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## EDGAR G. RAINE'S ILLUSTRATED LECTURE

### MANY VIEWS SHOWN OF SCENIC ALASKA

Decidedly the best travelogue ever presented in our College chapel was the "Land of the Midnight Sun" (Alaska), with two hundred colored views. The views were artistic, interesting and instructive; the lecture clear, concise, and captivating from start to finish. Everybody gave keen interest to this most delightfully entertaining and highly instructive lecture.

Mr. Edgar G. Raine, the exceptionally well-informed lecturer, took his audience through towns in Alaska and several villages in Siberia, presenting the Northland in all its wondrous beauty and scenic grandeur. The beautiful "inside passage" terminating in the incomparable Lynn Canal; the lofty, snow-capped mountains rising from the sea to dizzy heights; impressive glaciers and picturesque waterfalls; the seal, reindeer, caribou and walrus herds; Eskimo igloos, and Siberian Mazinko houses; totems with their legends; and the hardy Eskimos in their Omiaks and Kyaks; quaint Aleuts in their native dress; Queen Obleka and her reindeer Parka; whaling with the natives at Point Barrow; the "Midnight Sun;" the "Northern Lights;" the custom and history of an interesting country.

Really, truly, it was an hour and a half of entertainment filled with views of compelling interest, of thrilling experiences, of absorbing stories illustrative of the fascinating life of the Northland.

## THANSGIVING VACATION

There was an enthusiastic burst of applause from the entire ensemble as President Morrison made the announcement in chapel that Thanksgiving vacation would begin Wednesday noon, November 24, and continue until six o'clock Sunday night.

Our entertainment committee was functioning, and Wednesday evening was spent in marching in the college gym. Misses Griner and Fuchs furnished the music, and Professor Morse led. On Wednesday evening there was a party given by Rose Salisbury. Reports from those who were present were complimentary.

But one o'clock on Thursday was the hour for which every one was waiting expectantly. Our large family was in the dining-hall in good time, to observe the time-honored custom of a bounteous Thanksgiving dinner. No need to recount the dainties and delicacies served in superb style that were waiting for attention. It was a royal repast, and together with a pleasing program, the expectancy was more than gratified.

Thursday evening was typical of the festive spirit. The fireplace, burning brightly with massive logs, sent out its cheering rays. Games, songs, ukeleles,

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## SCHOOL CALENDAR

|                               |                             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Christmas Holidays            | December 22—January 3, 1927 |
| First Semester Examinations   | January 17, 18, 19, 1927    |
| Registration, Second Semester | January 18, 19, 1927        |
| Second Semester Begins        | Tuesday, January 18, 1927   |
| Spring Recess                 | April 7, 8, 1927            |
| Commencement Week             | May 19-23, 1927             |
| School Closes                 | May 23, 1927                |

## ELDER W. E. BAXTER

### TELLS OF VISIT AMONG DAVIS INDIANS

On Saturday evening, November 20, Elder Baxter gave a most instructive stereopticon lecture on our mission work in South America. Elder Baxter has labored for several years among the Spaniards and Indians of South America, and is now returning to continue his work in that field.

The contrast between the two classes among whom he has labored was markedly emphasized. There are the well-educated Spaniards, with their magnificent homes and luxurious gardens; and the Indian natives, from semi-barbarians down to forest savages.

In working among these Indians of the inland forests, Elder Baxter said that occasionally a native would come and ask whether they were "the Davis men." The seed sown by Elder Baxter years and years ago is still bearing fruit; he is still loved and revered by those for whom he worked, and the influence of his good works will never be forgotten. The natives took Elder Baxter to the rude little grave where they had buried their beloved teacher several years before.

In closing, Elder Baxter expressed the hope that the eyes of W. M. C. might be turned toward the needy field of South America, where the natives are pleading for missionaries to come and teach them.

## ROBERT P. MILES

### GIVES INTIMATE SKETCH OF GREAT PERSONAGES

"Tallow Dips," an inspirational lecture given by Dr. Robert Parker Miles on Saturday evening, November 13, proved to be one of the finest numbers presented here this year. Dr. Miles, who was formerly a Presbyterian minister, is now a journalist of note. His wide experience has brought him in contact with many great personalities of the day. Dr. Miles named his lecture from a little old candlestick which he found in an old attic, the burnt candle reminding him of the lives of men, flickering for a moment then passing into oblivion.

