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## OUR ODYSSEY

By Alice Martin

The wanderings of Odysseus! That phrase comes to us frequently and always carries us far back to a time dimmed into mythical outline by the passing of ages. We picture a hero, after the fall of Troy, leaving for home accompanied by several crews of splendidly equipped warriors. Fate masquerading in a thousand ways plays havor with these voyagers, and at the end of the ten long years brings back Ithaca, the hero, shorn of his crews, beggared and old in appearance, with only a scar left to identify him on the Ulysses who left twenty years earlier.

This was Ulysses' "Odyssey" recorded by Homer and taken from the lips of innumerable seers before him. Interesting us this story is we find that our own Odyssey is even more so. Each of us, individually, is wandering through life, meeting and combatting adventures which are in every way comparable to the most thrilling bout of antiquity. But since we cannot very easily follow one or many of these life journeys within limitations we must take something more condensed. This Odyssey we will find
in our school-life pilgrimage-a composite blended from the many. Let us voyage together.

How fair the day is when we embark. The sun overhead is not more bright than the sunshine in our hearts. A goal, long dreamed of, is beginning to glimmer far off in the distance. Ah!-as yet it is merely a mirage of a reality existing many leagues beyond the slope of the horizon. But how tantalizingly it beckons us. We are fresh and buoyant; clouds may appear and mount up on high and obscure the brightness, but just now everything-possible evils and all-is sublimated into expectations on the eve of being realized.

We have our "bag of winds" secure, as we think to steer us unerringly through every difficulty. We are confident-oh, so confident and eager until we find ourselves among the Lotus Eaters. Ah! the Lotus blossoms! haw they soothe our senses and deaden our aspirations. We droop and dream; our eyes close. The glittering beacon shines for us in vain. A single phase of our school work becomes an end in itself
and all else ceases to please. When we are reading novels, Irish fable lore or Greek classical literature we want these and nothing more. We build a dream world about us and forget all else-home, friends, duty, everything but the fascination of the vision-selfishly limited-which gradually cuts down our ambition for work requiring any effort.

But Scylla and Charybdis confront us too constantly to let us dabble long among these unrealities. They jar us rudely and we shake off the compelling thralls of our dream world and enter the real. We don't pass these monsters just once as did Odysseus, but whenever "quiz" time comes these terrors of the sea must be faced. Then Scylla raises its monstrous coils threateningly before us, and Charybdis growls alarmingly below. We must approach them with infinite caution and alertness if we expect to slip through without mishap, but even so the results are disastrous sometimes. Scylla nips off the 90 and 80 percent too frequently and leaves us only a mere fraction of what we intended to strive fora most disconserting circumstance indeed. And occasionally, too, the whirling cauldron on the opposite side sucks in the unfortunate victim and checks his progress for a half year or more. Who was it said the Messina earthquake destroyed these monsters? Ah no, that cannot be true. But perhaps it is their shades that are troubling the student mariner today; That settles it; They are with us forever.

After such a tussle no wonder the voices of the sirens sound sweet to us. A strong will power can hardly resist their seductive strains, much less can one from whom every spark of vitality has been extracted.

The movie siren, how wily she is! Those alluring posters, how they coax us! The rythm, the music, the color,-and the price, so conveniently within reach. How unreasonable to ask us to pass by even if we were able! And since we have no immuned guardians to apply the chains of resistance, we abandon ourselves to the delights of the senses.

But perverse words suddenly begin to chase each other about and we drift before
them completely at the mercy of these contradictory elements. Our generous sips of ethics, philosophy and science have suddenly cut us loose from the medieval traditions to which we were safely moored and we are alarmed to find ourselves adrift, threatened with modern indifference and skepticism. It is impossible to bag the adverse winds again which escaped during an unwary moment. We must fight our way through to fair weather and a smooth sea. Then we shall be able to meet the cyclops in their den.

They cannot be avoided if we have escaped from the tempest tossed sea. Shut in within their enormous cave, in the power of these one-eyed monsters we are apparently in a predicament awful to consider. They represent assailants who are constantly ready to attack us at our most vulnerable point to test the solidarity of our buttresses. Hence no rash step is possible. It takes careful scheming and plotting - nay the application of the most strategic tactics to outwit all adversaries. Ulysses did it; so can we if we are armed right.

But while we are guarding ourselve carefully from being overcome in one quarter we must look out for the witch craft of Circe who stands ready wtih her wand to transform us into beasts. Of course she is powerless when we do not run into any excesses. If we eat too much and in a decidedly unappetizing way, the guise of a swine awaits us; if sly and treacherous there is the wolf's or the fox's shape to receive us. Circe lurks in the candy kitchen, the ice cream parlor, at the pie counter and in the easy corners. Beware of her!

Yes we must take care and forge ahead. That beacon is still glimmering. It is not a mirage anymore, but the real goal looming larger.

Now that we have come so far, we must look out for the Laestrygonians. They hurl the most destructive stones imaginable. We are misunderstood, critisized and struck at from every quarter by those who have never seen the glimmer in the distance or have lost it through the machinations of Circe. Ulysses remained beyond the reach of their missiles but many of his companions went to destruction because of their reckless ap-
proach to danger. These bombs will be hurled. The greater our success the more awful we must be to dodge their deadly aim. If we stop to settle, retaliate or explain we become involved and perhaps even culpable.

