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As the world advances, civilization is continually changing. The age that ushered in the invention of fire, steam power and electricity differed from the preceding age in that new methods of procedure necessitated the progress. The multiplicity of the human family has required many changes in governmental affairs. From family rule to clans, tribes and cities, we have developed into our great modern nations. The former form of governments were individualistic, the latter representative. Not only this, but at each successive stage civilization has been forced into untried paths. We are probably witnessing the greatest change perceived by any one people. Never was there such an age of invention; never was there such an educational age. Today every limitation of knowledge is challenged and men are searching the dark recesses of unfathomed truth. Our age of reform has no equal. Not only civilized nations are giving attention to the problems which confront them, but also heathen nations are breaking away from their superstitious ideas and conforming themselves to civilized methods.

The great change, taking place in

America, is the transforming of political power from the rural districts to that of the urban. One hundred years ago three per cent of our population lived in cities; today about fifty per cent. From 1880 to 1890 our urban population increased sixty-one per cent, our rural only fourteen per cent. Some hold the idea that this redistribution of population is temporal and will pass with time, while in fact it is caused by three permanent changes. First, the invention of farming machinery for agriculture, necessitating a smaller number of laborers. Second, the substitution of mechanical power for muscular and its application to manufactures, which necessitates the laboring class and especially the surplus from the country to live near these factories. Third, the growth of our modern railway systems, making it easy to transport produce at a reasonable rate.

Thus we are fast becoming a nation of cities. At the present rate of increase it will be the matter of only a few years when our materialistic city will sway our political issues. What this will mean to our republic depends on the character of our cities.

Connected with our modern city is

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the immigration problem. One-third of our population are foreigners by birth or parentage. There are two and a half times as many of these as there are American stock living in our cities, only one-fourth of which are able to speak our language. They do not understand the work of our political government, and have little concern in our great national issues.

Morality in our cities has been overshadowed by business. In New York city a few years ago the religious leaders took steps to move their churches from the business sections to the residence districts, declaring that they had lost their hold on business. Nor have we a strong religious sentiment in our country. Only one-half of the people profess to go to church at all. On the other hand, theatre-going, Sabbath desecration and especially the giving of attention to the physical need and development of man has increased with great rapidity.

Undoubtedly the issues now pending for solution by the American people are great. The sanitary and moral problems of a few centuries ago were of minute consequence and required little knowledge to solve them. But in this materialistic age when a city is a nation piled upon itself, it takes more than the common run of genius to ameliorate conditions for an advantage to the individual as well as the masses. Furthermore, the cries and moans of the depressed multitude tell us that our civilization has changed. The old civilization was simple, this is complex. That was individualistic, this collective. In that men were in-

dependent, in this dependent. Undoubtedly the future methods of procedure will differ from those of the past. Roosevelt sees nationalism as the coming solution for many of our great evils. However this may be, we feel safe in saying that since civilization has adopted such radical changes, the moral and religious world must also change its tactics in order to reach the masses. The partisan press has well nigh reached its limit in formulating public sentiment, because it is thought not to be disinterested. Its influence is only on those who are in sympathy with the movement it advocates. The pulpit is unable to form public opinion, because the majority of the people seldom if ever go to church.

Certainly we are living in an age which demands a new patriotism. The patriotism of our fathers was unexcelled. They truly gave the last full measure of devotion. But what this country needs today is men who will give the first full measure of devotion. We are not called to hear the clashing of swords or see the glittering of bayonets. Those barbarous days are past. But we are called to work for the salvation of public morals, to arouse public conscience and to set public sentiment to action. Arouse! ye patriots, and give your life as a living service for the country's future. Think not the days of deeds are past, into our hands is given the power to make this country a blessing to the people, to the world and to our God.

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### CHOOSING A PROFESSION

Every individual comes to that place in life where he should choose a profession. This is not in any sense compulsory, but it certainly is necessary and every individual owes it to himself to have a fixed purpose in life and to make every thing bend in that direction.

There is a vast multitude treading the earth whose only ambition seemingly lies within the bounds of a comfortable place to eat and sleep and a few rags for a covering. Their dislike for any kind of labor is manifested in the fact that they seldom engage in it, and when they do it is only long enough to earn a few dollars. This class, it is evident, never have any purpose in view, indeed, that thought must be furtherest from their minds. Life in its broadest sense means nothing to them, nor do they mean anything to the world. They are simply a blank. However, we should not class all who fail in deciding on a profession among these, for there are some exceptions.

