and us—of embarrassment, and wipe that annoying list of delinquents from our columns.

## "UNIT BUILDING WILL NOT RELIEVE PRESENT CONDITIONS"—DEAN PIERCE

DEAR EDITOR:

It seems the ghost of the idea that we can build housing for the girls at State College unit by unit is walking again.

We went to our alumni and friends four years ago with a thorough going money-raising campaign explaining this growing need and leading them to believe that, if they gave toward the residence hall project as requested, these undesirable housing conditions would be ended.

Upon these representations we received subscriptions which with later additions total \$296,000. After purchasing a site and paying the administration expenses of the project, we now have in the treasury less than \$100,000 in cash with unpaid pledges of approximately \$125,000.

There is always a certain percentage of failure to pay pledged money so that it is problematical what further amount will be realized from the remaining pledges. The cash now on hand, less than \$100,000, is all that can positively be counted on. With this a cottage to house about sixty would be possible. Ask Smith College, or any other institution providing the small units, how large a unit can be built with \$100,000.

Miss Blanche Geary formerly one of the staff of the National Board of the Young Women's Christian Association in speaking on the best form of student housing said that from the economic standpoint the small unit is impractical on account of the costly duplication required by the cottage plan. "So many basements to excavate, so many heating plants to install and care for; so many roofs; so many entrances to build; so many house mothers to find and to pay 'spell defect' is her conclusion. The cost of construction per student of these small units is practically double that of a hall accommodating five hundred.

If we build now a unit to care for only sixty or seventy-five, before that unit would be completed, there would be that number more girls added to the whole group, judging from the annual increases in number during the past few years. When we began to raise funds for a residence hall for the women, we had only six hundred and six women. This year there are one thousand thirty three women showing a steady growth in numbers of which there is no sign of abatement. In fact with the college building program, there is every expectation that the annual increase in the number of women may be even greater.

It must be plain, therefore, that it would be unwise to exhaust our funds in the erection of a small building that would relieve only a part of the increase of a single year and leave us without further means for housing the ever-increasing numbers of succeeding years.

We must find a way for building the hall contemplated to house at least five hundred and do it soon. Why not all work to that end without compromise?

ANNA E. PIERCE

## WASHINGTON SPEAKS FOR HIMSELF IN THOROUGH NEAR-AUTOBIOGRAPHY

By W.M.F.

*Washington Speaks for Himself.* By Lucretia Perry Osborn. 323 pages. \$3.50. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons.

Adopting as her thesis the idea that George Washington does not need the intimate biographer to interpret his life and character, the author here presents "the salient events of his life, as well as his principal characteristics, in his own words." The text consists of extracts from Washington's own writings—letters, journals, addresses, messages and diaries. No other words are included, except where Miss Osborn deemed it necessary to weave certain unconnected writings into a complete fabric. Different types are for her writings, so one is not left in doubt as to what Washington actually wrote. The book is carefully indexed, aiding the reader in finding just what the Father of His Country thought of the major events of his time.

In presenting the quotations in convenient form, the compiler has performed a distinct service. She quotes from certain papers never before available to the general reader. Holding that "in some recent books on Washington, the writers' opinions are interpreted as facts, and amid the rampant iconoclasm of these latter years but few vestiges are left of the actual conditions surrounding the life of this great man," Miss Osborn has compiled a book for the few people who do not get at pre-digested breakfast foods and read pre-digested, interpretative news-magazines. If you want to think about Washington, this is the book you need. It might almost be termed an autobiography, due to its thoroughness.

Reproductions of portraits of Washington by Peale, Stuart, Trumbull and a life mask by Houdon add immensely to the value of the volume.

## FRANCIS JOSEPH BRIDGED CENTURY; STODDARD'S IMPRESSIONS VALUABLE

By W.M.F.

*Francis Joseph, Emperor of Austria, King of Hungary.* By Eugene Bagger. \$5.00, 572 pages. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons.

Francis Joseph is perhaps the most outstanding figure in European monarchical history of the nineteenth century. He reigned from the time of Metternich to the World War; and all these years his main object was to oppose innovation and to maintain Metternich's status quo.

