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### Editorial

This week and next we print the annual report of the President of Union College, knowing that the patrons and old students of the College will be deeply interested in its progress. All will be glad to note that, in spite of the fact that scores of schools are now in operation in the field which Union College occupied alone at its beginning, the attendance is back to its old mark, the present enrolment being next to the highest in the history of the College.

### THE LATIN SCHOOL FUND

This week we have received from the Treasurer of the General Conference the following acknowledgement of a check for \$100.00, the first installment on the apportionment of Union College for the Latin Union School Fund:—

"We are in receipt of yours of the 15th inst., enclosing check for \$100.00 to apply on the amount you are endeavoring to raise in behalf of the Latin Union Training School. We herewith hand you our formal receipt for the same. I think Union College has done well in this matter, and the students deserve much well-merited commendation for their liberality."

The German Missionary Band is doing the best work for the Fund at present. This week they bring two more envelopes. Let all emulate their good example.

Envelope	Name	Amount
	Previously Reported	\$123.00
No. 185,	Calvin D. Walker,	1.00
No. 146,	Max Trummer,	1.00
No. 93,	G. L. Durham,	1.00
No. 189,	Effie Kiehnhoff,	1.00
No. 190,	German Mis. Band,	1.00
No. 191,	German Mis. Band,	1.00
Total		\$129.00

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF UNION COLLEGE TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR 1907-1908

TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF UNION COLLEGE: I have the honor to present herewith the seventeenth annual report of the President of Union College.

### Enrolment

The greatest enrolment of Union College was during its second year, 1892-1893. The total attendance that year was 607. At that time there was no other school of the denomination in the Mississippi Valley. The next year the enrolment was 552. Then came the financial panic of 1893, and following this three years of drought and hot winds, causing the enrolment to go down to three hundred or less. Thus it ran for a number of years. Four years ago, the enrolment was 332, the next year 375, last year 448. At present it is 560, which is the second highest enrolment in the history of the College. Formerly, when the College enjoyed a large patronage, we had North Hall, now occupied by the Sanitarium, to accommodate the pupils. Now there are forty-one ladies and sixty-eight gentlemen, or 109 Home students in all, rooming outside. These all board at the College. The number of boarders in the Home is about three hundred. There are thirty-five students working wholly for their board, and eighteen working partly for their board. Sixty students are boarding themselves. These three latter classes number 113.

Hence, there are altogether 222 non-resident students living outside the College Homes. The increase in attendance during the last three years is 218, or a sixty-five per cent increase over the enrolment of four years ago.

### The Financial Outlook

With an enrolment of 332 four years ago, the running expenses of the school were just about met with the income. But with an enrolment of 375, the next year, there

was a gain of about a thousand dollars. With 448, the gain was not quite three thousand dollars, after making improvements and necessary repairs amounting to nearly four thousand dollars.

### The Fire

If it had not been for the loss by the fire, the Business Manager had expected, with an enrolment of five hundred, to about free the College from debt the present year. The value of the buildings and machinery consumed by the fire is variously estimated at from twenty-five to thirty thousand dollars, with only six thousand dollars insurance. The cost of the new power house, including the laundry, is approximately \$7,300. The new building is not as large as the old. This fact should be kept in mind by those who do not think it wise to increase buildings at College View. The smoke stack was near the center of the old building. Now it is entirely outside. The present building does not cover more than half the ground of the old. The new building which is designed to protect the boilers and engine room and provide in front of the boilers a large room for coal, is only one story above the basement. Here the laundry is located. We have more floor space for a laundry than we had before, and a much better laundry in every way. It has been expected by our people that a call would be made for means with which to repair the damage caused by the fire. But after looking the situation all over, it has been thought that this is not necessary. The College will be able to meet the expense of the improvements above the insurance out of its regular earnings, so that no additional burden on account of the fire will be placed upon the people.

### The Intellectual Work

We will now pass to the intellectual work of the College. This is its strongest feature and has been for some years. If every other department of the College could stand as high as the College stands intel-

lectually before the world, we would have reason to be thankful indeed. There are over 110 classes in operation. Nineteen of these are Bible classes, with a membership of 350 students. When it is remembered that probably fifty students of the enrolment have dropped out during the year, that as many more are studying the Testimonies, Ministerial Training, and History of Missions—studies very closely akin to Bible studies,—and when it is further considered that no students are compelled to study the Bible, it will be seen that the 350 voluntary students of the Bible are a very large proportion indeed of the total enrolment of the school.

