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## C. Oliver Moore Here on Dec. 3

There can be no doubt that musical concerts and other entertainments serve a good purpose and should be provided in every well-balanced program; they furnish the means by which certain faculties of the mind should be stimulated and nourished from time to time. But the pleasures of the senses derived from them are but brief and fleeting as compared to those more enduring benefits which attach to well prepared lectures delivered with ability and intelligence.

Mr. Moore, who delivers a lecture here December 3rd, as the third number on our lecture course, is a past master in all the details of platform oratory. During his days in college he represented his University in every debate for four years, being elected head of his team three years, and never lost a single debate. He took part in every public speaking, oratorical, and forensic contest during his four years and never once came out with anything but a first place. Shortly after his graduation he was given the position of head lawyer for the largest banking house in the world, which position he now holds, presenting its methods before the largest business men's meetings in the country, and representing it in all of its legal cases.

He has been selected from a large field of lecturers because it is felt his message is one which we all need.

### NOTICE

The entire student body and friends of the school will have an opportunity of showing their appreciation of the new piano on Friday evening, Dec. 12. Plan now to attend the concert to be given on that date by the music and oratory departments. The entire proceeds will be applied on the piano fund.

### Anna Houghton Daughters

The interest in the Anna Houghton Daughters is increasing with each meeting. May we not have a 100% attendance on Friday afternoon, when we meet with Mrs. Claude Ries. Be ready to answer roll call with an expression of Thanksgiving.

## Music Lovers Hear Rachmaninoff

Once in a while in the course of life's activities and experiences, we meet happily with something thrills us to the very soul, inspiring us far more than we can tell and leaving a permanent impression on the fibre of our real nature.

Tuesday evening a few of the students had the opportunity of hearing the great pianist Rachmaninoff at Buffalo. The group consisted of Miss Hillpot, Director of the Music department, Miss Hazel Lupton, Mr. Cronk, Alton Cronk, Theos Cronk, and Allen Baker.

The Chopin group was most appreciated after which the artist gave two encores. We print the program below:

I. a Organ Prelude and Fugere in A minor, Bach-Liszt; b) Prelude in D minor from "Well Tempered Clavichord", Bach. II. Sonata, B minor, Liszt. III. a) Scherzo; b) Etude, E major; c) Ballade; d) Etude, C minor. IV. a) Prelude, G major; b) Etude Tableau, D-major Rachmaninoff; c) Prelude, G flat major. V. Valse, "Kunstlerleben", Strauss-Godowsky.

## A Faculty Gathering

### Professor Woolsey Entertains

On Friday evening, November 14th, the faculty were royally entertained by Professor and Mrs. Woolsey in their new home on College Hill. It was the first time this school year that the faculty had met for a social evening. As was requested by the host and hostess, all superfluity of dignity was left behind and each entered heartily into the spirit of the occasion. One feature of the evening was for each to correctly write a paragraph which the President of Yale is said to have given to the President of Harvard. None of the faculty misspelled more words than rumor states that the President of Harvard did, and the mentor of Freshman English alone succeeded in gaining one hundred per cent. After refreshments were served, all returned home feeling that such evenings were pleasant and profitable.

### Parent-Teachers Association

The next meeting of the Parent-Teacher's Association will be held Tuesday, Nov. 25 at 3:30 at the district schoolhouse.

## Senior Math

Given: Fancher's bungalow one fireplace, one well-equipped kitchen, ingredients for preparing eatables, one Level senior class.

To prove: That the college seniors know how to have a good time, are proficient in culinary arts and believe in being sweet occasionally.

Proof:

Step 1. Donned aprons of all size and descriptions from the dainty tea apron to the practical kitchen variety.

Proof: Even Gwendolyn wore an apron, ask her.

Step 2. Built a fire in the fireplace. Proof: Ask Prof. Fancher if his wood-pile was slightly diminished.

Step 3. Made various kinds of fudge. Proof: Ask Scotty and Pete.

Step 4. Stuffed dates.

Proof: Ask any senior if those dates had the indispensable characteristic of dates—that of sweetness.

Step 5. Popped corn over the open fire and made pop-corn balls.

Proof: Ask Prof. Wright where his corn-popper was Friday evening.

Step 6. Made biscuits and coffee.

Proof: Ask H. J. Lennox how to make biscuits and ask the program committee about the coffee.

