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## Poetry of the War

By Ida Ligo

It is only natural that in periods of great national stress or calamity, literature and all forms of creative art should suffer. A nation or an individual engaged in a death grapple does not compose symphonies or literary masterpieces. War necessarily retards and troubles the current of literature, since not only does it absorb the best energies and blood of the youth of warring nations, but the masses of the people, who take no direct part in it, are necessarily distracted by it and the conditions of life are made harder. There is no leisure for art and no demand for it, when anxious eyes daily search casualty lists.

Moreover, if history repeats itself, years will probably elapse, after the cessation of hostilities, before literature can come into its own. The period following the Franco-Prussian war was fruitless for literature. After the Napoleonic wars, France plunged into a period of literary activity that was prolific but futile. In the United States most of the best known authors antedate the Civil War. Emerson lived until 1882 and Whitman until ten years later, but their creative powers were definitely formed before 1860 and their most distinctive works were produced before that time. The general literary tone for the next two decades was undeniably second rate.

This does not mean that there is no printed matter produced during times of war

and in the reconstruction periods which necessarily follow. On the contrary the amount of printed matter is always unusually large. During the past four years books about the war have multiplied daily, but in the years to come they will chiefly supply the social psychologist with "a mountain of evidence on the instability of the human mind."

However, both English and American literature have received genuine accessions, arising out of the present conflict. These are to be found in the great body of poetry, much of it written either by soldiers in the trenches or by those whom the grim tragedy of these years has touched in an especial way. Most of this poetry is lyric — the cry of life. The soldier at the front turns to poetry as a deliverance from the grim necessities of the hour. These poems do not express military emotion primarily nor do they gush with jingo patriotism. The soldier has left it to the non-combatant to glorify war — he has seen it as it is. But instead of descriptive poetry presenting the spectacle of war, these young poets who have already fallen in action or who are still in the ranks, have given us interpretative poetry, giving the meaning of the war. Very often the attempt is merely to give the personal spiritual effect upon the poet himself, as he undergoes the baptism of fire. In fact, as one reads poem after poem, he is



more than ever impressed with the fact that the whole emphasis of the war, as far as the poets are concerned, has shifted to a spiritual basis. These men have not gone into war for romance but for an ideal, and often, quietly, as a prayer in Gethsemane, face to face with death, they utter their dedication. The poem "Expectans Expectavi," written on the field by Charles Sorley, is instinct with this spirit.

With parted lips and outstretched hands  
And listening ears, Thy servant stands,  
Call thou early, call Thou late,  
To Thy great service dedicate.

The intense spiritual tone of many of these poems is remarkable. The men who composed them were facing eternal realities. In the poem entitled, "The White Comrade," the Christ himself comes to a wounded soldier left alone on the field, gathers "his tall form like a child" in his arms and carries him to safety. Then—

I saw he was hurt—

Shot through the hands that were clasped  
in prayer:

Then as the dark drops gathered there  
And fell in the dirt,  
The wounds of my friend  
Seemed to me such as no man might bear.  
Those bullet holes in the patient hands  
Seemed to transcend

All horrors that ever these war-drenched  
lands

Had known or would know till the mad  
world's end.

Then suddenly I was aware  
That his feet had been wounded, too;  
And, dimming the white of his side,  
A dull stain grew.

"You are hurt, White Comrade!" I cried.  
His words I already foreknew:

"These are old wounds," said he,  
"But of late they have troubled me."

A passionate love of country is another marked characteristic of these poets. The sentiment has perhaps been best expressed by the already well known lines of Rupert Brooke:

If I should die, think only this of me:  
That there's some corner of a foreign  
field

That is forever England. There shall be  
In that rich earth a richer dust concealed.  
Much might be said of the poems in which

these soldiers voice the attitude toward death characteristic of the men in the trenches. There is a marked fatalism — "what is to be, will be". Alan Seeger, the young American who fell mortally wounded at Belloy-en-Santerre, voices this sentiment:

I have a rendezvous with Death  
At some disputed barricade,  
When Spring comes back with rustling  
shade  
And apple-blossoms fill the air—

It may be he shall take my hand  
And lead me into his dark land  
And close my eyes and quench my breath  
It may be I shall pass him still.

But I've a rendezvous with Death  
And I to my pledged word am true,  
I shall not fail that rendezvous.

Exultant is not too strong a word to use in describing the attitude toward death, expressed in many of these poems.

On, marching men, on  
To the gates of death with song.  
Sow your gladness for earth's reaping,  
So you may be glad though sleeping.  
Strew your gladness on earth's bed,  
So be merry, so be dead.

