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Who mak'st the rolling worlds and peoplest  
them with creatures—Who watchest the  
sparrow's fall, And shap'st the fate of  
nations—Hear us, we beseech Thee! Bend  
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## When America First Gave Thanks

T. M. BEEM

IT was an Autumn day of 1621 at Plymouth that four men set out on a hunting expedition. This was a special commission commanded by the governor, and its purpose was to obtain wild game for a feast of thanksgiving to the Mighty God for the blessings of the year just past.

On December 21st of the preceding year these men in company with ninety-eight other persons had landed at Plymouth; all told, a company of one hundred and two people who had hazarded a transatlantic trip in the Mayflower. These pilgrims had left England in quest of a home in a far-off land where the fierce hand of religious oppression could not seek them out. There had been exchanged for all the joys of comfortable homes and loving friends, the bleak, stormy, and homeless shores of New England's rocky coast. But the dauntless courage that had gripped the hearts of the Colonists was sufficient to carry them through the hardships of that first winter and conquer the barrenness of the land so that when another winter told of its approach, there were to be seen seven warm and comfortable log cabins; and safely stored away were the harvests which would be sufficient to carry the Colonists through the rigors of their second winter until the coming of

spring. Friends had been made among the Indians who taught them to plant corn and fertilize the soil. The pilgrims had become adjusted to the new life, the favor of God had been shown them.

With hearts full of gratitude to God, some way of openly expressing their thanks must be shown. Since time immemorial a feast had been the chosen means of honoring God; and now with all the enthusiasm and zeal born of a high purpose, preparations were made for such a feast that would not only imply to God their love for Him, but also one which would be long remembered. Accordingly, the Colonists had bid their friends, the Indians to share with them this feast of rejoicing, and they were honored by the presence of the biggest of all the chiefs, King Massasoit.

There is an old account of the occasion which may still be read in a letter written by Edward Winslow, one of the company, which was dated December 11, 1621, and which was directed to a friend in England: "You may understand that in the time the few of us have been here we have built seven dwelling houses, and four for the use of the plantation and have made preparations for divers others. We set the last spring some twenty acres of Indian corn and sowed some six

acres of barley and peas, and, according to the manner of the Indians, we manured our ground with herrings or rather shads, which we have in great abundance and take with great ease at our doors.

"Our corn did prove well; and God be thanked we have a good increase of Indian corn, and our barley indifferent good, but our peas not worth the gathering, for we feared they were too late down. They came up well and blossomed; but the sun parched them in the blossom.

"Our harvest being gotten in, our Governor sent four men fowling, so that we might after a special manner rejoice together after we had gathered the fruit of our labors. They four in one day killed as many fowl as, with a little help beside, served the company almost a week, at which time amongst other recreations, we exercised our arms, many of the Indians coming amongst us, and among the rest, their greatest king, Massasoit, with some ninety men whom for three days we entertained and feasted; and they went out and killed five deer which they brought to the plantation and bestowed on our governor, and on the captain and the others.

"And altho it is not always so plentiful as it was at this time with us, yet by the goodness of God, we are so far from want that we wish you partakers of our plenty."

It was a wonderful dinner. The stalwart, majestic Indian chieftain at the head of the board with Governor Bradford, and down the festal table ranged the ninety braves with their white hosts headed by Captain Standish. Back and forth from the ovens to the merry throng went Priscilla with the

kitchen brigade bringing those things which made glad the heart. Never had the natives beheld such a sight, wild turkeys, geese, ducks, waterfowl, besides codfish, clams and oysters; there were barley loaves, cornbreads, salad, fruits, and many kinds of pastries. And for fear there might not be enough—the old king sent out five braves on a longer hunt and who brought back five deer. Some were barbecued, and of the rest there were venisons, stews, roasts and steaks. And between feasts there were games between Colonists and Indians.

Years passed, lean ones among the fat ones. Wars broke out between the Indians and Colonists, and the ravages of warfare had its toll; crops were burned and cattle were driven away. And at these times the people had no heart for feasting. From time to time local celebrations were held, but it was not until the end of the next century that there was issued the first Presidential proclamation setting aside the day of thanks, but even then its observance was limited to the Northern states. In the South, the day was practically unknown even as late as 1855, when the Governor of Virginia urged the state's legislature to recognize the holiday. The Civil War temporarily stopped the observance, but in 1864, President Lincoln issued a proclamation setting aside the fourth Thursday in November as a National day of Thanksgiving. And now throughout the whole land a special message to this effect is issued every year from the White House, asking the people to take this day in which the whole nation as one unit may render thanks to Almighty God for His blessings and mercies of the past year.

# LITERARY DEPARTMENT

## I Love the Name of "Me"

MERLE SILLOWAY

"EVERY ONE is selfish but me and thee, and sometimes I think thee a little selfish." Yes, everyone from Satan down to me, including the students of W. M. C., is inclined to be self-centered, self-conscious, self-satisfied, self-willed, self-contented, and any other kind of self as long as it is myself.

The average student does not have the fortunate advantage of expanding into the realm of myself, my wife, my son John and his wife, we four and no more. The selfish student deals solely with himself. He leaves home and friends and comes to school alone, and devotes his entire time to educating, feeding, and entertaining himself.

How his roommate detests him! He takes up only one-half the bed, but that is the middle. He has to be called in the morning in order to get to his class on time. He monopolizes all the space in front of the mirror and refuses to be moved even if the breakfast bell is ringing. He borrows his roommate's cream, soap, tie, and powder; and last of all, his meal ticket. He pushes and crowds to the front of the line to be served. He grumbles as he chooses the best dishes and argues with the one who checks the price of his food. He greedily eats his meals in silence and

haste, forgetting to smile and say "Good Morning" to the homesick individual beside him. When he has finished his meal he stacks his dishes settles back in his chair, and resigns himself to waiting for the other members of the table. Being excused he rushes to his room, secures his books from under the bed and table where he threw them the night before, and hurries to school, leaving the room work for his roommate to do.