The story of Francis Joseph is the story of Europe; he was the last of the Holy Roman Emperors; for sixty-eight years he held in check the rising nationalism of an ill-assorted group of peoples. As Mr. Bagger puts it, "his life lay like a bridge across the nineteenth century, connecting the eighteenth with the twentieth; for in the year of his birth the white Bourbon banner still waved in France, and he died a few months before the Bolshevik revolution". Scarcely any career ever better demonstrated the continuity of history.

This might be termed another of the "human being" biographies so popular this season. It differs from some of the others, in that the author has not gone a-hunting for fifth and shady incidents with which to cram the pages. One gets many side-lights to Francis Joseph's idiosyncracies; he would not use a telephone, or permit one in his wing of his palace, yet he sent reams of telegrams to offices across the street; he rode in an automobile only once, that as a special favor to a visiting monarch; he would not tolerate an English bath tub, preferring a wooden tub, and flunkies to carry water.

He spent hours designing uniforms for his and foreign armies, yet neglected to provide his troops with breech loaders; he refused to consider what he thought unpleasant. He preferred to play the gallant and go down with the empire, rather than to save his peoples.

Mr. Bagger writes forcefully, and has an usually large supply of anecdotes and illustrations. At times incidents of dynastic troubles become tiresome, but they are easily skipped over. With Mr. Llewellyn's *Bismarck, the Story of a Fighter*, it is probably the greatest contribution to a popular study of European history this season.

*As I Knew Them.* By Henry L. Stoddard. \$5.00, 571 pages. New York and London: Harper and Bros.

Reminiscences are always interesting, for nearly every one has something interesting to tell; but when one can reminisce as Henry L. Stoddard can, the reader's opportunity is great. Presidents and politics from Grant to Coolidge are set forth not in interpretative, but in impressionistic style. Mr. Stoddard frankly admits that the book "has the limits of one man's observations and the fault of human prejudice".

As editor and publisher of the New York Evening Mail, the author has long been one of the outstanding journalistic figures of America. And he knows his political history by actual experience. A man who has been calling at the White House since the time of President Grant must have amassed mines of information.

Starting with a short sketch of how he came to be a newspaper man, the author branches easily into his contact with leading figures in American history. He tells how Lincoln was nominated, how the proposed "drafting" of Grant for a third term failed, how Robert Ingersoll characterized Blaine "like an armed warrior, like a plumed knight"; how Roosevelt became a private citizen after years in office, how ever so many things happened.

Numerous illustrations, both of people and places of interest in American history, lend their value to the volume. But the great attraction is Mr. Stoddard's impressions. He has conferred a great service by publishing them.

We quite agree with his point of view that "we should not live wholly in the present, that we should not drop out of mind the men who in other years played an important part in the development of our nation, each according to his light." Non-political, impartial, fair to all as Stoddard saw their contributions, the book has great value. As a journalist, the author has learned to write to hold one's attention. The volume teems with interest.

## High Heels Very Unpopular With Faculty; "Are Unhealthy, Unnatural"—Dean Pierce

Daintily-clad feet in high-heeled stiletts, baby louis heels, flat athletic heels, plain cuban heels—all are included in the throng that daily tramps through the College halls.

"Can we" or "can't we" is the leading question of the day at State College. "Are high heels a crime or aren't they?" asks the inquisitive co-ed and thereupon casts her eye to the ground to see what others are doing.

Dean Anna E. Pierce passes her opinion: "They are unhealthy and unnatural. Girls who persist in wearing them will pay the penalty some day with broken arches and other foot troubles. They are not only unhealthy but they lack beauty and wearers cannot maintain correct posture. I am very much opposed to their use."

"I loathe high heels," Professor Florence E. Winchell, head of the home economics department, says. "Girls have no idea what they are doing to themselves when they wear them. State College girls have too much sense, as a rule, to wear such things that are entirely out of keeping with the business woman's life. If a girl can sit in an expensive limousine the major part of her time, then she can well afford to wear high heels."

When State College girls get ready to teach, they needn't expect the superintendent to be very much interested in them if they do not realize that he is looking for a teacher who will be a good example to high school girls. This of course, is not a problem with our college girls here, but it will be a problem with them when they are teachers and shall exert an influence over high school students.