There is regret for the shortness of their day, but no bitterness at their fate.

Our little hour, — how swift it flies  
When poppies flare and lilies smile;  
How soon the fluting minute dies,  
Leaving us but a little while.

and again,

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses row on row  
That mark our place; And in the sky  
The larks still bravely singing fly,  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.  
We are the dead, short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn saw sunset glow  
Loved and were loved,

And now we lie in Flanders fields.

We look in vain for any vain glorious line or any execration of the Hun. These poet-soldiers do not hate, they know that the men on both sides are playing their part as best they can. A neutral might marvel at the altruism expressed in the poem, "German Prisoners.

When I first saw you in the curious street



Like some platoon of soldier ghosts in  
grey,  
My mad impulse was all to smite and  
slay,  
To spit upon you — tread you neath my  
feet.  
But when I saw how each sad soul did  
greet  
My gaze with no sign of defiant frown,  
How from tired eyes looked spirits broken  
down,  
How each face showed the pale flag of de-  
feat,  
And doubt, despair, and disillusionment,  
And how were grievous wounds on many  
a head,  
And on your garb red-faced was other  
red;  
And how you stooped as men whose  
strength was spent,  
I knew that we had suffered each as other  
And could have grasped your hand and  
cried,  
"My brother!"

Much of the work produced by these poets  
militant shows a quickened insight in the  
face of wide-ranging death, which will make  
it one of the beautiful heritages of the war.  
It is in the work of these poets that the  
world will preserve the true history of the  
present conflict. History may record the  
causes of the war and give elaborate ac-  
counts of the battles of Ypres, and Verdun,  
and the Marne, but it is only in literature  
that the true history, the history of the souls  
of the men who fought and bled and died on  
those far-flung battle lines can ever be  
given.

#### A MISSIONARY REPORT.

In a recent number of the "Gospel  
Herald" there appeared a series of mission-  
ary reports. Among these was one which  
is of special interest to many of our readers,  
since it was given by Crissie Yoder Shank a  
former teacher at Bethel. The report given  
is as follows:

An account of the work of the year of  
1917 must be for me an account of interrup-  
tions. Because of the prevalence of plague  
in Dhamtari, measures were adopted by  
Government to prevent as far as possible  
the spreading of the disease into the sur-  
rounding villages, and my Bible women were

hindered in their work during the months of  
February, March, and April. For the same  
reason it was thought advisable by our  
mission doctor for us to move out of this  
bungalow, from which it is almost impossi-  
ble to keep the rats, and Ruth and I spent  
two months at Balodgahan. Then, with the  
hot season coming on and plague not yet  
wiped out, we went to a higher, cooler sta-  
tion one hundred and fifty miles away.

Returning home the middle of June by  
motor, through swollen streams and heavy  
rains, with plans for hard, full, busy days  
of work, another interruption came, and I  
was taken on a stretcher to the hospital in  
Calcutta, over 500 miles away for an opera-  
tion for appendicitis. With returning  
strength and thoughts of home and family  
work again, on the first day I was permitted  
to sit up, our two months old baby boy was  
called away from us to the better home.

Since the first of August I have been at  
home again and tho I have not been able to  
go to the villages with the women or to do  
a great deal in the Christian community, I  
have been performing the many daily duties  
that come to a missionary wife and mother.  
I have also been studying the new language  
we have not yet learned and am planning to  
take the second year language examination  
for missionaries.

During the year my five Bible women  
have visited homes in nine villages about  
Dhamtari, and have told some part of the  
Good Old Story to women and children.  
They all attended the Christian workers nor-  
mal for three weeks in November and  
finished their subjects with good marks.

It is not always easy to realize that the  
interruptions that mar our dearest and best-  
laid plans are some of our greatest God-  
given opportunities for service in this land,  
and it is not always easy to take such op-  
portunities and make good use of them. But  
I shall never forget a visit I made into one  
of our Indian Christian homes when the  
wife said, "This is the first time you have  
been here since your resurrection (refer-  
ring to my recovery). We prayed much for  
you and God answers." And I shall never  
forget a sad faced little woman in the hos-  
pital saying, "You have been a wonderful ex-  
ample to us all. You have showed us what  
to do when sorrow comes."



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### ANOTHER LIBERTY LOAN COMING.

Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo has announced that, no matter what the results of the pending overtures for peace may be, there will be another Liberty loan. To use his expression, "We are going to have to finance peace for a while just as we have had to finance war."