Man, if he undertakes to be his own

pilot, will be a failure in the end. He may think that he is fully capable of meeting life and mastering its difficulties in his own strength, but he has tried and failed. Therefore, we conclude that no person is properly fitted to choose a profession until he has first committed himself with all his interests to God, and faithfully sought Divine counsel and guidance. When fully assured that he has chosen the proper vocation, he can then fill it as he should. This may appear absurd to some, but nevertheless it remains true and the individual who thus chooses will be a success. He will always feel that he is working out the plan which the Divine Hand has designed for him, and this in return will bring him great satisfaction and blessing, which he could find in no other place in life. It matters not how small the task, if one feels that he is in his place and God sanctions his service, it surely is a high calling and this man has reasons to be happy. Let us see to it that God is consulted in all our plans. LOUISE BEEGLE, '12.

"Live for something—have a purpose,  
And that purpose keep in view.  
Drifting like a helpless vessel,  
Can'st thou to thyself be true?  
If some star had been thy guide  
Thou would'st have ridden safely,  
But thou hast drifted with the tide."

ARNOLD ALLEN, '13.

# IN MEMORIAM

GLADYS FALKNER  
AGE 13  
DIED MARCH 1, 1911.

To Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Falkner:

No more valuable acquisition can be obtained in this life than true friendship. And no friendship is worthy of the name that does not enter deeply into the feelings, the losses of another. We feel, and what word can be more expressive than that word, keenly with you the separation from Gladys, who was so recently one of us. How little we thought of this early separation. Gladys came in and out with us day after day, always bringing sunshine and gladness along with her. While separation from her brings sorrow and sadness, we would not mourn as those without a comforter, but rather express gratitude to an all-wise Father that permitted our brief association.

"Let us be patient. These severe afflictions  
Not from the ground arise,  
But often times celestial benedictions  
Assume this dark disguise."

"We see but dimly through the mists and vapors  
Amid these earthly damps  
What seems to us but sad funeral tapers  
May be heaven's distant lamps."

"There is no death. What seems so is transition.  
This life of mortal breath  
Is but a suburb of the life elysian  
Whose portal we call death."

"She is not dead,—the child of our affection,—  
But gone into that school  
Where she no longer needs our protection  
And Christ Himself doth rule."

We are aware that this separation comes with keener thrust on you than all others and as a school we pray that you may find in the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, a present help in time of need. Our loss is great, but yours is far greater.

We trust that this brief memorial may convey to you the heartfelt sympathy of the schoolmates and teachers of Gladys in this hour of bereavement.

By the Committee,  
OMAR A. BURNS.  
MARY A. BURROWS.  
Z. MAY COLSON.

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This seems to be an age when every one is for himself, not caring how his neighbor prospers as long as he, himself, has all that heart can wish. We might write in flaming letters across the horizon of this age these words, "Every Man for Himself." This might express the tread of the masses today. Is this a sensible way to look upon life? Is this the way in which happiness comes to an individual? We answer, No.

Do not strut around as if you were a ruler of some great domain, taking little notice of those with whom you come in contact daily. Do not think that because you are six feet tall that that little fellow of four feet and a

half is your inferior. No, think that that little fellow is just as great in God's sight as you are. Throw away all that spirit of "big I" and "little you" and try to make life pleasant for some one else.

If you would be happy and enjoy life, speak a kind word to everybody, do a kind deed whenever there is a chance.

What a great change there would be in this world if everybody would help some one else, but sad to say, this is not the case. We are afraid that that little prayer, "Lord bless me and my wife, my son John and his wife, us four and no more," is prayed not a little in this age.

What a blessing it would be if there were no harsh words, if there were no frowns, if there were no "grudges." Would not life be brighter if all were love?

This might mean a hard task to some. We fancy that we hear some say, "I have tried." Did you ever stop to think that there is One, altogether lovely, who stands waiting to help those who have tried and failed? Let him help you and see how easily the battle will be won. Man can do nothing trusting in himself, but there is nothing impossible with the Savior of men.

Let us cast ourselves on Him, and, asking Him to help us, make some one's life brighter by giving a kind word or doing a kind deed and then see how much happiness and joy will come to our own lives.

"So help me God."

Prof. in English class—Some people even eat snakes.

Effie V.—Rattlesnakes taste just like chicken.

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# Society

E. S. WYLER

## THE PHILOPLEMICAL DEBATING CLUB.

A short time ago the Phils held their semi-annual election, in which the insurgents won by a small majority. Wyler, E. Cochrane, Armstrong, Root, Newton, Wold and Watkins were elected to the offices of president, v.-president, secretary, treasurer, musical director, chaplain and sergeant-at-arms, respectively.

The official staff promises the society a good administration, giving the members ample opportunity to develop their talent in debating, public speaking and parliamentary drill. We expect each member of the club to be loyal and give us the cream of their ability.