Dr. Miles gave intimate sketches of some of those great personages he has known, suggesting their little mannerisms and personal traits in his character portrayals. He reproduced incidents from the lives of Theodore Roosevelt, who was twenty-two when Dr. Miles first knew him; William Gladstone, "the tallow dip of statesmanship," and "the biggest Englishman" he ever knew; Leo XIII, the kindly old man of Europe; and the preacher Newell Dwight Hillis.

These little personal glimpses gave a new sidelight on the generosity and nobility of great characters, and called to mind that a beautiful character is a reflection of the divine character of Jesus Christ.

## SUNSHINE BANDS' THANSGIVING

### SCATTERING SUNSHINE AND FOOD TO MANY POOR AND NEEDY FAMILIES

The Sunshine band cheered many worthy hearts and filled many hungry stomachs on Thanksgiving day. Ten large baskets, with a conglomeration of almost everything grown, made, and concocted, were taken to poor, worthy families who are interested in our truth. As an example of the need, in one place visited, the parents, grandmother, and eight children were just sitting down to a Thanksgiving dinner of white bread and corn-meal mush. How they did appreciate it! What brings greater joy into the heart than to see a face which was sad and discouraged light up with a smile—just the picture of joy, hope, and courage, and to know that it was you who spoke that word of cheer, who did

that act of kindness, who gave that plan for hope, and strength, and courage! God has thus planned.

A campaign is on for the raising of money, papers, clothing, food, etc., for the promotion of this work. About \$23 has been raised in the Sligo church, and about \$7 from the Y. P. M. V. Other churches are to be initiated soon in this interest. The girls are also making scrapbooks for the children in the orphanages and poor homes. Some one has truly defined the Sunshine Band as a group of working, live, energetic, and enthusiastic young people, about seventy in number, with the motive of spreading sunshine and helping others who are less fortunate in life than they are.

## COLLEGE SENIORS ORGANIZE EARLY

### PLANS ARE MADE FOR COLLEGE ANNUAL

The College Seniors welcomed President Morrison's invitation to meet for organization Monday afternoon, November 22, at three o'clock. Every one of the fourteen present at that first meeting was in the best of spirits, and business moved smoothly, harmoniously, and quickly. Only a few moments were required for the choosing of the following class officers:

President: Mr. Benjamin Anderson; Vice-President: Miss Mae Bellamy; Secretary: Miss Martha Montgomery; Treasurer: Mr. Gordon Brown.

Class meetings—occasions of such import to those concerned, at least—are to convene each Sunday afternoon at 4:45. Without a doubt, momentous will be the questions considered, and significant the resolutions formed by these weekly assemblies!

An Annual Committee has been chosen consisting of its Editor-in-Chief, Mr. Victor Campbell; two Associate Editors, Miss Elizabeth Anderson and Miss Mae Bellamy; the Class President, Mr. Ben Anderson; and a member of the class, Mr. Bryan Votaw. This committee plans to get our Annual definitely under way shortly.

Committees have been chosen to make suggestions and recommendations regarding class colors, flower, emblem, motto, and pin.

The Class of 1927, composed of nineteen active, wide-awake, enthusiastic young people, is one of the most prominent.

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## FAREWELL RECEPTION

A grand banquet in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Jones, who are booked for mission work in darkest Africa, drew the attention of students to the dining-hall during study period. But at this function there was a gathering of only about thirty; all distinguished and of some repute, as Dr. and Mrs. Abbott, Elder Wells, Elder and Mrs. H. H. Votaw, Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Simmons, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hackman, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, Harry Perrin, Dr. Winslow, and others of note, some whose distinction is in being married and living at Central Hall, thus being favored as neighbors of the family of honor. A tempting feast, with which Miss Jessie Evans, Mrs. Hackman, and Mrs. [unclear] seem to have had [unclear] lent its attraction, speeches from several [unclear] C. E. Andross, and [unclear] WASHER all came near the [unclear] beyond the slight [unclear] which a student [unclear] forbidden pleasure, [unclear] ER were stirred when [unclear] "Auld Lang Syne" [unclear] study windows. [unclear] beside us is called, [unclear] the significance of [unclear] and bidding farewell, [unclear] earnestly to the fashionable [unclear] future.

## Students' Association Program Coming Soon

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WHAT THINK YE OF CHRIST?

"They voted to abolish God and He—was abolished," said Elder Kotz. This remark, so aptly expressing of ideas permeating the modern world, and revealing a deep sentiment, formed the basis for his talk of Tuesday morning at the chapel hour, and the keynote of one of the best weeks of prayer we have yet had at W. M. C.