There are over 2,000,000 United States soldiers abroad. If we transport these men back to the United States at the rate of 300,000 a month, it will be over half a year before they are all returned. Our Army, therefore, must be maintained, victualled, and clothed for many months after peace is an actuality.

The American people, therefore, having supported the Liberty loan with a patriotism that future historians will love to extol, will have an opportunity to show the same patriotism in financing the just and conclusive victorious peace whenever it comes.

Not for a moment, however, is the Treasury acting on any assumption that peace is to come soon. Until peace is actually assured the attitude of the Treasury and the attitude of the whole United States Government is for the most vigorous prosecution of the war, and the motto of force against Germany without stint or limit will be acted up to until peace is an absolute accomplished fact.

One more Liberty loan, at least, is certain. The fourth loan was popularly called the "Fighting Loan"; the next loan may be a fighting loan, too, or it may be a peace loan. Whatever the conditions, the loan must be prepared for and its success rendered certain and absolute. Begin now to prepare to support it.

### BETHEL COLLEGE at the CONFERENCE

At the last meeting of the Western District Conference held near Pawnee, Rock, Kansas, Nov. 12-15, another step in the direction of conference control of the College was taken. The chief solicitor, Rev. P. H. Richert, reported about \$54,000 towards the \$100,000 fund collected. About 10 per cent of the votes represented by these contributions were retained by the donors, the rest were all assigned to the conference. A plan

in accordance with which the conference is to control these votes was also adopted. According to this plan these notes are to be apportioned among the various conference congregations in proportion to the number of votes to which each congregation is entitled. Nominations for the conference members of the Board of Directors were made. The following men were nominated: W. J. Ewert, J. B. Epp, H. J. Dyck, P. Mouttet, P. P. Buller, B. W. Harder, G. N. Harms, J. M. Suderman, J. C. Goering, P. H. Unruh, H. Riesen, J. K. Penner. Six of these will be elected at the next annual meeting to represent the conference on the Board of Directors. Pres. Kliever, and Professors Haury, Penner and Wedel attended the conference from the college.

### IN THE NEAR FUTURE?

Scene — A room in the dormitory.

Time — After dinner.

Dramatis Personae:—

Wilma

Jane

Leona

Louise

Louise — Girls, weren't we crowded at the dinner table this evening?

Jane — Yes, I saw several of the boys looking for places.

Wilma — Why, yes, three had to eat in the kitchen.

Louise — What are you going to do, Wilma, when more students come in?

Wilma — I've just been worrying about that. Now that the war is over, we know that a lot of the boys will be back and what shall we do with them in that boarding hall? We are overflowing now.

Leona — We must make room for them.

Wilma — How can we in that building? We couldn't remove the walls between the two rooms or the building would fall.

Jane — And what would you do with the stairs?

Louise — I suppose we'd have to build the hall out to the sidewalk in order to get a stairs in.

Wilma — And our kitchen is so small that we can't turn around in it. We're always stepping on one another's toes.

Louise — I've seen canned goods come in,



where do you keep them?

Wilma — Why in the cellar, but that cellar is getting to be a joke. We have goods up to the ceiling and never can find what we want, so the other day I had a group of boys come in and excavate the cellar. But there is at least three times as much stuff coming in as we have, I don't know know what we'll do with that.

Leona — Girls, we just must have a new boarding hall.

Wilma — Yes, I've just been planning how we might build a new one, because it would never pay to remodel this one. I believe that building was moved here from Halstead —

Leona — O! I'll tell you what we'll do! You know we haven't enough room for the girls, we have to scatter them all over the campus, the dormitory is overcrowded with fifty, and the other fifty are scattered all over.

Louise — And they all ought to be in one building.

Jane — Yes, how can the dean be responsible for them when they are so scattered?

Leona — Why not build a big dormitory with a boarding hall in the basement.

Louise — That's what we'll do. We'll build a dormitory to hold at least a hundred girls.

Wilma — O yes, and that will give us lots of room in the basement for a dining room and a little reception room where they can wait until the bell rings.

Jane — Now we have to stand out of doors in the cold and rain until the bell rings.

Wilma — O girls, that will be great, then we can have a large dining room with tables for six —

Louise — That will be more like a family circle, now with these long narrow tables you can't talk to the person at the other end.

Wilma — Yes, and we'll have a big kitchen with a separate dishwashing room.

Jane — There must be a rush in that small kitchen when 125 students are being served.

Leona — We should have an institutional laundry, too.

Wilma — Yes, it would be such a saving if the boarding hall laundry and the students' laundry could all be done together.

And besides, it would give some students a chance to earn something. Many Many schools are doing this.

