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## AN IDEAL STUDENT'S ASSOCIATION

CAMERON A. CARTER

THE primary object of any association is to unite persons into a company or society for a *purpose*. So a students' association should be an organization of students for a purpose, and that purpose should be a high, noble one. A purpose which will "create and foster a spirit of loyalty to the school;" will co-operate with the faculty in keeping the standard of the school at its zenith. It should be one which will "bind the students together in stronger bands of fellowship and unity," and which will promote such student activities as will furnish profitable recreation and tend to build up the integrity and morale of the student body.

There may be various societies directed under the auspices of the association, such as an art society where musical students or students having talent in the finer arts may have an opportunity to develop their ability; a literary society where the literary geniuses may develop their talents; an athletic club, rightly directed; or any other society which will add to the students enjoyment of school life, and unite utility with recreation, and profit with pleasure. Above all other groups or societies there should be a spiritual uplift society whose duty it is to look after the spiritual welfare of the student body, to pray for and with any who

have never been converted, and to speak a word in due season to any who have become discouraged.

The executive board of the association should be composed of such members as have deep at heart the purpose for which the association was formed. Each member of the board should have a deep interest in the welfare of the students as individuals in order that each student may be rightly represented and his ideas and desires receive due consideration before the body, as a collective body; in order that no individual or group of individuals may be permitted to take any action to the detriment of the association as a whole, or in other words that no one be allowed to "railroad a thing through."

The association as a whole, should be purely democratic in principle, so that each student will have a voice in the way in which it is being conducted, and it should be so conducted as to meet the needs, and so far as possible, the desires of each student.

Then each student should be a member of the association. There should be no "drones in the hive." Every student owes it to his school to be loyal, to stand by and uphold the traditions of the school, and there can be no better way to show one's loyalty to his school than by being a part of an organization founded for that purpose.

And each student as a member should be an active, loyal, co-operative supporter of the association. "Where there is unity there is strength," and factions in any group or organization are bound to put the breaks on the wheels of efficiency, and retard, or perhaps check the progress in accomplishing the very purpose for which the body was organized. There should be no "chronic

kickers." Every one should put his "shoulder to the wheel," get under the burden, when there is a burden, and lift. Then with every student a member, and every member in accord with all other members we will have an *ideal* students' association. And under God there is no limit to the possibilities of such an association in a Christian school.

## WHY WE LEAD

KENNETH L. GANT

WHY ask the question, "Is a college education better than a practical education?" so long as Washington Missionary College has a Students' Association to give the practical education along with the technical? Why does such a large number of graduates from this College find places of responsibility in our work? The answer is bound up in two words, "Students' Association." This is the spirit in the College which makes things go.

The Students' Association of Washington Missionary College gives the students the blessing pronounced upon the youthful yoke bearer in Lamentations 3:27 by placing upon him a real responsibility during his college days. If one wants to be a leader and an administrator, he finds his opportunity in heading the Association or some of its departments. If he wants to develop as a financier, he can take the business management or the treasurer's part.

But one of the best things, it teaches one to be able to see others put ahead of him and at the same time co-oper-

ate with them. It teaches all to pull together and thus accomplish the desired end.

It was through this organization that the students helped to bring true the dream of a new assembly hall—"Columbia." The Association has taken over the full responsibility of the SLIGONIAN "the voice of W. M. C." and probably the greatest advertising factor of the College. It was the Students' Association that boosted the Harvest Ingathering offerings past their 1919 \$2,000 goal. The Students' Association does things, and it does them now, and it does them right. "Why," do you ask? Because it is so organized that each man knows his place and his responsibility; so organized that when there is something to be done the best talent in the College for that particular thing is ready having been previously appointed. Preparedness is our watchword, organization is our hobby, a true missionary, college spirit is our power, and an efficient preparation to plant ourselves in the furrow of the world's great need is our goal.

## THE FIRST THANKSGIVING

ETHEL LONGACRE

EVERYTHING was hustle and bustle in the little village of Plymouth. The four men who had been sent out to hunt deer and game were returning laden. Priscilla Mullens, soon to be Priscilla Alden, was moving about directing the work and setting the boys and girls to helping, she herself lending a hand here and there. Priscilla was chief cook, for who could season a dish or make dumplings as light and fluffy and well as she?

Here by a broad flat stone sat the small boys, cracking beechnuts, while the little girls picked out the plump kernels that would help to stuff the fowls. Here were the older boys picking the fowls which the men had brought in, and the young men were cutting up the venison. Clams and oysters had been gathered from the beach to be made into soup.

In the kitchen the gray-gowned women fairly flew about as they sifted flour and meal to make the pies, the first in America, and for lack of apples they were filled with pumpkin. Not an idle person was to be found that day in Plymouth.

All this beautiful preparation was for the three days of thanksgiving which had been set apart by Governor Bradford, for the successful harvest they had had, and for the plentiful provision it gave them for the winter. The great chief, Massasoit, was invited to come with ninety of his braves, and a great thanksgiving day it was to be.

Every one rose early in Plymouth that morning. But hardly had they arisen, when from the forest was

heard the whoop of Indians coming in holiday paint and festive spirit to the colony.

Large fires were built near the brook, and soon great iron kettles of soup and stew, somewhat resembling the Dutch hodge-podge, were steaming.

While the dinner was cooking the colonists and the Indians were called together by the governor for the thanksgiving service, as Massasoit explained to his braves, "to propitiate the Great Spirit."

Long tables were spread under the trees for the men, and one in the largest house for the women. They were garnished with red and yellow autumn leaves laid around each plate.

What a dinner was served, venison with mustard, all manner of wild fowl, real plum pudding, broths and stews compounded by Priscilla's skilful hand, roasts and salads, baskets of white and purple grapes, plums, black, white and red, and all the other things these ingenious cooks could devise from foods new and strange to them. All these things served by the Pilgrim girls proved a feast indeed.

