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MAKES FREE"

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THE COLLEGE RHETORIC CLASS GIVES PROGRAM

FINE TALENT IS SHOWN BY THE PARTICIPANTS

While it is not necessary to add another program to our already long list of "best programs of the year," it is hard to describe in other than superlatives the program given in chapel the morning of December 20, by the College Rhetoric class.

The main feature of the program was a dialogue, Dickens "Christmas Carol." The story as every one knows is one which depicts nearly the complete category of human emotions, from comedy to drama and back again; from the gruff and surly old miser, Scrooge, to the memory of his departed partner, Marley; and from the shy, self-contained clerk, Bob Cratchet, to the hearty nephew, Fred. The leading part, that of Scrooge, was admirably upheld by Dale Marchus. The following are the other characters and their portrayals:

Bob Cratchet, Scrooge's clerk, Robert Seyle; Scrooge's nephew, Fred, Lloyd McClellan; Marley's Spirit, George Price; Ideals of Christmas, George Price; Mrs. Cratchet, Roberta Bridgeforth; The Two Gentlemen, Armande Bowers and Harold Keck.

Luther Belote again upheld his reputation as a story-teller in his two Christmas stories. One was a story of the improbability of a person's receiving what he wants at Christmas. (We all appreciate this fact more when we recall our failure to get that scarf we wanted to cover up the neckties that our friends gave us.)

The other story was that of the opinion of a Chinese physician of the people who have eaten too heartily at Christmas.

Miss Jessie Thomas gave a very interesting talk on the right way of observing Christmas, using as a back-

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STUDENT RECITAL

The first display of budding genius for the music department took place when the student recital was given, Saturday evening, December 18, at Columbia Hall. All gave evidence of the extraordinary training they have received from Prof. J. W. Osborn, instructor in voice, and Prof. H. B. Hannum, instructor in piano.

The following of our own students were among the many who took part:

Piano—"Idillio," Carl Stilson; "In Blossom Time," Lola Newmeyer; "Feast of the Roses," Edris Venen; "November," Ruth Conard; "Gavotte in E Minor," Ruth Simon; "On Wings of Song," Twila Nixon; "Fifteenth Rhapsody," Eunice Graham.

Vocal—"Crossing the Bar," Glenna Derby; "Where Violets Grow," Lucille Hampton; "Praise the Lord," Susie Ogden; "Beneath the Cypress," Elaine Yeast; "Daisies," Maude Brooke.

Do not fail to get your ticket for the Students' Association program, of January 29.

A Distinguished Hungarian Soloist

The celebrated Mme. Francesca Kaspar Lawson, lyric soprano, will give a program at Columbia Hall, Saturday night, January 29, 1927.

The members of the Students' Association are certainly fortunate to obtain the services of this renowned soloist. Mme. Lawson comes to us very highly recommended. She has made repeated appearances as soloist with the Minneapolis symphony, the Chicago symphony, and the Philadelphia symphony orchestras. Mme. Lawson was the official soloist of the recent D. A. R. convention held in this city. And to complete her impressive list, she is the only Washington soloist who has appeared at the White House.

Make your plans now to enjoy an evening of music, truly a rare treat, Jan. 29, 1927, Saturday night.

NEW SLIGONIAN EDITOR

EDGAR WRIGLEY, EDITOR EUGENE ANDERSON, PRES.

Friday, January 7, 1927.—New officers for the Student Association were passed upon by the members thereof. After minute and careful consideration of the cream of W. M. C., the nominating committee elected by the student body, presented for acceptance the following report: Eugene Anderson, President of the Association; Edgar Wrigley, Editor of the *Sligonian* and Vice-President of the Association; Aline Jewell, Secretary; Roy Scott, Business Manager; Curtis Quackenbush, Treasurer; Thomas Hearn, Advertising Manager of the *Sligonian*; Mrs. Coggin, Circulating Manager; and for faculty advisor, Professor Werline. The report was completely accepted. Truly, a fit and capable representation to hold the ropes for the success of the Association.