Step 7. Washed dishes.

Proof: Ask Allen Baker how to wield the dish mop.

Conclusion:

That the college seniors know how to have a good time, are proficient in culinary arts, and believe in being sweet occasionally. Q. E. D.

The senior class wish to express their heartfelt and sincere gratitude to their hospitable and kind host and hostesses for helping to make the evening a success.

## NOTICE!

In view of the coming Thanksgiving vacation, the STAR will not be published next week.

--Editor

## The Thanksgiving Season

—LYNN RUSSELL—

The Pilgrims of old have feasted their last,  
Their graves are enshrouded by whiffs of the blast.  
No more do they gather around the great board  
And offer thanksgivings unto the great Lord.  
Their days of thanksgiving and hardships have gone,  
Their bodies are dust,---their spirit lives on!

Today men are filled with Thanksgiving praise,  
That Pilgrim ideal was not measured in days;  
Down, down through the ages that spirit still lives,  
A thrill of Thanksgiving to each one it gives,  
For the deeds that are righteous can never be crushed  
Though the voice of their makers be silent and hushed!

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### Food for Your Soul

And if I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profiteth me nothing. Love suffereth long, and is kind; love envieth not; love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not its own, is not provoked, taketh no account of evil. I Cor. 13:4, 5

### Editorial

We might say there are three general attitudes which men take toward life. No doubt there are many more, and some may be very pronounced, while in other lives there seems to be a mingling of several or a transition from one to another.

The attitude of the "happy-go-lucky" we will look at first. To him there are no serious, vital issues of life. Apparently he is absolutely ignorant of the responsibilities and the duties which are rightfully his. He may hear and read much about them, but from his viewpoint they mean nothing. They are the ideas merely of either a partially deluded sect or of a group which is trying to make life hard and unpleasant.

This position is quite natural of course to the youth, until he is brought to see that life really holds some stern problems. A new attitude must result, and upon one's decision here depends the usefulness of his life.

There are plenty of people who when they come to this point at once profess to see the need of conscientious

living and begin to take on the external form, but at heart they have no true realization of life's import and their actions are really devoid of the vigorous spirit of service. They consider it the "proper" thing to do, a necessary means for establishing a future replete with social and personal ease. Life's field of action is carefully analyzed to find an occupation that with the least effort will afford the most pleasure and social prestige.

There is another who with earnest, penetrating insight sees the very nucleus of life's meaning. The chaos of human trouble staggers him. He feels that he is able to do only a little part and ever that will be fruitless without the guiding control of a superhuman hand. God must be his only help—or rather his own efforts must be in harmony with God's to be of any help. Who can describe the sense of what this consecration creates. To this man alone is the real spirit of Thanksgiving possible. He knows that God commands and the outcome is certain. Every day is one of praise and thanksgiving and every detail, a revelation of Providence.

The end of man is action, and not thought, though it be the noblest.—Carlyle

### Library Notes

We are glad to see the students availing themselves of the privileges afforded at the reading tables, and making so much use of our reference books through the Reader's Guide.

Fifty newly bound volumes have placed on our shelves this year, for research work.

Do you know we are receiving two dailies, and forty-five other periodicals and magazines? Several of these are complimentary. Our latest acquisition is the Atlantic Monthly.

Are you acquainted with the Bookman? If you are fortunate enough to be in some of the English classes, we know you are.

### Neosophic Society

The musical program which was given Monday night, was very enjoyable indeed. It was one of the best given thus far this year.

Faith McKinney told the life story of Chopin. This was followed by Chopin's "Ballad in A flat", by Alton Cronk who told the story of the Ballad before he played it.

The life story of Schubert was told by Ethel Dentler. We were then delighted by Miss Hildreth's rendering

of Schubert's "Serenade". Miss Hildreth gave a personal touch to this selection which added much to the effect on the very attentive audience.

The program ended with an interesting musical reading, "When Aunt Lindy Sings", by Leina Bruce.

A Thanksgiving program is planned for next week.

### Chapel Services

#### BOULDER Staff Entertains

The chapel services of Friday were conducted by the "Boulder" staff of 1925. After the introduction of various members of the staff by the editor, Ernest Crocker, the plans for the "Boulder" of this year were discussed. Frank Henshaw, business manager, told of the plans for "a bigger and better Boulder". Lloyd Tingley, as circulation manager, set the first week after Thanksgiving as the time for conducting a drive for "Boulder" subscriptions, and suggested that we hint to our fond relatives that we desire a "Boulder" as a Christmas gift.