Miss Laura F. Thompson, manager of the College cafeteria, says: "My own

personal opinion about high heels is that I cannot be as comfortable as I am when wearing cuban heels. From my own experience, I find that they tire me out physically. I do not like to see them worn on the street but they look very appropriate for afternoon and evening wear."

Professor Charlotte Loeb, head of the French department, remarks: "I wear them sometimes and think they are all right in their place but are not advisable for business use."

Miss Elizabeth F. Shaver, history and biology critic, declares: "Personally, I never use high heels because I find them very uncomfortable. They are not appropriate for school or business. It is up to the individual, of course, whether or not she can wear them but as for me I do not approve of them."

"If high heels support the instep it is perfectly all right to wear them," says Miss Mary E. Cobb, College librarian. "I, personally, do not wear them to business but I think they are graceful and desirable for evening wear."

## COLLEGE BRIEFS

Emma Lou Johnson, '29, spoke before the judiciary committees of both houses of the New York state legislature Tuesday in favor of the woman's jury bill.

Miss Johnson was the youngest speaker at the hearing and spoke as a representative of the New York unit of the League of Women Voters.

## Hyman, '27, Teaches in Kingston

Bella Hyman, '27, entered the Kingston school system as a substitute instructor for six weeks on Monday.

## Conduct Homemaker Tests

The seniors in home economics conducted the homemaker and needleworker tests for girl scouts in the home management house and in Husted Hall Saturday.

## Classical Club 50 Years Old

Tuesday afternoon Classical club celebrated its fiftieth birthday.

The committees in charge included Alice Bingham, '29, chairman; Elizabeth Owens, '30, and Patricia O'Connell, '28. The decorations were in keeping with St. Valentine's day.

## Will Attend Conference

Professor Florence E. Winchell, head of the home economics department, and Miss A. M. Fillingham, instructor in home economics, will attend the regional conference of the federal board for vocational education February 20-23 at Salem, Massachusetts.

## Girls Go to Camp Cogswell

Margaret Betts, instructor in chemistry, chaperoned a trip under the auspices of the Girls Athletic Association to Camp Cogswell last week end.

Among those who attended were Marion Gilbert, '31, Alice Schneider, '30, Dorothy Watts, '28, Nellie Cole, '29, Ethel Grundhofer, '30, Alice Bingham, '28, and Kathleen Doughty, '28.

## Committees Named

Committees for the Syddum hall party tonight are: Decorations, Walter Hurlbut, '31; Virginia Prater, '31; Marion Dillenbeck, '31; and Alma Gorken, '31; entertainment, Amy Ross, '29; Mary Mitchell, '29, and Marion Odwell, '31.

## Varsity Plays Plattsburgh Tomorrow

### BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

		Score	
		State	Opp.
Dec. 3	Maxwell	32	21
Dec. 9	St. Michaels	36	10
Dec. 17	Dartmouth	23	43
Jan. 13	Oswego	34	16
Jan. 21	St. Bonaventure	15	16
Feb. 4	Alumni	24	16
Feb. 11	Cooper Union	33	16
Feb. 18	Plattsburgh		
Feb. 21	Providence		
Mar. 3	Brooklyn Branch C. C. N. Y.		
Totals		197	138
Average		28.1	19.7
Feb. 11		Won	Lost
1927-'28		5	2
1926-'27		9	0
		Percentage	
			1.000

### Forty Students Draw From Infirmary Fund; Everyone Allowed \$25, Dr. Croasdale Says

By VIRGINIA A. PRATESI, '31

According to Dr. Caroline Croasdale, College physician, there have been approximately forty students who have drawn from the State College infirmary fund, during the current year from September to February 1. Four of these were for serious illnesses where the student was confined to the hospital. The remainder were for the most part slight, but specialized ills which required outside care or laboratory tests.

The department of Hygiene has been able to secure X-ray fixtures promptly where they are necessary. This is an especial protection to the student where there is any question of early tuberculosis.

A considerable percentage of the money spent is in the direction of keeping well as in the case of the X-ray work and laboratory tests.

"All College students have the right to call upon the fund at any time, and we hope, by careful management, that it will be adequate for their needs," Dr. Croasdale said today.