But let us sail into port. We come almost as Ulysses did; stripped of all our preconceived paralizing notions, vastly older through buffeting with experiences; and
with nothing left to us but the name on our "sheep skin" to identify us as the mortal who entered the race four years earlier.

But strange to say we are not in port afterall. We rest there for an interval like a bird in passage, but we are drawn forward again. A new star is before us. We must go on and on like Ulysses and conquer the unattainable.

# The Ideal of America 

By Oswin Galle

The present age is marked for its high ideals. All the instructors, from the smallest country school to the largest university, are constantly impressing upon their pupils the value and need of a high ideal. The small child has its ideal. He says, I am going to be like father. As the child grows his ideal enlarges, he sets his aim at a higher level, as his view of life broadens his goal continually recedes into the distance. During his entire life man's ideal is what seems to him to be the highest, the noblest, and the most perfect goal which he is capable of attaining. The same is true of a nation, as it grows from from childhood to manhood, its ideal expands; like man, it should always hold the most perfect as its ideal. As man is a part of the nation so man's ideal is a part of the nation's ideal. The ideal of a nation is merely the fusion of the ideals of its individual members into one great ideal. America, like all other nations, has an ideal to which it holds. The ideal of America is True Democracy. Ever since the establishing of the United States government it has been striving to perfect a democratic form of government.

The early Greeks were probably the first who ever tried to establish a democratic form of government. For a century or more it seemed as if democracy had come to stay, but soon it was trodden underfoot. It slumbered during the Middle Ages, but was again awakened by the Pilgrim forefathers when they came to America in 1620. The spirit of democracy was soon fostered among
all the colonies and finally on July 4, 1776, for the first time in history this principle, which soon afterwards became the ideal of a great nation, was written in legal form. After a severe struggle with the mother country the colonies were able to erect a government founded on democracy. When the great test of democracy came in 1861, the people, "rallied round the standard" again proving to the world that they still stood for democracy. The final step in the growth of America's ideal came in 1917 when the United States entered the world war with the slogan, "Make the World safe for Democracy."

Democracy! What is true democracy? the common conception of democracy is a government "of the people, by the people, and for the people." But is democracy not more than a government? Lincoln says, "It is dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal." Does this not mean more than government? The people themselves must first acknowledge all men as equals before the government can recognize them as created equal. Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe says, "Your little child is the only true democrat." A child treats all people alike. It takes everybody and everything at par value, at exactly what he sees and knows about the person. A child is the very essence of equality. The child itself is the spirit of equality and democracy.

What is equality? It is impossible to equalize a nation socially but it is not impossible to equalize it in the Christian sense
of the word. It is but natural that some men will have more power and more property than others, but this does not give the man with more power and property the right of abusing the privileges of the man, who is less fortunate. Every individual must have the same rights and privileges in the industrial world as well as in the political world. "Man must do unto others as he would have them do unto himself." Every individual follow this principle in his social, industrial and political life. Since this is true, is not democracy an ideal of society. Equality must become the spirit of the people. With everyone adhering to this spirit a standard for the society is formed. The United States is an organized society of one hundred million people.

This great society has for a number of years been divided into three distinct classes of people. The capitalist, who, in disguise of the politican, is in control of the government. The laborer or radical who is constantly fighting the capitalist for similar control, and the man of the middle class, Tho compromises between these two classes, tries to keep the radical down and to establish a true democracy.

With the progress of time America has adopted the famous slogan known as the "survival of the fittest." Each man works for himself individually, his only concern is himself, his business must prosper even if it is at the expense of the rights, property and the position which his fellow citizen holds. The American says, "I am first, the other man must look out for himself." This has given the capitalist control not only of the industrial world, but also of the political world. Because of the progress made in the last century it now takes a great deal of capital to run a business, for this reason the man who is capable of putting up the necessary amount of money receives the leadership and the control. Then in order to protect his control over industry the capitalist has also taken control of the government. Very often the capitalist controls with his money not only the office seeker, but also a large number of voters. He has also been making large profits at the expense of labor and the public. Because of this certain capable men, by using exactly the same
methods have succeeded in arousing the laborer so that today the United States is constantly fighting strikes. The radical strike leaders are trying to break the control of the capitalist at the expense of the public. Thanks to the man of the middle class who today has a purality but not a majority, a campaign has been started to break the control of the capitalist and also to keep the labor radical from gaining similar control. Through consideration for all men they are trying to establish industrial equality whereby the laborer will receive a living wage and the capitalist only a moderate profit. In order to have true democracy industrial democracy must first be established.