The following regular College courses take work beyond the high school or academic course: the Literary course of four years, the Scientific course of four years, the Ministerial course of two years, and the Advanced Normal course of two years. Then there is the regular Academic course of four years, from the 9th grade to the 12th. Western colleges generally have academies connected with them. Of the eight colleges in Nebraska, every one has its academy. In this respect, Union College does simply as the rest do. They are all obliged to offer academic work to prepare students for the regular college courses. Besides the foregoing courses, we have the Elementary Normal, closing with the 12th grade, and the Business and Shorthand courses of two years each, following the 10th grade. The School of Music has an enrolment of two hundred students, about fifty more than enrolled last year. This number does not include those taking singing in class or chorus work, but refers only to those who receive personal instruction upon the piano, the organ, or in voice culture.

Concerning the intellectual work, I would say further that the College has for years received full recognition at the University of Nebraska, so that from our grades, students are passed into advanced work. The College is recognized, also, by the Educational Department of New York. We frequently have calls from our students who go East to take courses in the medical colleges asking for a statement of their grades, and our certificates are generally honored. If we can bring our other departments up to the standard of the College in this respect, we shall have a College that will meet

the mind of the Lord, and will be an honor to the work of the denomination which it represents.

#### The Foreign Departments

The work of the foreign departments is especially interesting this year. The German Department has about the same enrolment as last year. Teachers and students are stimulated, however, by the efforts of the Danish and Swedish Departments, so that next year they declare they are going to have many more students than this year.

The Danish-Norwegian Department has sixty-three students. This is the largest enrolment the department has ever enjoyed. The Swedish Department also has its largest enrolment, forty-one. They have a new teacher, Professor Boden, who came the second term and is teaching three classes. The growth of the Swedish Department is remarkable. The first year it was twelve, last year it was thirty, this year it is already forty-one, or double that of last year.

#### The Industries

The industrial features of the school, as compared with the standard which has been before the denomination for thirty-five years, has always been below its privilege. The College was started wrong in this respect and has not gotten fully out of the rut. For years, everything it consumed was bought. Until the last two or three years, the school had no small fruits. Recently, there has been an increase in this respect, so that we now have many of the small fruits started. There are two acres of blackberries, one and one-half acres of strawberries, two and one-half acres of grapes, and one-half acre rhubarb and asparagus. A committee of the Faculty was appointed to consider the needs of our industries and to make recommendations to the Board, and this committee voted to request the Board to add to that which they already have another half acre of strawberries, three-fourths acre of blackberries, three acres of asparagus, an acre or two of peaches and plums, five acres of tomatoes, fifteen acres of alfalfa.

#### The Domestic Work

The domestic work consists of one hour's work each day from each of the Home students. This plan began when the College was founded, but it had been allowed to pass out

of use, and the College was hiring all its work. Four years ago it became a question whether to restore the domestic work or raise the tuition. The former plan was adopted, and it has been working well since that time. If the domestic work can be better organized and systematized it will be one of the best means we have for industrial training, embracing as it does work in the kitchen, serving room, dining room, laundry, lawn, and garden. We have a lady in charge of the laundry and this year the laundry work is so great that she has had to have an assistant all the time, but the rest of it is done by the students. If the students work more than an hour a day, the extra work is applied on their tuition.

Our other industries have been largely thrown out of use by the fire. We have a regular class in electrical and steam engineering, but with the burning of the building the time of the engineer was so occupied that he dismissed his class for a time. He has now resumed it. He has one room by the laundry, which is the work room for the engineer, and in that he holds his class. The rooms for the carpentry and blacksmith shops were destroyed. Our carpenter took four or five of the students and did the carpentry work upon the new building, but he dismissed his class while this was going on. We have a student in school who is a blacksmith, but there is no room for a class. The broom-making work has just been started. It was about to go into the vacant rooms of the old bakery when the building was destroyed by fire. At present the broom-maker is carrying on the work in one of the rooms of his home, and in a small building that was made for a shop. He has five boys working with him, and they are doing good work. We want our people to use and sell these brooms. They are better brooms than those usually found on the market. Our broom-maker employs the "Shaker process" of curing broom corn, which produces a very superior corn. In buying the broom corn we are using he went to the warehouse in Kansas City and picked out this corn. Corn is usually cured in the open and it is brittle. By our process it is cured under cover and comes out very tough. The Board has arranged for him to raise the broom corn next year. Every bit of it will be cured under cover by this

"Shaker process," so that these brooms, he declares, will out last the common brooms that are on the market two to one. We can sell them and pay freight at the regular wholesale prices of other brooms. If our people would form the habit of buying these brooms, the success of our broom industry would be assured.

The printing, as you know, is entirely out of a home. All of its stock and machinery was destroyed, and its business is now carried on by the International Publishing Association.