With that disregard for others' feelings which characterizes the selfish one, he borrows paper from his seat mate in class, and begs a pencil from the one in front of him in order to write his assignment. He whispers to the one back of him as that disturbed person is trying to take some rapid dictation from the teacher. The instructor wonders why Number one hasn't his lesson. "I was sick last night," answers the selfish student. But his room mate afterwards was heard to say, that he went to sleep as he studied the sport section of the newspaper.

In chapel he borrows a book from a classmate, and with that pencil which he forgot to return, he takes elaborate notes and heavily underlines important words in the book, all in preparation of that class which meets directly after

chapel. The president is speaking of co-operation, of getting into the game and working together. He tells the students not to selfishly stand aside and criticize others, but to lose sight of self in the united effort of the whole school. But our student studies on while the rest of the students listen respectfully. He is too busy to listen. He has lessons to get. He is not interested in that speech. He is proving to the entire school that he is a student with not a moment to lose from his lessons.

With a preoccupied air he arrives in the classroom and informs his classmates that he has his lesson and that he studied it only in chapel. But when the teacher asks him a question, he can scarcely reply for his attention is fixed on the book from which he is studying the lesson for the following class.

Released from that taxing mental exertion of learning and reciting two

lessons at the same time, he goes for a little recreation to the library. He finds it, much to the annoyance of the librarian, and the students. After causing a general confusion, he sneaks off in the tumult with an unrecorded collateral reading book for the class three days in advance.

In the study period he spends his time visiting friends. They politely try to look interested as they listen to glowing accounts of some late exploit, yet all the while they are frantically trying to memorize the circumstances of the fall of the Bastille, and the Tennis Court Oath. The lights wink. He arrives in his room just in time to distribute his apparel over the floor in such a way that he at last falls over his shoes in the darkness and into the bed onto his sleeping roommate. With a sigh of content he rolls himself up in all of the blankets and falls asleep to dream of the day when he shall be made President of the United States.

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## Few and Far Between

RECOGNIZING that it is in order to express one's thankfulness during this season of the year and particularly at this specific time, I feel that it is perfectly proper for me to write a few lines of appreciation for a certain type of student who is sometimes found in our midst. It was my intention to brand this student by the word "cosmopolitan", but inasmuch as I am not quite sure about the true meaning of that word (my dictionary is a small, inadequate one and it is two blocks to the library) the best thing for me to do will be to

describe briefly, if possible, this individual under consideration.

This student has a very democratic spirit. He seems to have the time to speak to every one. He manifests an interest in the hobbies of others. The most insignificant individual on the campus is the recipient of the same greetings and courtesies from him as are shown toward the members of the faculty. It is not his intention to convey the impression to others that he is an honored member of some caste, clan, or clique. He makes it his business to be all things to all men. This per-

son singles out those who are little noticed by the majority of people and tries to brighten their way. He inquires as to their progress, and their problems. Such thoughtfulness is especially appreciated by students who come to us from other countries. It is very gratifying to see him converse with one who is just beginning to learn our mother tongue. He appropriates his tongue, his hands, and his feet in his effort to be understood. Transport yourself in your imagination, reader, to Spain or to Japan. There you are a stranger in an uncommon environment. Would you not appreciate a kindly interest shown by some one? Would you not esteem some one's effort in making you feel welcome? A friendly chat, even though your speaking knowledge of the language be ever so limited, would bring to you unspeakable joy and genuine satisfaction. Dislodge your mind from its imagining, now. Do you feel like spending a minute or two once in a while

making our comrades from across the seas feel like their presence is appreciated? Why not lend them a hand of help as well as welcome? The student we have under consideration does. The real pleasure which such an interest in others brings will well repay one for the little effort. At least, this is how the big-hearted type of student, of whom I am speaking, feels. It seems part of this student's duty to live for others. Suppose once in a while his efforts are not fully appreciated? That makes no difference, for "When I'm not thank'd at all, I'm thank'd enough: I've done my duty, and I've done no more."

We need more students who are interested in others instead of being concerned about themselves. A Lend-a-Hand Club is needed, there being plenty of room for it to function. Let us be thankful for those who are already members.

HE GLAUX.

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## My Mother

EDMUNDE MILLER

IT is Thanksgiving again, but it is not hard to decide what we have to be especially thankful for. Unconsciously, we have been making up our minds every day since this time last year. Our decision is in favor of Dad's sweetheart, and that is Mother.

Mother converts a house into a home; an Eden; a place we all like to be, for "be it ever so humble, there's no place like home." There is a happiness that comes from spending an evening with the folks. When we are absent, we are

homesick. If it is mother who is away, we grow restless; things do not run smoothly. What could home be without her?

Mother is an inspiration. If you are attacked by the blues, her presence is a sure cure. Do you build magnificent air castles? Let her build them with you. She will add luster to their structure. She knows that he who shirks duty displeasing to him, will be shunned by the success he desires. She helps you to see the path of duty that will

lead into your fairy castles. She believes in you; and because you realize that she does, you are stronger to try.

Mother is sympathetic. When you are downhearted, when it seems that the fates are against you, when you have done your best, and apparently failed, she cares. Her heart is open to *you* no matter how many brothers and sisters you may have. Your hurt is her hurt. She will console you, encourage you, and point you to Him. Her quiet strength of character and her trust in Him bring peace to your troubled heart—a little of that "peace that passeth all understanding."

Many men that the world points out as being self made, are home made

which means mother made. Great men have been glad to honor their mothers. And why should they not? Their mothers have been happy and sorrowful with them. It is recorded of the mother of Jesus that she "kept all these sayings in her heart." While on the cross, Jesus thought of her: "Then saith He unto that disciple, Behold thy mother." And He is our example.

Paraphrasing a passage from Carlyle's "Reminiscences": "Mother, quiet, cheerful, genial; soul unruffled, clear as a mirror; honestly loving and loved, all around; her voice is one of blessedness and new hope. She will not hear of my gloomy prognostications. Noble Mother! generous, wise, beneficent. Beyond all others she is helpful to me when I most need help."