Perfect freedom—freedom to choose our path; freedom to determine to whom we shall give our allegiance; freedom,—God given, to even vote to abolish God, if we become so far lost to the realities of life, to fail to see that to do so is to, Gaderene like, choose the swine and ask the Saviour to leave our country.

This was laid before us—our perfect freedom—with its two paths; the freedom that leads us to link ourselves with the cords that tighter and tighter draw us to our eventual ruin; or the freedom, the perfect freedom in Christ Jesus, the most dearly purchased freedom the world knows. And with the presentation of the infinite goodness of God and the gift of God, we were led to ask ourselves "What think ye of Christ?"

This was reinforced by Elder Wells, particularly at the Wednesday chapel hour, "Sin is utterly ruinous in its effects, but God is love," and this love is the expression of God's goodness and saves us from sin and its effects through love's matchless gift.

With this infinite goodness before us we can say with him "I will arise and go to my Father" and as a student body we take our stand on the side of righteousness, truth, and service—this students' week festooned with the Master's message.

HALCYON

The Halcyon League, composed of the following organizations, will compose a combination under the name of B.H. League.)

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WORKERS' MEETING

The books of the Columbia Union Conference will be cleared in four years of the educational debt, approaching \$200,000, according to the plans of the workers' three-day convention held at Washington Missionary College, Nov. 16-18, 1926. This debt is of long standing, according to Elder F. H. Robbins, President of the Conference, and he feels the amount of its interest should be used each year to practical advantage. The plan devised at the convention is a division of the Union territory among its workers, each of which is to oversee the work of the church members of his district in the sale of the book "Christ's Object Lessons." With each church member doing his bit, in four years the debt will be no more. W. M. C. students are to have a large share in this work in the selling of these fine books.

SENIOR ORGANIZATION

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is organized at Washington Missionary College. That their eyes are on the mission field, and they are anxious to take their places in the closing work, is proved by the fact that Mr. Robert Jones, one of their number, has already responded to a call to do pioneer work in Equatorial Africa. It is as if, unable to wait the whole year through, this eager class has sent on its representative to the fields beyond. May this be but the beginning of its achievement!

VACATION

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popcorn, marshmallows, and laughter were the order of the evening.

Last, but not least, an instructive stereopticon lecture was presented Saturday evening in the college chapel by Edgar G. Raine, the man who knows Alaska.

Those who went home are no more emphatic in announcing that they had a good time than those who stayed are in acclaiming that Thanksgiving was a complete success at W. M. C.

At least half the "student body" passed Thanksgiving either at their own home or at that of some big hearted friends, and have nothing now to look forward to until Christmas vacation—let's see, how many days yet?

What is this we hear? Daily blasting and the noise of workmen down by the Sligo, seem to confirm the promises of a Sligo Park in the near future. We wonder if this will add to the popularity of this picturesque spot or will it spoil it for the lovers of nature?

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THE SPIRIT OF MISSIONS

I—THE TRAGEDY IN THE KRAAL

(Editor's Note: This story is the first of a group of three mission stories as told by Elder E. Kotz, Associate Secretary of the General Conference.)

"The Spirit of Missions! This is a wonderful heading. It isn't the mission, it isn't the Mission Board, it isn't the missionary, and it isn't the mission funds that are to accomplish anything, but the important factor is the spirit that is behind it all.

"To the question, "What is the spirit of missions?" we can give only one answer: "The love of Christ." Wherever this love of Christ constrains the heart of one who has been sent out to a foreign field, he is bound to have success. Some people think they must bring culture and civilization to, say, the negroes of Africa, but that isn't what they need. If a missionary comes to study their philosophy, their proverbs, their laws and so forth, he must acknowledge that in many ways the so-called "wilds" are not wild at all, but in somethings even in advance of us; and certainly it does not make them any poorer to know nothing of poisonous gas, and terrible bombs, and repeating rifles, and machine guns, and so forth. What those folks do need, however, is the love of Christ.

"Come with me to one of the native huts in East Africa. It will take you some time to become accustomed to the smoke so that you can see through the haze in the room. By and by, you will be able to distinguish a female figure lying on a cowhide spread on the floor. You will see many men and women standing around and looking either excited or sad. What is the matter? What is going on in this little heathen hut?