Through earnest co-operation of the editorial staff, the managers and officers of the Association have accomplished a marvelous feat in the annals of our history. By a strenuous economic policy, they have put the Association clear of debt. When the staff came into office January 19, 1926, they took on a debt, laid over for years, of \$437.32. Now, the on-coming

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INTRODUCING W. M. C.

AN ANNUAL PORTRAYING LIFE AT OUR SCHOOL

Yes! That's her. You remember they called her the little girl with the big voice—and there is Krum, a regular Goliath Junior with his six feet, four. And Buss Willet! Remember how serious he always looked when he was chairman? Good old Buss—never wore the same necktie twice did he?

I like this part best, however. This is the best picture of Columbia Hall I've seen. Here's where the 'brary was in this corner. Seems to me Professor Werline made us read every history book on the shelf.

Oh! Here's a class group. Bill's here, and Wrigley. He was "Ed." you know. And there is Horace, Tall and not very thick, he surely could rally the class in Harvest Ingathering! He and Andy Fearing were a pair—yes that's he next to "Billy" Widmer. She was good on Y. P. programs. Oh Yes! There's the Y. P. officers and the Sabbath school group.

Were you on the program, Campus day? Sure! Here's your picture with the crowd.

The seniors are scattered now, but I hear of them occasionally. About twenty, were there not? There's

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SANITARIUM CHRISTMAS TREE

CHILDREN FROM ORPHANAGES GIVEN PRESENTS

Speaking of operations: We cut out something different at the San recently. Remember the Christmas tree we have in the gym each year,—the gifts we put on it for each other, often worse than useless toys? This year somebody got the inspiration to have a Children's Christmas instead,—children that really need it. So we went to the various and sundry orphanages in the city, and arranged to borrow the children for the occasion. There were about twenty-five, of ages four to seven, including some in our own neighborhood we thought would enjoy it.

Everybody seemed to get the spirit, and give to the fund for gifts, as well as help prepare for the evening.

First, we took them down to the Nurses' Home and dressed them in the new clothes we had for them—shoes and stockings, dresses and suits, sweaters and caps. They were so proud of them, and they fit quite well,

too, under the circumstances. All we had was a list of names and ages.

Then we took them up to the gym where the Christmas tree was. The nurses sang a number of Christmas carols,—Miss Wetzke was Master of Ceremonies. She made the children get acquainted with their friends. Professor Bickett gave several dialectic readings appealing especially to children. They were gathered closely around the platform, and he seemed to be speaking kindly to each of them. They just squealed with delight. The Farley children contributed a song to the occasion. Mary Glenwright, dressed as a Negro Mammy, gave the reading "Jabin." All the children sang, "Jolly, jolly, Santa Claus." Last but not least were the gifts from the tree. Toys of every description,—and a stocking filled with good things. I imagine this will be a Christmas long to be remembered by each of them.

POTOMAC COLLEGE TEACHERS

TEACHING DISCUSSION DIFFERENT PHASES

The teachers of the Potomac Conference met in a very pleasant and profitable institute at Washington Missionary College, January 1-3. Nearly all the thirty-one teachers, representing more than 500 students were present. Mrs. C. P. Sorenson, the educational superintendent of the conference, was in charge.

The first day was given to the discussion of the spiritual progress of the schools and the Missionary Volunteer work, under the able leadership of Mrs. Harriet Holt and Elder C. E. Andross. It was seen that the church schools have been no small factor in raising the Conference Harvest Ingathering Goal.

In the illustrated health lecture, given by Miss Kathryn Jensen on Saturday evening, the importance of safeguarding the children's health was strongly emphasized.

The following two days were devoted to practical instruction on the various phases of the teacher's work, the round table discussions being an interesting and lively feature. Among those who gave special help during these sessions were Prof. C. A. Russell and Mrs. Flora Williams of the General Conference; Prof. I. P. Naff representing the Columbia Union; and Mrs. Nellie Gage, director of the W. M. C. Normal Department. A number of the teachers from various parts of the conference also presented helpful and interesting topics. The devotional exercises, led by Professor Russell and Elder Westbrook, were a source of encouragement and inspiration to all present.

An excellent spirit prevailed throughout the meetings, and every one of the teachers left feeling that it had indeed been good to be here.