Since true democracy is so essential to mankind, it is but natural that we should pause to consider how it may be obtained. The four main factors essential in attaining the American ideal are, the individual, the home, the school and the church. The individual is the first essential factor because America is composed of one hundred million individuals and unless every individual in that organization realizes and practices the true equality of mankind, America can never attain true democracy. The home and the school are also of great importance because it is here that the individual is formed. The home is where the first important touches on the character of every individual are made, it is here that the individual must learn to respect the rights and the privileges of the other person. In the school the individual must learn to respect his neighbor and to work in cooperation with him. It is the duty and a great privilege which every instructor has to teach his pupils in such a way that they will realize that disciplineand schoolwork is for their own good and should be voluntary. It is in the home and the school where the children must be taught. that the best way and the only way to attain the highest standard in life is by treating. the other person as they themselves wish to be treated. Fach man, woman, and child must learn to realize that every person has a certain right, a certain property, and a certain life which must be protected and respected. It takes time to impress this upon the minds of the children; it takes time for the boy and the girl to realize this; it.
takes time, energy and patience to show the man and the woman the importance of living this ideal. It is therefore the prime duty of the students and the educated people of today to teach this principle.

But the greatest and the most impartant factor essential in attaining the American Ideal is the church, for the founder of the church is the father of true democracy. The great master of teachers, when he uttered those immortal words, "Love thy neighbor as thyself," gave the best and the most concise definition of true democracy and of every individual's duty in a democracy that can be given. Since it should be the object and the duty of the church to spread and to practise the teachings of our great master, it is but natural that through the work of the church alone can this definition be made true. It is only through the work of the church that the spirit of the people can become one of true brotherhood and of true cooperation. Unless the church of Jesus Christ spreads the teachings of its founder, unless it puts his teachings into practise, and unless it lives up to his ideal America can never attain True Democracy.

Since the spirit of Democracy must saturate all men, must permeate every individual, the question arises; will America ever attain true democracy? During one hundred and thirty years out government has grown from a crude democracy into the greatest democracy of the world. We, as a people, have learned that true democracy is the only ideal worth striving for, and in 1917 when we entered the world war we realized that our ideal was worthy of beceming a world ideal, we determined to do our share in establishing it. But now that it has become plain to us how much we will have to sacrifice, we are trying to shift the responsibility, we are planning to forsake our previous determination and pledge. The other great powers are realizing the same difficulty and are trying to do the same thing. We realize that if a true democratic world were established all these wars would be eliminated, but like the colonies in 1783, like to two radical classes in our own country we are afraid to make the necessary
sacrifice in order to establish a world democracy. Unless we as nations, unless we as races, unless we as classes, unless we as individuals realize and practice the true equality of marikind we can never establish a true denocratic world. In order that America may $\begin{gathered}\text { ttain } i t s ~ i d e a l, ~ w e, ~ e v e r y ~ i n-~\end{gathered}$ uividual, must true to himself, true to his neighbor, true to his church, true to his state, and true to his nation. We must all have hut one aim in life, that of establishing the great ideal. Let us all help to hasten the day, when we, as Americans, shall be loyal to the best that is in ourselves, loyal to our home, loyal to our countrymen, loyal to our nation and above all will be loyal to our God. The Day of True Democracy.

## GRAYMAROON 1920

Dear Alumni and Ex-students:
Last year was an unusual year for all colleges. Many of the students were serving our Uncle Sam and on this account some of the school activities were hampered. Circumstances have changed; the enrollment and school activities of Bethel exceed that of any previous year.

It has been a custom to publish an Annual every other year, but due to the large enrollment and the good representation of the different activities, the Student Council has requested the Class of 1922 to publish a Graymaroon for the year 1919 and '20.

Several of the features of the Graymaroon 1920, are:
I. A gray imitation leather cover embossed in maroon, giving a neat display of the Bethel colors.
II. The paper in this book will be the best grade of glossy paper that can be obtained. After printing the paper will be given a pebbled effect, giving the Annual a neat appearance.
III. Two blank pages for autographs will be another feature of the Graymaroon. This will give you a place to record the signatures of your friends.

There is no other means by which you can get as complete a survey of a school's activities as through its Annual. The Gray-
maroon will give you this survey of Bethel's activities.

Undoubtedly you are interested in the Graymaroon and will want to keep in touch with your Alma Mater. If you want a volume kindly send your order to Isaac H. Balzer, Newton, Kansas, and he will send you the same as soon as it is published. The price will be $\$ 2.50$.

## BIGGER ENDOWMENTS FOR COLLEGES

During the last year all schools of higher learning have found out that endowments heretofore practically sufficient are no longer so, and efforts are made everywhere to increase the funds necessary for the support of the schools. As it is, many schools will be hard pressed to meet increased expenses made necessary by the increase of salaries paid to teachers and of the cost of all sorts of material and equipment needed in the schools. Bethel College is no exception. Recently the Board of Directors made a budget of expenses necessary for the next school year and they found that it will take about $\$ 10,000$ above the available means, in spite of the fact that recently $\$ 100,000$ have been added to the endowment fund through the instrumentality of the Western District Conference. This indicates that special efforts will have to be put forth to meet the requirements. On March 9 a meeting of the Bethel College Corporation will take place in order to decide upon ways and means out of the difficulty. There is no doubt that the endowment fund must be raised to a figure considerably higher than that which was thought sufficient before. Following this we give an article sent out by the Harvard Endowment Fund Committee, setting forth the needs not only of that school but of all schools.

## FUNDS SOUGHT BY AMERICAN COLLEGES TOTAL $\$ 250,000,000$.

That following the example set by Harvard, more than one quarter of a billion dollars is now being sought for additional endowment by hundreds of institutions of higher learning in this country is pointed out by Eliot Wadsworth, Chairman of the

Harvard Endowment Fund, in an article which he has written for the March issue of the Harvard Graduates' Magazine. The Harvard Fund of $\$ 15,250,000$ is fast approaching the $\$ 12,000,000$ figure.