I have spoken of the advancement that has been made in our agricultural efforts the last year. It is the policy of the school to raise fruits and vegetables more extensively than formerly. In the past we have raised a great deal of corn, sometimes seventy-five or eighty acres. We believe that it is better to raise products that will give more work to the students and realize more from the land. We have an excellent farm, 107 acres, and probably twenty acres besides in village lots. If this department can be developed it will furnish an almost unlimited amount of work for students. The committee that I referred to have in their report to the Board the recommendation that a small canning industry be started in order to care for the products of the farm.

**The Religious Features**

The religious features of the school of course are the most important and I think it safe to say that the condition of the school in this respect is the best this year it has been for several years. Elder Luther Warren's meetings coming right at the beginning of the year, were a great blessing to the school. There were 212 baptisms, about seventy-five of which were among the students. Just how many conversions there were I am unable to say. I think that the best test of the religious conditions of the church, or of the school, is in the ordinances; and so I will speak of the celebration of the ordinances at the College View church. Because of the interest that was created by these meetings it was seen when we came to the first celebration of the ordinances that it would be impossible to accommodate the school and the church together at one time. Hence it was arranged to have the ordinances for the church and for the school separate. At the last quarterly meeting the arrangements were con-

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tinued. We have a German church organized, so that they had their ordinances by themselves. Probably with the German students and the German church together there were a hundred engaged in the ordinances there. So with the Scandinavians. They had their ordinances by themselves in the forenoon, and there were at least a hundred in that company. Then the church had their ordinances in the main building by themselves. On the following Sabbath afternoon the English students and teachers had their ordinances. There were about two hundred present at that time, so that when they were seated in alternate seats they just filled the audience room. This is vastly different from what it has ever before been. In the past there were comparatively few young people and students and not all of the teachers, but on this occasion almost every teacher was present. We thought we would have a little social meeting at the beginning of the ordinances to last about ten or fifteen minutes, but after a few moments the response was so spontaneous that we separated the meeting into two parts and let it run for twenty minutes. Almost every one of the two hundred took part in the meeting. I think that the meeting of the ordinances is the best index of the spiritual conditions of the school.

To be concluded

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College View, Nebraska

From the *Iowa Workers' Bulletin* we learn that Miss Alma Watts died at the home of her sister at McMinnville, Oregon, March 8. Miss Watts spent a part of the fall term in Union College, but on account of failing health went to Oregon.

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## News and Notes.

H. L. Stenberg has been laboring at Mitchell, S. Dak., during the past winter.

J. H. Schmidt has been released from his work in South Dakota to take up work in Chicago.

The Philalathean Society will give their closing program Saturday evening, April 4.

Prof. M. E. Kern returned to College View last Friday, after an absence of several weeks attending the Northern and Lake Union Conferences.

Elder E. G. Hayes, principal of the Elk Point Intermediate School, and a former student of Union College, is to make Kentucky his future field of labor.

Mr. A. V. Cotton, who spent one year in Union, and who has been laboring in the Iowa Conference since in school, will work in the Chesapeake Conference, being supported by the Iowa Conference.

At the recent session of the Northern Union Conference it was voted that Prof. Floyd Bralliar should be released as principal of the Stuart Industrial Academy to take up educational work in the South.

H. E. Reeder, one of our old Union College students, now the superintendent of the educational work in the Wyoming Conference, has been holding very successful meetings in Cheyenne and Deuel Counties, Nebraska.

C. L. Benson writes the MESSENGER as follows from Minneapolis: "I spent some very enjoyable days at Elk Point Academy recently, and had the privilege of attending the first musical recital the Academy has ever given. Miss Lewis has done commendable work, and those in charge of the school appreciate her services very highly. She has the confidence and good will of the students, and is a great help at the Academy."

Elder Butler conducted the young people's devotional meeting last Sabbath afternoon. He drew his lesson from Luke 10: 38-40, where we find the record of Christ's visit to the home of Martha and Mary. Mary sat at the feet of Jesus, but Martha was cumbered about much serving. As students, we are apt to be cumbered by our much work and study, and neglect to choose "that good part, which shall not be taken away." A large number of those present expressed appreciation of the lesson, and their determination to carry it out in their own lives.

Dr. David Olson, who has been spending the winter in Sweden, has returned and is spending a few days in College View.

Miss Ruth Jones, who has been teaching at Beaver City during the winter, has returned to her home in College View.

Elder L. F. Starr, former president of the Iowa Conference, has been elected president of the Chesapeake Conference.

Miss Pearle Preston, just finishing her stenographic course, has this week been called from Union College to assist in the correspondence work of the Pacific Press office, Kansas City, Mo.