In accordance with the plan made six years ago, two dollars from each individual student tax is devoted to the infirmary fund. The ruling of the student board of finance permits each student who has paid his tax to draw from this fund for illness to the extent of \$25. This money may be applied to hospital bills contracted in Albany or to illness cared for by private physicians in the city or specialists to whom the student has been referred. It may also cover bills for the laboratory tests such as



DR. CAROLINE CROASDALE

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X-rays and chemical analyses, which may be deemed necessary for the student's welfare.

"So far each year, we have managed not only to keep within the allotment of funds, but also to accumulate a little surplus," Dr. Croasdale said. "This is very desirable, because in the event of an epidemic, we should have something to draw upon."

### BRUBACHER EXPLAINS ABOLITION OF "CUTS"

"The 'cut' system was once in good standing at State College," Dr. A. R. Brubacher explained to the student association Friday. "Each student was allowed as many 'cuts' per semester as he had hours of work a week. Owing to abuse of the privilege, which resulted in many disqualifications from examinations, the system was by which any one may be absent for a legitimate reason, was installed.

"Now we know," Dr. Brubacher said, "that a student is here in college unless there is a legal reason for his absence."

Dr. Brubacher also commented upon the present American system of compulsory education during the ages of seven and seventeen. "It creates an unfortunate frame of mind for college work," Dr. Brubacher declared. "Freshmen especially think things will be done for them here as they have been done before."

"This high-powered instruction system exacts great responsibility of the teacher," he said.

### WILL GIVE "COOKS AND CARDINALS" TOMORROW

"Cooks and Cardinals," a comedy with its setting in a kitchen, will be presented tomorrow night before the eastern branch of the alumna association. Edna Wolfe, '28, is the director. The play was presented by the advanced dramatics class several weeks ago.

The cast members are: Richard A. Jensen, '28, as "Father Archibald," priest; Michael Redmond, '29, as "M. Levrant," a French chef; Margaret Wilson, '28, as "Bridget Connelly," an Irish cook; Beatrice Wright, '28, as "Kathleen"; Frederick W. O'Connell, '30, as a youth; and William H. Stetzel, '30, as "The Eminence," Cardinal Wheeler.

### LASHER GETS POSITION

Dorothy Lasher, '28, has been placed in Schuylerville for next year, by the commercial department, according to Professor George M. York, head of that department.

### GAMMA KAPPA PHI ALUMNAE CONVENE

Elect Miss Currie President To Succeed Miss Sara Petherbridge

Fifty alumnae of Gamma Kappa Phi returned to Albany last week for the annual reunion of the sorority. Friday evening, the girls of the active sorority gave the alumnae a dinner. Joyce House, '29, was chairman of the dinner. Saturday morning the alumnae held a business meeting and elected Miss Mildred Currie president for 1928-1929, to succeed Miss Sara Petherbridge. At 7 o'clock, Saturday evening, a banquet, which the alumnae and the members of the active sorority attended, was held in the DeWitt Clinton.

Miss Helen Quackenbush, '26, toast-mistress, introduced Miss Sara Petherbridge, retiring president of the alumnae; Miss Goldena Bills, '28, president of the active sorority; Miss Olive Scholes, a member of the alumnae, and Miss Mildred Currie, the new alumnae president. Miss Mildred Currie was chairman of the banquet and was assisted by Miss Anne Evans and Miss Edith Leek.

Sunday afternoon, Gamma Kappa Phi concluded the alumnae reunion with a tea at the sorority house.

Among the alumnae were: Miss Edith Leek, Hazel Rowley, Olive Scholes, Helen Paine, Ellen Hayland, Dorothy Hulme, Mary Mellon, Mildred Schmitter, Florence Vernon, Pauline Baker, Helen Quackenbush, Jane Scullen, Mary Smith, Vera Comstock, Sara Petherbridge, Anne Evans, Mildred Currie, Aileen Gage, Edna Class, Eleanor Mattereder, Mary Koucelik, Mrs. Fred Mackerer, Mrs. W. S. Irwin, Mrs. H. K. Tellbutt, and others.

### AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY WILL OFFER \$6,000 CASH PRIZES

The American Chemical Society Prize Essay Contest of 1927-1928 for Normal School and Teachers College students is under way and is attracting many students throughout the United States. There are \$6,000 in cash prizes, six prizes of \$500, six prizes of \$300, and six prizes of \$200 that will be awarded to students in normal schools and teachers colleges in the United States who write the first, second, and third best essays respectively on each of the following six subjects: The Relation of Chemistry to Health and Disease, The Relation of Chemistry to the Enrichment of Life, The Relation of Chemistry to Agriculture or Forestry, The Relation of Chemistry to National Defense, The Relation of Chemistry to the Home, and The Relation of Chemistry to the Development of an Industry or a Resource of the United States.

### MILCH GALLERIES SHOW WORK OF ERICK BERRY

In January the Milch galleries in New York City displayed an exhibit of water color portraits of native types in Africa done by Erick Berry, who was Ellena Champlain, a student in the practice school which was formerly at State College.

Mrs. Berry ("Erick" is a nickname) has spent much time in Nigeria studying its dusky inhabitants. Included in her exhibit are several pieces of native African sculpture with pottery and brass figures made from clay models.

Miss Eunice A. Perine, head of the art department, visited the work of her former student during last Christmas vacation.

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### GORMLEY ANNOUNCES CAST FOR MUSICAL COMEDY, MARCH 24

The cast for "The Third Act," the musical comedy to be presented by the Girls' Athletic association at the Albany Institute of History and Art March 24, was announced today by Florence Gormley, '29, general chairman. Edna Wolfe, '28, will be the hero and Alice Hills, '29, the heroine. Marion Calver, '29, Alice Bennett, '30, Leah Cohen, '28, Marion Carter, '30, and Helen Stone, '30, are cast in the other major characters.

Miss Gormley also announced the following committees: Sets, Marion Fox, '29, and Mrs. Gladys C. Beck, with '29, costumes, Elizabeth Van Allen, '29, lighting, Rosina Holmes, '28; properties, Harriet Parkhurst, '28; makeup, Ruth Kelley, '28.

The book for the comedy was written by Miss Gormley. She cooperated with Marion Sloan, '29, on the music.

WILL MEET FRIDAY There will be a meeting of the Chemistry Club Friday at 3 o'clock in Room 200, according to Clyde Sloan, '28, president.

February 24, the club will visit the General Electric plant in Schenectady, where they will observe operations of interest at the various buildings of the plant. Buses will leave the College at 12 o'clock noon. Students other than club members, who wish to go, should notify Clyde Sloan or Kathleen Donnelly, '28, and reservations will be made if possible. Members will be given preference.

### ALTRO, '30, TO ATTEND LUTHERAN CONVENTION

Agnes M. Altro, '30, is being sent as a representative of State College Lutheran club, to the annual Lutheran college student convention at Susquehanna university, Schuylerville, Pennsylvania this week end. Delegates are sent from every college in the north Atlantic district to attend this convention.

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## STATE VARSITY FIVE TRIMS COOPER UNION

Poorly Played Game Winds Up With 33-16 Score; Herney, Whiston, Starr

In a loosely played game, the Purple and Gold quintet Saturday took the measure of Cooper Union on the State court, 33-16.

The game was poorly played most of the time, although State showed a flash of form for a few minutes in the second half.

In the absence of the captain, Joe Herney, the Teachers' stellar guard, was acting captain, except for the last three minutes when Dick Whiston, leader of last year's freshman quintet, served in that capacity.

State showed a clear edge over its opponents, although the players did not play the brand of ball they are capable of, and the kind which they flashed against St. Bonaventure three weeks ago.

Herney, Whiston, and Goff starred for the Teachers, although Goff didn't hold his man very well. Greenberg, the opposing center, chalked up ten points on Goff and Klein. Herney was the real star of the game for the Purple and Gold. Greenberg led the Cooper Union scoring, and was high scorer of the game, making ten points on four fields and two fouls.

Goff was high scorer for the home outfit, making four fields and a foul. Herney was next with eight points realized on three fields and two free throws.