Mr. Wadsworth has gone to Europe to attend the first congress of the League of Red Cross Societies in Geneva as one of five American delegates. He was former vicechairman of the American Red Cross and. because of his work in that organization he recently received the Distinguished Service Medal awarded by the President.
"The fact that individuals had any definite responsibility to the maintenance of our educational machinery was hardly recognized", says Mr. Wadsworth. "Citizens voted once a year for members of the School Board. College Alumni voted at Commencement for Alumni Directors and members of the Governing Board. This, to a large extent, was the measure of our interest and thought."

Looking back over the last six months since the Harvard Fund was started, Mr. Wadsworth says:
"It may be safely said that Harvard has played a very important part in leading this movement. While making the first plans for the campaign it was determined that the publicity for the Harvard Endowment Fund should have two objects: First, to show the need of Harvard; second, and far more important, to show the serious situation which confronted all educational work."

These objects have sin \& bet achieved, for the country iuas been arouncd to the reed of supporting 'igher education. There is a story, too, that is torr in thi connertion. A well known ian'snr hat ascirted hat the Harvard Endav•土a F i. caused him to replize wha" Je owel !!s $0 \div 1$ alha mater fo- the sta the shate hitw in !:fe

In the course of the article, Mr. Wadsworth says:
"With constantly increasing emphasis. the fact has been borne in upon educated :ren and women that the srhools and colleges needed their individual attention. We began to realize that our whole educational system was in danger of deterioration or even disaster.
"Hundreds of institutions have been
brought to a realization of the seriousness of their financial conditions by the rising costs of 1919, with the result that campaigns for additional endowment have been inaugurated with a total amount asked for running over $\$ 250,000,000$. Cities and towns have faced the same problem. Demands for additional pay by struggling teachers have been insistent. Special elections have been held; taxes have been insistent. Special elections have been held; taxes have been levied to meet this universal cry from a hard-pressed profession.
"Together with the growing sense of the - danger threatening our institutions, there has come a constantly growing cry for more education. The steel strike, the coal strike, the evident need for better Americanization have developed writers and orators galore all raising their voices in the same cause. More and better education for the masses; a higher and broader intellectual development of the college students, has been advocated in no uncertain terms. No political speech is complete without its mention of our needs for better Americanization which means, as a fundamental, better education. No discussion of the industrial problems which confront the country fails to bring forth the need of a better understanding between employer and employee. Many methods for bringing this about are suggested, nearly every one of which involves more education.
"And so, side by side have arisen these two great changes in puilic sentiment: First, a sense of responsibility among individuals for the support of the educator and the uphoiding of the standard of education; second, the realization of the enormous importance of universal and proper educatoin in the future deveolpment of America."

Mr. Wadsworth lays stress upon the practical support given by the late Henry C. Frick who "wrote in his will a testimonial as to his opinion of the value and importance of our institutions of higher learning." Mr. Rockefeller, he says, "has expressed, in no uncetrain terms, his feeling as to the importance of higher education to this country by his gift of $\$ 50,000,000$ for distribution among colleges of the country."

## THE SHORTER BIBLE COURSE.

The Bible Course opened on Sunday Feb. 1, with two lectures by Dr. Langenwalter. His series was entitled "Speakers for God in a Crisis Period". The subjects of his lectures were the prophets Amos, Hosea, and Micah. The titles were such as, "The Man Amos," "The Man Hosea", "Knowledge of God," "The Sin Against Love", "Repentance", "The Sin of Short Weight." In these lectures Dr. Langenwalter made it clear how the messages of the prophets pertaining vital problems in their own time could be applied to modern problems.

Prof. Hartzler gave a series of talks on "Paul and his Teachings". This was a concise treatment of Paul's theology and teachings on Christ, the Church, the Law etc. A study of doctrines necessarily goes very deep and taxes one's understanding, but Mr. Hartzler has an attractive style of speaking and through the help of his apt blackboard illustrations, made his subject easily understood by all.

The emphasis of the Bible Course was to be laid on Sunday School work. Mr. Richards of the State Association, gave several splendid talks. He linked Sunday School work with broader fields of activity, such as religious education as a whole, and presented the needs of this work in a truly impressive way. He pointed out that the aim of religious education is to form the habit of thinking in terms of God, and a constant endeavor to relate one's self and God and God's world. At another time Mr. Richards discussed the Sunday School Standard adopted by the International S . S. Association. He had brought with him some very good posters showing the importance of keeping physically fit. These were hung in the main hall down stairs and attracted considerable attention. Most of Mr. Richard's discussions were intensely practical to the Sunday School worker. His closing speech was an inspirational address on "Living Teachers".

Mr. Engle, another State Association worker talked on "Room and Board for the Sunday-school." He discussed the kind of place in which the Sunday-school ought to be conducted. Another time he discussed

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the various agencies for training, such as Bible Conferences and conventions, Institutes, Summer schools, and Correspondence Study. He also emphasized the fact that in order to be effective the work of the Sunday-school had to extend beyond one hour a week.