The Indians were much impressed by the white man's food. Massasoit tasted the fluffy barley dumplings in Priscilla's stew and gravely said, "The Great Father loves his white children best." But the Indians had a dish the white men did not know, and great was the surprise when at the end of the first meal an Indian poured out about a bushel of white

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# MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

## THE FOREIGN MISSION BAND

EDMUND MILLER

ONE of the most salient factors in school life at W. M. C. is the Foreign Mission Band. Its members are looking into world conditions, and are beginning to sense the depth from which come the incessant cries for help.

The band is divided into several study groups, studying different fields. We see through a glass but darkly, but there is power at the disposal of the Christian student, and the consciousness of that power brightens the outlook. The heart of blackest Africa is not so heathen that the Light cannot dispel the mirky shadows; there is no Chinese dragon that the Spirit cannot conquer; there is no devastated spot in Old Europe that the Story cannot rehabilitate. But these countries need the help of Christian students.

These study groups bring knowledge, and with the knowledge comes added responsibility. Where there is no law, there is no sin. Likewise, where a need is not known, there can be no condemnation for failure to meet that need; nor commendation for meeting it, should it be met.

But the groups are finding that the whole world is in need, that the same Remedy is needed in the South Seas as on Labrador's coasts. Some of whom we read have been ministering

many years. The records of their lives inspire us. We live with them through their trials; we pray the



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prayers; they prayed; we weep with them, and then rejoice with them.

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## OUR MINISTERIAL BAND

H. R. HUGHES

IN former years the Ministerial Band has done a good work. Many of those who took part in the activities of this band in the past have gone from the College into the field, but not without leaving many in the surrounding communities rejoicing in the Christian life, and in the light of the third angel's message. It has been the privilege of these Christian workers to make known the way of God by personal work in the homes, thereby bringing a great blessing to the members of the household who would not have been reached by other methods.

The privileges and opportunities which were theirs now come to us. There are still many in the suburban districts of this city who have yet to hear the message of Christ's second coming. Efforts are now being made to find suitable places in which to begin series of meetings. One is already in progress in Georgetown, and a good interest is reported. There were more than sixty persons present for the first service. Inasmuch as there are several small churches nearby, the various band members will hold services in these respective places on the Sabbath. The pastoral training class will be the advance guard in this field of endeavor. A deep interest is shown in this work, and we believe there will be results seen in the salvation of the souls who are brought to a knowledge of the word of God.

In this work the aim and purpose of the Ministerial Band is accomplished. Souls are led to Christ now, and an experience is gained which will bring greater efficiency in the service of God after leaving school.

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S LEADER'S BAND

J. E. FORD

THE Young People's Leaders' Band is but a recent organization in our schools. It is too bad that this band was not organized many years ago, for it certainly is one of the most practical and helpful of all the bands which now come under the organization of the Missionary Volunteer Society.

What does it mean to be a Young People's leader? We know that every cause which is carried to a successful conclusion must have an organized course to pursue, and this organization calls for leaders, men who are to be at the head and direct in the affairs of the organization. We find this demonstrated in the government of our United States. In order for this government to be carried on successfully there must be a man at the head—one who thoroughly understands political conditions, and can lead our great nation according to the principles upon which it was founded.

We also find this principle of leadership exemplified in the organization of our own denomination. We as a people have answered the call that God has given to us to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. In order to execute this command successfully, we all recognize the work requires organization and leaders who are thoroughly familiar with conditions in every nation and country; it takes men who have a definite conviction and a clear insight into the work in which they are to lead out. No one would say that special training was not necessary to fill such places of great responsibility.

Young people spend many years in preparation to be leaders in the intellectual world so that they may be en-

abled to teach their fellow menseience, mathematics, and history. Many years of preparation are needed that a young person may become a great leader in the spiritual world, that he may become capable of swaying large audiences and convincing people of the great truths that we hold so dear. These objects and ambitions are all good and worthy; but how many in their plans for the future forget the duty that lies near at hand! "The work that lies nearest to our church members is to become interested in our youth."—*"Testimonies for the Church,"* Vol. VI, p. 196.

While we are planning to do great things in the future, our brothers and sisters, our roommates, our schoolmates, and our friends, may be slipping from the path which leads to eternal life. Perhaps they are becoming ensnared in the pleasures of this world and are losing in the fight with the enemy of their souls. While we are bringing a hardened sinner to the knowledge of Jesus, one who has spent most of his life in sin and can never become a worker in the cause of God, our own associates, young people who have many talents and great possibilities before them, may become discouraged and fall by the wayside. Why should we look upon the Young People's work as an inferior calling when in our own country young people are backsliding and leaving the truth as fast as new converts are brought into it?

The young men and women are God's chosen instrument in the closing up of this message. They are to be the star fighting-unit in the army that is to carry this message to the whole world. Can we look down upon one who is commander of a section of the

greatest army the world has ever seen? Can we feel that we have an inferior position when we are encouraging loyalty to our comrades and trying to enlist new recruits under the banner of Prince Immanuel? Surely one of the greatest callings which a young person can accept is to become a Young People's leader.

Since this work is of such great importance, it is necessary to have a special training in order to make it function as it should. For this purpose the Young People's Leaders' Band is organized. In this band many important topics are studied and discussed. One of the main subjects for study is how to organize and conduct a Missionary Volunteer Society. The work of both union and local conference volunteer secretaries are studied, so that those who go into that branch of work may have a definite idea of the work which they will be called upon to do. We hope that this band will become a great factor in strengthening the work for the young people.

#### LITERATURE BAND

HARRY SCHARNWEBER

THERE is no better way of getting a burden for souls, than by joining the Literature and Correspondence Band in our schools. This band offers work for all those who want to learn how to best distribute our precious pages of truth and obtain the greatest results. We know that more people have been brought into this truth directly or indirectly by the printed page than by any other means.

Therefore we should strive to make the Literature and Correspondence Band a banner one in our schools; be-

because many young people go out of its doors to other societies in all parts of the country. Plans should be studied, that can be taken with them out into the field for service.