"Let me tell you. This young woman has just given birth to twins. Now, to some tribes in East Africa, twins are a sign that the spirits are planning evil for them, and the only way to appease them is to kill the babies. And they do it. Here is a woman bringing a wooden mortar filled with water, and another one reaches out for the newborn babes, lying there in peaceful sleep, and lowers them into the water headfirst, until all signs of life have disappeared. Look at the tears that roll down the cheeks of the poor black woman, and listen to the sympathetic cries coming from the mouths of those witnessing the scene! What does it all indicate? It is the modern Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us." Tell us the story of the love of Christ, of that love that is the spirit of missions."

CAMPUS-KNOTS

Knowledge, like beauty, is often only skin deep. Exams are the soap and water.

'Tis a bit of happiness to see in the simple task the fullness of life, the philosophy of existence.

It is a questionable business to judge a man, because you are judging him by what you see and know. His unappraised life you cannot see or know.

One of our North Hall boys has never seen falling snow. It won't be long, now. I envy him!

I wish some one would write a poem (a challenge, college rhetoric students, if you will) on Autumn. Not that none have been written—but another and a better one, for it seems to me,

I love the best that time of year,  
When nature after summer's toil and work,  
Casts off her sober robes and gaily decks herself.

In colors bright and glowing—an array  
That brightens hill and dale and spreading o'er

The landscape makes it resplendent  
In the autumn sun.

I like to scuff my feet through the crisp autumn leaves, to hear the pitter-patter of autumn rain on roof, and love to scale a hill and see the color patterns in nature's carpet. It brings the same fresh, clean joy that acquaintanceship with a young man or a young woman unsullied with the sordid things of life always brings. It has the freshness of one who is conqueror of his own inner self, and the inspiration that comes from a noble life.

Troubles fret many people, and problems worry others; trials and difficulties irritate and annoy; but if you were to banish them, if everything were to be "tuned" aright and run of itself sans effort sans direction, would it be better? I doubt it.

Who would want to be a jellyfish washed hither and yon on the sea of life with everything a saline similarity, an endless round of sameness, making no effort, meeting no difficulties,—just existing! I'll take the troubles and problems!

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- Esther Longbine
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- Edith Heath
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- Paul Fisher
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- Bessie Morgan
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- Elwin Hoxie
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- Margaret Brensinger
- Ray Kimble
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- Harold Smith
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- Miriam Miller
- Erlene Miller
- Mathias Roth
- Russell Krick
- Virginia Stevens
- Lawrence Stone
- Betty Austin
- Paul Applegate
- Elizabeth Partington
- Florence Menhennet
- Marian Hare
- Edris Venen
- Marlin Weigle
- Evelyn Reichenbaugh
- Margaret Van Buskirk
- Mildred Speacht
- Evelyn Harrison
- Anne Delano
- Benjamin Miller
- Esther Griner
- Mary Abbey
- Monica Abbey
- Harriet Fisher
- Lucille Soper
- Frank Meckling
- Loraine Baum
- Williard Taylor
- Gladys Miller

**Y. P. M. V. SOCIETY**

Our Thanksgiving program for the Young Peoples' meeting was unique in that it was the usual things expressed in very unusual ways. Every one expressed having learned something new and something to think about every day in the year. "We forget our own blessings and are thankful for what the other fellow has. We are prone to look for misery and let happiness go by." These are the high lights of Mr. Willett's talk. If you have confidence in your health, friends, and God, express it and show your appreciation. You will believe in them more yourself and your expressed confidence will beget gratitude. This was the thought which we took home with us from Mr. Eugene Anderson's discussion of how to be thankful. Interesting points of history were culled from here and there and presented to us by Mr. Parrish as only he could present them.

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## AY BLADES

...d to stay at school during the holidays, especially when there is a good game on hand. This is the sentiment of those who attended the party given by those Salisbury in her home, Wednesday evening, November 24. There was a fine mixer to begin the evening, in the form of a scramble to assemble the various parts of a picture post-card puzzle, the cards having been all cut up. The prize was to go to the person who had joined all parts of his card in the shortest time. This prize went to Richard Beem and if he hasn't a lady friend, he had better find one immediately for he certainly has no use for a compact. There were all sorts of games, games made to test the mind and memory, but all fun, nevertheless. Then of course, came the refreshments, that delicious cake and good ice cream, and, again every one was glad to be present. The evening was a success, and every one agreed that all surely had a fine time.

After eating a hearty Thanksgiving dinner, which, with its program, lasted two hours, the young ladies felt a desperate need of some exercise, and organized a hike after evening worship, returning in high spirits just in time to avoid the rain. Then, together with some of the young men from North Hall, they gathered around a cheerful fire in the chimney corner of the dining-room, and spent the remainder of the evening in toasting marshmallows, popping corn and playing games.