## INDOOR TRACK TEAM ARRANGES 2 MEETS TO BE RUN TUESDAY

The indoor track team has been working for the past two weeks and are now rounding into shape for the triangular meet with Pharmacy college and the Central Y. M. C. A. to be run off Tuesday. The team hasn't been definitely selected, but a number of men have clinched places for themselves on the team. Kinsella and Sullivan, captain and captain-elect of the cross country team will enter both the 440 and 880 yard runs. Carr and Myers will enter the high jump; Kuczyński and Twining have clinched places in the shot put. Beyond this the makeup of the team will not be decided until just before the meet.

## RINGS TO BE MILITARY; WILL COST 8 DOLLARS

The junior ring committee yesterday recommended to the class the award of a contract to the L. G. Ball four Company of Atholboro, Mass., for the junior class insignia.

The rings will be of the military design and will cost about eight dollars, according to Caroline M. Schleich, committee chairman.

The rings may be made with either a plain or hammered shank, Miss Schleich said. Juniors will wear the rings for the first time at the Moving Up day exercises in May.



The defense displayed by the Purple and Gold five has been consistent if nothing else in the last month. Each of our last four opponents have scored sixteen points.

It seems we were right in saying that Captain Kuczyński would not play more than four or five minutes in the Cooper Union game.

Monday night Cooper Union dropped a 28-20 game to Pharmacy and they got quite a raw deal in the refereeing. This shows that our five is much stronger than the Pharmacy college outfit.

Joe Herney believes in getting all the recognition possible for his good playing. Saturday he even clapped for himself after he had scored a field.

Lou Klein and Big Boy Greenberg put on quite a little bout with those three jump balls. The tough part of it was that Jack Humphries took the worst beating.

After playing in forty-six straight games for State College, Francis Griffin, left guard, may be kept out of the game tomorrow because of an injury to his knee sustained in the Cooper Union game.

In the event that Goff doesn't start tomorrow against Plattsburg, Klein will probably start at guard and Goff at center. Tony probably won't play more than half the game as the Providence game a week from tonight is the game the Purple and Gold is pointing for, and Kuczyński wants to be in condition for that game.

**TO MEET PARAMOUNTS**  
The frosh basketball team swings into action again tonight, meeting the Paramounts of Albany. The frosh will probably line up with Captain Lyons and Ott up ahead, Lou jumping, Ludlum and Nichols at the guard posts. The frosh should win although the visitors hold a victory over the Pharmacy frosh.

## RUSHERS AND RUSHEES HOLD SILENCE PERIOD

The busy week of sorority rushing has ended and the bids have been sent out. A period of ruled silence between rushers and rushees seems unnatural after the rather hectic week of cordialities. However, the acceptances are dropping in, and slowly the strain of the unaccustomed tension is replacing its normal resiliency. The acceptances must all be in by Wednesday of next week, after which there will be a short period of pledgship with all of its attenuating burdens on the pledgees.

This year, for the first time since the history of sororities at State College all the pledgees will be initiated at once, regardless of scholarship standing. This is made possible by the new Intersorority ruling which abolishes the scholarship requirement for sorority membership. The list of sorority pledgees will be printed in the STATE COLLEGE NEWS next week.

Initiation by the sororities will follow in the next few weeks. Dean Anna E. Pierce believes that this new method of sorority rushing and initiation is much better than the former, for it shortens the high tension period of excitement for the freshman women students.

## GIVE PLAYS MAY 25, 26

The Advanced Dramatics class plays will be given Friday and Saturday, May 25 and 26, at the Historical and Art building, according to J. Charlotte Jones, '28, president of the Dramatic and Art association.

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## COMMITTEE OF EIGHT TO REVISE DOCUMENT

Ruth Lane, president of student association, appointed a committee of four seniors, one junior, two sophomores, and one freshman to revise the student constitution. Those appointed are: Elizabeth MacMullen, '28; Arvid Burke, '28; Chrissie Curtis, '28; Katherine Saxton, '28; Alice Hills, '29; Emanuel Green, '30; Warren Cochrane, '30; and Russell Ludlum, '31. The following faculty members have been asked to assist the student committee: Miss Minnie B. Scotland, instructor in biology; Mr. Ralph Beaver, instructor in mathematics; and Mr. Adam A. Walker, head of the economics department.

## FEWER FROSH FLUNKED

Fewer freshmen were flunked out this year than in past years, according to Dean Metzler. The entrance requirements this year were higher than they have been.

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