President Kliewer conducted a class on "The Pupil". The book used was the regular text recommended for the first year of the three years training course for Sunday School teachers. The first ten lessons of the book were covered. The work covered the various periods of a childs life, and a study of the psychology of the pupil. Since the books did not arrive in time, a good deal of the teaching was done thru blackboard illustrations and outlines.

Rev. George of the Methodist church in Newton delivered a series of addresses based on Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress." As an introduction to the series he gave a brief outline of the life history of the author of this classic, John Bunyan. "Pilgrim's Progress" is an allegorical story of the development of Christian experience. Mr. George showed how the modern tendency is to overstress service and overlook the necessity of Christian life and character.

The three addresses by the archaeologist, Dr. Edgar J. Banks, drew by far the largest crowds. His talks were illustrated by lantern slides. It was fascinating to hear him tell of recent archaeological discoveries which reveal to us chapters of ancient history and often substantiate Bible stories. The talk on the seven great wonders of the ancient world was probably most entertaining. Altho his speeches had a tendency to overstep the allotted time, not one complained, so swiftly did time seem to pass.

The attendance was not as good as in former years, but this was probably due to the fact that it was entirely English for the first time. The audiences, tho small, were appreciative and note books were much in evidence. Many students took advantage of their opportunities and attended all lectures possible. Some of the classes were dismissed to give students an opportunity to attend.

Several collections were held to defray
expenses. Hilda Schmidt, and several of the voice pupils furnished special music for the evening sessions.

## Y. W. C. A.

Sister Frieda gave a series of three lectures to the Bethel Y. W. C. A. girls on the subject of "Sin, Its Consequences, and Salvation". In short, she said that $\sin$ has cut man off from God, and he instinctively turns away from God and His cause. The question arises, whether the individual can be held responsible for this instinctive aversion from God. If God had not provided means whereby this obstacle can be overcome, then man could not be held responsible. As it is, every one may come to God through Jesus Christ.

After man had sinned there were still a good many traits left in him, such as conscience, love, sacrifice, a longing for God etc. but in spite of all this he was lost, because sin meant separation from God, and separation from God spells death. How is it possible to obtain salvation? There are two kinds of salvation preached today. 1. The Attainment Salvation. 2. The Salvation through Grace. People who adopt the Attainment Religion depend upon one of the following things to save them. Service to others. 2. Turn over a new leaf. 3. Assert your manhood. 4. Think right. 5. Deny the existence of sin. 7. Human sacrifice, lay down your life for others. Although all the above named things are good, they are not salvation, because not one of them can be perfectly wrought by any human being. Jesus Christ did that perfectly which no other can do, therefore he is our salvation.

A good many people admit that in their natural state they are lost, therefore they accept Jesus Christ as their Savior, and yet they feel something is wrong with their. lives. The trouble is they do not go all the way with God. They feel as though they must live the new life with their own strength, they fear that they are not planning their work properly. To a person with such an attitude toward his Christian life it becomes a drudgery. Not so the person
who is willing to let God have his whole heart, and to let God work through his life. Every person will have joy, faith, love, and hope in proportion to the room that he gives to Jesus in his life. Christian victory means perfect surrender to God.

## ALPHA BETA

If there is anything with which Bethel is well supplied - it is literary societies. There are two in the Academy and two in the college. The college girls' literary society is called the "Aapha Beta". The "Alpha Betas" have had an awful charge brought against them - namely, that they meet only three times a year: once, to organize; once, to get their picture taken for the annual; and once to disorganize. This report however, is not authentic.

At the beginning of the year, the old members of the society called a meeting of all the college girls. A pleasant social evening was enjoyed, and as a result nearly all of the college girls had their names appended to the membership roll. Since then, the girls have had a number of meetings. All of them were well attended and the girls showed a great deal of interest. The programs usually include some musical numbers, some comical number, and also some Serious numbers.

This year the girls felt that the society ought to offer them something more substantial than mere amusement. After discussing the matter, they decided that since everyone is at sometime called upon to organize a society or to conduct a business meeting, it would be well for the Ahlpha Beta's to take a course in Parliamentary Drill. The past two meetings have been taken up in the practice of conducting meetings. They were led by members of the society. A great deal of pep and enthusiasm was displayd in the course of the evenings. In future Miss Ligo will conduct the Parliamentary Drill. With such an able teacher, the girls ought to learn a great deal about it.

Although the "Alpha Betas" has not always measured up to its possibilities, it fills
a place in the lives of the college girls, which would remain empty without it. We expect it to stand for bigger things, as the years roll by.

## THE DELPHIAN

A certain professor said, "Literature is the expression of life". Man puts that in literature which his mind can best conceive, be it science or some other branch of learning. We must be educated to conceive the thought at the bottom of some literary work that probably we would not understand or otherwise enjoy. It is necessary that we cultivate the literary mind in us. For this purpose we have the Delphian literary society in our college; it is to give us practice and experience in all lines of literary work. By understanding the construction and laws of literary work, by performing these ourselves and having our fellow members criticize them we learn to appreciate more keenly the efforts of others. By taking part in the different forms of literary expression our mind is enlarged to think more clearly and is more able to comprehend the other person's point of view. Our vocabulary is increased to express our thoughts more effectively, also our English becomes more perfect and logical that we can say what we want to say in such a way that we know that other people will understand and appreciate our point of view.