We can study our papers, books, and tracts that contain the truths for this time; ways and means of using them to the best advantage. By an organized and systematic use of our books, papers, and tracts, many honest souls will yet take their stand for the truth. There is work for all in this branch and only heaven will reveal the results.

A wonderful study for soul-winners which this band affords is that of humanity. After literature is sent to people we can write them a good Christian letter asking them how they like the literature we are sending, and if they want more. This makes good follow-up work after the canvasser has been over the territory. He may be asked to give the names and addresses of those who he thought would be most likely to accept further light.

The Present Truth Series and the Harvest Ingathering papers may be used by this band, and secure some wonderful results. Reading racks may be placed in many public places and kept filled with clean copies of our magazines, papers, and tracts.

The Literature and Correspondence Band offers a good opportunity for our students to go out and sell small books and magazines. In this way more money will come into the band to send out more of our literature to seekers after truth.

"All heaven is in activity, and the angels of God are waiting to co-operate with the human agent who will devise plans whereby souls for whom

Christ died may hear the glad tidings of salvation. Every soul has an influence for good or evil. If the soul has been sanctified for service in God's cause, and devoted to Christ for his work, the influence will be to gather with Christ."

"God depends upon every one of his children for the forwarding of his work, and he expects that every one of his professed followers will do their duty as intelligent beings. There is a great need that every trained mind, every disciplined intellect, every joy of ability shall be brought to the work of saving souls. There will be no idler, no slothful one who neglects the work of the Lord, found inside the kingdom of heaven."

### CHRISTIAN HELP BAND

MARY GLENWRIGHT

I WAS an hungered, and ye gave me meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me."

These words from Holy Writ outline the work of the Christian Help Band.

The Christian Help Band was organized this year with a large number of students whose aim it is to do any humble act of kindness which they can find. I say *find* because this band goes out into the highways and byways seeking those who are in need.

The program outlined for this band will give every member an opportunity to do active work in this branch of service.

Students belonging to this band will be organized into sub-bands to visit

the hospitals, where they will distribute literature, flowers, and good cheer; and also in the prisons where they will conduct spiritual uplift meetings. Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets of food and clothing will be carried to those who need them.

Last year the band was able to help very materially those in need. On Thanksgiving morning the members of the Band met and carried baskets of fruit and nuts to the homes. The gratitude expressed by these people was well worth the effort that was put forth.

Joy from service came at Christmas when the band assisted in the Christmas party given for the poor children in the city around the dispensary.

A Sabbath school for the colored children in the vicinity of the college is being organized as a continuation of the one held last year. This was a very interesting part of the work of the band last year. These dear little children of Ham were eager to learn about Jesus, and always were ready to answer the review questions. It was quite inspiring to see these little ones come into the Sabbath school with their shining faces and clean clothes. Their costumes were often quite picturesque, being made evidently from the contents of a mission barrel.

After singing the opening hymn, "If I Were a Sunbeam" or "I Washed my Hands this Morning," in the singing of which we were often assisted by their lean pet hound the children joined with their childish trebles in repeating the Lord's prayer. These opening exercises concluded, all the eager bright eyes were centered on the teacher, all anxious to

hear the wonderful old story. As a closing exercise the children always formed in a line and marched out singing:

Our Sabbath school is over,  
And we are going home,  
Good-bye, good-bye.

The hours spent with this Sabbath school always gave one a greater longing for the time to come when these little ones with all of our Saviour's children throughout the world, might say good-bye, and go to our heavenly home.

The band is eager and ready to do these tasks and receive this benediction from the Saviour, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

### The First Thanksgiving

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popcorn on the table. A large dish was taken to the children's table, where it was received with great delight.

For three days the feast continued, the Indians helping to supply deer and game for the table. For these three days the Indians and pilgrims mingled together, the pilgrims parading their small army of nineteen men and displaying their military tactics, while the Indians taught them new games and tricks in wood lore.

These days of thanksgiving left the settlers and Indians better friends, for a time at least, and gave to us the precedent which has come down in our Thanksgiving day.

# LITERARY DEPARTMENT

## THANKSGIVING

JAMES E. LIPPART

WHY should I be thankful?"  
I asked myself one day.  
Straight to my heart the answer came,  
Swift as the light of day.

I thought of many, many things,  
That come to me each day;  
The more I thought, the more there was  
To make me glad and gay.

I thought of the sunshine and the rain,  
How seasons come and go,  
Each bringing in its annual train,  
Blessings to friend and foe.

I thought of things of beauty,  
And all that makes life dear,  
Sent by a loving Father,  
To his erring children here.

I thought of his gift of Jesus  
To a dark world lost in sin,  
And all the attending blessings  
That come to us from him.

As I thought of these countless blessings,  
How thankful I should be  
For such a kindly Father,  
And all his gifts to me.

May each of us be more thankful  
As the fleeting years roll by,  
For blessings we receive without measure  
From this ne'er decreasing supply.

## A REAL THANKSGIVING

MABEL ROBBINS

WELL, Harry, old fellow, good-by." Donald Morgan stood waiting for the train which would carry him to school. The chilly days of fall made him draw his overcoat a little closer as he remarked, "Really you ought to be going, too. We need you in school."

"Oh no," Harry laughingly replied, "I'm just a plain farmer and never meant to be anything else."

The train pulled in, took on more passengers, and rolled mechanically on, leaving Harry Wilton alone. Somehow he felt a sting of pain. Finances stood between the boy of sixteen and success.

Weeks dragged on, and each day he seemed more reluctant to perform his tasks. His mother thought him ill, and did everything in her power to restore him to a normal condition.

"I say mother," he broke in one day, "Is it I, or the farm, or our old Spotty that is wrong? This year's crops are poor; twice old Spotty kicked the pail of milk over; and as for me, —well I've given up trying."