Several of the girls of South Hall have recently had the privilege of entertaining their mothers on more or less extended visits. Some of the favored ones were Glenna Derby, Gertrude and Lucille Frazier, Florence Menhennett, Harriet Baker, and Edris Venen. Many other relatives have also visited us from time to time, and they are always welcome.

Great excitement prevailed at the girls' dormitory during the recent fire drill just before bedtime. One glance at all the heads in curl papers seems so to have disconcerted our volunteer firemen that they lacked courage to return the second floor fire-extinguisher to its proper place.

During the Thanksgiving holidays, Dorothy Koeppen and Frances Dietz were visited by their little sisters.

We certainly are glad to have Miss Helen Jewell around to help liven up South Hall again. She is rapidly recovering from her recent operation.

A delightful feature of the four days of vacation was "sleeping-in" mornings. This form of entertainment was adopted by many who had felt the strain of mid-semester exams on their somnolent program.

The kitchenette in the basement of South Hall has been a real joy to the girls since Curtis Quackenbush installed the sink. Most of the cooks, however, are just sweet fudge and candy-makers.

### HALCYON CLUB

The Halcyon Club is a live, working organization ordained to accomplish great things before this year is over. The great tasks have already been completed, those being the selecting of pennants, pennants, and pins. The emblem was chosen for the pennants and the pennants and stationery, and the girls are busy displaying Halcyon pennants. Nixon, Secretary.

### ECHOES FROM THE SLIGO

The Sligo just recovered from its tumble over the dam, only to encounter the staring gaze of the "brand new" bridge spanning from one muddy bank to the other.

"Oha!" grinned the bridge sarcastically, "I have one over you."

The Sligo rushed by bravely and as it rounded the curve, it turned and snapped—

"Men hammer you! You take it all And then you think you're clever—? Why you're only 'stuck in the mud,' But I'll go on forever!"

You know the Sligo can be nice, but, if it chooses it can gossip, too— Listen!

"Oh, Miss Weeping Willow, cheer up, and I'll tell you the latest. You miss all the fun just because you weep so! Did you hear the Sanitarium folks Wednesday night? My goodness! If noise has anything to do with a good time, they had a good time. Why, I could even hear them pinning the tail on the donkey, really it was all so funny, I just rippled with laughter. It was such fun to cuddle down here by the trees and hear the nurses' remarks as they went to the dorm. After the party, most of them were wondering if they would have room for the free Thanksgiving dinner the next day. One girl—it seems they mentioned her name—I remember, it was Eleanor Markle—was just in for it; she was at the hospital and couldn't eat a thing. You see she had an operation to save her meal ticket. But somehow they all get well up there. They say Miss Braun, the night supervisor, is on duty again. Miss Weeping Willow, what can be the matter, that you are crying so? Tell me!"

"Well, Sligo, you never hear any sad news. I heard that a few of our girls had left us and I hate to see them go. Sligo, you are always happy, and I've just found your secret. Shall I tell you? It is because you are never still and satisfied, you just go on forever, and as you go you become widened and beautiful. Of course you are happy. But I must always stand still, always, always!"

"No, no!" whispered the Sligo, "you can grow up, while I go on—" and with that, it slipped along.

Miss Abray and Professor Morse took advantage of the Workers' Convention by bringing in special speakers for worship talks. These friends are always helpers, and always welcome with the "dorm" students.

The outside basketball team again defeated the inside team, by a score of 11 to 9.

### FAMOUS FIFTY

Like Alexander the Great, Famous Fifty men are continually seeking for new worlds to conquer. Plans for a new and more commodious parlor for North Hall are under consideration. To sit in the glow of a comfortable fireplace on the cheerless winter evenings, is a pleasure soon to be realized in North Hall.

Our victory-crowned volley ball heroes have been suffering sad reverses of late. Several of the most recent games have been lost. However, as greatness cannot be kept to the background always, the Famous Fifty realize that some games will be won in the very near future—if not by themselves, by their opponents. The club is unflinching in its support to the team.

Such a series of decisions and reports as are being set down in the record book of the Famous Fifty, wins for members the title of parliamentarians. Those interested in inspecting the archives of the organization will please call at the office of the secretariat. A reasonable fee will be collected.—Gordon Brown, Secretary.

Two of our former students, Miss Inez Young who is on the faculty of Shenandoah Valley Academy this year, and Miss Irene Scheer, a senior student of the same school, visited at W. M. C. during the Thanksgiving holidays.

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