Jane — But where will we put it?

Leona — When we have a new dormitory for the girls and the boys have taken possession of the old one, one of the wooden buildings could be transformed into a laundry. And besides, our mothers started a fund for this years ago.

Wilma — O, but I wish I could help plan these buildings

Jane — Then you'll have a nice new boarding hall and dormitory, but I think you're rather selfish, think of my library — the stacks are full, there are books on almost every window sill, and since last spring we've had more donations of books, and oh, we're so glad to have them, but I don't know where to put them. And besides, our Congressman has promised to provide a whole set of congressional records, which are so valuable to the history classes. Where shall I put them?

Louise — When we get the new science hall that Professor Doell is continually talking about, there will be more room in the main building—

Jane — Then the museum will be taken to to the science hall, and I can have that large room under the library for a stack room.

Wilma — And the library could remain right in the main building for a while longer.

Louise — And when the whole science department has moved to the new building, we will have more room for our other classes.

Wilma — O, won't that be fine!

Jane — But where will the money come from?

Louise — Just the other Sunday Rev. Penner in his sermon said that through this war people have learned to give and to give repeatedly. Don't you think people are ready to give big sums now?

Leona — They are doing it for the endowment fund.

Wilma — And now that the war is over and the boys can come home everybody will want to bring a big Thankoffering.

Jane — I just know its coming!



### THANKSGIVING DAY

This year Bethel College, because of the interruption in our work due to the epidemic will not have the regular Thanksgiving service here at the college. But classes will be dismissed so that the College can take part in the Union services to be held in the Methodist church from 10:30 to 12. A choir of voices composed of members from the various city churches will render special Thanksgiving music at this service. Professor Schmutz has charge of the choir.

Moreover the Faculty will not entertain the students on Thanksgiving evening as has been the custom, but a 'Home Coming Day' is planned for later in the season.

### THE "FLU" EPIDEMIC.

From Oct. 12, to Nov. 11. the campus presented quite a deserted appearance; practically all the students returned to their homes. However, in comparison with many schools Bethel may consider herself very fortunate. There were quite a number of cases of the "Flu" among the students but none were very severe and now practically all are back at work. In fact, the remark heard — "Doesn't it seem as if this vacation had been planned?" seems to the point, for a number of young men, because of the cessation of hostilities, have enrolled during the past week and will be enabled to complete their year's work with the other students.

### AN EPISODE

Miss Hilda had been governess of little four-year old John Ely for almost two years. He was ring bearer at her wedding. The next day the following conversation took place:

John— Now Miss Hilder, you put on your wedding dress and we'll go down to the church and get married.

Hilda— Why, John, I am married.

John— (after some thought) But, Miss Hilder, if you had known me before you knew Chris, would you have married me?

Hilda— Why, John, you are just a little boy, you will have to grow up to be a man before you get married.

John— (after deep meditation): If I were

a big man, would you have married me?

Hilda— But Chris asked me first.

John— But, Miss Hilder, if I had asked you before Chris asked you would you have married me then?

Feeling the hopelessness of the situation, little John cried bitterly and finally through his sobs managed to say, "Well, Miss Hilder if I can't marry you, I'll come and work for you and Chris for a dollar a month."

### THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETY

The Christian Endeavor Society of Bethel College was organized in the early years of the schools existence. Its purpose is to work for Christ and Church. This society has tried to fulfill its purpose by rendering programs which arouse the interest of the students for Christian living, by helping them to become leaders and by giving so that the message of Christ may be spread.

We find that the members of the first societies pledged themselves to give a certain sum weekly or annually, but for the last few years collections have been held. All the money which was left in the treasury after the running expenses of the society were paid was used for missionary purposes. In 1916 the Society pledged itself to give \$25 annually to Miss Bessie Quoyawayma a former student of Bethel who is working in our Indian Mission among her own people in Arizona.

The membership has varied from year to year, and has had as many as 125 members at one time. The members of the church and students are working together trying to make the society a success.

The first program for the year was a very fitting one. The purpose of the society was discussed, and we were especially reminded of our opportunities and duties by such topics as "What should the Christian Endeavor Society mean to Bethel" and "Why should the Bethel College Society be an especially active one." The last program which was rendered brought home to us the fact that the society has its part to play in bringing about permanent peace and that we should all be especially grateful this year not only in words but also in deeds.