Like Judas of old he walked out of the door and away to the hillside. A wicked spirit seemed to enter him. He sat down, put his hands in his pockets, and began to empty their contents. He pulled out nails, a string a jack-knife and some tacks. "Tacks!" That's just what I want. I'll just put a large handful of these on the road, and I'll wager that I'll not be alone very long," he said to himself.

Again he sat down, to wait. His

black shiny hair and bright blue eyes glistened in the sun.

Z-z-z-z-z went the air out of a tire of a big car as it approached. Suddenly it stopped, and the occupant alighted. A gray-haired man with a business-like air slowly climbed out to view the punctured tire. Meanwhile Harry sat at the top of the hill not knowing what to do. He got up and very hurriedly walked down the road.

"Well my friend," the man greeted him quite cordially, "I've had a misfortune. Lend a helping hand, and we will push the car to one side. Now I shall be unable to reach my destination tonight. Is there a hotel near here or some place where I can get supper?" Reluctantly Harry said he was sure his mother would be pleased to give him supper.

"Mother, I've brought a man to visit us awhile" he announced, as they reached the house. Soon mother and son were busy preparing supper. At the table Harry evaded the eye of the stranger as much as possible.

The little town near which Harry lived had no automobile supply shop. The hour was late, and the tourist could not proceed on his journey that night. So, much to Harry's discomfort, Mrs. Welton told the stranger he might stay all night. On the pretence of having a headache, Harry retired immediately after supper. But he did not sleep. He thought of those tacks in the road, of the patience of the stranger, and of the sorrow his act would cause his mother. After a struggle he determined to confess his wrong. Harry was a Christian, al-

though like every one he failed. So, after a prayer for strength he fell asleep.

Morning came, and at breakfast he told his story. Mrs. Welton was pained; the stranger said nothing for a long time.

After a long pause, the tourist said, "Harry, would you mind going to Talley, the next town to get me a tire?" Harry, glad to do anything to compensate for his misdeed said, "I shall be delighted to, sir."

Talley was five miles distant, and Harry had to walk both ways, but in a few hours he returned with the tire, and in a short time the stranger was ready to start out again.

"Well Harry, I must go. Work faithfully and you will be a success." With these words the man left, and soon the big car was lost in a cloud of dust.

Harry did not know that the friend he had so recently made and his mother had held a secret council about him that very morning. His mother had looked serious as she thought how things might turn out. The theme of the conversation was that of giving Harry a test; he was to chop a big pile of wood for an invalid widow. If he did not fail, he was to be well rewarded.

"Harry, my boy," the mother called cheerily that evening, "I know you work hard; but how would you like to cut some wood for poor Mrs. Knight during some of your leisure time. She would be so thankful!

"That big pile of wood at the edge of the clearing?" He was about to resent it with bitter words when something in his mother's manner restrained him. "Well I might manage to do a little for her. I have nothing special to do today." The widow was much pleased and Harry was so much happier that he decided to take the cure the rest of the week.

A week rolled by. His chores were done; eight o'clock found him at his post chopping wood. Two days more, and it would be Thanksgiving. "What a happy one for the widow," he thought.

Honk! Honk! Honk! sounded a horn in the distance. A familiar car rolled up and stopped in front of Harry's wood pile.

Harry was overjoyed at seeing his old friend the tourist. Together they rode home, and gradually the man broke the news that he was going to send Harry to school. In the back of the car was a well-filled trunk which contained necessary clothing for a school boy.

"All that for me! he exclaimed. "Hurrah! what a Thanksgiving treat." and the boy danced around the room hardly believing what he saw and heard. His joy and gratitude knew no bounds. Toward evening he calmly walked out to the barn to do his chores. Above him the stars were shining brightly. Silently he bowed his head, and thanked his Heavenly Father for his many blessings. "This has been a real Thanksgiving," he murmured.

# COLLEGE DEPARTMENT

## OUR NEW SOCIETIES

**P**ROGRESS is the condition of life for any movement, any organization. As soon as progress ceases, stagnation sets in, and a condition resembling that of a muddy pond is reached. But while there is progress, there is an abundance of life and energy; just look at the pure, running stream for an example. The Students' Association of W. M. C., composed as it is of live-wire, enthusiastic, patriotic students naturally resembles the last named. But you say, "Wherein can the Students' Association progress? Was it not well-nigh perfect in its organization before?" Yes, it was; but like a plant it can be perfect in each stage of life, and yet grow. And this year it has reached the place where it is about to shoot out several new growths, to make definite progress.

The very name of our College organization implies a joining together for the accomplishment of our aims. But we have several different lines of endeavor in which students are interested—as social, literary, musical, missionary, and athletic. So this year we are organizing under the Students' Association societies for each of these various activities.

### Social Activities

MAN by nature is a social being. The desire for companionship, the

seeking for something outside the regular routine of every-day life, is an inherited tendency, and plays as much a part in one's every-day life as to eat regularly three times a day. Deprive a man of these rights and he becomes moody and morose—a social hermit. The old saying was, "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." The converse of this is also true, "All play and no work makes anyone a shirk." Our desire this year is to strike a happy medium along social lines; to have some social events to give our minds a chance to relax; to cultivate a desire for the best there is in music, art and literature, and all that is good and wholesome.

JAMES E. LIPPART.

### The Literary Society

FOR many years W. M. C. has felt the lack of some kind of literary organization to develop and promote in the student body more appreciation of literature and greater ability in literary work. At last our need is to be met. This year under the direction of the Students' Association we are to have a Literary Society. We shall have good live debates, impromptu speaking; we shall encourage writing so that the great plea of the SLIGONIAN editors may be answered; and we shall study



good literature. In other words, while we are getting a great deal of enjoyment out of our programs, we shall at the same time be fitting ourselves to be better and more efficient workers in the forwarding of our message. Join!

HARRIET MASON.