BACKWARD PARTY

Tuesday evening of vacation week was occupied with what those who were responsible for the program designated as a "Backward Party." The orders were that all who came should appear with their wearing apparel in reverse order. The girls were obedient to the letter, and demonstrated that dresses work as well one way as the other. Miss Swingle even went so far as to place an extra face on the back of her head. The boys were not quite so game, but Mr. Parrish did manage to get his coat on backward, and Mr. Sangster attained a decidedly ecclesiastical appearance by reversing his collar and vest.

After a conversational game and some extemporaneous speeches, presided over by Miss Edith Anderson, an old-fashioned spelling match was staged and the winners were spelled backward. There was one race in which the contestants were to run backward, with a small number of ac-

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Students' Association Program January

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A NEW STAFF

Changes are in order at this time at W. M. C. Among the many things of interest to our school, is the election of a new Students' Association board and Sligonian staff. Our newly elected editor is not a stranger to us. All of us know "Wrigley" to be a sociable fellow, and no doubt many have chuckled over some of his cleverly worded write-ups in past issues of the Sligonian. So it is with real satisfaction that I introduce to you our new chief, Edgar Wrigley.

And somehow we always feel a glow creep over us when we have shaken hands and talked with our new president. One just can't help but feel the strength and leadership of our truly strong Association president, Eugene Anderson. We are expecting great things for the Students' Association during 1927.

There is just one wish that I want to make for the new officers. May our new editor and president have the same splendid spirit of interest and co-operation, that Mr. Willett and I have enjoyed. I can wish nothing better.

I am sure that it is with pardonable pride that the old staff and board present to the new officers, a net operating surplus of \$237.57. After many years of struggling, the Association is again on its feet and in a prosperous condition.

I wish to thank Irvin Harrison, Victor Campbell and Carl Montgomery for their loyal and thorough interest in the Sligonian. Credit is due them for the Sligonian's present status.

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Sanitarium "Gnats"	3	1	.750
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Did you ride the new elevator?
Oh, I forgot it isn't finished yet. But
soon, if not later, it is going to the
fourth floor and if by chance
basement, step into
see something new.
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love the Special Diet
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SENIOR ANNUAL

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Rose's picture and Brown from Florida. There's Monty. He'd fix anything from a broken sweeper to a Lincoln. It didn't matter to Monty.

Ben Anderson? He's in Loma Linda now, and Charlie Young ought to be sitting on a sax, eh?

Here's the professionals. Parrish is making good at Loma Linda. I hear Miss De Witt is teaching. The academics were hustlers, every one. Harvest Ingathering that year was over \$2,300.

Meet W. M. C. and your old friends. Jo and Maude, Ben Wilkinson, the Winns and Coggins, Bruce, Jim, Twix, Elizabeth, Mae, and Jessie. They'll be there and 250 others. So will the Haleyon, the Famous Fifty, the bands, the activities, your chums and my chums, for our Annual of 1926-27 is going to represent Our Alma Mater.

Bring in your pictures, turn in your suggestions, "snap" your interesting events, write us the right kind of an article for W. M. C.'s annual, and be ready for your copy, for you'll want one.

RHETORIC PROGRAM

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ground the life of the thief on the cross.

A group of carols sung by a sixteen voice chorus closed the program. The first, "Silent Night," was sung in the vestry; the second, "Joy to the World," as they marched to the front of the chapel; and the last, "The Three Kings," from the front of the chapel.

We wonder if Professor Osborn realizes that he has done something unique in the way of music? According to our last issue he sang Bach's "Prelude and Fugue." It just isn't sung,— it was played by Professor Hannum.

BACKWARD PARTY

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part of the proceedings in the more or less familiar indoor sport known as "poison." This was followed by a rather backward reception of the announcement that it was 10:30 p. m., and time to retreat.

"The Other Wise Man" given at the Lutheran church was a real treat to the large crowd from W. M. C. who attended. All had good things to say of it.

A large crowd greeted the first volley ball game of the new year, when the Famous Fifty "Cubs" defeated the undefeated Sanitarium "Gnats."

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SANITARIUM NEWS

HAVE YOU heard the "knews"?