Our hearts repeat the words of Professor Ries in his prayer of Monday: "Lord, help us never to break down the hedge of training that Thou hast so graciously placed around us. Help us never to destroy the hedge of memory, causing us to forget the vows we have made to our God. Lord, help that we may never break through the hedge of Thy wondrous love, forgetting all that Thou in Thy great goodness hast wrought for us, lest the serpent of regret should sting us."

### Literary Contest Rules Changed

The student body recently passed three important additional rules for the contest at the suggestion of Professor Hazlett. Each contestant must pay a fee of ten cents to cover current expenses. To prevent an excessive number of manuscripts to be criticised by the final judges, a committee is to be appointed who shall select only the ten best in each department. These shall be placed in the hands of the final judges. Also a date was fixed for the close of the contest, so that all may understand at what time to begin their production.

The rules now are as follows:

- 1.—All productions entered in the contest must be wholly original.
- 2.—Essays and Stories entered must not exceed 2000 words in length.
- 3.—Each contestant may submit as many different stories; essays, and poems as he may choose.
- 4.—To insure the awarding of a med-

al and the placing of a name on the cup for excellence in a particular division, there must be at least six contestants for that honor.

5.—Each contestant shall pay a fee of ten cents to cover the expenses of contest.

6.—The contest closes on April 1.

7.—On or before the date specified for closing the contest each contestant shall submit to the head of the English Department four typewritten copies of each story, essay, or poem he wishes to enter in the contest. These copies must bear no mark which would identify the author.

8.—A committee of three members shall be chosen by the head of the English Department to select from the productions submitted, the ten ranking highest in each department. These shall be sent to the final judges.

9.—All productions submitted in this contest shall become the property of the BOULDER.

10.—Each production submitted shall bear some sign or pseudonym placed beneath its title and and be accompanied by a sealed envelope bearing on its outside only this sign or pseudonym, but containing the sign or pseudonym associated with the real name of the author and the statement that his production is original. Absence of this statement will disqualify the production. Contestants who submit several manuscripts should assume a different sign or pseudonym for each manuscript submitted.

11.—No production shall contain anything that will reflect upon the atonement, the divinity of Christ, or any other principle held by the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

### HOUGHTON LOCALS

Laura Baker spent Saturday in Buffalo.

Harriet Remington spent the week-end in Salamanca.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hussey, Sigrid Stein, and Merrill Linquist motored to Jamestown Saturday.

Rev. George Clarke was called to Jamestown by the illness of his sister, who recently underwent a serious operation.

Rev. David Anderson returned home Monday from Lisbon where he has been conducting revival services in the Wesleyan Methodist church.

Elizabeth Davies visited Esther Haynes Friday and Saturday. Miss Davies who teaches the Kellar Hill school, has organized a flourishing Sunday school of forty members.



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### Only a Number in a World War

What does a fellow think about going to war? Does he think most of his duty to his country, of the needs of humanity, of the hardships to be endured, of honors to be won, of leaving home and friends or of the dangers to be faced? He thinks of all these, and, doubtless, the answer would vary with the temperament of the individual. It was a sense of duty to my country which, I think, more than any other influence, made me decide to enlist. I thought upon the needs of the Belgians and of others who were most affected by the curse of war; I thought of the hardships to be endured, of honors that might be won, and of friends, whom I would leave with the possibility of never meeting them again. There are some ends for which we will give our lives, and there may be passion as strong as the passion of life, but in the circumstances of this case I think that the thoughts which persisted the most in my mind were those of danger—the prospect of being cut off from life—life with its inestimable possibilities; for I was young and life was before me.

My mind did not dwell much upon the war. I was absorbed in practical things and with life in the present. But at times I turned my attention to the situation in which I expected to be placed as one of those who were staking their lives in the testing of Europe. I did not consider that I was taking a "chance", as many did, for I believed in the providence of God for those who are committed to his purpose, although, naturally, I had no positive assurance as to the extension of life.