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### A THANKSGIVING

Lord for the erring thought,  
Not unto evil wrought;  
Lord, for the wicked will  
Betrayed and baffled still;  
For the heart from itself kept:  
Our Thanksgiving accept!

For ignorant hopes that were  
Broken to our blind prayer;  
For pain, death, sorrow-sent  
Unto our chastisement;  
For all loss of seeming good;  
Quicken our gratitude.

WILLIAM DEAN HOWELLS.

# MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

## Gathering the Sinews of War

L. E. DEAN

**M**ISSIONARY as truly as military warfare requires financial aid for its propagation and advancement. And it seems that the annual Harvest Ingathering Campaign has become a permanent and dependable factor in the gathering of these needed funds. This year as in other years W. M. C. has demonstrated its ability and loyalty in this particular field. The institution, from whence many have gone and many will yet go to the fields beyond, has shown that the spirit of the missionary is brooding over it, leading and directing its members in the work which they are to do and preceding them in it. In bringing in the sheaves for the fold they hope to be as successful as they have been in bringing in the shekels of gold.

With a membership of about 300, they have succeeded in a two days' campaign in bringing in over \$1,700.

On the morning of the first day set for the campaign at the College, the clouds gathered and lowered for an all-day rain. The work was postponed to a day one week later. So with unabated zeal the clans rallied around their respective leaders Thursday morning, October 30th, and started out each accompanied by a member of the faculty.

Did we say "unabated zeal"? Yes and that is what was meant—for how could their enthusiasm lag after all the inspirational training, exhortation and encouragement given by experienced colporteurs, the president of the Students' Association, other members of the same body and the faculty?

And did we say it was all done in one or two days? Perhaps that was not quite right, for we had a week or two of preparation and training above referred to. Training is part of the business of this College. We may say it is *the* business of the College—and training along lines of missionary endeavor.

The injections of pep received at the Students' Association meetings might not appropriately be called by the name of the well-known dentifrice—Pepsodent but more appropriately Rep-o-do, for they inspired to do and were just as good cleansers, as evidenced by the emptiness of the dormitories on the days of the Campaign.

Thursday evening the first day of the Campaign, the amount reached was nearly \$800. The students were initiated and inspired but not satisfied, and there were talks of another day devoted to the same purpose. Some favored Sunday and others Monday. As a conse-

quence a number went out Sunday and had very good success, as people were ready to give something for church purposes. Sunday evening an impromptu bub<sup>l</sup>-ling-over meeting was held and Monday was set as another day for a general campaign. School work was suspended that the battle might be waged successfully.

There may have been a few into whose hearts the spirit was not sufficiently instilled or into whose epidermis the hypos o<sup>f</sup> pep-o-do were not sufficiently rubbed to affect their general circulation, or who had *good* reasons for not going out, but in general the school turned out *en masse* and any others perhaps received incentives enough so that they will be ready to go next time.

### Singers Gather in Mission Funds

THERE was music in the air when a band of "Harvest Ingathering Evangelists" jumped into the school truck, bedded with straw, and proceeded to a town twelve miles away, Friday night, November 7th. Armed with plenty of magazines and song-books—a new plan was on foot. We stationed ourselves on the street corners, there attracting the attention of passersby, by singing inspiring old Gospel Hymns. Two or three of the young men then approached the attentive listeners sound-

ing the "call" from beyond. There was a ready response and many were deeply impressed. Both resident and business districts were worked and surely the Lord blessed our efforts returning to us nearly \$20, in two hours' time.

### The Meetings at Colesville

A VERY interesting series of meetings is being held in the W. C. T. U. Hall at Colesville, a small town about seven miles from the College. This opening was secured through the help of Mr. George, the field secretary of the D. C. Conference.

A temperance service was held at this place on National Temperance Sunday. The hall was nearly filled on this occasion. The people were so well-pleased that they invited us to come on Wednesday evenings and teach them more of the great truths of Christianity. At this writing, the meetings are progressing most encouragingly. The usual attendance is between forty and fifty. These rural families seem eager to listen to the "old, old story."

Clyde Newmyer and the writer, who have been doing the speaking, wish to express their appreciation for the valuable assistance rendered them in these meetings by the following persons; Misses Cully, Cochran and Mason; Messrs. Kraft, Jester, and Simpkins.

H. EMORY WAGNER.



# COLLEGE FORUM

## In Memoriam

ILO MAY GANT, the subject of this sketch, was born at Clear Lake, Oklahoma, October 28, 1898. She died November 17, 1919.

Her early life was spent in Oklahoma, where she attended the public schools of her native town. In 1907 she accompanied her parents and brothers and sisters in their removal to Blaine, Colorado. Here she completed the grammar grades of public school, and in 1915, at the age of seventeen, she entered school at Campion Academy, from which she graduated four years later.

Sister Gant was baptized at the age of ten years, in 1908, and united with the Seventh-day Adventist church. Her service in the Christian life was a whole-hearted one. At an early age she desired to fit herself for a life of usefulness, and improved every opportunity to secure a preparation to this end. One summer was spent in Colorado in the sale of our literature. Upon leaving that State last spring she went to Georgia, where she again engaged in the sale of our publications, earning a scholarship whereby she could attend Washington Missionary College.

Her earnest efforts in this work undoubtedly had much to do with depleting her strength, thus making her a ready prey to the disease which robbed her of life. She entered the College at the opening of the present school year with bright anticipations for the year's work, thoroughly enjoying the advantages this larger opportunity afforded her, little realizing that in less than three weeks she was to be laid low by a malady which eventually cut short her life's hopes. She was taken sick October 8, enduring five long weeks of suffering, resulting in her death in the early morning of November 17.