In the Delphian society we hear the essay which gives us a proper training in the writing of exposition. We also learn to read in an interesting and intelligent manner. The readings and orations give the students excellent training in memory work besides training in exposition and expression. We learn to use our imagination by the writing of original stories and thus learn to relate events in an interesting manner. It is very vital that we should be acquainted with the current problems of the day. For this purpose we have the discussion of the current topics of interest. In order to awaken our appreciation of good clean humor we are permitted to hear, or ourselves give, some good jokes or humorous anecdotes. One oî the practical lessons obtained in our literary society is the training in parliamentary rules
thru parliamentary drill. By this we shall be able to successfully conduct a business meeting when called on to do so.

As a whole, the society is for the purpose of broadening us so as to be of more service to our fellowmen and also for our own betterment and enjoyment. The Delphian society is purly a college organization, altho not all the college men are members, the majority, nevertheless, blong to the society. These, as we would naturally expect are most active in our college life, thus being leaders and training themselves to be greater leaders in the future.
A. V.

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During the course of the month a number of changes in the schedule of games became necessary on account of the "flu" and other causes. Our team also was seriously handicapped by sickness in the ranks. Yet, in spite of untoward circumstances the team captured the honors with wide margins in all the games but one. So far the following teams have been encountered: Cooper, Kansas University of Commerce, Friends, Mcpherson, Bethany - two games each, except that with K. U. of Commerce, which is not in the Conference, only one was played. In the second game with Bethany our boys were not in their best form and they lost with a score of $29-36$. In the second half of the game only one of the regular team was in his place. In the second game with McPherson, which took place the day after that with Bethany, the Maroon and Gray got out ahead by a score of 52-20.

On March 2 and 3 games will be played with Kansas Wesleyan and Washburn, respectively, if nothing occurs to cancel the same. Close and interesting games are expected.


Col. '16. Jesse Loganbill and his wife, Eva Becker Loganbill, spent several days on the campus visiting. Both of them are teaching at Durham, but the schools were closed on account of flu. They left for Fortuna, Mo., where Mr. Loganbill's sister was seriously ill.

Ac. '12. Rev. J. P. Boehr who is taking Rev. Suderman's place at Moundridge, is gaining strength rapidly and was able to preach again recently.

Col. '13. Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Boehr, missionaries in China at Kaichow, Chihli Province, are the proud parents of a baby boy born in January.

Ac. '16. Jacob Goering and his wife, Lydia Zerger Goering, (Ac. '19) spent the week end on the campus recently.

Ac. '00. Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Linscheid, missionaries among the Cheyenne Indians in Montana, have been asked by the Board to make Cantonment, Okla., their station. They have accepted and will move next summer, when missionary Albert Claassen will leave the field.

Ac. '19. Mary Ann Loganbill who teaches near Halstead visited her brother and sister on the campus.

Ac. '16. Sarah Lohrentz who is taking nurse's training at Bethel Hospital had a day off recently, which she spent with her sisters and friends on the campus.

Ac. '16. Rev. Solomon Mouttet of Inola, Oklahoma, attended part of the Bible Course at Bethel. He was obliged to leave on account of sickness.

Ac. '1.7 D. H. Rempel who is principal of the Dwight, Kansas high school, visited friends on the campus over the week end.

Ac. '17. Emma Schmidt, who is teaching near her home at Alexanderwohl, Kansas, attended some of the Bible Course lectures. She was also present at one of the Basket Ball games.

Ac. '09. Clara Schmutz spent half a day on the campus recently and supped with Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Baumgartner.


Here is a short list of Children's Books. Beard, Little Folks' Handy Book 144p
illus. Scribner
"Teaches little children how to make simple toys from empty spools, clothes pins, kindling wood, etc."

Benson, David Blaize and the Blue Door
N. Y. Doran, 1919, 217p. illus.
"A delightful book to read to children about six years old and to enjoy it just as much as they do. David finds the blue door behind his pilllow and when he slips through and locks it behind him his adventures begin. They are quite remarkable and most amusing and are all told in the matter-offact way that makes them sound perfectly plausible. Tear out the frontispiece for very little tots, it's too frightening and doesn't fit the story as the other pictures do."

Bond, Scientific American Boy at School. Munn. 338p. illus. 1910.
"Describes and illustrates many interesting things that boys can make and do."

Lucia, Peter and Polly in Spring Peter and Polly in Summer Peter and Polly in Autumn Peter and Polly in Winter

Am. Bk. Co.
"Readers for second and third grades, attractive in style and makeup. Delightful."

Roosevelt, Theodore Roosevelt's Letters to his Children. N. Y. Scribner, 1919, 240 p. illus.
"Many sides of the interesting character of Roosevelt are revealed in his letters to his children or to his friends about them. Most of all he is seen as an ardent big playfellow with interests wide enough to do crude
picture letters for the little ones, as well as apologetically preachy messages to the boys. away at school."

## Spyri, Heidi, Century

"Every generation of children must have Johanna Spyri's "Heidi".