## Y. M. C. A.

The Y. M. C. A. again is well on the way of manifesting itself as a potent factor in the lives of the men students, and for this reason no student can afford not to affiliate with this organization. The organization felt itself somewhat handicapped this year because the number of men students is much smaller than previously and the greater part of them is of a considerable younger type. But nevertheless the Y. M. C. A. has a bright and hopeful year in view. The vacancies of offices have been filled. The staff of officers is composed as follows:

Pres.	P. E. Frantz
V. Pres.	Noah Burkhard.
Sec.	J. K. Dirks
Treas.	J. D. Epp

The heads of the departments are:

Administration	Noah Burkhard.
Religious Education	John Thiessen
Campus Service	P. K. Regier
Community Service	D. H. Rempel

The voluntary student Bible classes have again been successfully organized and nearly every student has enrolled. Because of the limited number of students only four classes have been arranged.

The Academy Freshmen study, "Christ in Everyday Life" under the leadership of P. K. Regier. The Academy Sophomores and Juniors study, "About Jesus" under the leadership of J. D. Epp. The Academy Seniors and College Freshmen study "The Meaning of Prayer" with E. D. Schmidt as leader, and the College Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors study "The Call of a World Task" with P. E. Frantz as Leader.

We hope that these Bible classes will do much to foster the religious spirit among the students, and may the organization this year as more than every carry into effect the purpose of its existence which is to lead students into a greater faith in God, to win them for the service of the church, to train them for leadership and the evangelization of the world.

President

## Y. W. C. A.

The Y. W. C. A. is again at work striving thru the work of the various committees to administer to the social and spiritual needs

of the girls in school.

Religious meetings are held every Wednesday morning at 9:45 o'clock. At the first meeting in the fall, members of the cabinet and advisory board explained the purpose and work of the association and solicited the support of all of the girls. At other meetings, members of the faculty discussed topics of practical value. Miss Warren spoke on "The Meaning of Success," Prof. Hartzler on "Dreaming or Working" and Miss Ligo discussed "Friendship." In these meetings there is opportunity for training in leadership as different girls are made to feel responsible for the service.

Five Bible study classes have been organized among the girls. The books that are being studied this year are: "The Meaning of Prayer," "The Way of Christ," and "The Story of Jesus as Mark told it." Interest in this group study is growing as is shown by the increasing attendance.

The association endeavors to serve not only those on the campus but also those who form a part of the larger community. It has had ample opportunity to share in foreign Relief Work and in the United War Work Campaign.

The cabinet which meets regularly twice a month to discuss the work of the association is made up of the following officers and committee chairman:

President,	Elizabeth Linscheid
Vice President,	Laura Dester
Secretary,	Elizabeth Funk
Treasurer,	Anna Suderman
Religious Meetings,	Katherine Lohrentz
Bible Study,	Marie Stucky
Finance,	Marie Stauffer
Missions,	Ruth Hohman
Publicity,	Clara Galle
Social Service,	Fern Black
Social,	Anna Enns
Rooms,	Martha Kliever
Advisory Board: Miss Riesen, Mrs. R. A. Goerz, Miss Isaac.	

## THE VOLUNTEER BAND

The Volunteer Band has organized this year with a larger number of members than in any previous year. At this time there are sixteen members. The following are the officers and the members of the various



committees; President, John Thiessen; Secretary, Katharine Lorentz; Program committee, David Rempel, Ella Lichti, Adeline Schrag; Correspondence, Edward Schmidt, Otto Pankratz. It is the purpose of the band to get a survey of the mission field, to aid the student in his choice of a field for life service, and to keep the missionary spirit alive in the school.

#### THE HOME MISSION BAND

The Home Mission Band has again been organized, and now has a membership of thirteen. The following are the elected officers for the coming school year:

President,	J. D. Epp.
V. Pres.,	P. K. Regier.
Sec. and Treas.,	Laura E. Dester.
Reporter,	J. K. Dirks

The work of the Band has been somewhat delayed on account of a delay in securing the desired book for study, which is "The Religious and Moral challenge of our time."

The first meeting was held at nine o'clock Sunday morning (Nov. 24) at which a report was given on the topic "Missions among the American Indians," which was followed by a live and interesting discussion. The future work of the band will include discussions of topics such as the Negro Problem, City Missions, etc.

#### LITERARY SOCIETIES.

The Academy has two literary societies this year, the Excelsior for the boys and the Kidronian for the girls. The main aim of these societies is to overcome stagefright, to give opportunity for debate and to give literary expression to orations, declamations, original stories, dialogues, etc.

In the beginning of the year only three of the old members of the Excelsior Society returned to school. This obstacle was overcome when the matter of literary societies was presented to the Academy boys. They soon had candidates enough to reorganize.