During her sickness she received every possible care in the way of skilled medical attendance and efficient nursing. No greater devotion was ever shown to a sacred trust than was exhibited by Doctor Hopkins and the faithful nurses who ministered to her needs. Everything that could be done by the loving, loyal hearts of her brothers and sisters was gladly performed. Special intercession at different times joined with the general intercession which arose day by day from the faculty and student body for her restoration. It seemed at times that she would be able to rally, but evidently the loving Father, in whose arms she rested and whom she implicitly trusted in all her Christian experience, willed it otherwise.

Worn out and exhausted by her long combat with disease she quietly sank into that sleep which will be broken only by the voice of the Lifegiver at the coming of the Lord. Cut down in the morning of her life, she leaves to her friends an inspiring example of consecration to God and to His service.

In giving up our fellow-student, the Students' Association feels its loss and joins with the bereaved ones in their grief. And we, with them, take comfort in the hope that the time when our bonds of love shall be united never to be broken, shall soon be realized.

She leaves of her immediate relatives a father, mother, two brothers, and three sisters.

**O**FTEN we hear someone unconsciously remark that he is thankful. I say unconsciously because I believe that the speaker does not realize his thankfulness. If he does no one else believes it or there certainly isn't anything about his appearance or attitude to indicate thankfulness. A thankful person should be just bubbling over with happiness and enthusiasm. He should never think of uttering a discouraging word or making a critical remark. His face should always wear one of those broad smiles of which we hear so much.

I doubt whether some people are ever thankful (judging from external observation). Perhaps their thankfulness is subjective. However, it may be they enjoy it all by themselves. Fortunately W. M. C. has but few of these. Yes very few, so few that they are not even noticeable. I claim that every student of Washington Missionary College who is not shouting the praises of W. M. C. this Thanksgiving is not only ungrateful, but disloyal.

I am thankful and proud to be a student of a school which faces such a bright future, which has made such rapid progress, and which stands foremost among our leading schools. I am most grateful for our lively Students' Association, our prosperous Harvest Ingathering Campaign. Our wide awake and enthusiastic study body, and hence school spirit. Oh yes, and a host of other things.

Let us at this Thanksgiving time sing forth the praises of our College so loudly that onlookers will be compelled to give us at least a passing glance.

Alice MILLER.

**H**OW quickly a year passes by! One can scarcely realize that a year and a few days ago, we were engaged in the bitterest struggle into which man had ever been.

Last Thanksgiving Day we were thankful that God had preserved us, and had brought the conflict between the nations of the world to an end. Yet there was a tint of sadness in the joy, because of those who had sacrificed their all, and they must wait in pain until the broken bonds of friendship and home-ties would heal.

So, as Thanksgiving comes around once more, even though the winds of strife have not entirely subsided, I am thankful that God has brought so many of us to the doors of our Alma Mater, where we may learn more about God's great purpose and become co-workers of Christ.

I am also than'ful for the comradeship of my fellow students, who help so much to make school worth while. This co-operation adds much to the zest of that growing "College Spirit", within our College halls, so we may look forward to a crowning year in W. M. C.

W. L. PLACE.

**O**NE thing for which it is easy for me to be thankful is that we have such a well-organized College paper through which the student body can exchange its ideas with the outside world. Another thing I am always thankful for is that we have such a capable body of teachers that is always so thoughtful in giving examinations.

W. T. BOWEN.

**T**HANKSGIVING! What does that mean to me? It means I stop for a while and recount my blessings; and in so doing my mind slips from the present in search of the thing in all the world for which I am most thankful. It takes me back to the old fireside, and there I see mother; and as I see her, there comes a thrill of joy, then tears, and memories grip me till I can not come back until they have taken full play.

It was mother who taught us our first step who was the very beginning of our vocabulary—"Mama." Nothing was too small to demand her attention—a broken heart, a broken toy, a bruised finger, or an untied shoe. It was she who was the heroine of all our calamities, the comforter of all our sorrows.

Then she was our companion as she taught us to play, and late to work. And unconsciously, it has been these very little tasks which she then gave us to do—and which she might have done in half the time—that have helped us more than anything else to fill our place in life and bear its responsibilities.

Then, there is her Godly Christian life and her bedside prayers. We remember these in a way which seems woven into our very existence. Thus it is to her we give credit for our Christian inclinations and not to the power and eloquence of some mighty preacher. We thank her that she taught us to obey, for this too has smoothed down many a roughness in life.

And so, it is for these influences of this Christian mother of mine to which I dedicate my Thanksgiving. And while many of us have passed from these immediate influences of mother, yet, she has hewn the stone and laid

the foundation. So may we erect on it the monument of life which will ever be a monument of thanksgiving for her and for us.

KENNETH L. GANT.

**I** AM thankful to be associated with my fellow-students at a time when the indescribable College Spirit has gained possession of us all, and we can see a greater College not in word only, but in actuality. Greater and better things are in store for us, and through the help of God we will get them. My conviction is that Thanksgiving Day will bring the greatest blessing in the history of W. M. C. because of the successful campaigns in behalf of the Harvest Ingathering, the SLIGONIAN, Library, etc.

IRWIN BUTCHER.

Thankful! Indeed, how can one help but be thankful these days when God is showing His power in such a marked manner. Especially ought the students of W. M. C. to be thankful for this school year. I am grateful for the splendid spirit that exists both among the faculty and the students; for a God-fearing president and devoted teachers. Washington Missionary College is surrounded with an atmosphere in which it is pleasant to live. There is an earnestness and an unselfish spirit that prevails. This has already given results for prayers have been definitely answered this year and much success has attended the missionary efforts put forth by the College.

There is a reason for this; God is with this work and His workers are responding; "If God be for us, who can be against us?"

G HANSEN.

**H**AVING carefully analyzed my state of felicity and passed by the commodities of life, for which all are grateful, my praises cluster around the joys and opportunities of student life, friendship and all that it means to us. Friendships which turn our woes and sighs into a hearty laugh, which make us feel we are masters of the world and inspire within a determination to live a pure and noble life, a life devoted to the uplift of mankind.

WILLIS A. VAN VOOHRIS.