"To know whether a book be grood consider first, whether it adds to our sum of knowledge; secondly, whether it induces thought and exercises reason; thirdly, whether it improves taste; and fourthly. whether it strengthens conscience."

During the two weeks of the Bible Course the library was kept open from 5-6 P. M. and again from 6:30-7 P. M. until the evening lecture began. This was done in order to provide a place where the visitors might spend their spare time.

The Academy and College debaters find the subjects of "Compulsory Arbitration" and "The Establishment of a Protectorate over Mexico" all-absorbing topics at present.

The Freshman class is just now interested in the present labor situation juaging by the use they make of U . S. Bureau of Labor bulletins and other pamprlets and magazines containing materiai oi, the subject.

Not long ago a box of soosis from Clarence Center, New York, reached our library. It contained a number of volumes from the library of Rev. :acob Krenbiel which he had selected for the leinel College library shortly before his death.

The arrival of the Good Housekecping magazine is always joyfully hailed by the girls. The boys seem almosi equally nager for the Scientific American.
"Some people study all thei: lives, and at their death they have lears ! everything except to think." -Domergue.

## BETHEL NOTES

Many students were absent during the past month because of mumps or the "flu". This is no news item; it is simply a statement of facts.

President Kliewer held a series of meetings at Meno, Okla., beginning on Sunday, Feb. 22. He had begun the series of lectures earlier in the winter but was interrupted by bad weather.

The drive for the Near East Relief fund proved very successful at Bethel. The collection among the students amounted to about $\$ 100$ and among the faculty and others living on the Campus to $\$ 150$.

On the evening of the game between Friends and Bethel, Professor A. B. Schmidt of Inman, Kans., brought his basket ball team over for a practice game.

Professor D. H. Richert staid at home over a week, nursing a severe case of mumps. The saying that you get the mumps only once has been disproved; for this is the second time that he has the disease.

The academy debate tryout has been held and the debaters are beginning work. The proposition is, Resolved, that the United States should establish a court of compulsory arbitration for the final settlement of labor disputes. Debates with Tabor, McPherson and Central have been arrangedthese debates will take place in April.

Bethels' orator was eliminated in the district 'tryout' of the Kansas State Oratorical Association which was held at Winfield.

The debate season will be formally opened here on Friday March 12, when our debaters meet Fairmount in a dual debate. Bethel's affimative will meet Fairmount at Bethel.

Bethel belongs to the new Kansas De-
bate League which was formed this year. The question on which the debaters are working is, Resolved, that the United States should establish a protectorate over Mexico.

## Berifit $\mathfrak{i b c e}$ bie Bibelarbeit von Bethel Coflege.

Man fühtt augenicteinlid ziemlidy allge= mein, ba B Bethel Eollege auf bem Gebiete ber Bibelarbeit etroas bieten folle, báß bizher bier nidyt geboten toorben ift. Gerabe toas bas fein foll hat mix noct niemand jagen fönnen. Das babe id aud nicat anders erwartet und babe mir barum menigitens ein Sclut = $\mathfrak{a h b r}$ Beit auts erbeten um ber Sache auf ben (6rumb zu fom= men. Bon biefen Schut= Sahre find nod faum Drei Monate vexitrictien. Die Erfahtungen bie= fer bret Monate baben manche Winfe gegeben, Die einem einen flareren Einblide veridtaffen in Den Sadiverbalt und menn audit nodit fein be= finmenter Blan vorgelegt werben fann, fo fann Doch einiges beridftet werben, bas der Beförbe uno ber §afresuerianmilung widetig und intexef= fant jein buirfte.

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(Segenwärtig wirb jold)en Stubenten außer ber College und Bibelarbeit auf ben Gebieten Der Semiletif, Theologie und Sittentefye aytbeit geboten. Das iit cin $\mathfrak{H n f a n g}$ und bas snterefie in ber $\mathfrak{H r b e i t}$ zeigt, bā̃ Derjelbe berechtigt $i f$ t.

Яußer ben fünf erwähnten (6efictatspunften iiber bas was man bon Der Schule fiex erwartet, follte nodf Kinzugefügt werDen, báß bie $\mathfrak{A n t r a =}$ gen nady $\mathfrak{E c h r e n}$, bie in ben (Semeinden Bibel= ftumben, Grivectung beriammitugen uiw. Gałten fönnen, und audd nady foldien, sie ben ©. Sctut= len imb Jugenducreinen behilflid fein fönnten Dabutch Dás fie $\mathfrak{A n Y e i t u n g ~ g a ̈ b e n ~ i n t ~ Z e h r e n ~ u i p . ~}$ inmer ofter fommen umb eindoringliffer geftellt werben. Dieje Nrbeit Yohnt fictuf für andere Ge= meindichaften. und bas wadfiende Bedürfnis un=
ter uns fabeint anzubenten，bajb wir an ber Beit feben too man bent Bebürnnis mety phitemma＝ tifd Redmung tragen jollte．

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2）WBix find $\mathfrak{F y m}$ berantroortlidy für umfere Jugeni．