Off again

Home again,

On again,

Nurse again—

For why do we live—but to
take and give,
So give a double portion.

But what are the Juniors going to do for a class president? We just get fixed—then "pop goes the weasle" and we're in the hole. Much do we regret the fact that Miss Markle is leaving us because of her health; but "every cloud has a silver lining," and if plans materialize she will rejoin us next fall.

Our nurses are enjoying the basket ball games in the gym since we have our new baskets.

The health lectures given by the members of the Medical Staff have been well attended and enjoyed by the patients. One notice posted in the cafeteria attracted the nurses' special attention:

A Health Lecture by Dr. Hardwick.
Inflammation—in the parlor.

Latest tragedy—

Short again

Off again;

On again,

Long again—

Uniforms.

A "ripping" time was had by all in the Nurses' Home this last week. Look at us and see if you can tell the difference. Mrs. Garnsey and Mrs. Beem have been helping us to fix our uniforms. They all have to be eleven inches from the floor—no more—no less. And this is to be done by January 1, along with our other New Year's improvements. Maybe it will last longer than some of them. Once done it will stay done.

OFFICERS ELECTED

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staff may breathe, for the Association is free from this nightmare. The only insolvency incurred now is the printing of eleven more issues of the Sligonian.

It can never be said again that the Association is dead. They have been climbing out of a hole. Now that morn is beginning to break, watch the Association expand, the Sligonian grow. A great future is before the new staff; but while they guide the buggy, the students are going to push it upon the highest pinnacle of success—the ambition and aspiration of every member of the Association.

THE SPIRIT OF MISSIONS

III—The Tragedy in the Primeval Forest

The sun has set. Slowly the moon begins to look over the Usambara Mountains. The huge leaves of the banana groves, gently swaying in the evening breeze, glitter in its light and make one think of a wonderful sea of silver.

A strange procession is moving toward the big forest. We see about eight persons forcing a fellow-native with them. One of them is leading a sheep that is piteously bleating, joining its voice with the imploring cries of the old man. Both seem to know that death is waiting for them. Finally the procession stops beneath a tall spurge, where the sick man—for he is sick—is being tied to a bush. The oracle has given its verdict that the man must be killed to prevent disaster from coming to the entire family, because negroes are dogged at every step by the fear of ancestors. They are held in the bondage of that fright.

Soon the strokes of the axe ring through the stillness of the night, and presently the huge spurge begins to lean toward one side and then comes down with a terrible crash on the body of the victim, burying the poor man under the weight of its immense, thorny branches. The last moans of the dying sacrifice to the ancestors are the cries of Africa, "Come over . . . and help us' out of the bondage of this terrible superstition which is the spirit of heathenism."

Then the sheep is killed, but even the contents of its stomach, known all over Africa as the best means of atoning for some one's offenses, will not wash away the stain of this horrible murder.

How different is the spirit of missions! It conveys the belief in the power of God as a kind merciful Father who has graven us on the palms of His hands. It brings freedom from bonds, and gets us in close contact with His everlasting love. How necessary it is for all to cultivate this spirit of missions while we are preparing for the missions!

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HOW ABOUT IT?

Isn't it strange that princes and kings,
And clowns that caper in sawdust
rings,

Are builders for eternity?
To each is given a bag of tools,
A shapeless mass and a book of rules;
And each must make, ere life is flown,
A stumbling block or a stepping stone.

Say, do you know that the man who
invented life savers made a mint, and
he who invented matches had a striking
idea?

I see some of us came back from the
holidays looking like the symptoms
in a patent medicine advertisement.

An optimist is a tourist who starts
out with poor brakes, no spare, a
knock in the motor, and who wires
500 miles ahead for hotel reservations.

A lie is like a car. It is not the
initial output but the upkeep that gets
you in bad.

I hope that the Listerine people—
having success—will now get out
something for the breath of scandal.

Nature does her best to hint. The
fatter we get the harder she makes it
for us to get close to the table.

For "Pre-Meds." Do you know
what the latest poison is? Airplane
poisoning. One drop is enough.

Most of the happiness of life is
wrecked on the rocks of selfishness.