### The Athletic Society

WHAT red-blooded, lively, young American is there, who is not intensely interested in athletics? There is surely something wrong in the make-up of any young person who does not love sports. If you think that the Students' Association has overlooked this side of school life, just observe that the outlines for the new tennis court are already laid. Girls' basketball teams have already been organized, and of course the boys will have their basket ball and base-ball. Thus the physical side of our education will not be overlooked, and we will be better able to study and work, for having played hard.

G. L.

### The Music and Oratory Society

WHAT a dull world this would be without music! Our existence, would be well-nigh unbearable without this divine gift which so transforms, and puts color into our life.

There are many students in W. M. C. who love music, and I have been surprised to see how many really play and sing well. But so far there has been no way in which these could become acquainted with one another, could get together and exchange ideas on music, and listen to one another perform. This year we are to have a

Music and Oratory Society to fill this demand. The membership is open to all. Anyone may join who wishes, but the program committee will be careful not to call on any who do not sing, play, or read; so let none hold back from joining, for they will not be called upon if they are unable to perform.

The purpose of our society will be twofold; first and primarily that of recreation, second, that of education. In harmony with the first, we will meet twice a month, and have miniature concerts. I have seen it worked out, several getting together and giving just such an informal concert, and all present declared they had had as pleasant a time as if they had gone to the city, paying two or three dollars for a ticket. Nor will we forget our educational purpose. Members of the society will prepare papers on such topics as, "Periods of Music History," "The Lives of Great Composers," etc. And too, we can have professionals lecture to us, and even give us concerts—when we get our new grand piano!

G. L.

### The Music Department

WHEN the world would be stirred, thrilled, or spirited, it asks for music. When it would be eased of its burden, beguiled of its care, or calmed of its strife, it asks for music. The art of melody finds its offices required in every phase of the social, civil, and spiritual life of man.

Music elevates the mind. A study of its science develops a *finesse* of thought, taste, and judgment. It ap-

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I VENTURE to say one might search long and diligently in the encyclopedia without finding an answer to the question, What and why is the SLIGONIAN? But any enthusiastic supporter of the Students' Association would answer quickly, "Why, we must have it; every live body demands expression, and we are very much alive."

Our desire for oratory, music, and athletics will be provided for, but there are times when we feel that we must write, and we experience that joy of having wrought a new creation.

It is not the purpose of the editors to publish a comic sheet, neither have

they a picture of a dusty journal adapted only to absent-minded professors; rather their aim is a paper that will rightly represent a Christian college of students fired with a world vision.

But the success of the SLIGONIAN does not rest with the editors. They must have the co-operation of every student. They must have a big subscription list; but first and foremost they must have plenty of copy. So write, and write, and write some more, and make the hearts of the editors glad. With your help they shall have a paper of which we can be proud.

L. S.

WE believe that the members of our faculty are men and women of great capability, and now we have reason to believe that their excellence is not confined to the classroom. When there were four hundred quarts of pears to be canned, a faculty "canning bee" was the solution.

Can you imagine with what joy a science professor would contemplate upon the marvelous combination of the elements contained in the fruit which he was paring? And the mathematical exactness with which another professor could cut into quarters such an irregular object?

But seriously, the value of a "working bee" is underestimated. There is no more agreeable method of accomplishing a big task. When there is work to be done, if all will enter heartily into the work, what seemed a mountain will prove to be only a mole-hill. "It does not take long to work a little while," and if enough people work a little while the work is done before we realize it.

Let there be more of this spirit of working together when there is a big task ahead of us. The faculty has set the example in co-operation. Shall the students fail to measure up? Let's apply this to our Harvest In-gathering campaign. Get behind that six-thousand-dollar goal and push it beyond the mark! L. G. S.

WE very much regret that in the October issue of the SLIGONIAN there was a mistake in the editorial card. It should have read: Kenneth L. Gant, Editor-in-Chief; Mabel Robbins, Missionary Editor; Gladys Willman, Literary Editor; James E. Lippart, Col-

lege Editor; Mrs. J. N. Kimble, Alumni Editor; and Julia Leland, News Editor. The managers were: Clarence H. Taylor, Business Manager; William T. Bowen, Advertising Manager; William Y. Kamoda, Ass't. Advertising Manager; George E. Owens, Circulating Manager; John C. Shull, Treasurer. R. W.

### The Foreign Mission Band

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They send a call for help. We cannot go yet, but we already share the labors of those who have gone. We must further prepare. Would it be crude to liken our condition to that of a railroad engine, just being fired before the long pull into the terminal, or maybe doing yard duty until given the signal to go?

The responsibility comes with the knowledge. Then with the faithful discharge of duty comes the joy of serving, of bringing others the responsibility, and then sharing in their service too. And when all is finished, comes the reward, perhaps a special reward for those who have lived for others.

For this purpose of helping answer the world's needs, the Foreign Mission Band has been organized. The Faculty has given each Wednesday chapel period for band meetings, and a larger number are enrolled than any previous year.

"The prospects are as bright as the promises of God."

# ALUMNI DEPARTMENT

## THE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION FROM THE VIEW- POINT OF THE ALUMNI

J. N. KIMBLE

IT is needless to say that the Alumni of Washington Missionary College have a deep interest in everything that might make or break a good record for our Alma Mater. Of course, we desire to see the good things made better and the failures remedied. Are we interested in the Students' Association? Yes, indeed! what might it not do or undo for our college! We have hope, yes, faith in it.

At the opening of every school year much interest is manifested by all the friends of the school in the organization of this association. The reasons may differ somewhat, since all do not have just the same needs to be satisfied. Some are most interested in the College paper, and are anxious to get its officers to work; others think more of the social privileges to be promoted by the organization; and still others, of the missionary activities. But all benefit by the lively parliamentary drill at association meetings.

The organization gives opportunity as nothing else could for fellowship in plans and action. That training is needed to prepare men and women for service everywhere. It helps to knock off the sharp corners of one's nature, and make him worth much more to the world. When, as alumni, we become associated with other

workers in the great field of service, may we all have learned as we might in the Students' Association, the secret of making and keeping friends.

What one, or a few, cannot accomplish alone, may perhaps be done by the many who can work together because of the existence of having an organization. For instance, a number working together produce a literary society, and are mutually benefited; others by uniting their forces give excellent musical productions. And not at all least among accomplishments, when every little helps, we break all Harvest Ingathering goals.

No one can fully measure the value of the Students' Association to our College, or any other, when it is conducted by earnest, loyal and talented young men and women. Their influence reaches out to the far corners, of the earth. It brings other students to the school, and they consecrate their lives to the gospel. It develops leaders—strong-hearted, prudent, tactful leaders—just the kind the cause of God is looking for. It binds together the interests of the field and the school.

Fellow alumni, let us do bravely our part in the work, realizing that the good spirit of W. M. C. is alive and at work.

## THE BENEFITS OF THE STUDENT'S ASSOCIATION

JOHN KENNEDY

IN order that an Adventist student body be a success there are three things among others that are necessary: (a) a school spirit; (b) an enterprising financial body; and (c) a missionary spirit. A school spirit is necessary in order to better hold together the straggling ends of a student body, and give existence to college life. An enterprising financial body is necessary because under the present condition of exchange any progressive enterprise would fail without it. The qualification of a missionary spirit essential to the well-being of a Christian school need scarcely be emphasized, since upon that depends the existence of Christianity in that institution.

Any organization or stimulus that would further interest in these essentials would surely be beneficial to the well-being of a Christian school. The students' association does this, as it binds the students together, and a school spirit exists simultaneously with the organizing of the students. In the association the machinery with which to launch a successful financial enterprise is already in existence; all that is needed is to turn that machinery toward the desired aim and with careful guiding the result is sure. The results of the missionary spirit that is developed through a well-directed Harvest Ingathering campaign is beyond our power to fully estimate. Many have through such an organization as the Harvest Ingathering campaign obtained their first conception of real missionary work. They have continued to develop

until they ably fill an important place in some foreign land.

One place where an observer can get a view of the benefits of such an organization as the Students' Association is in a school where it does not exist! There are schools where a students' association either does not exist, or is so void of life that it might as well not exist. If a flickering ember of life does exist and is caused to flare up under some special stress, it will die down and the last state will be worse than the first. The school spirit in these schools exists in such a modified form that study is about the only activity the average student can indulge in, which in turn, as the wise man says, is a weariness. The result is often only too evident.

If, as was said, there is enough of a flicker to make one more burst of flame in some financial campaign, it will soon die out and the expended effort is so weak that the organization falls back to lie dormant during the time when a number of campaigns should have been launched that were not because of lack of real energy. It matters not whether the campaign be for the benefit of foreign lands or for the immediate vicinity of the campus, the result of the experience to the individual will be the same. The missionary spirit in these same schools wanes because of the lack of organized effort.

What is the result to a school if its missionary spirit fails? It surely fails to function as part of the great

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## NEWS ITEMS

### THE HARVEST INGATHERING CAMPAIGN

WHEN the student body filed into chapel on Monday, Oct. 18, there was a general exclamation of "Oh look!", and "Isn't that pretty!" for there, on the back of every chair was a bright-colored Harvest Ingathering number of the "Watchman", the railing of the balcony was covered with them, and festooned across the alcove of the rostrum was a string of these magazines.

The day following was to be our Harvest Ingathering day, and chapel period was given over to the students' Association. Mr. Carter, the president, told of how the day before, twenty-five of the students were so enthusiastic about the work, that they "sneaked" out, and gathered in \$200 for missions. Then different students arose, and told of their burning desire to go out and meet the people in the interests of this work. Enthusiasm ran high, and the spirit was catching. When the matter of the goal came up, some almost took our breath away by setting \$6,000 for our goal! By this time everybody was heart and soul for the Harvest Ingathering campaign, and the \$6,000 goal was voted upon, and passed! Another goal set before us was 100% of the student body working.

The next day, at about eight-thirty, the steps of the College presented a wonderful sight. Nearly every stu-

dent was there with a bundle of papers on his arm, a smile on his face, and with a spirit of impatience to get to work. The street cars were crowded with these enthusiastic, happy workers for God.

And this enthusiasm was not merely spasmodic. It lasted all day—as was shown by the reports given in chapel the following day. One after the other, students arose, telling of the rich experiences they had had. Mr. Kamoda, from Japan, told of how he and his sister worked. They went to the Japanese embassy, and asked for the ambassador. He was not in, but his secretary received them cordially. After the usual Japanese preliminaries, the subject of the campaign was entered upon, and to Mr. Kamoda's surprise, he was given a check for ten dollars, besides an invitation to attend a banquet, to be given in honor of the birthday of the empress! Altogether, he and his sister received about fifteen dollars. He said to us, "If we, strangers as we are in this land, can get fifteen dollars, surely you Americans who are surrounded by people of your own nationality, can do much more." The general sentiment of the meeting was that we were just beginning the campaign. Dr. Salisbury said that he had started out thinking "there will be joy when the work is done", but came home with "To the work," running through his head.

But as we go about this work, we

realize that we are not trying merely to reach a high goal, and make a name for our College. The underlying motive is a realization of the needs of the mission field, a desire to help meet these needs, also a desire to talk to the people about our work, and the Lord's return. To see souls saved in the kingdom as a result of the campaign is our aim.

### The Students' Association Hike

A WARM, sunshiny, October day, the gentlest of breezes blowing, the autumn leaves glorious in their dress parade of gold, red, and brown, all nature inviting one out of doors,— what could be more appropriate for a hike! Sunday, Oct. 10, was just such a day, and the Students' Association was lucky enough to have picked it out for our first school picnic.