**I** AM thankful that God has given me a willing heart to trust and follow him. I cannot think of the past four years which I have spent at W. M. C. without a feeling of thanksgiving for the advantages and privileges I have had of a Christian education. These four years have broadened my mind; established my faith; made firm the foundation of the hope that is within me; given me a peace that passeth all understanding; and magnified my desire to live and proclaim this message to all the world in this generation. For these blessings and aspirations I am truly thankful to God. Although there are many things to be grateful for, I am especially thankful, just now, for the wonderful spirit of devotion and loyalty manifested by the students of W. M. C.

H. L. SHULL.

#### ALUMNI, ATTENTION

**W**E want to have a thoroughly enjoyable Alumni Department this year, and you all know exactly how we may have it. We are

depending on each of you to remember dear old W. M. C. and *us* with a letter or two this year.

Now please don't wait for a personal invitation to contribute to the SLIGONIAN, but remember we are anxious to know where you are and what you are doing. We have scanned the Alumni Directory dozens of times, wishing in vain that we could conjure up news of you. And every name reminds us that "thereby hangs a tale."

Aren't you just "homesick" for news of your class? We are—speaking for 1919—and every time we meet a stray classmate, we inquire eagerly for news of the others. Already requests are coming in for a Class-of-1919 roll call in the SLIGONIAN.

And so must the classes feel which have preceded us. Therefore alumni, whether you are in China or in the District of Columbia, sit down and write us all a letter, or address one to your own class if you wish (but we'll all read it!), and thereby you will afford much pleasure to your wide circle of friends and classmates with whom individual correspondence is impossible.

Send us articles of general interest, also informal essays, poetry, etc. Let's be close rivals of the literary department.

The main thing is we must keep in touch with one another this year, and in the years to come; for we shall lose a great thing from our lives—precious stones from the rich mosaic of our school life—if "auld acquaintance be forgot."

G. G. M.

## ALUMNI WEDDINGS

## ESTEP—STEPHAN

MISS MARGARET ESTEP, graduate in pianoforte (1917) was married in May to Mr. Henry C. Stephan of this city. Mr. Stephan is an able violinist and a member of the United States Marine Band. Mr. and Mrs. Stephan are living at 531 Fourteenth Street, S. E.

## SILBER—CORDER

MR. RAY CORDER, treasurer of the Class of 1919, was married in June to Miss Emma Silber of Cincinnati. Mr. and Mrs. Corder are living in Parkersburg, West Virginia, where Mr. Corder is engaged as conference home missionary secretary.

## IDEN—EDWARDS

ONE of the early autumn weddings was that of Miss Ella Iden (Class 1915) to Mr. Harry Edwards (Class 1919). Mr. and Mrs. Edwards left almost immediately for Tennessee where Mr. Edwards had accepted the principalship of the Graysville Academy. Mrs. Edwards is preceptress and instructor in English.

## KIMBALL—KUPJIAN

MR. HAIG KUPJIAN is another member of the Class of 1919 for whom the wedding bells rang gaily out. Mr.

Kupjian's bride was Miss Mildred Kimble, well known to the older students of S. L. A.

## ALUMNI NOTES

MR. HAROLD RICHARDS, president of the senior class of last year, has been following his chosen profession—or calling—in Canada since graduation time. We have heard good reports concerning his evangelistic work, and he seems thoroughly to enjoy service among the Canadian people. In a letter to Mr. Kenneth Gant, he says:

WE have to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Max Trummer (Class 1919) on the arrival of Baby Sara Augusta on October 10th.

MISS MARTHA FRAUSTEIN (1919) is employed in the General Conference office at secretarial work.

MR. CHARLES FISHER is studying dormitory life from a new angle this year. He is preceptor of Fernwood Academy (N. Y.).

MR. MERTON BAKER (1918), who has been in medical school at George Washington for the past year, is taking his sophomore year at Lorain Linda.

# The American Legion

HARRY H. MORSE

**M**OST of the boys who served under the flag at home or abroad during the war are back at their respective lines of work. About fifteen are attending College and as many more have resumed their vocational duties at the sanitarium, and Review and Herald, after nearly two years' absence in the service of their country.

A few weeks after the opening of school a meeting was held in Columbia Hall of all ex-service men for the purpose of organizing a Post of the American Legion. As a result of two meetings about twenty-five ex-soldier boys signed membership cards. The Post was named the Glenn Stevens Post in honor of our schoolmate and alumnus, Glenn Stevens, who died in service. Dr. John W. Field and Mr. Harold Mayer were elected by ballot to fill the positions of Commander and Secretary-Treasurer, respectively.

At a recent Post meeting committees were appointed on constitution, plans, and extension. Steps were taken to have the organization expand to its fullest capacity, organizing sub-corresponding posts where numbers are too few to organize a regular Post. In this way it is felt the Glenn Stevens Post will fully represent the loyalty of our ex-soldiers to our government.

To realize this end a declaration of principles was drafted by Dr. Field and presented to the Post. It is now being carefully considered and its general principles will be adopted as a platform. This declaration of principles is as follows:

"The world situation today holds the attention and awakens the anxiety of everyone. Unrest is prevalent. The foundations and bonds of society are unstabilized. Law, order, and the general welfare are in conflict with personal and organized interests. The spirit of co-operation and social consciousness, upon which the interrelated network of modern civilization rests, seem undermined and endangered.

"With these and many other perplexing and critical elements reconstruction must deal. Reconstruction must also vitalize and stabilize the old bonds and foundations of society.

"Believing that our effort in influencing the directing of this reconstruction is as vital to our nation and is as much a patriotic privilege and duty as was our service in time of war, we, charter members of the Glenn Stevens Post of the American Legion, have formulated and by our signatures here affixed declare our firm allegiance to the following declaration of principles:

"1. We will be loyal to our country, rendering faithful and absolute obedience in everything which does not conflict with the higher law of conscience.

"We will foster the spirit of patriotism by observing the usual courtesy and homage given to our flag and to our national anthem.

