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FAMOUS FIFTY GIVES HALLOWE'EN PARTY

ENTERTAINING HALCYON CLUB OF SOUTH HALL

On Saturday evening, October 30, the Famous Fifty entertained the Halcyon Club at Central Hall. The atmosphere savored of cornfields and autumn woods, with the decorations of cornstalks and pumpkins and colorful leaves, and with Famous Fifty pennants scattered profusely about.

Miniature pennants and kernels of corn were given to each guest upon entering, the corn denoting who was which's partner. The whoes and whiches all partnered off, after which the program began.

Mr. N. Krum first played a piano solo, then a most original sort of welcome was extended by Ernest Parrish. This was in the form of a shadowgraph, with a parody based upon the poem of the "Ancient Mariner." The Quackenbush brothers next favored us with a guitar and mandolin duet, which was followed by a weird and spooky presentation of the tale of the "Headless Horseman," as only Mr. Wrigley can give it. The next number was a saxophone solo by Mr. Traversi.

A sketch by Thomas Hearn and Reginald Pleasants, as a man and his colored valet, aroused every one to a state of great mirth, and illustrated concretely the principle that one falsehood necessitates a second, and so on, "ad infinitum." Every one being in a cheerful mood, conducive to digestion, refreshments truly added to the fame of the Famous Fifty—pumpkin pie, big red apples, cider, and peanut brittle.

Two more musical numbers followed, a saw solo by Lawrence Stone, and selections by the new Famous Fifty Quartet, which were all most

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MUSICAL ADDITIONS

Two baby grands are added to Professor Hannum's collection of musical instruments, or perhaps we should say, one baby grand piano and the other a Grand Baby. Ask Professor Hannum, he will tell you all about it. Have you ever seen such a happy, smiling, and joyous expression on any one man's face in all your life? Proud? Why surely he is! Why? Because it is the sweetest, dearest, cutest, and cunningest little bundle of joy that ever was. It even has close harmony in its lovely musical outbursts. Yes, sir, that's a fact. Oh yes, the new grand piano is fine, but all the eyes of this loving father can see is that Grand Baby. He thinks nothing can beat her, and we don't blame him a bit for thinking so, for really she deserves all the good adjectives heretofore mentioned, and some more.

Have you turned in your complete Harvest Ingathering report?

SUBSCRIBERS—ATTENTION!

The Sligonian is published as a semi-monthly paper with a total number of fifteen issues per year. In order to take in more fully the activities of our college during the closing days of the school year, it was voted to drop the November 15 issue to make possible the publication of a May 15, 1927, issue, instead of ending the school year with the May 1 issue. In this way each yearly subscriber will receive his allotted fifteen numbers which was stipulated at the time that the subscription was turned in to the office.

RALPH PARLETTE

YOU CAN'T GET SOMETHING FOR NOTHING

The thrill of keen anticipation was gratified when Ralph Parlette gave his famous inspirational lecture, "The University of Hard Knocks," on Saturday evening, November 6. As usual, Mr. Parlette carried his audience completely away with his gripping personality and compelling enthusiasm.

The first part of his talk was a retrospect over his own experience in the University of Hard Knocks, "where every bump is a bump;" if one bump is sufficient to teach us the lesson, we are promoted to the next, but if not, we must go back and review the same bump over again.

A glass jar, full of big black nuts and little white beans was a most effective object lesson as Mr. Parlette presented it. He showed that no matter how long or how vigorously the jar was shaken, the big black nuts went to the top and the little white beans to the bottom. With his characteristic touch of humor the speaker showed that just so in the world, no matter what catastrophes reel society, it always happens that the truly big men come back to the top, and the little, insignificant, unventuresome men go back to their destined lot.

When a father who has had to struggle for his eventual success declares that he never will pain his children by letting them know, or experiencing it themselves, he is virtually

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CHARLES C. GORST

A PROMINENT LECTURER AND BIRD NATURALIST

Charles Crawford Gorst, naturalist of note, gave a lecture on birds, with reproductions of their calls, and illustrations by American artists, as the first number of the lecture course, on October 23.