3）Wir idyulben ben Gemeinden §ilfe zu einem gedeiblidjen Wadjbtum．

4）Wix jafulden ber ভchule bie Gelegenheit zu einem jegensreiden ケortbejtehen．
$11 m$ Dbiges außführen zu fönnen bebarf bie Schule bie Gfebete und bas einficatzwolle $\mathfrak{I n}=$ terefie redft vieler ©ejdmijter，benen obige Bunte foichtig find．

ふ̌erner ernötigt ein zufriebenitellender Fortbeftand ber Bibelarbeit von Bethel College Dáb bie Scyule mefr æaum befommt，bie Bibel＝ Yehrer haben jeßt nidat einmal ihre eignen Behr $=$ zimmer geidiveige bon einem $}$ ba man bie periönlicye $\mathfrak{A r b e i t}$ tun fönnte，bie fo notwendig ift），mehr Rehrex，benn man ift jebt fatyon burch fo bieljeitige und bringende $\mathfrak{W r b e i t}$ überlaben，
 then bas zu bieten，bas geboten werben follte， unb bas man verlangt．

Buleçt lañt uns nicht vergefien，bab ber alte（Gott noç）lebt und ben nicfot berläß̆t，ber um Seines Reiches Willen biel magt．

## Timerifa unt ©pradje．

Mit einem neuen ©sedanfen tritt bie $\mathfrak{W o}_{0}=$ denidurift ber＂Rtmerican Region＂，bes neuen Soldatenbundez，bor bas 彐olf．Sie verlangt bie Einführung ber－amerifanifden Sprache．

Das flingt auf ben eriten Blid eigentüms Yicif；Denn anfer ber indianifden gibt ez feine eigentlidye amerifanifide Spracte．Unjere amtlide Randesppracte ift ja bie englijde；
jeboch mit Nentirbungen，verichiebenem 2 ffent， teilmeife berictiebener Sdureibweije und $2 \mathfrak{H t}=$ fprache．Natber ber tiefere Gebanfe bes Bor＝ fichlage ift Dennoct git，ift mirflich amerifanifich patriotifict：＂J̃a Mrexifo（mo man fich Der jpra＝ nijçly Sn Spractye bedient）fällt e马 feinem Mientifen ein，ibre Sprache ＂Epanifeci＂zu nemnen；fie beiteben barauf，baß fie mexifaniid iprecthen．Selbit auf bie Gefaht hin，báb etliche Dubeno gelehrter Brofefioren vor Entfeken tot umfallen，macten wix ben Bor＝ ¡filag，bie Reflame für $\mathfrak{F o h n}$ Bull aufzugeben und unjere eigene Epractie，bie amerifanifide Gprache，einzufïhten．＂

Regt man mun bieje Borichlag babin auß， DáB feine andere Spractie gebulbet medern foll， bann wirb Der an fide gute Borichlag freilid nidgt gut．Wifien ift Macht und bleibt Macht！Wif＝ fen bedeutet nidft：bloß eine Spradje fönnen！§e megr Spracten ein Menich ipridft，Deito nübli＝ der ift er feinem $\mathfrak{L a m b e}$ ．（Ein Deutidu＝amerifa $=$ ner，Der bestoegen feine Mutteripradife um Der Landesipactje achlaffigt ober gar berleugnet，ift ein fläglidyer Tropf，ber weder feinen Mitbürgern fo biel zu nüben vermag，wie er fönnte und jollte，nody andid fidy felgit．Ers＝ wartet er etwa，wenn er felber feine $\mathfrak{M u t t e r}=$ jprache veractitet，vom 9merifaner $\mathfrak{A d t u n g}$ für fie ober für feine æerjon？Sur beito verädetri＝ dher ericheint er；bagegen ift ber geaditet，ber feine Minttefrpradfe und bie Randesipracte und tomöglidy nocif weitere Spractien fpridit，liejt und idureibt．

Die frembe Spractie madgt feinen Mienichen zum weniger wertbollen Bürger－umb bie $\mathfrak{B e}=$ Kerridyung ber englijchen Spracthe getwährt Dem Sanbe fenein ©dutb bor umiturzferifdjen Soeen； ganz im Gegenteil，fie exleithtert bie Berbrei＝
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Reuten, bie ber englifthen Sprache auggezeidunt mädotig waren. Sie iprachen fie bollenoet, ohne Wffent fogar; trokbent waren fie Rebelfen. Hnd
 Die Uniwn erhalten blieb, foar nidft in Yebzer Sinte Der Bfflichttrent amb bem Dpfermute ber Dentichipradfigen Regintenter zu veroanfen, int weldyen (Englija nur jpärlidif) geiprochen, nut mangelfaft veritanben murbe. Ahn biefen $\mathfrak{T a t =}$ fachen fann nidyt gerüttelt werben.

Die Spractie unferes sandes ift und jei und bleibe bie englijche - madfen wir fie je längex bejto mehr ganz zur "amerifanifachen" Sprache! תarl Scturz iprach Den einzig ridfti= gen Grumbjak aủ bab jeder ©inwanberer fíh möglidytit ianell bie Ranbesipractie aneignen, ba= bei aber nidft jeine Miutteripradfe vernachläfigen foll. Namentlidy wix Deutic)amerifaner alle jollten burctante zweifpradfige Meniduen fein, bie beibe Sprachen gleidy gut reden, Iejen und jafei= ben. Beibe Spradten fino umjere Spradien! