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## THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS IS STUDENT BODY GOAL

### TO AID COLUMBIA UNION EDUCATIONAL FUND

A "pep" meeting at Washington Missionary College. Who ever heard tell of such a thing? Every one assembled in the Auditorium on Friday, Dec. 17, 1926, not only heard it, but felt it, and responded to it with three thousand dollars pledged on the Columbia Union Educational Fund. President Morrison presented the loyalty appeal that prompted courage, inspiration, and decided action on the part of the student body. The three thousand dollar investment was sold to classes in \$25 units. The College Freshman class, the largest numerically, purchased 24 units.

Applause and cheers greeted the waving class banners as the students gathered in the chapel on Friday morning. The auditorium was marked off into sections, designated on the banners. Each class group occupied its own division. Every member was tagged with a color peculiar to his group.

President Morrison challenged the school spirit by presenting the need of the College and the Columbia Union Conference and suggesting the plan of selling "Christ's Object Lessons," and "Ministry of Healing," and other devices to relieve the indebtedness.

Student leaders, elected by the respective classes, worked with faculty advisors in group organization, and a grand rally ensued. So energized was the youthful will to do and dare for Alma Mater that Mr. Gage was kept busy marking the scoreboard, while shouts of "twenty-five" rang out from every direction until the three thousand dollar mark was reached.

The enthusiasm of the hour was added to by wired contributions from leading business houses, and conference workers, and the rousing song by the Famous Fifty chorus, "Help It On."

## COMMERCE DEPARTMENT

In the early days of our Master's work on earth, Judas "carried the bag." Self-appointed, he seems to have acted as accountant, treasurer, statistician, etc. But finally, Judas "went out and hung himself." The tragic ending of his life has many times been duplicated in the Christian world and in church organizations, in both the actual and figurative sense. But allowing such to be the case, we must reason more logically than to construct our premise as follows:

Judas, the treasurer, hung himself.

Brother Jones is a treasurer.

Therefore Brother Jones will hang himself.

While there is a possibility of such a conclusion working out, we all know the folly of such a deduction. But, on the other hand, we seem sometimes inclined to overlook the important part played in the cause of God at the present time by the man or woman who sits back out of the lime-

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## Columbia Union Educational Fund

**Purpose:** To liquidate present indebtedness, and make the necessary improvements in all our schools.

**Campaign at College:** Began Friday morning, Dec. 17, 1926; to end when our goal is reached.

**Goal:** Three thousand dollars, pledged by student body and faculty.

**How to Reach Goal:** Sell "Christ's Object Lessons," "Ministry of Healing," or any of our small books, magazines, or pamphlets.

**Who Should Take Part:** The Columbia Union expects every loyal member to do his duty. No one is excused, beginning with the church school children and ending with the older church members.

## FACULTY RECITAL

### DEPARTMENTS REVEAL SPLENDID TALENT

A large and appreciative audience gathered to hear the Faculty Recital at Columbia Hall, Saturday evening, December 11.

Prof. J. W. Osborn thrilled the audience with the rich tone quality of his voice. For beauty of tone and flexibility of expression, his voice is surpassed by few. As head of the Music Department, Professor Osborn revealed the highest development, ideals, and purposes of the art.

Prof. H. B. Hannum showed remarkable skill in technique, and an unusually delicate touch. His well executed passages from Bach and Mendelssohn were greeted by enthusiastic applause.

Prof. R. W. Bickett, of the Expression Department, was highly amusing in his readings, which showed his aptitude in the field of dialect. The longer reading, the "Ballad of the Northern Lights," a tale of the North, proved his ability to hold an audience and carry it along with him.

The program was as follows:

Prelude and Fugue	Bach
PROFESSOR OSBORN	
Rosa's Curiosity	Daly
A Cabin Tale	Paul Lawrence Dunbar
PROFESSOR BICKETT	
Spinning Song	Mendelssohn
Hunting Song	Mendelssohn
Novelette in D Major	Schumann
PROFESSOR HANNUM	
Open Thou Thy Blue Eyes	Massenet
My Dreams	Tosti
Barcarolle—The Water Lily	Balloy
My Hour	Earnest Ball
PROFESSOR OSBORN	
Ballad of the Northern Lights	Robert W. Service
PROFESSOR BICKETT	
Hark, Hark, the Lark	Schubert-Liszt
PROFESSOR HANNUM	

## DR. L. E. ELLIOTT TO JOIN BOULDER SANITARIUM

### MOTORS THROUGH TO NEW LOCATION

Dr. L. E. Elliott, who has been four years on the medical staff of the Washington Sanitarium and Hospital is motoring in his new Chrysler to Boulder, Colo., where he will connect officially with the Boulder Sanitarium. He has sold his beautiful Flower Avenue residence, shipped his furnishings, and will soon, with his two sons and daughter, be on the road to their new home. They will motor by way of Fremont, Nebr. Mrs. Elliott is visiting with friends in that city.

Their first stop will be at New Market, Va. on the Lee Highway, in

## THE FINCK TRIO

### PRESENTING A PROGRAM OF CLASSICAL MUSIC

The only musical number on this season's Lecture Course was the Finck Trio, which gave a concert here on Saturday evening, December 4. The members of this trio, a harpist, violinist, and cellist, are all members of the faculty of the Peabody Conservatory of Music, in Baltimore. Their work is of a fine quality, the technique being almost perfect.

The program consisted of concert and solo numbers, all of which were of a strictly classical nature. Their concert numbers included Schubert's "Ave Maria" and "Serenade;" a group of Negro spirituals; the ever popular "Mighty Lak' a Rose;" the "Largo" from Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata;" MacDowell's beautiful little tone poem, "To a Wild Rose;" and Saint Saens' "The Swan."

The solo work set out in high relief their individual abilities, and proved them to be masters in their line. The violinist exhibited her skill in the "Valse Caprice" especially, and the cellist in her fine execution of "Tarantella."

But perhaps the harpist carried off the laurels for the evening. Her pleasing personality added to the charm of her playing, and she put her soul into each number. Mrs. Finck's solo numbers were "Song of the Volga Boatman," "Believe Me if All Those Endearing Young Charms," and Chopin's "Prelude in C Minor."

To music lovers this program was truly a feast, as it is the only musical number of the Course this year.

## THE MAN OF CALVARY A GOD-GIVEN PATTERN

### SPIRIT OF CALMNESS CHARACTERIZES WEEK

Washington Missionary College has just completed a blessed Week of Prayer during which the majority of students renewed their consecration and determined more definitely to give themselves whole-heartedly to God and the finishing of His work.

The spirit which characterized our Week of Prayer was one of calmness and sincere heart-searching. Elder G. W. Wells and Elder E. Kotz came to us from the General Conference bringing a soul-stirring message to all.

Elder Kotz pictured to us the beauties and joys of Christian living. The question was asked, "If Christians cannot be happy and joyous with the knowledge of sins forgiven, who can?" We can have a joy in our hearts which persecution cannot take from us; but as the rain waters the flower and causes it to grow and bloom beautifully, so does persecution cause hearts to be drawn nearer to Him and make lives more beautiful.

Elder Wells urged that we daily give ourselves anew to God and take more time to look at our pattern, the Man of Calvary. Very pointed were the illustrations that went home to the heart of each listener.

First things were first during the week. Classes were shortened and more time given to prayer bands, chapel, and the evening service. Definite prayers were answered, personal help was given, and a great work for God accomplished by the Week of Prayer.

The students and faculty of our college greatly enjoyed and benefited by the recent revival services held the week of December 5-11. Spiritual strength and courage came to all, and with new determination to gain a higher plane of Christian living, the school family is pressing on.

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## HALCYON CLUB SURPRISE

It had been hinted that there was a surprise forthcoming at the meeting of the Halcyon Club, and all were restless when for a time nothing happened. Even the president seemed uneasy, wondering why "It" did not come. Imagine the height of anticipation realized when the manly forms of Mr. Wrigley, president of the Famous Fifty, and two of his associates, Bruce Gernet, their sweet singer, and Mr. Seymour Zeigler, their Padrewski, crossed the threshold of the girls' worship room. Maude Brooke in introducing them said that they had a little program planned, and she knew that every one would be delighted when the program was over. She meant no harm, however, meaning well and getting in deep water. The club was not disappointed. Mr. Gernet's song "On the Road to Mandalay," was beautiful, and Mr. Wrigley's talk, since it contained some very nicely turned

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The Staff Wishes You A Prosperous New Year

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**A NEW YEAR**

Today is the most unusual day of the year. Yes, I know that it is not legalized as some great holiday, nor is it marked by a great catastrophe. But think of today in its relation to the future. Compare this day's tomorrow with another day of the year and its tomorrow. For tomorrow is the first day of the year, the beginning of nineteen hundred twenty-seven. What will this New Year mean to you?

That saying about a good beginning meaning a poor ending, to my mind is erroneous. But, granting that in some, or even in many instances this is true, I think that is very easily explained, for in making a good beginning one is apt to set the goal too high; that is, in our own power we attempt to make an abrupt change. We make all sorts of resolutions, which down in our own hearts we know are impossible to achieve; we start in, and gradually, as the year progresses, our good actions dwindle into good intentions.

Some time ago in chapel President Morrison gave us an inspiring talk, using as a topic, "The Answer Is Wrong." To mention the topic brings back some of the outstanding features that were spoken of by our President. One especially, was that as we worked our mathematics lessons, we might have found an answer that was wrong, and from then on, if we could not get the answer, we said, "The answer is wrong." Are we going to let ideas like this go with us through life? If we fail in our efforts, if we make a mistake, do we say that everybody is against us, the other fellow does not play fair, the Professors are down on us, they won't give us a chance; in other words, "The answer is wrong"?

My point is this, let us not blame the other fellow; more than likely it is our own fault. I know that New Year's Resolutions are in order. May I suggest just one: I hereby pledge to make 1927 my banner year, in my relations to my fellow men and my God, and to strive to live to the best of my knowledge.

"In this false world, we do not always know  
Who are our friends and who our enemies.  
We all have enemies, and all need friends."

B. N. A.

**WEEK OF PRAYER**

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The inspiring and interesting messages coming from Elder G. W. Wells and Elder E. Kotz were very effective, and many consecrated their lives to a greater service and love of the Master. Elder Wells sounded the keynotes of the Christian life, prayer, Bible study, and work for the Ruler and Creator of us all. Elder Kotz emphasized freedom from the bondage of sin, the great slaveholder, who "keeps us in our seats, when we want to ally ourselves on the side of Jesus."

At our Thursday morning chapel hour, the spirit of God was especially near. Our chapel resounded the strong testimonies for Jesus. Nearly every one took hold of the opportunity of standing and casting his vote for Christ. Our closing exercise on Friday evening found us all again of good cheer, and after a brief inspiring talk from Elder Kotz, several hundred stood up to bear testimony.

**HALCYON CLUB**

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pliments, was greatly enjoyed. The girls extend a very hearty invitation to these and other members of the Famous Fifty to visit them again.

The Carpentry Shop is spreading out. They are putting on a new addition to make room for more equipment.

A master mind is needed among us, to ascertain the color of several dashing youths' socks. Who is taking a course in "psockology"?

Every one had a fine time at the party given by Miss Spicer for her Normal Art students.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Smith were made happy by the arrival of a brand new Ford.

Thomas Hearn has been enjoying frequent trips home the week ends.

Some one suggests that the Board have a railing installed around the roof of the North Hall porch to protect ice skaters from gruesome falls.

Mr. Vinston Adams stands highest in his classes this year; six feet three.

Our Seminar Band is wide awake this year, carrying on an intensive student ministerial work.

Florence Menhennet is getting along very nicely since her recent operation for appendicitis at the Sanitarium. The South Hall girls are looking for her return.

The best suggestion for the disposal of the lost and found articles was made by Weldon Wood: Sell them at auction for the benefit of the proposed Famous Fifty parlor.

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**THE SPIRIT OF MISSIONS**

**II—THE TRAGEDY IN THE BUSH**

(Editor's Note: This story is the second of a group of three mission stories as told by Elder E. Kotz, Associate Secretary of the General Conference.)

Come again with me to Africa. A bright, tropical sun is smiling from a cloudless sky. It is pouring out its splendor over the endless prairies, and the high, snow-capped Kilimanjaro reflect the light in brilliant hues. Now it is setting, gilding the tops of the mountains. Yet a few moments and the terrible, deep gorges in the rocks will be filled with the darkness of night.

There is a little baby sleeping at the edge of a high precipice. You will be wondering how its mother could have left it in that dangerous position. Maybe she is seeking it just now, and will appear any moment to take her little darling home in caressing arms. But nobody seems to be near. The little birds, that sang a farewell to the parting sun, have gone to rest, and a cold wind is coming up from the gorge. The child is awakened by it, and as it stretches its little arms and legs, it begins to roll towards the edge of the precipice, and disappears in the next moment. A heathen tragedy in the bush. What does it mean?

This child, not yet a year old, is a so-called "tooth-child." That means that its upper incisors have come through before the lower ones, and this is a sure sign, sent by the spirits of the dead ancestors, that the entire family will be annihilated if they are not appeased by the death of the child. Meanwhile, the poor mother, who loves her child just as much as any other mother over here, is sitting in her hut and crying.

"O woe is me! Where is my child? It will never sleep in my arms again. Nor rest upon my breast!"

Thinking she sees the crushed body of her little one lying at the bottom of the precipice, and a pair of eyes piercing the darkness, soon she actually hears the scornful laughter of the hyena, as it drags away its prey, and the night in her own heart is darker than the one outside. Unconsciously, and with different words, the prayer escapes from her lips, "The harvest is passed, the summer is ended, and we are not saved. For the hurt of my daughter am I hurt. Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there?"

While you are attending school now, is it with the object to prepare to serve these people? Are you praying for the love of Christ, for this love that is the very spirit of missions?

**COMMERCE DEPARTMENT**

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light behind a desk, constructing and reconstructing pyramids and columns from numerical bricks. It is here that the consecrated individual is the servant of servants,—the terminal through which transactions from all points must be switched and dispatched.

Such positions in the great gospel work not only call for deep spiritual consecration, but there is a great and unlimited need of a very definite and careful training of every faculty,—mind, heart, and hands. Too great emphasis cannot be placed on the value of such a training along with other courses of study, such as medical, theological, and the teaching professions. The words of Mr. A. Von Schlegell, Vice-President, Hupp Motor Car Corporation, are to the point:

"I cannot see how a young man can better fit himself for an executive position than by the study of accounting.

"Certainly, the ability to analyze statements, to understand figures and reports, is a decided advantage to men in supervisory positions. The man who has had this training and can see back of the figures, certainly has a decided advantage over the man who has not had this training."

What is true in the business world in this respect is an evidence in the cause of God.

In our commercial department here at Washington Missionary College, the click, clicking of the typewriters is evidence of but a single, though important, unit of the valuable and practical courses of instruction given. The enthusiastic Gregg shorthand students strive to emulate the speed champion. And the brain-developing problems that are mastered in such classes as Advanced Accounting, Commercial Law, and Principles of Economics, are valuable assets to those who would become future workers in God's cause.

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**HOW ABOUT IT?**

Yeah, you know folks, there is another thing that makes my blood boil and that is to have our editor ask me to concoct a column just as I am starting for home—vacation, think of it. Say, but "ain't" it great, Xmas holidays, think of it. I am beginning to like school, really. The train is rather jerky so please excuse all lack of coherence. I hope Miss Evans will overlook this.

Cheer up, "Each morn a thousand roses brings," while bills come but once a month.

A horse can travel a mile without moving more than four feet. Funny, isn't it?

**A Wish for 1927**

There's just one wish contained in me,  
For all I know or see;  
And that is for each one to be just how  
And where and what  
That one has longed to be.  
Of being what thou wishest,  
Is what I hold for thee.

"Ova" is the Latin for eggs, we are told. Hence when a lecturer is showered with unsalable eggs, he receives an ovation.

Ambition is the chronic insomnia that prevents a man resting on his laurels.

Pride goeth before a fall, but it also helps us to get on our feet again.

We seldom fully appreciate the collar button that doesn't roll under the bureau. How about it, boys?

The fuel bill for roasting people is always costly.

It is surprising how many really honest people there are in the world—if one can take their word for it.

Never miss an opportunity to make some one else happy—even if you have to let him alone to do it.

Many a man has lost his good name by having it engraved on a fine umbrella.

The redeeming feature about dark clouds is their rapid movement rather than their silver lining.

"Waiting for something to turn up" is waiting for moonbeams to turn into silver, for magic and chance to take the place of natural law in the universe. It is the philosophy of the shiftless, the refuge of the lazy, the excuse of the improvident.

If you can't tell on which side your bread is buttered, drop it on the rug. The side that is up is not buttered.

O friend! 'tis pitiful to see  
The miser so forlorn and old;  
O friend! how poor a man may be  
With nothing in this world but gold.

Well, folks, I think this is enough for this time. If you don't like it, it's too bad, because I can't change it now.

Just by way of variety, a few of the girls have changed roommates and this entailed some moving of effects. If you doubt this as a source of excitement, try moving an entire bed through a narrow doorway about one minute before you expect all lights in the building to go out.

**MINISTERIAL SEMINAR**

**WELL ATTENDED BY ITS MEMBERS AND STUDENTS**

The Ministerial Seminar has been having some excellent meetings during the past two months. Approximately seventy-five young people have been coming to hear the instruction given. At one of the first meetings, Elder C. E. Andross spoke of the need of entire consecration on the part of a missionary. At the next meeting, Elder C. S. Longacre gave an address on religious liberty work. Mr. Fritz told some of his interesting experiences as a soldier during the World War. And at the last meeting Dr. D. H. Kress gave an interesting lecture on health reform.

Up to the present time, about thirty evangelistic meetings have been held. Mr. Frank Meckling and Mr. Curtis Quackenbush conduct meetings at the Methodist Mission in Washington on Wednesday and Sunday evenings, while Mr. Luther Belote and Mr. Paul Applegate have charge of meetings every Sunday evening at Riverdale. There is quite an interest manifested by those who attend the meetings.

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## STRAY BLADES

Many fall by the wayside. Curtis Quackenbush, encountering his brother's elbow in a volley ball game, suffers a broken nose, nothing serious though; Frank Meckling sprains his wrist, and Greydon Field an ankle, during a similar engagement; Earnest Parrish, wanting a ladder, cuts his fingers while descending from the roof in a precipitous manner; Bruce Gernet gets a box from home, shares some cake with "Buss" Willett, and both are seized with stomach ache during a meeting. North Hall is becoming a home for the infirm.

The backstop of our tennis court was damaged by an auto speeding through the fog to turn in a fire alarm, when Gus Holzner's Garage at the end of Flower Avenue burned. The driver met another car coming down the street, steered off into the mud, and after three skidding revolutions thudded to a stop against a pole on our tennis court. A truck failed to pull him out, but Lawrence Stone with his foot freed the car to go on under its own power.

The only good thing about the recent cold snap, was that it was really cold enough to make ice skating possible. Some went to the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Lake, some went to Chevy Chase Lake, and the majority went to our own little Sligo.

At the same time it was fated for the Central Hall boiler to break, necessitating heroic efforts by a sturdy squad of North Hall engineers, during the long frosty hours of the night into the morning, to restore normal thermic conditions inside.

The Senior Class of the Academy was almost eclipsed by Harvest In-gathering renown by the far-famed Freshman college group. But due investigation shows that proportionately the twelfth graders left all others in their dust, and were out of sight only because they were so far ahead, raising an average of \$15.80 for each class member. Honor to whom honor is due, and let us not forget the "little seniors." They did a big deed in a quiet way.