Using as text "A bird in the bush is worth two in the hand," he endeavored to give an appreciation of their value to our crops, their interesting ways, and their humble mission to "brighten the corner where you are."

As an imitator of bird calls, Mr. Gorst is unsurpassed. He reproduced the calls of several of our native birds, at the same time relating his experiences in his study of their characteristics. One of these was the verie, whose song includes three trills all blended into one, which he is able to imitate.

One of the most interesting parts of the lecture was a demonstration of his method of taking down bird songs. This transcription appears to the uninitiated to be meaningless scrawls.

The loveliest bird song Mr. Gorst knows, the nearest like heavenly music, is the evening song of the hermit thrush. It is to him what Wordsworth describes in his "Tintern Abbey:"

"And I have felt
A presence that disturbs me with a joy
Of elevated thoughts; a sense sublime."

At the close of the lecture we felt that we had been brought nearer to our Creator.

SON OF W. M. C. TO BLAZE AFRICAN TRAIL

ROBERT JONES FIRST MEMBER OF SENIOR CLASS OF '27 TO ANSWER CALL TO SERVICE

Mr. Robert L. Jones, with his little family, will sail for Equatorial Africa in February. Their field is a wild country inhabited by black savages and jungle beasts. Our friends will blaze their trail where highways never ran, build a mission station, and be friends to the savage man. Mr. Jones' college course is near completion, and soon he is to realize his highest ideal of service.

What a noble work! Blest of God is he who ministers to the needy soul of the heathen. Thrice blest is he who ministers to the soul, mind, and body. That is what Mr. and Mrs. Jones will be doing. They will establish a school and a dispensary to help the natives to become men and women in Christ Jesus. Mr. Jones is

not taking with him a valet, not even a carpenter. He plans to build his own house, but he laughingly told our reporter, in estimating his ability, that he is uncertain of his wife's wanting to live in the sort of a house he will build.

A pleasing sight it is to see the Joneses coming across the campus. We have all learned to love them since their coming to us last year from sunny California. Still, the best of friends must sometimes part. Parting is sad, but this parting brings gladness to see our schoolmates fulfilling the ideals of our Alma Mater. Our prayers and interests will follow them. Their accomplishments will inspire us to worthy attainment and bring honor to our college.

FRESHMEN LEAD IN HARVEST INGATHERING

ALL THE STUDENTS PART IN THE CAUSE

The wide world is singing harvest songs. A sprig of wheat, a stalk of corn, a sheaf of grain, just a few miles north of America's capital, sings with the full vigor of manhood for the young men and young women there have brought in their harvest of gold to do some good, somewhere; yes, much good in many places.

Students of Washington Missionary College have just finished a collection of \$2,300 for the cause of missions in all parts of the earth. Their campaign has aptly been called a "Harvest Ingathering." It is one phase of a great attempt on the part of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination to evangelize the world with a message of a fuller life, a more definite heavenly hope, and a truer calmness with which to meet the many difficult problems of today.

Enthusiasm ran high among the students. Divided into grade classes they made individual and group goals amounting to \$2,300. Out through the country they scurried; they waited for hours on the streets; evening after evening they spoke for their good cause to theatre-goers and pleasure seekers. Professors and scholars worked side by side. When it was finished, almost every one had taken some part. Solicitors collected remarkably large amounts in the short space of one evening.

For one day, classes were dismissed, and at the next general assembly the total contributions amounted to \$1,100. Gifts of pumpkins, fruits, and canned stuffs from the farms nearby raised the total higher when converted into cash.

Efforts continued for three weeks until more than the \$2,300 has been collected.

QUARTERLY NIGHTMARES

Exams! Yes, we saw people studying who have never studied before,—even as you and I. And listen, you might not believe this but it is true, we even saw Ernest Parrish studying, and that surely is a sign that a reckoning has fallen upon W. M. C.-ites. Yea, truly a tragedy, a nightmare, robbing us of all our sleep, filling our souls with remorse, agony, dread, this terrible plague of our lives—exams.