The organization of the Excelsior Society is as follows: Pres. Herman Becker; V. Pres., Gerhard Nachtigal; Sec., Otto Winsinger; Treas., Arnold Funk; Reporter, Hugo Wall.

The Kidronian Society did not meet with

the same fate as the Excelsior Society, as quite a number of the old members have returned for this year. The following is the organization of the Kidronian Society: Pres., Florence Michael; V. Pres., Elizabeth Funk; Sec., Mary Ann Loganbill; Treas., Ida Kaufmann; Reporter, Esther Hanke.

On Tuesday evening, Dec. 17, 1918, the following program will be rendered by the Academy literary societies:

Chairman	Gerhard Nachtigal
Piano Duet	Ruth Horsch
	Monica Horsch
Reading	Margaret Unruh
Play	Mary Ann Loganbill
	H. M. Regier
Music	Ladies Glee Club.

#### DELPHIAN LITERARY SOCIETY.

On account of the small number of college men this year, it was feared at first that the Delphian Literary Society would be very small and the question arose in the minds of the last year's members whether or not it would be possible to continue, with the weekly meetings as in previous years. New members were solicited with the result that every college man is now a member of this organization. Not only is there a larger group of Delphians this year than in most previous years, but every member is capable and willing to give his best. With such quality and enthusiasm the prospects are for a very profitable year for the society. The following officers have been elected:

President,	P. E. Frantz
Vice Pres.,	Harry Harry
Secretary,	J. K. Dirks
Treasurer,	A. V. Tieszen
Critic,	F. D. Schmidt
Sergeant,	Arthur Graber
Member of public program Committee,	J. K. Regier

#### STUDENTS COUNCIL

The different Committees of the Students Council are busy at work.

The Debate Committee with Jno D. Epp, as chairman is working on plans for inter-collegiate debate.

Elizabeth Linschied is the chairman of the Oratory Committee.



The Athletic Committee with Elma Ringelman as chairman is handicapped in its work by the fact that there are such few boys in attendance.

The regular meeting of the Students Council will be held on the last Thursday of each month.

At a recent meeting the council decided to send the boys in camp the first issue of the Breeze.

A student committee of three was appointed by the president to cooperate with a faculty committee in making plans for a service flag. The committee is at work at present.

The Council as representative of the student body purchased flowers for Irvin Haury's funeral.

These facts, gleaned from the secretary's books show the important parts played by the Council in students affairs.

#### FACULTY NOTES

Miss De Mar of the Vocal Department gave several numbers at an informal reception given by Newton ladies to the bankers' wives during the recent Bankers' convention held in Newton.

Mrs. J. W. Kliever and Miss Luella Warren attended the McCormack recital at Hutchinson, Friday evening, Nov. 22.

Prof. J. E. Hartzler led the "quiet hour" service of the Harvey Co. S. S. association on Friday morning Nov. 22.

Rev. Fred Mendell, formerly pastor of the Nazarene church at Newton died of pneumonia at his home in Hutchinson on Nov. 20. Rev. Mendell several years ago was instructor in Spanish at Bethel College.

Miss Frieda Van der Smissen spent a part of her enforced vacation taking care of "Flu" patients.

Among the faculty members who are planning to attend the artists' course at Wichita are Professor and Mrs. D. H. Richter, Miss Isaac, Miss Riesen, Miss van der Smissen, Mrs. Blatchley, and Miss Ligo. The names of Louise Homer, Efrim Zimbalist, and Alma Gluck appear among the seasons' attractions.

Miss Frieda van der Smissen and Miss Ligo have joined Dr. R. S. Haury's First Aid Class, which meets in town.

#### PERSONALS

A number of new students have arrived after the vacation. Alvin van der Smissen former student of Bluffton College has enrolled as College Junior, Edmund Goering as College Sophomore, George Regier, Jacob Wiens, Otto Unruh, Herman Eck and Edward Flaming have enrolled in the Academy.

Miss Anna Fahrni of the Bethel Hospital is taking work at Bethel College this winter.

Oswin and Kurt Galle of Camp Funston spent the week end at Bethel.

Seven young men responded to Miss van der Smissen's call for volunteers for work Saturday afternoon. The boys succeeded in levelling the elevation at the east end of the cellar of the boarding hall. After this the boys were served a lunch by the cooks.

Rev. Ratzlaff attended the Minister's Conference at Tabor and the District Conference at Pawnee Rock.

Herbert L. Willet of the University of Chicago delivered the first lecture of the season at the city auditorium on Wednesday evening, Nov. 20. The next number on the lecture course will be an illustrated scientific lecture by Hilton Ira Jones.