Greydon Field has a great sense of a good time, or else he is a close kin to our feathered friend, the owl. He chose one of our coldest nights to enjoy the pleasure of staying up all night. We are sure it must have been a real treat.

Though Billie Widmer remained at this scene of labor during vacation, her holidays were by no means lonely. Billie prefers a brunette, tall, handsome, and nice, and—sure, we all understand. Who doesn't? Happy New Year!

"Sal" Traversi, whose violin is rivalled only by his saxophone, is now happily joined to Charlie Young, who recently moved into North Hall, and whose saxophone was established last year. Together they are the source of much melody.

"Had a good time Christmas? Old Kris good to you? Happy New Year, Old Timer!" Has any one said this to you? Has any one missed doing it? If so, nab that one and say it first; there's medicine in the spirit.

Dale Marchus, our ready California fellow, certainly was game in his initial efforts on the ice. He kept after those skates like a cowboy breaking a bronc; at least we Easterners think so.

A lovely Jewell may be near precious Stone at times, but there is nothing like Yeast to make the heart rise and palpitate.

Evelyn Harrison was lured into the parlor after first blinks, and was, to say the least, surprised when she was greeted from all directions by a shower of apples, oranges, and crackers. Several of her friends had chosen this method of starting a jolly little party in honor of her birthday.

Heart-wringing grief dominated South Hall the morning that Lucille Frazier's pet canary was found dead in his little gilded home. Death was pronounced due to his vital organs' ceasing to function.

The latest girl to cast in her lot with the dormitory girls and take part in their joys and sorrows, is Evelyn Reichenbaugh. She has moved into South Hall to live.

Mary Lewis, one of South Hall's most popular girls last year, visited with her many friends for a few days prior to the Christmas vacation. She is now teaching church school at Media, Pa.

Elder M. E. Kern, in charge of the Week of Prayer meetings at the Sanitarium, met with splendid success. General spiritual refreshing was reported from the workers and faculty across the hill.

Song writers have nothing on our Perlie Henderson, for he has composed a beautiful little song entitled "Forget You." And he is too bashful to have it published. Get him to play it for you and see how you like it.

And speaking about staying up at night, ask some of the members of the Organic Chemistry class how cold it is in the wee small hours of the morning just before an exam.

Enthusiasts were able to enjoy some good coasting during the short time that we had snow, so far. "Watch your head!" Some lively target practice involved various individuals.

Mr. Wynn, the bookkeeper in the business office, just returned from a visit to the Oakwood School, Huntsville, Ala. He came to us after three years' service there. His recent trip was to get his car and bring it here.

Several of our girls go out two or three evenings a week to sell the *Watchman* magazine on the city streets, thereby earning a part of their tuition—or was it Christmas presents?

"What Are Your Assets and Liabilities?" was the subject of Prof. M. E. Cady's evening worship talk to the Famous Fifty. The men truly appreciated the words of counsel and encouragement given to them.

Professor Bickett has almost given up the problem of searching for lost sheep. Every week one more is either lost, strayed, or stolen from Public Speaking class.

The College Rhetoric class is exceptionally proficient this year, says Miss Evans. One "oral day" they gave themselves a miscellaneous program which they all admit was very good and humorous.

Civilization is penetrating the jungle behind the Nurses' Home. Noises of all sorts from this part of the Sligo bear out the report that the Maple Avenue bridge is under construction.

Dr. L. E. Elliott was given a farewell reception in the Nurses' parlor. After eight years of service in Washington, Dr. Elliott accepted a call to the Sanitarium at Boulder, Colo.

Our campus cop, Mr. Cruze, is getting a little competition. Have you seen the shiny new badges on the callboys at the San?

"Either" and "or" are always found together, and Sal Traversi seems lonesome and sorry since Ben Simoni's departure.

Three shivering Fords stand daily near the furnace-room window on the north side of Central Hall. Won't some one call the S. P. C. A.?

Several W. M. C. students attended the author's reading, by Henry Van Dyke, given at the Central High School Auditorium in Washington. Merle Dart's father, O. L. Dart, left for warmer parts recently, going to Miami, Fla.

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