We all agree that school days are the best days of our life, but those exams, how they spoil the beautiful picture! We just begin to enjoy ourselves in the nine weeks here, and then—bang! We hit a brick wall which tests our strength and caliber. Over on the other side is our goal, our ambition, our education. We must either climb over or be a failure, never reaching the other side.

Along with these black clouds came rain—a lovely combination we admit.

Next time we will not leave all the collateral reading, those trig. and algebra problems, that conjugation to

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STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION NOTICE

Students, attention! On Friday, Dec. 3, 1926, at 9:30 A. M., there will convene in the chapel an important meeting of the Students' Association. The express purpose of this meeting will be for the nomination and selection of four students and a faculty member to serve as a nominating committee for new officers of our Association and Sligonian editorial staff for the year 1927. The committee will be elected by popular ballot. This notice is for the purpose of informing students prior to this meeting, that they might be well informed as to our Constitutional procedure. Students who are here at W. M. C. for the first time, should take special notice and those of past years should give attention as well.

Article III, Section 3 of the Constitution reads as follows: "A nomination committee of five, consisting of two men, two women, and one faculty member, shall nominate one nominee for each office—all nominations to be made with the full knowledge and consent of the nominees. This committee shall be elected by popular ballot at a meeting in December, and shall continue one year."

The officers to be nominated by this committee are: A president of the Association, an editor-in-chief of the Sligonian, who shall also be vice-president of the Association, a secretary-treasurer for the Association, a business manager, a treasurer for the Sligonian, an advertising manager, a circulation manager, and a faculty advisor. These officers hold office for one year. No senior is eligible for these offices. This ruling is made because of the fact that offices are held over the summer recess between school years, and seniors elected to offices would cause vacancies for the new school year.

Members of our Association should bear these facts distinctly in mind, especially for the reason that they are the ones who will elect the nominating committee. Also you may be a member of the nominating committee. We want representative students for this coming year, the best we can find for these offices. And remember, I'll see you at our next Association meeting to convene during chapel period on Friday, December 3.

FAMOUS FIFTY ENTERTAINMENT

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enjoyable. Another sketch was then presented—"A Night School for Foreigners," in which the chief difficulty seemed to lie in the fact that no one fully understood any one else.

At the close of the program, Miss Maude Brooke, on behalf of the Halcyon Club, expressed the girls' appreciation and full enjoyment of the evening which had been prepared in their honor.

RALPH PARLETTE

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tually saying that never will he let his child, who aspires to be a great pianist, know what it is to be bored with hard scales and exercises. "Get out into the gymnasium of life if you hope to make something of yourself," was his closing message.

"Build thee more stately mansions, O my soul." Go forward; happiness is only the music of our growing; welcome the "bumps" in the University of Hard Knocks, from which school there is no graduation.

EXAMINATIONS

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learn, and that paper to write, until we feel that rope tightening around our necks. "No sir," said one in a deplorable condition, "never again will I wait until I receive the inspiration." Make your inspiration and the next time the clouds won't look quite so black. Anyway, we hope it won't rain.

Just a little advice, freshmen. Take it and use it as a fertilizer. Being green, you'll grow.

Alarm clock for sale by Frank Meckling. Guaranteed to stop, will never alarm, and you can have it cheap. Will swap for one that will wake him in time to ring the bell, 6 A. M.

Who was it told the Freshmen their goal was too high? They reached the \$300 mark and doubled it before time to slow down came. That is the spirit of eternal youth.

Chris Mason shows Berrien Springs he is no tenderfoot. A special communication reveals that, while he and his roommate were kicking each other's feet, his roommate sustained a broken toe.

Milton and Vere St. John were called home to New Jersey by the death of a baby brother. Sympathy goes with them.

Howard Taylor made a week-end trip home to Philadelphia.

Navy day a number of students visited the Washington Navy Yard, inspected the President's yacht, and watched the gunmakers gunmaking.