Promptly at one o'clock, almost two hundred happy excited students were assembled in front of Columbia Hall, anxious to start. Soon we were off, our line spreading out over several blocks. Through the beautiful countryside of Maryland we trudged for over three miles. Some of us got thirsty along the way, and some delicious, juicy apples picked up from under the trees tasted extremely good! But when we reached Burnt Mills and saw the huge rocks, with the water running over them, in the cool woods, all feeling of fatigue was lost. Rock-climbing became the rage, and two (one boy and one girl) so far forgot themselves as to think they had bathing suits on—they fell in the water! But no serious accident happened. With the call to supper, we all rushed

to the bonfire and lined up to receive ears of corn, potatoes to be roasted, butter, sandwiches, and cocoa. And didn't everything taste good! But by this time it was growing dark, and we started home, some in groups, some riding in the truck, and some riding in automobiles. And so ended a "perfect day."

PROFESSOR and Mrs. L. L. Caviness and children will leave in a few weeks for Gland, Switzerland, where Professor Caviness will engage in the young people's and educational work. At 7:30, Tuesday evening, October 12, a company of about seventy-five gathered in the College gymnasium to give Professor and Mrs. Caviness a farewell reception. The gymnasium was decorated with autumn leaves and potted plants, and in the middle of the room was a rug, large chairs, and a piano. Around this center the chairs were arranged in a half circle. Professor Machlan gave an opening address after which Prof. O. M. John was called on to give some reminiscences of his and Professor Caviness's boyhood days. Many a laugh was heard as Professor John told of their experiences while in Mexico, and of the lessons which had been learned from these experiences. Elder A. G. Daniells and W. A. Spicer gave short talks on the field to which Professor Caviness and his family are going. It was learned that the home which is picked out for Professor Caviness is very near to a castle where the ex-king, Charles of Austria, his wife and three children are residing at the present time, so there is little doubt but what Mrs. Caviness and her three

children will fall right in with royalty. Prof. E. G. Salisbury, in a few remarks of regret at the thought of having Professor Caviness and family leave their many friends in Takoma Park, showed in a very material way that they were sorry to have them leave by presenting a purse made up by those present. Professor Caviness expressed his regret at leaving his many friends here, and invited all present to visit his home in Switzerland to see what had been bought with the gift presented to him and Mrs. Caviness. Mrs. Caviness also gave a few words of appreciation, after which prayer was offered by Professor Shaw. A duet, "The Very Thought of Thee," was sung by Professor Osborne and Mrs. Werline. An abundance of delicious nectar and small cakes were served. We all wish Professor and Mrs. Caviness and family a safe trip to their home, and our prayers follow them as they take up their new work.

WE all know how interesting a chapel period is when given over to the Student's Association, so we cannot wonder at the loud applause which greeted Mr. Carter, our new president, as he took his place on the platform Oct. 4. Mr. Carter, in a stirring welcome speech told us in a few concise words just what the S. A. is for, and that it is up to us as students to get out of it what we will. Plans were then set on foot for the organization of athletic, music, literary, and other societies, under the auspices of the S. A., by which members can broaden out in their special field.

### October 24, 1920

DID you ever plan on going to a party and having the best time ever, and then after you had gone you had had such a good time you wish it would be repeated the next night? That's the experience of thirty-four students who gathered at the home of Mabel Robbins Oct. 24, 7:45 in the evening. Many interesting games were played, and some were very novel, at least to those who had never played them before. There wasn't a dull moment the whole evening! And the pleased chuckles which went round as the pumpkin pie, cake, ice cream and apples appeared were really worth seeing. The only time we found our chaperon interfering was about ten-thirty during a lively community singing of favorite songs when Miss Evans suggested that we go home upon finishing that song. Mabel Robbins may be assured that we enjoyed the evening for she heard us singing far down the road!

WITH a great deal of enthusiasm and interest, the piano students met in the music studio, Wednesday evening, Oct. 13, for the reorganization of the Mozart Musical Society. The following officers were elected: Mr. William Kamoda, president; Mr. Walter Place, vice-president; Miss May Harkins, secretary; Miss Rita Jones, treasurer. After the election of officers a short impromptu program was given which was enjoyed by all. The aim of the society is to study different phases of music and to educate all to the appreciation and enjoyment of the best in music. A willingness was expressed by many to contribute in any way to make this society a success and a help to each member.



WE are always interested in our alumni and what they are doing, especially when there are a number of them at the same place, as seems to be the case at Campion Academy, Loveland, Colo. Mr. William Tinsley is enjoying his work as preceptor at this academy, and Miss Gladys Machlan is enthusiastic over her work as Latin teacher and preceptress. Mr. William Wilkinson is also teaching at the same school. Miss Leah Gant is attending there. "It seems like a regular W. M. C. reunion" one of them writes.

"RUN, run, run!" Mrs. Buss called, as she saw her son Claude coming toward her. Did he run? I should say so! Students always do when their parents drop in unexpectedly for a day or two.

STILL our Rome and the Middle Ages class grows! Professor Werline is quite at his wits' end at times to know where to get chairs to seat all the members.

OCTOBER 13 a company of eight students went to Mt. Vernon, the home of Washington, for the day. It was an ideal day for an outing and was enjoyed very much by the ones who made up the happy company.

PRAYER bands for the girls have been organized to meet at ten minutes after seven every morning. Much good can be accomplished by the earnest prayers of the girls who attend from morning to morning.

SATURDAY evening, Oct. 9, students met in the chapel for the purpose of organizing the Musical and Oratorical Society. The following officers were elected: Miss Gwendoline Lacey, president; Prof. William Osborne, vice-president; Walter L. Place, secretary. The officers for the mixed chorus, a branch of the society, are: Everett Stone, president; Miss Emma Mallatt, vice-president; Miss Mabel Bowen, secretary-treasurer.

MR. MORRIS JESTER was glad to welcome his mother and aunt Oct. 8, when they stopped over to spend the Sabbath with him.