The southern part of Mexico recently suffered another earthquake shock. Considerable damage was done in Mexico City and in other places; and several people were injured. Old Mother Earth is getting feeble, and it is no uncommon thing to hear of her shaking.

James Cochran, manager of the Pacific Press Publishing Co., Kansas City, Mo., writing for a stenographer says: "We have a tremendous business before us for this year, and are bringing into our office a good strong force so we can carry on our work in a business-like way."

Married, at Minneapolis, Minn., March 26, 1908, Wm. J. Maxson and Ella Louise Sturman. Both were formerly Union College students, and Mr. Maxson was printer in the office of the College Press. He is now foreman of the Northern Union Conference printing office.

I enclose an order herewith for \$1.40. One dollar is for the Latin Union School Fund and the remainder is the balance due the J. C. Rogers maintenance fund. Kindly send my MESSENGER, which means so much to me, to Troy, Kans., where I will be after April 5.—Effie Kiehnhoff.

Before leaving College View I had intended to call at the MESSENGER office to pay my subscription, but was so busy that I could not, and it has not been so I could conveniently write since. But we do so much miss it and will send fifty cents to pay for it. Please change my address to Grenola, Kans.—Mrs. M. A. Black.

The students of Alfred University, N. Y., recently caused to be printed in the *Hornell Evening Tribune* the following tribute to our old friend and fellow teacher, Prof. C. B. Clark, formerly teacher of History for several years in Union College: "While it may be possible to fill the vacancy with equal literary attainments, to find a more zealous or indefatigable worker, a more sincere or devoted Christian sympathizer with or adviser to the students will be impossible. Always wise and cool, his judgment is much relied upon. The moral influence which has gone out from his department has carried power in all directions, especially in the village of Alfred, while the masterly manner in which he handles his subjects shows a depth of research and investigation which is the comment of all who come in contact with it and an inspiration to every student. He resigns to accept a call to a college presidency in West Virginia which college is much to be congratulated. Our loss is their gain."

Mrs. J. H. Wheeler, who has been in College View for several weeks, has returned to her home at Crawford, Nebr. She was accompanied by her little daughter Gladys.

Miss Celia Tichenor, who was in school during the fall term, and who has been teaching at Curtis, Nebr., during the winter term, has returned to College View.

The Seniors are still holding solemn sessions every week. Innocent people who accidentally run in upon them are always welcomed by an urgent invitation from the Sergeant at Arms to retire at once.

Elder W. H. Armstrong and Miss Gertrude Uhri were united in marriage at the home of Wm. Rahn, Spartanburg, S. C., February 26. They will make their home in Columbia, S. C., for the present. Miss Uhri was formerly a Union College student.

Several Union College students attended the debate at Cotner University last Thursday night between students of Cotner University and Bellevue College on the subject of Federal Control of Corporations doing inter-state business. They expressed themselves well pleased with the visit and the cordial reception they received.

A letter from Prof. M. E. Kern says, "I visited Maple Plain Academy and find they have a very nice school and an excellent class of students. I told them that was the best place in the world for them, and I have encouraged the brethren to strengthen their academies and make them the very best schools they can possibly have, doing the grade of work they do."

Prof. G. W. Ritchie, of Omaha, Nebr., gave an elocutionary lecture and entertainment in the College Chapel last Sunday evening, which was pronounced by many, one of the best ever rendered in the chapel. It was instructive, entertaining, pure, and uplifting. His presentation of the Delsartain principle of expression was especially fine. We shall be glad to have Professor Ritchie come again.

Friends of the Class of 1907 will be interested to read the following items concerning the present location and work of its members: J. H. Anderson, Winchester, Mass., and Adolph Johnson, Takoma, Wash., are in ministerial work in their respective conferences. Mrs. Vera Wallace Nethery, Bozeman, Mont., Irma E. Lewis, Elk Point, S. Dak., and Ada J. Madison, Wisner, Nebr., are spending a successful year as music teachers, the first two in Academies, the last as a private teacher. Matilda Erickson is engaged in the Young People's work as Secretary of the General Conference Department, at present in College View. W. A. Yarnell, Fresno, Calif., J. F. Simon, Harvey, No. Dak., Henry Willers, Bowdle, So. Dak., and H. U. Stevens, College View, Nebr., are teaching. Winnie Pauline Hunt is Sabbath-school Secretary of the Nebraska Conference and is located at Hastings, Nebr. Gladys E. Shufelt has dropped her work at the Colorado University and is now at home on the farm near Boulder. Adam Schmidt, Edith Shively, and Aural Jordan are in Union College, making further preparations for service. Robert Reimche is pursuing the medical course at the University of Nebraska.