This we naturally expect from the interest shown in the first program of the year. Undoubtedly the meeting reached its climax in the reply of Mr. Skuzie to Mr. Trousdale, on the subject of "Nationality." The music given by the violinists was fine and appreciated by all. The debaters failed to exhaust their subject on the fortification of the Panama Canal, and will be taken up in the next meeting under a congressional form.

As far as possible, meetings will be held every two weeks.

S. E. WYLER.

## ALETHEPIAN.

The Alethebian Club held an interesting meeting Friday night, February 16th. The new officers were installed. They are as follows: President, Myra Burns; vice-president, Saidee Rose; secretary, Lula Meacham; treasurer, Florence Alberta; musical director, Florence Alberts; musical director, tee, Ruth B. Stillwell, Laura Deringer, Tressa Marsh.

## ALEXANDRIANS.

The new officers of the Alexandrian Literary Society have been elected. President, Ralph Milton, poet, dreamer and humorist; vice-president, Geo. Staggs, our tall, good natured Freshman; secretary, Gem Lewis, worth her weight in gold; treasurer, Lillian Perry, our "baby" senior; musical director, Katherine Whisner, with music thou dost make pleasant many dreary hours; assistant musical director, Ruth Stillwell—intelligence sits enthroned upon her brow; marshal, Everett A. S. Trousdale, statesman, philosopher and politician.

Trous. (at Phils)—Gentlemen, I'm an American. (How nice it is to be told things without having to ask.)

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## SCHOOL NEWS

### COLLEGE CLASS NOTES.

It was with many regrets on the part of the College Class that Wilbur Cook was compelled to leave school this semester. All hope for his recovery and return to school next fall.

Skuzie and Haslam are going in for the inter-class tennis championship this spring. Here's to the inter-class champions.

It is very evident that the college students are not lacking in school spirit from the way they are boosting the student enterprises.

The students of the college class thoroughly enjoyed themselves at the social gathering over at the home of Pres. A. Beers on Monday afternoon, January 30.

### THE JUNIORS.

It has been a question in the minds of the junior boys, being in the minority, how to secure a plurality of votes. Up to this time the suffragettes have wielded the sceptred sway. But to the surprise of the few the election carried as follows: S. E. Wyler, president; G. Watkins, vice-president; Miss Catton, secretary; Miss Scott, treasurer. We have given up all hopes of solving the mystery, but wish to thank the plurality for their manifested favor.

The Junior Class begins the season with great hopes and much anticipation. We realize that this is our perplexing season and much responsibility rests upon us as entertainers of the school's honored class. Seniors, you, too, have shared the burdens of the past, may your lot be enjoyable.

S. E. WYLER.

## MISSIONARY

### MISSIONARY NOTES.

A very interesting mission study class has been organized recently. It meets weekly and is composed of ten or more students and three members of the faculty. The text book studied is John R. Motts' recent book entitled "The Decisive Hour of Christian Missions." The class is highly favored in having Prof. H. K. Biddulph as teacher, since he has known the author for so many years and has imbibed much of his missionary spirit.

The Seattle Seminary Missionary Society held a public meeting Tuesday evening, Feb. 14. Mr. and Mrs. Appleton, returned missionaries, gave some stereopticon views of China. The students greatly enjoyed the pictures as well as the talk accompanying them, which seemed to bring China very vividly to the minds and hearts of all.

The most interesting event, however, of a recent date was the wedding of two of our Volunteer Band, Roy Millican and Eva Bryan. This took place in the Seminary Chapel on Wednesday, Feb. 1st. Many friends and acquaintances were gathered in this sanctuary, which has been the scene of four other weddings. As these two were being united, prayers ascended that God may grant them a long, happy, useful life in the distant land of China, whither their hearts and faces are directed.

The Band extends to them many congratulations and hopes to have the privilege of waving them off on their journey (not trip) in the not distant future.

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## EXCHANGES



We are glad to receive our old exchanges, but we especially welcome the new ones. We are especially pleased to get our Eastern exchanges.

The Lowell, San Francisco: Your stories are fine this month, but some lively class notes mixed in would not spoil the spirit of your paper.

We hail from the east the Clarion, of East High, Rochester, N. Y. You are an excellent school bulletin, but give us more literary taste.

We consider the Trident as one of our best exchanges. You have a well classified paper.

Acorn, Ogden, Utah, has a well developed literary department, but class spirit must be low.

The News, Eugene, Ore.: You have a neat little paper; one of which you may well be proud.

Sparks, Sioux Falls, S. D., comes for the first time. You are O. K. Give us some more.

The Commencement number of the Cardinal, Lincoln High, Portland, Ore., is fine, but we note the absence of an exchange department.

Clarion, Salem, Ore.: It is a luxury to read your paper. Call again.

Hesperian, Oregon City, Ore.: Your stories are good. A better grade of paper and a few more cuts would

greatly improve the appearance of your magazine.

We are in receipt of the Review, of Sacramento, Cal., which is another of our new exchanges. Thanks for your compliment. Your paper is fine. Come along.

We consider the Guard and Tackle, of Stockton, Cal., as a fine sample of high school journalism. The departments are well ordered and the exchanges are well written.

### PROHIBITION LEAGUE.

Mr. Smith, the traveling secretary for the Inter-Collegiate Prohibition League, made Seattle Seminary another visit, which proved a grand success. He gave the league an intelligent, enthusiastic address on finance, after which two hundred dollars were raised, among the students, for the traveling secretary fund. He states that the Seattle Seminary is one of the leading prohibition centers of the West.

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L. S. (speaking of kissing at parties)—The face is too sacred an institution to be approached by anything like that

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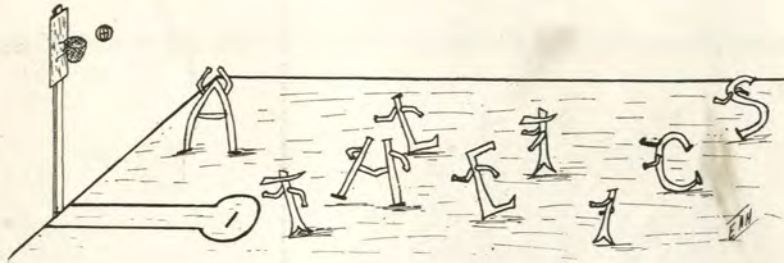
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## BASEBALL.

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The boys here are beginning to bestir themselves. The upper classmen have met and organized a team, with E. A. Haslam as captain. They began their first practice on Feb. 22, and have a promising lineup. The lower classmen have elected Ray Church as captain, and Geo. Staggs as manager.

We are looking forward to a thrilling season between the two teams.

## TENNIS.

In spite of the adverse conditions of the weather, tennis has been going at a good clip. Owing to the faithful work of Skuzie, the custodian, the court is in excellent condition. It has a good bed and excellent drainage. It is fenced in completely with 2-inch

mesh poultry netting, and has a gate.

During the month the club met and adopted a constitution. At present we have twenty members and are expecting still more. We are very thankful to Pres. Beers for his kind donation of five dollars toward the expense of the court.

All who intend to join better do so at once in order to get a suitable place on the schedule that will be made out soon.

We are highly pleased to see so much interest in the club, especially among the young ladies. The court is crowded on nearly every available occasion.

This spring we shall hold tournaments for the single and doubles championship of the school, and also for the inter-class championship.

From all appearances we shall have a number of excellent players, and shall have some exciting contests.

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—Ore. Journal.

Prof. Zeller raged, Prof. Zeller tore  
Upon the laboratory floor;  
For what he thought was H<sub>2</sub>O  
Was H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>.

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## PHIL DOINGS.

Wyler—We'll now have a few words from our Musical Director, Mr. Newton.

Haslam—Yes, give us some notes.

Trous—I'm deeply grieved.

El—Get the hot water bottle.

Wyler—We'll now have a few words from Mr. Parris on the "Beauties of Seattle."

Trous—That's the same as Mr. Allen's subject, "The Girls."



R.M.

Expressions at the Alexandrian Election Feb. 2, 1911.

Dana N. (seriously)—If I didn't give a classic of a nomination speech, I'd like to know what it was.

Trous (addressing the chair)—Oh! I thought you called for nominations for adjournment.

Joke Editor—Haslam, crack a joke.  
Haslam—Aw, it might spill all over the floor.

"She who scorns a man must die a maid."—Pope.



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Civics Exam.—What is a crowded convention?

Wtakins (on his paper)—A crowded convention is a convention held in a small building where part of the people have to stand up.

Miss M.—Have you heard the poem?

Haslam—What poem?

Miss M.—Miss Poole.

Student in German class—He could remain silent in seven languages.

Miss M.—How many languages languages could you remain silent in, Mr. Haslam?

Haslam—In all but one.

Prof. Zeller: "What is a quality of sound?"

Miss Curtis: "Pitchness."

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"There are three things which I wish to impress upon your minds.

"First—Bartimaeus was blind.

"Second—He was blind as a bat.

"Third—He couldn't see a thing."

The Prof.—You're very contradictory, my son.

No, I'm not, pa.—Sel.

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