"As fully as lies in our effort and influence we will encourage others to render the same courtesy and homage.

"2. We will render full homage and loyalty to the principles upon which our government was founded. America

marked a new and wonderful world era in freedom and government.

"We will be loyal to the principles of Liberty, Equality, Fraternity, Religious Freedom, and Democracy.

"3. We stand for one hundred per cent Americanism and will foster the American spirit. Loyalty to America above all other nations must be the full-hearted expression of devotion which comes from every one who enjoys the privileges and blessings of our American institutions.

"4. We will be loyal to law, order and government. We will lend our full efforts and influence to the stabilizing of government, the maintenance of order, and the strengthening of the bonds of society.

"We will unite all of our energies against all forces which tend to hamper or disrupt our government as now constituted. Bolshevism and Bolshevistic tendencies and influences of all kinds must be checked and crushed.

"5. We stand squarely against class

warfare and for co-operation between Capital and Labor. Strikes, lockouts, and increased wages give no finality of settlement. They constitute an ever-revolving unstabilized cycle of forces which engender avarice, strife, and instability.

"A co-operative, profit-sharing plan between Capital and Labor has proved itself the most satisfactory settlement.

"6. We will foster a spirit of co-operation, a feeling of solidarity, and a development of social consciousness. Without these fundamental factors our complicated, interrelated civilization will disintegrate.

"7. We will foster a spirit of comradeship among service men. We have served in a common cause, but our work is not done. We will regard our civilian activities as an opportunity to serve our country equally as important. To this end we will adhere to the above principles and consciously exert all of our influence to the stabilization of our government."



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## A Grain of Truth

WHEN the announcement of a holiday for Thanksgiving is made in chapel and the ripples of applause have ceased, the students' thoughts leave home. One resolves to read all that weary history assignment during this holiday and thereby place himself at ease for a time. Another will take this first time of peace since school began to collect his thoughts and arrange them on paper in such a way that it will not be necessary to clear his throat in answering present to his name at roll-call of his next English class, yet another

plans to work all day and celebrate his Thanksgiving in the evening over the thought of the added half-shekel to his wealth. The next is going to —??, but what's the use, we'll be getting personal at this rate.

Do not lose time reasoning upon either of the above principles. They are proven failures. If back work is piled up, let it be back work until after Thanksgiving. Remember it is your duty to pause this once and join your fellows in giving thanks that you're still on the Job of Life.

## NEWS ITEMS

### **\$2,000, W. M. C. Harvest Ingathering Goal**

"TWO thousand dollars for missions!" It looked like a mountain two thousand feet in height, but the faculty and students of W. M. C. set themselves to raise that sum in the Harvest Ingathering campaign that is now on.

On October 30th, faculty and students, armed to the teeth with courage and Harvest Ingathering Magazines made a drive on the city of Washington. Splendid success was achieved, and all were so enthusiastic that it was agreed to renew the charge on November 3d.

Friday evening, October 31st, was indeed an occasion for a praise service at W. M. C., for had not the students experienced a successful day with the Harvest Ingathering? Elder Daniels' talk filled with encouragement and timely counsel, was especially fitting for the evening. Each student was inspired with a new zeal and a stronger determination to deny self and be a blessing to others.

Washington Missionary College is proud of her middle name. The reason is obvious. Her children are attempting great things in all lines of missionary endeavor, and—they are reaching their goals. Proof follows: During the chapel period on the morning of November 4th, the mists of uncertainty were cleared away, and our hearts were filled with joy to overflowing, for we

found that we stood more than seven-teen hundred feet up the Harvest Ingathering mountain. At vespers, November 9th, we gathered in Columbia Hall to let the joyful sound echo round the world—W. M. C. has reached her goal and gone over the top!

### **Many Hear Dr. J. Campbell Morgan Speak**

THE members of the Pastoral Training Class and also many other students enjoyed hearing Dr. J. Campbell Morgan at the First Congregational Church in the city, Monday evening, November 3d. The subject, "The Bible and the Nation," was presented as only a man of Dr. Morgan's ability could present a subject. It was demonstrated that the civilization and welfare of the nation really depends very largely upon its faith in God and the Bible. The story of Great Britain, France, Germany, and our own country were cited as examples.

### **Music Society Organized**

THE music students of W. M. C. greatly appreciate the fact that a Music Society has been organized. The aim of this society is to create a love for classical music and to study the lives of great composers. A president, vice-president, secretary and a committee of three on entertainments have been chosen. This society is to meet monthly.

### Birthday Surprise

"VARIETY is the spice of life." This time the variety came in the form of a surprise for Mable Robbins. Thursday night, November 6th, twenty-five of her friends and classmates met at the home of Professor Sorenson at eight o'clock and then went in a body to the Robbins' home. Talk about being surprised! All she could say was "Well, come in for a few minutes." All accepted the invitation gladly, but stayed longer than the allotted "few minutes". Games were played which required exercise and knowledge. One of the latter sort was an "Automobile Romance" which brought out the frequently emphasized fact that "Fords" are not automobiles. Only one couple guessed all the questions asked in the game, the fortunate winners being Miss Ethel André and Mr. Albert Chaney. They were awarded the prize of a small tin Ford. It was suggested that they get the license at once! Refreshments, consisting of hot chocolate, pumpkin pie, and doughnuts were served.

### Elder Andross Speaks to Foreign Mission Band

ELDER ANDROSS met with the members of the Foreign Mission Band on Friday evening, October 24th, and gave a very interesting account of his recent trip through India. He told of the many beliefs of that vast land and exhibited several of the gods whom the heathen in their darkness bow down to. The "call" of India became more vivid and impressive to the listeners, and the desire was intensified to carry the light that is in Christ to that far country.

### South Lancaster Reunion

ONE sunny afternoon, forty-one young people who had been students or teachers at South Lancaster during the last four years, enjoyed a marshmallow roast on the Sligo. Afterwards in the gymnasium, an interesting program was given, consisting of games, a good march and speeches. Many interesting stories were told of the adventures of those days. Many of the secrets we had often curiously wondered about, were disclosed by the teachers, and perhaps the teachers received "light" from the statements of the students.

Refreshments of sandwiches, cocoa, and cake were served. The following message with best wishes was sent by Keith Burke, who was on his way to South Lancaster, "Come to W. M. C. to finish your college course. It's a good place to be." Signed, Forty-one students who love L. J. C. and W. M. C.

"TOASTED MARSHMALLOWS" was the general topic of interest, Saturday evening, November 8th, when a company of about two hundred students belonging to the Students' Association started forth in search of a suitable place for camp-fires. "Follow the leader" was the password—over the hills and down the valleys of Maryland, first crossing a brook on a "teetery" log, then braving the perils of a barbed wire fence. Many and varied were the games played and songs sung as the moonlight hours quickly passed. Every one can vouch—"There were no marshmallows left."

**Dr. Banks Lectures**

WHO said that Niagara Falls is one of the seven wonders of the world? We learned that it is not, Saturday evening, October 25th, when Dr. Edgar J. Banks, former United States Consul at Bagdad, private secretary of United States Minister to Turkey, and Professor of History at Robert's College, Constantinople, gave a lecture on "The Seven Wonders of the Ancient World." Sunday evening we heard another interesting lecture "Digging for Buried Cities in Babylonia." These lectures were greatly enjoyed by the students, who showed their interest by being present both evenings.

**The Sligonian Campaign**

THE 1919-20 SLIGONIAN campaign will go far, we hope, toward fulfilling our slogan of "the SLIGONIAN in the home of every Seventh-day Adventist young person in our constituency." Why shouldn't this be so? Immediately upon going over the top in the two-thousand dollar Harvest Ingathering Campaign the Students' Association launched the largest subscription campaign in the history of the SLIGONIAN.

One of the drawing features of the campaign is the Mid-Summer Special SLIGONIAN to be published in August and distributed before the opening of school. It is important that a Mid-Summer Special filled with the summer activities of the students, be sent to the homes, to the brothers and sisters, that they, too, may come to school and enjoy the privilege of preparing for service.

**Sabbath School**

THE College Sabbath school is making good progress this year. Better records have never been made before at the College. The most prominent and important feature is the daily study of the lesson, which is being faithfully carried out by about forty-seven students. Our financial goal is \$400, for the quarter, but we have high hopes of reaching the \$500 mark. By sacrifice and effort we are determined to do our part.

**Other Arm, Please**

SORE arms and good-for-nothing feelings have followed the work of Dr. Williams and his little "buzzo" campaign the last few days against typhoid fever. Nearly all the nurses, helpers and students of the institutions on the hill have felt the friendly sting of the little instrument which hurts a little to help a lot. Even Drs. Miller and Williams ceased their ordinary activities for a day or two on account of it.

**Elder Spicer Speaks to the Sligo Church**

THAT we appreciated the opportunity of hearing Elder Spicer tell of his tour through the Far East, was shown by the crowded chapel of Columbia Hall, on the two Sabbaths he spoke to us. The first Sabbath he told us of the great work in Australia, and Sabbath, November 8th, he made a strong appeal for workers in China.

W. M. C.—"The Pathway to the Mission Fields." Who'll tread this glorious pathway?

PROFESSOR O. M. JOHN, formerly a member of W. M. C. Faculty was received in chapel, November 10th, with a warm welcome. Professor John reviewed briefly his trip visiting our schools all over the United States. A final tribute of praise was paid W. M. C.

ONE of last year's graduates, Mr. Earl Thompson, is shedding glory on his Alma Mater by faithfully filling his place as head of the Science Department at Oakwood Junior College.

MISS ETHEL LONGACRE has been sick for a week, but is better now.

THE Faculty are boasting of their new member who joined them Monday, November 3d. Professor and Mrs. Morris are the proud possessors of a son.

"CONSERVATISM in England has been blown to the four winds," states Dr. Campbell, president of the British Union, who spoke to us in a joint vesper service held in the chapel, Tuesday evening, November 11th. Thus the war has opened the way for the truth to reach thousands of people.

NOVEMBER 11th, at eleven o'clock, faculty and students assembled in the chapel for a brief patriotic service, to celebrate the armistice, by singing the national anthem and offering prayer.

THE Fall Council has brought about the loss of two of Takoma Park's best citizens, in the persons of Elder and Mrs. N. Z. Town, who, because of Mrs. Town's poor health have decided to spend the winter months in the Boulder Sanitarium. Elder Town will act as Chaplain of that institution while Mrs. Town is to be a patient. Their daughter, Genevieve, will make her home with Elder and Mrs. F. M. Wilcox.

"THE world is a tremendously large hospital"—were the words impressed upon our minds by Dr. Guy Dal in his talk to us in chapel November 11th. Especially did he emphasize this as being the condition of war stricken Europe. After chapel he addressed a large number of students in a class room on the European system of education.

MISS JESSIE R. EVANS, of the English Department, for practically two weeks was very ill from ptomaine poisoning. Although she made an effort to return one day in the second week, she found herself unable to resume her duties. Various substitutes were supplied during her illness but all the students were greatly pleased when Miss Evans, with her cheery smile was able once more to meet her classes.

MR. AND MRS. E. D. MILLER from Mount Vernon have moved in the Sligo neighborhood to be with their children who are attending W. M. C.

MESSRS. WEAVER AND CHAPIN have moved their families from Mount Vernon to a location north of the College grounds. Mr. Weaver is manager of the College Press; Mr. Chapin is working in the Cross Brush factory.

MISS MADGE MILLER is secretary and treasurer of the Quebec Conference. The Tract Society work is just being started there. W. M. C. commercial graduates are in demand.

MRS. E. F. BRADY, of Pittsburgh, has returned home after a visit with her son, Orville.

MRS. JESTER recently made W. M. C. a short visit.