Miss Goodman, a converted Jewess, who will have charge of the Mennonite Mission for Jews in Chicago, spoke on Sunday afternoon in the college chapel on "Our Debt to the Jews."

Alvin Funk of Camp Funston spent Sunday on the campus.

#### ALUMNI NOTES

Mrs. E. E. Leisy while alumni editor of the Bethel College Monthly made a complete alphabetical list of all the alumni and other ex-students. This is now being used by the committee which is working on the service flag. They were very much pleased to find that such a list existed. It will also be invaluable to the new alumni editor.



On Sunday, Nov. 10, Ernest Penner and Mrs. Elizabeth Wiebe Penner visited relatives and friends on the Bethel Campus.

'16 Gerhard Friesen of Meno, Okla., attended the Western District Conference at Pawnee Rock. Mrs. Marie Schmidt Friesen and her little boy visited with Mrs. Friesens parents at Goessel during this time.

'12 F. J. Isaac and Mrs. Anna Penner Isaac now reside at 5619 Marmion Way, Los Angeles, California.

'16A. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Jantz of Ruff, Wash. visited on the campus on Sunday, Nov. 17.

'10A. Mr. John Claassen and Mrs. Christine Penner Claassen and two children visited with relatives and friends on the Bethel Campus. They made the trip overland from Nebraska.

'16A. A little girl was born to Mr. A. Unruh and Mrs. Helena Baergen Unruh in November.

'15A. Miss Helen E. Claassen of Beatrice, Nebr. visited in Kansas during the month of October.

Professor E. E. Leisy '09 and Mrs. Elva Krehbiel Leisy '10 now reside at 706 W. Illinois Street, Urbana, Ill.

#### LIBRARY NOTES

Beginning with February of last year we have received five large collections of books given to us by friends of the school, as follows:

Mrs. P. A. Claassen, Talahassee, Florida, several hundred volumes.

Rev. J. B. Baer, Summerfield, Ill., several hundred volumes.

Mrs. Ola Raymond, Newton, Kans., at least a hundred volumes.

Prof. J. F. Balzer, Newton, Kans., several dozen volumes.

Mrs. J. S. Dester from the library of her father, J. C. Eberle of Halstead, Kansas, about a dozen volumes.

We are always glad for gifts of this kind, even tho it brings duplicates occasionally or tho some of them should not be of as great value as new books. A great deal of valuable material has been added to our library by the generosity of these friends. Thank you!

The binding of 51 volumes of magazines,

made possible by a special appropriation of \$100, has changed a disorderly mass of material which was hard to handle and almost going to pieces into a set of new books easily handled, orderly-looking, and good for many years to come.

A part of the above-mentioned appropriation was used to acquire a four-drawer, letter-size filing-case for clippings. We hope to make the clippings collection one of our best sources of reference material as the time goes by.

The English III class lately made use of the following books as reference material: Bigelow, World Peace.

Bourne, Towards an Enduring Peace; A Symposium.

Holmes, New Wars for Old.

Hugins, The Possible Peace.

Jordan, Ways to Lasting Peace.

Krehbiel, Nationalism, War and Society.

Reeley, Selected Articles on World Peace.

Trueblood, Federation of the World.

One of the above books was written by a Mennonite. But not only Mennonites are interested in permanent peace, you see.

These are some of the new books received this fall; there are many others:

Addams, Jane, Twenty years at Hull-House.

Andrews, M. R., Perfect Tribute (Lincoln).

Church Fathers, a set of 9 volumes.

Davis, Arthur, Kaiser as I know him (Written by the Kaiser's dentist)

Deems, Edw. M., Holidays and Holy Days.

Empey, Arthur, Over the Top.

Flickinger, R., Greek Theater and Its Drama.

Hankey, Donald. Student in Arms

Haworth, Oil and Gas in Kansas.

Johnson, Theory of Practical Surveying.

New International Yearbook 1917.

Schenkofsky, Henry Summer with the Union Men.

Tarkington, Booth Penrod.

Topham, Anne Memories of the Kaiser's Court.

U. S. Catalog supplement 1912-'17 (A catalog of all books published in the U. S. during the years indicated.)

White, Wm. Allen Martial Adventures of Henry and Me.



Books in our library written by ex-students or professors.

Claassen, P. A. Schicksalsfrage in Schiller's Dramen.

Habegger, Alfred Development of the missionary interests among the members of the General Conference of Mennonites of North America. A thesis.

Kaufman, E. G. Social problems and opportunities of the churches belonging to the Western District Conference of the General Conference of Mennonites of North America. A thesis.

Krehbiel, Edw. B. Nationalism War, and Society.

Schenkofsky, Henry Summer with the Union men.

Thierstein, Prof. J. R. Novalis und der Pietismus.

Wedel, Prof. C. H. Briefliche Blaetter an einen Lernenden.

Geleitworte an junge Christen

Kirchengeschichte

Meditationen

Mennonitische Geschichte 4 v.

Randzeichnungen zu den Geschichten des Alten Testaments.

Randzeichnungen zu den Geschichten des Neuen Testaments.

The law which forbids complimentary copies of newspapers and magazines to be sent out hits our library very hard. We must now spend \$5 for a daily paper where we formerly spent not a cent. Where we formerly had a dozen church papers sent us we now are unable even to offer our readers our own church papers: the Bundesbote and the Mennonite- unless we pay for them, of course. Our pigeon-holes, formerly crowded with local papers from the home towns of our students, are now almost empty. Dozens ask for the Herold and fail to get it. There are two ways out of the difficulty: either we must have an appropriation large enough to enable us to subscribe for some of these papers or we must find a **who will furnish us with the money** needed to acquire them.

#### A PROCLAMATION

Now that the armistice has been signed and the battle forces in the great war are taking the lines designated in the armistice

terms, the curtain is being raised and the world more and more is learning the true conditions in the countries which have been overrun by Germany and her allies. The extent to which death, starvation and the ruthless destruction of property have stalked abroad in those stricken countries is daily becoming more painfully apparent.

Among all the millions who have suffered at the hands of the oppressor none have been more sorely tried than the Jews. They have been driven to starvation, have been denied sufficient clothing and have been ground between the upper and the nether mill-stone by friend and foe alike. The Jew has contributed in a most substantial way to the prosperity and advancement of all nations of the earth, and no race has been more patriotic, more liberty-loving. He has fought under the flag of every nation the name of liberty and justice for mankind. In the present war thousands of Jews have given their lives in the cause for which we fought and those who remained at home have responded with fine patriotism and devotion to every call. Yet today nearly one-half of the race lacks food and shelter without fault of its own.

It seems to me most fitting that as Americans and Kansans we should hear the call from these stricken people and contribute of our means to a fund which will be devoted to their succor.

Knowing the warm appreciation of justice which abides in the hearts of our people and the fine generosity with which they respond to every call from their less fortunate fellows, I, Arthur Capper, Governor of the State of Kansas, therefore, designate the period beginning **DECEMBER 10 AND ENDING DECEMBER 14** as **JEWISH RELIEF DAYS** in this state.

I call upon the people of all our cities, towns and rural communities to organize their forces and get behind this campaign with true Kansas spirit. No state has been more blessed with abundant crops than ours, and I am sure our people will be glad to give of their bountiful store for the relief of the Jews in the war ravaged countries, who are without food, without homes and even without opportunity in their present condition. I urge the newspapers of the state



to give widest publicity to the campaign and appeal to the mayors and municipal officials to lend their whole-hearted support in making the undertaking a success.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State. Done at Topeka, the capital, this 20th day of November, A. D., 1918.

(GREAT SEAL) ARTHUR CAPPER,  
Governor.

By the Governor:  
J. T. BOTKIN,  
Secretary of State.

#### SUBSCRIPTIONS DUE.

In the October issue we called attention to the fact that many subscriptions were over due. In response to our request for remittances, a number sent in the amount due and paid in advance for several years. There are nevertheless a good many from whom we would like to hear. Stamps and checks are convenient.

This issue of the Bethel College Monthly has only twelve pages instead of sixteen as formerly and it is likely that this number will be kept up during the current school year. By next year, probably, conditions will have changed so that we can return to

the former size and plan.

#### A FINE GIFT.

A friend of Bethel College has given the Domestic Science department an 'Ideal Domestic Science Fireless Cooker.' We shall certainly find the gift very helpful in our work and wish to thank our friend for the same.

#### Contributions received in October.

General Fund.	
Tabor congr., Goessel, Kans.	\$ 6.94
Bethel College Congr.	26.38
Emil A. Dester, Deer Creek, Okla.	2.10
Endowment Fund	
John A. Ruth, Reedley, Calif.	\$200.00

#### REMEMBER

##### DEFINITION

Life is a growth; but it is also a battle.  
And the battle is won only by the brave.  
Abbott, The Blessedness of Battle.

I slept, and dreamed that life was Beauty;  
I woke, and found that life was Duty.  
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A truth and noonday light to thee.  
Hooper, Life a Duty.

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