A tragedy—Congressmen have
learned they may broadcast speeches
over the radio.

The superiority of the feminine
mind is demonstrated by the "dumb"
look on the face of the average barber
after she has explained to him just
how she wants her hair cut.

A Wish of a Freshman

I wish I was a senior,
And with the seniors stand,
A pencil behind my ear
And notebook in my hand.

I would not be an emperor,
I would not be a king,
I'd rather be a senior
Who graduates this spring.

The charge for the new telephone
service across the Atlantic will be
seventy-five dollars for three minutes,
which is a proof that silence is not
golden, it's cheap.

My friend Ben Wilkinson says he's
going to get a derby hat. Ha! Ha!—
Funny looking world, isn't it? Think
I'll get one too.

An open mind is all right if your
mouth isn't that way.

The man who sings his own praises
doesn't get an encore.

What I don't like about Vic
Campbell is he's too big to beat up.

Another thing that makes my blood
boil is to just get warmed up in con-
ducting this column and then have to
quit. Well, good-by folks, next time
I'll start here.

Alline Jewell spent the latter part of
the Christmas vacation in Baltimore,
at the home of Margaret Watts.

"WE BRING YOU WORD"

We bring you word, for we have
crossed the mighty Pacific and ridden
in jinrikishas, wheelbarrows, and boats
for many "li" in the land where pre-
dominates the worship inaugurated by
Confucius. We have sailed over the
Arabian Sea and have become ac-
quainted with the contrasting poverty
and wealth of India. We have deplored
its caste system. We have pleaded
with its Brahman priests. Our eyes
have looked upon the "Continent of
Opportunity," and our hearts have
been stimulated to sing for joy as we
have seen hundreds of worthy Indians
embrace the third angel's message. In
each country we have become ac-
quainted with the language, habits, reli-
gions and temperaments of its people.
Our hearts are light, for love has
weighted them with the needs of the
calling millions.

While we have not actually visited
these places, we have been carrying on
a course of studies which is preparing
us for the actualities we expect very
soon to meet. To prepare our hearts
and minds for the great opportunity
of warning every nation of the near-
ness of Christ's second coming—this
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...e was hastened to
December for those who passed
the time M. C. At 7 p. m., a
bounteous dinner was spread
and no meat was punctured in
the least,—it was a college treat!
A Christmas tree brightly decked
stood in one corner, while in the
opposite one there radiated dancing
light and crackling music from the
fireplace, where Professor Morse had
kindled the Yule log. The center of
attention was changed as the last of
the brick ice cream followed Mrs.
Montgomery's famous pie. Wil-
helmina Widmer continued the festi-
ve Christmas spirit with her readings,
so well presented to the company
now seated informally near the hearth
and the evergreen tree. Soon in the
subdued light there entered a man
with laced legs, a red coat fastened
with a broad black belt, a knitted cap
on his head, whiskers white as cot-
ton, and twinkling, merry eyes above
rosy, round cheeks,—just the sort of
man all had been taught not to be-
lieve in, but there he was, shouting
in a high merry tone, and setting
down the mammoth bundle from his
back.

Every one present had been remem-
bered by Santa, and it was like a page
of childhood returned when in re-
sponse to the impressive reading of
each name the sixty or so college
children gleefully received their gifts.
There was an endless variety of enter-
tainment: a dolls' beauty contest, a
race among the various mechanical
vehicles, and the selection of the most
unique gift—a tiny two-inch wooden
duck, drawn across the floor by the
towering Vinston Adams, as it opened
its mouth and rapidly nodded its head.

About this time the smiling cash-
ier, Mr. Monroe Winn, entered the
company looking quite unharmed and
happy, and some wondered how Le
Page's glue and cotton could be so
quickly removed from the face. The
erstwhile St. Nicholas dryly explained
that the sooner such a procedure could
be done the better, and was not con-
tradicted. Thus great was our Christ-
mas night.

It's a good thing our vacation lasted
no longer, for many seemed so preyed
upon by feasting and exhaustion that
in another week no one could have
reached college again. But as it is
they are all back almost intoxicated
with jollity, and Charlie Young thinks
every one looks fatter and healthier,
without exception. That is obviously
due to so many good wishes for a
prosperous New Year.

The holiday rush left Columbia Hall
vacant long enough for some remodel-
ing. The heating system was repaired
and improved, while a choice force
were kept on their toes sixteen hours
a day enlarging the chapel. Its capac-
ity has been increased in all directions,
and several more shades of light dif-
fused about, by the washing of the
auditorium walls.

If any one doubts Robert V. Seyles'
rare genius as a cabinet maker, he
should see the beautiful walnut chest,
cedar lined, which was a Christmas
product of his cunning right hand.
Van is rather shy about it, but a per-
sistent seeker might now trace the
treasure chest where Van's heart
is also safe.—Nurses' Home.

Anette and Land Truman are at-
tending the Angeles Academy
Lee. R. Marsh is prin-
Marsh is the music
Bobbie feels quite
a first grader in long
are interested readers
an.

Mr. Schubert, who has recently
come over from Germany, made his
maiden speech in English last Friday,
January 7, when he told the College
rhetoric class The Secret of the
Channel Swimmers. He informed
them that the tides were the deciding
factor in the fate of the swimmer.
The class is proud of Mr. Schubert
for his achievement in learning the
English language so well in such a
short time.

Other very interesting current topics
discussed by different members of the
College rhetoric class on January 7,
were: The Christmas Train Wreck,
which Miss Stevens showed us, was
due to carelessness; The Chinese
Question, a brief outline of present
conditions in China, by Mr. Vinston
Adams; How Old Ships are Changed
into New Fords, by Mr. Curtis
Quakenbush; The Making of Automob-
iles, by Lloyd McClellan; The United
States at Peace with the Indians at
Last, by Miss Ruth Conard; and An
Attempted Airplane Flight, by Miss
Duncan.

Mr. Freiburg was Chairman of the
day.

Paul Frenzel, our tall, handsome
Famous Fifty man from Germany,
found the same city rather irregular
in its hours. After sleeping all day
upon returning, the statement was
drawn from him that night is just
like daytime there. Well, I'd be
sleepy too—we all hate to miss our
meals.

Esther Griner was so engrossed in
reading a book, on her way home, that
she was almost in New York before
she awoke to the fact that she should
have changed trains a good way back,
for her home in Scranton. Must have
been a Physics book.

Pleasant as it was to go home for
the holidays, practically all of the girls
say they are glad to be back. It re-
mains to be seen whether they are as
eager to study as to talk over all the
happenings with "the bunch" at
school.

Esther Newsom and Billie Oliver
were entertained at the home of a
friend in Philadelphia the first part of
the holidays, and they spent the last
part in seeing "little old New York."

Some of the folks say it was so cold
in their home towns that they scarcely
ventured out-of-doors the whole time,
while others braved the wintry blasts
and enjoyed some good skating and
tobogganning.

Greydon Field ended the holidays
with an early morning walk from
Brightwood to Takoma Park. De-
spite its being 2:30 a. m., and Field
transporting a suitcase, he escaped
arrest. "Give us more owl cars when
trains are late," he suggests.

If you don't think Grace Lee can
cook, ask about the pancakes at break-
fast during vacation, or notice how
the boys smile reminiscently at the
word Mmmmm—with syrup on them.

We are glad to report that Mr.
Krick has returned to us, warm and
kindly as ever, unaffected by the
freeze-up.

The Wood girls went home for their
vacation and skated and skated and
skated, while "Jo" Hagberg had to
stay, and says she didn't skate and
didn't skate and didn't skate.

Twila Nixon spent Christmas at
Dorothy Koeppen's home in New
York, which is reported to be a thriv-
ing New England town near the
Statue of Liberty.

Taken all together, the girls of South
Hall have gained nearly a ton since
the beginning of the school year.
That speaks well for the food at W.
M. C.

Helen Krum, who is a graduate
nurse, went on a case during the vaca-
tion.

Some old friends were seen about
the campus during the church school
teachers' institute, just after vacation.

Ben Miller has changed his abode
from North Hall to West Cottage,
to facilitate his work at the San.

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