Shortly before going to camp, I took up my Bible with the thought of finding something helpful relative to the situation, and with no particular selection in mind turned to the Ninety-first Psalm. As I began to read, the impression came very forcibly to me that this was peculiarly applicable,

and, accepting it as providential, I noted with especial care this portion:

"I will say of the Lord, he is my refuge and my fortress, my God; in him will I trust. Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler. Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night, nor for the arrow that flieth by day, nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness, nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked. Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the Most High, thy habitation, there shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling."

(To be continued)

### Athenian Society

At the meeting this week Miss King-bury described the old Southern home, surrounded by trees, flower gardens, and orchards, the negro quarters, and "mammy's" house, which was nearer than the rest. The mistress of the home had many and various duties, and was the one to whom all came for assistance or advice. On a large plantation there was great responsibility for the master; but he found time to engage in the popular sport of fox-hunting.

Miss Lilly recounted the work of Stephen C. Foster in making the negro melodies popular. He reflects a white man's ideas of how negro melodies should sound. Daniel Emmet also wrote southern songs, "Dixie" being probable the best known.

Mr. Christy pictured the old New England homestead. At first it was a crude log structure, sheltered by elm and pine trees. Within, good cheer radiated from the fireplace which was the center of the home life. Here the cooking was done in great copper or brass kiddles, and here it was that the family gathered at evening when the day's work was done.

Misses Jennings, Driscoll, Taylor, and Johnson sang, "Old Folks at Home", and Messrs. Clark and Russell, "The Old Oaken Bucket". The other songs, "My Old Kentucky Home" and "Home, Sweet Home" were also in keeping with the spirit of the program.

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**Fillmore to Incorporate**

Our sister village recently voted by the large majority of 113-54 to become an incorporated village. As was expected, the general opinion was very favorable, and many benefits are anticipated as a result of this action.

Alton Cronk (after hearing Rachmaninoff): "I did think I could play the scale of C major, but I see I've deceived myself."

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**Athletics**

The basketball outlook is the most encouraging that it has been for years. Both the Purple and the Gold sides are demonstrating a spirit which is most laudable. The writer remembers back in the years when the Purple-Gold system was organized, that it was practically impossible to beg enough to come out for one squad. This year however, it is a fact that more than twenty-five enthusiasts of both sides and sexes have appeared at the final call. Does this look as if the Purple-Gold system was a failure?

The basketball mentors of every division are already hard at work pairing their squads and inculcating some basketball fundamentals into their newcomers. They state that in some cases there is so much material that their work is not at all easy. The girls have divided up the afternoons and the boys the evenings for practice as has heretofore been the case. The Purple girls will practice Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday afternoons while the Gold will train on Monday, Thursday and Friday at the same hours.

There has been much talk about an inter-class basketball league, but at present at least it seems impracticable.

There are only four Friday evenings between now and one of these is made unavailable because of a concert. Every afternoon will be taken up with the girls practice as stated above. Consequently there seems to be no logical time to play the games.

The time for the Purple-Gold series has not been definitely decided but beyond a doubt it will occur sometime between the end of the Christmas holidays and the middle of February, closing at this time so as not to interfere with the evangelistic services to be held the last of that month.

**Our Scholastic Record**

Last Tuesday during the chapel period, the fact that our school year was fast passing by, was brought very forcibly to our attention. After emphasizing the fact that better relationship between students and faculty must be secured, Professor LaVay Fancher read reports of the mid-term test which has recently passed. The first list read was the one upon which the names of those students appeared who had attained a grade of "C" or better in each examination. It will be remembered that at least ninety hours, out of the one hundred and twenty necessary for graduation must be passed with a grade of "C" before a degree is granted. We are proud to say that fifty-five names were registered upon this list. Professor Fancher then read another list which he designated as the honor roll. This list contained the names of those students who had gained a grade of "B" or better in each subject. Eighteen were registered here.

On this list the Freshmen gained four places, Sophomores three, Juniors two, Seniors six, and the Theologs three.

According to reports, the girls of the institution have a considerable edge over the masculine division as far as scholastic ability is concerned. This behooves the boys to hustle.

**College Sophs vs. Seminary**

Friday in a close, but very rough game, the Seminary five again showed their superior quality by trimming the College Sophomores. The game was neither fast nor scientific. Careless shooting and general roughness was very common.

The score was tied at the end of both halves, an extra period being necessary to finish the game.

Seminary	College Sophomores
C. Steese	F. Clark
L. Fox	F. Howland
V. Rosbach	C. Scotty
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