#### Carroll-Bowen

It will come as a surprise to many to hear of the marriage of "Bill," our veteran cylinder pressman at the College Press, but it is not surprising at all, for he had been contemplating such a step for some time. Mr. William Bowen and Miss Naomi Ruth Carroll were married in the Seventh-day Adventist church at Smithsburg, Maryland, Sunday, Aug. 22 at four o'clock in the afternoon, Dr. B. Franklin Bryan officiating. Mr. Thomas Cunningham and Miss Esther Carroll, sister of the bride, acted as best man and bridesmaid. Refreshments were served to guests at the home of the bride's parents immediately following the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Bowen left for Colonial Beach on their honeymoon and are now at home in Takoma Park where Mr. Bowen is again at his old job. All the old students wish Mr. and Mrs. Bowen many years of happy married life.

### Mitchell-McCutchen

It certainly came as a surprise to Washington Missionary College students to learn of the marriage of Willa Maye McCutchen, one of our former students, to Doctor Gerald Mitchell, Oct. 12. The marriage took place at 8.30 in the evening in the First Seventh-day Adventist church, Atlanta. After a short trip they plan to live in Atlanta, where Doctor Mitchell is a well-known dentist. The best wishes of the students who knew Willa Maye while here in school are extended to her.

MISSION study bands are being organized, and the chapel period on Wednesdays will be taken up by these bands. Much good will be accomplished we know, for we have a very enthusiastic leader, Mr. Edmund Miller, who inspires the students to join the different bands.

THE Young People's meetings which meet Sabbath afternoons are being well attended. Interesting programs are given and special music is rendered. It is gratifying to see the interest which the students manifest in these meetings.

ETHEL ANDRÉ seems to enjoy the medical course as much as she liked to work in the laboratory here at W. M. C. One thing which makes the work so interesting is the fact that there are a great many W. M. C. students there taking the medical course.

ALL who have heard Elder W. F. Martin speak on the religious liberty

work can imagine how interested the students were Oct. 5 when the chapel period was given over to him. Interesting indeed were the experiences which he told us, and a unanimous invitation was extended to him to visit us again in the very near future.

THOSE who have canvassed are always glad when a colporteurs' symposium is given. At least this was the case Oct. 6 when the chapel period was given to this work. Mr. Kirk, and other speakers, so inspired us by their interesting and encouraging talks that many who had not been interested in this line of work before resolved to join the Colporteurs' Band which will soon be organized.

A CANNING bee in the kitchen of Central Hall was thoroughly enjoyed Thursday afternoon, Oct. 21, by the faculty, their wives and daughters. The students were glad to welcome our "canners" to supper after the "bee." As a result of this bee several hundred jars of delicious canned pears are laid aside for winter use.

### The Benefits of the Students' Association

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whole that is carrying the gospel to the ends of the earth. Its graduates have failed to get the true missionary endeavor at home. Can they obtain it abroad? Since this is so important in the life of a school, and since the students' association tends to further this there should be a live organization properly controlled by the right spirit.

<p><b>REVIEW AND HERALD NEWS</b></p>
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YES, our silverware fund is growing. Besides making our employees happy with the lemonade, stuffed dates, doughnuts, etc. which are sold to bring money for this fund, we see our clock rapidly nearing the two hundred dollar mark. About forty-five dollars of this amount was brought in from the banquet which was served in our cafeteria, Thursday evening, Oct. 7. Two long tables were beautifully decorated with autumn leaves and flowers; the *real* decorations were brought on, however, by the waitresses. How beautiful the tables did look when loaded down with the bountiful supper which was served to a hundred guests! After the delicious apple pie with whipped cream, and nectar, the guests were ready to sit back in comfort and listen to a well-prepared program of songs, and recitations. Dr. Woolgar suggested that we have another one next week, and by taking a vote of those present it seems that it was the mind of the majority.

How glad the hearts of the Review and Herald employees are made when a raise in wages is declared! And how much happier they are when the time comes to receive their check on the new scale! Oct. 11 was a day for such joy, and all eagerly watched for the girl with the checks.

THE Review and Herald branch office has been incorporated with the main building and so ceases to exist.

The former branch workers are busily engaged with work in the book department. We welcome these new workers.

OCT. 17 Miss Lora Clement left on a month's vacation to the West. She is planning on going as far as Denver, Colo., before returning. Miss Machlan will be glad to see her when she arrives in Loveland, we are sure.

### The Music Department

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peals to the student in the college because an appreciation of it leads to a broader culture and education. So the music school shares with the college of liberal arts the responsibility of developing in the student a symmetrical personality, and of fitting him for life's work in its four aspects, the spiritual, the educational, the artistic, and the practical.

Such a music department not only offers strong courses in piano, voice, violin, organ, and theory of music for individual education, but it stands for a broader program of education and influence, affecting the college life as a whole. It extends itself beyond the studies and imparts a benefit to all in terms of uplift, pleasure and inspiration. Washington Missionary College must have such a department of music.

The first time I rode down town on the "Takoma" car, I was attracted by a placard that hung overhead in the center of the car. It read, "Please

Move Forward." Right then I seized upon it as *the* motto for the Music Department.

Our college is administered in harmony with the progressive policy, and its student body likewise endorses that policy. The Music Department and every other department of the College must constantly advance if it is to fill its place efficiently, and do effectively that part of the work assigned to it.

A forward move is scheduled for the Music Department. Its facilities and equipment are to be brought up to a standard corresponding to its studio and classroom ideals. As a department it must be made to stand for all that such a department should

stand for. It wishes especially to be of service to those desiring a preparation in either voice or piano for evangelistic work. It will give thorough and adequate training to all students wishing to qualify as teachers of musical subjects. Also the chorus and orchestra will provide ample opportunity to all who desire a training in *ensemble* music; thus the advantages and activities of the Department are intended for the entire student body as well as for the individual music student. The department expects to stand for the highest and best in art and in its relation to our work, and it obeys the command, "Please Move Forward."

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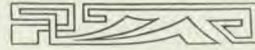
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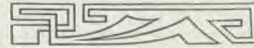
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