Andrew Fearing, Earl Kadan, and Charles Young had a taste of real southern hospitality one week-end. They went home with Thomas Hearn. Yes, at the old Southern capital.

The long expected "Addressograph" has arrived at the print shop. This will relieve the aching fingers of the girls who have been typing off the mailing list on the typewriter.

With the elevator service extended to the fourth floor of the San, and a new road through the campus, both patients and nurses are traveling over easier routes.

Harry Perrin has decided to try school again.

HARVEST INGATHERING AT CAMP MEAD

Tuesday, November 2, five of the Academic seniors went to Camp Mead, Harvest Ingathering. In view of the fact that Mrs. Heller had been there last year and had received special permission from the commanding officer, it was very easy for them to make known their work and receive special permission again this year. Accordingly he sent a soldier with them from company to company, where Mrs. Heller told the mission of her work while the girls solicited.

It was surprising how each soldier responded to the call. In less than two hours they collected \$55.00. Surely God's blessing was manifested in their solicitation for His work at this place.

Doctor B. G. Wilkinson, dean of the Theological Department, last week visited the Florida Conference Camp-meeting. He reports excellent meetings at this camp-meeting, with the spirit of God being signally manifested. A growing interest is being taken in Washington Missionary College by the young people of Florida. This year the State is well represented in W. M. C. But next year the figures will without a doubt be more than doubled as a result of this visit from our dean.

Last Sabbath, November 13, was the end of the Sacrifice Week. Elder G. W. Wells, Field Secretary of the General Conference, preached a most spiritual sermon. It reminded one of the early days of the pioneers whose sacrifices have ever since been an inspiration to others that followed.

The prayer meetings of the Sligo Church are to be conducted on a unique plan. Throughout the winter, special studies will be given by appointed speakers on such practical phases as giving Bible readings or how to study the Bible. A symposium which occupied the sermon hour in one of the recent Sabbaths, emphasized the necessity of training lay members to work effectively.

Elder Baxter will in a few days sail for his field of labor in Venezuela.

Miss Evans narrowly escaped being held up one evening last week, when a man tried to relieve her of her hand bag. When she resorted to the feminine "squeal," he hurriedly departed.

In a hard-fought and very exciting game, the outsiders outpointed the inside basket ball team 22 to 18.

Beginning Greek is one of the most interesting and lively classes in our college. Professor Anderson brings his clever wit to bear on the hard places in a way that constantly delights his students.

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STRAY BLADES

Recently Miss Abrey, the preceptress, and the three monitors, Miss Marion Wood, Miss Jessie Bragan, Miss Helen Morse, gave an entertainment to the girls of the Halcyon Club. At nine o'clock one night the studious students closed their books while the period slumberers awakened from their sleep, and all went down to the mess hall with the expectation of the remaining part of the night. It was much to their amazement that the room minus the rows of chairs and fixed up in a very homelike way.

The informal but much enjoyed social, consisted of a "B" contest, impromptu speeches, and songs which were sung by various groups. Prizes were awarded for the best of each number.

After apples and popcorn were served, the Halcyon Club gave three cheers for the preceptress and the monitors.

Volley ball games come and go. Our Cubs beat the R. and H. three games straight one night when the wind was blowing just right, but five nights later the R. and H. came back with a three out of five victory. After two nights' rest, the Famous Fifty Cubs beat the San three times in four games. Incidentally, we think arguers over points should be taken out of the game, whomever they are trying to help, but there's no stopping a lively team who are all good sports.

Visitors have been favoring our college the last few weeks. Margaret Van Buskirk had a short visit from her mother and sister; Florence Menhennet was surprised by her mother; Glenna Derby enjoyed a visit from her mother and girl friend for a few days and last Saturday she went on a little trip to Vienna, Va., over the week end.

Why I am not this and that, and why I am a Christian and a Seventh-day Adventist, were subjects handled in a lively symposium at Missionary Volunteer meeting. These programs on alternate Friday evenings, shaped by Mr. Victor Campbell, are always something good.