MRS. CASH recently visited her son, Joseph, a student of W. M. C.

STUDENTS of three years ago will be glad to know that Miss Mable Gage of Fairmont, W. Va., is making her home at Sligo. She is assisting in Rambo's store.

SEVERAL mothers of South Hall girls have visited here during last week. Mrs. Bryan of Trenton, N. J., spent the week end with her daughter, Grace; also Miss Edna Brill had a pleasant visit with her mother and relatives.

MISS MARGARET PHILLIPS, the Normal critic teacher, had to discontinue her work for a few days on account of illness. Mrs. J. N. Kimble taught in her stead.

ONE of our recent students is Miss Tippet from Baltimore, a graduate nurse of the New England Sanitarium. She is taking up the Secretarial Course.

ELSWORTH ANDROSS, A.B., '19, who has been assisting his brother in evangelistic work in the Chesapeake Conference, made a short visit with old friends at the College. How good it must have seemed to again breathe the wholesome atmosphere of one's Alma Mater!

WHILE on their way to the city in an automobile, Earl Smith and his sister Marie collided with an army ambulance. The car was damaged beyond repair, but we are glad to say that Mr. Smith and his sister received only slight injuries. The same day his father, mother and brother, Marvin, also his brother, James and family reached Washington. They toured here from their home in Ohio.

WE gladly welcome to our South Hall dormitory Miss Emma Mallott an esteemed Bible worker from the New Jersey Conference.

### General Conference Force Enjoys Marshmallow Roast

GHOSTS do not confine themselves to Hallowe'en only. Sunday night, November 9th, the General Conference force, with a few select others, went to the Sligo for a Marshmallow roast. Great was the fright and distress of the members of the crowd when they arrived to see four ghosts to welcome them. The ghosts formed a narrow pass through which the merrymakers were to pass two by two. The password of "Mutt" was given to the ones on the right, and "Jeff" to the ones on the left. The "Mutts" then played against the "Jeffs" during the evening. The ghosts proved to be, Mr. Cobban, Miss Clement, Professor and Mrs. Wood. Charades was one game which proved very interesting to the happy crowd. Great joy was shown when the marshmallows were finally brought out.

TAFFY-PULLS are diversions of student life not to be esteemed lightly, so the evening of Sunday, November 9th, found a dozen jolly young people gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sumner House. The evening passed all too soon with games, the recounting of pleasant experiences of school life at S. L. A., and last but not least with the competitive consumption of taffy, popcorn, and fudge.

MR. AND MRS. HOUSE, JR., leave us in a few weeks for Boulder, Colorado. We join their many friends in wishing them a pleasant trip.

## SANITARIUM NEWS

MR. AND MRS. MCKEIN, formerly of the Melrose Sanitarium, are now with us. Mrs. McKein is acting as preceptress at the girls' dormitory.

MISS ZERBE and Miss Elliott are back from the dispensary in the city and Miss Leach and Miss Jane Lakie have gone to take up their work.

MR. AND MRS. STOWE of New Jersey are visiting their daughter, Verna, for a few days.

MISS FRENCH our hospital supervisor, and her assistant, Miss Leah Dailey, left us for the Boulder (Colorado) Sanitarium. Miss French will act as head nurse of that institution with Miss Dailey as her assistant. Miss Fanchon Roth is taking Miss French's place in the hospital here.

THE sanitarium sustained a loss of about \$5,000, when the large dwelling house on the farm burned down. We are thankful it wasn't more.

ELDER BRYAN who was formerly a Baptist minister spent a few days with us while waiting for the Takoma Park parsonage to be finished. He will be the pastor of the Park Church.

MRS. CLAXTON, the wife of the Commissioner of Education for the United States, has been with us about

six months. We are glad to report that she is improving rapidly.

MR. WILSON, formerly of Battle Creek and Melrose Sanitariums, has charge of the men's bath rooms, and is head nurse for the boys.

MR. GARNSEY of the Lafayette Sanitarium has connected with this institution. He will have charge of the X-ray department and we are expecting great things of him.

MR. S. N. FAIRCHILD has been doing the honors of the Sanitarium Tonsorial Parlors since the middle of October.

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 Review and Herald News Notes

STARS shine in more than one way, and there are many kinds of stars. Miss Machlan, who is president of the S. T. A. R. Club of Takoma, entertained her illustrious girls at "Maryland Villa," Monday evening, November 2. The guests of honor were Professor and Mrs. Machlan, Mrs. Beuchel, Mr. Harold Machlan, and Mr. Clint Masson. Interesting historical and other guessing games were played, which proved how bright stars are sometimes and how dim at times others are. The girls exercised their lungs by singing many of their favorite songs.

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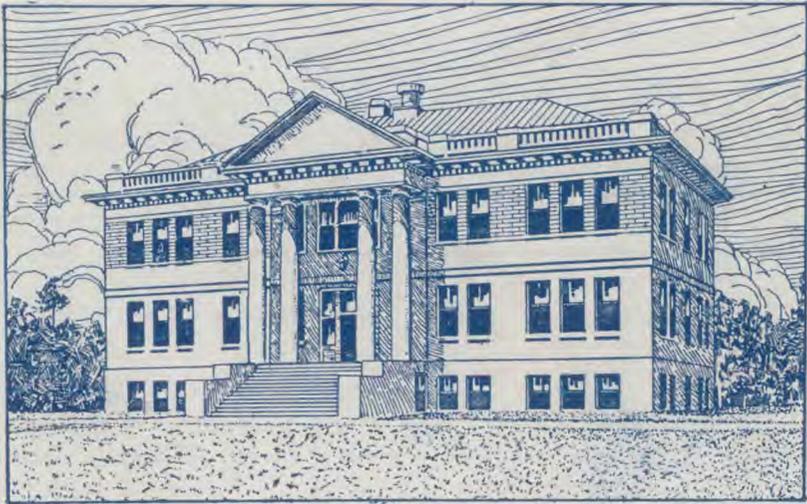
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