Somebody has to be the last student to enroll in any school—so might Mr. Felix Schubert have said, when he decided to take school work just before the mid-semester examination. Mr. Felix Schubert is the son of J. W. Schubert, who recently arrived in Takoma Park, becoming a member of the General Conference staff.

Some of the outside students were given one of the best parties in the annals of their society, by Mrs. Elmslie in her home. Who ever heard of the dormitory students putting anything over on the outsiders, ever? While the insiders were having a reception among themselves, the outsiders were enjoying a completely successful party.

Everything was very informal, thus a success. And the eats, oh those eats,—everything from doughnuts, cake, ice cream, to apples, candy, and all things in between.

Edwards was there with his sax, Brackett with his uke, Elizabeth Schneider at the piano, almost every piece of music in the world, and a bunch of lovely voices to sing. What more could be wanted for joy, fun, and happiness?

North Hall is going to have a parlor soon. How do we know? Simple enough, the Famous Fifty is with it 100 per cent.

DO YOU KNOW THAT

Paul Kaser will not return to school this year?

Arthur Hendrichsen has gone home. He says he is sick—maybe homesick?

The College Freshmen have more than doubled their Harvest Ingathering goal?

Professor Osborn was ill Monday, and could not meet his pupils?

Examinations are being survived as usual?

A convention of all the workers in the Columbia Union is in progress?

The new students of W. M. C. think that Washington doesn't have weather, it has climate samples?

It would be a good idea for this "Brilliant Freshman" class to wear caps made in their class colors? No! not dunce caps!

Miss Spicer treated her normal art class to a pumpkin pie?

Josephine Hagberg, Evelyn Brown and Glenna Derby are planning to spend Thanksgiving vacation in Vienna, Va.

Mr. Glenn Coon has left school?

That we will get our grade cards November 24?

The length of the college girls' dresses is improving?

Mildred Speacht's hair is taking a long time to grow out?

Our volley ball games are getting quite lively?

Evangelistic efforts are being conducted in Washington and East Riverdale by four students from Washington Missionary College. Frank Meckling and Arthur Douglas have charge of the effort in the city, and Luther Belote and Paul Applegate of the one in East Riverdale.

Did you ever see the boys of North Hall gathered on the front porch into a closely compacted group, amidst a din of laughter and shouting? Know what they are doing? Better stop by some time and see. Playing "hot," they say.

The boys' old friend, "Daddy" Glunt, is recovering from a major operation at the Sanitarium. North Hall may exist, but without Dad it is not the same.

Prof. George Gustafson, '26, writes that he has found a busy life in Oshawa. Besides managing the wood-working department, he teaches several other branches.

Alzona Whitmarsh and Henry Cantwell spent a happy Sunday when their mothers came from Wilmington, Del.

Good suffragettes can be found in South Hall. If you don't believe it, go to a Halcyon meeting and hear each one asserting her rights.

No wonder journalistic notes for this paper are kind of prosy this issue. We always have a prosy issue about four times a year. That is when we have exams.

Miss Jessie Bragan is enjoying a visit from a chum, Miss Elsie Iverson. We are always glad to meet folks who are friends of our friends.

What was that? Another car back-firing? No, just a signal for the girls to stop playing volley ball! A passing car had just run over the ball which had rolled into the street.

With her small son Jimmie, Mrs. Frazier spent a week recently with her daughters Gertrude and Lucille, at South Hall.

A few pumpkins as Harvest Ingathering donations will suit the tenth graders perfectly. With two pumpkins as a start, they sold some thirty-five pies at fifty cents each—and then the pie market was nowhere near flooded.

Paul Frenzel is another thrifty man for that work. "No money? Then I'll chust take a bag of those apples instead," and Frenzel gets them home, too. Five cents each, please.

A "Jewell" has disappeared from Room 16, South Hall. It is believed that with careful searching, it could be found in the close vicinity of Washington Sanitarium and Hospital. We sincerely hope it will be returned bright and shining.

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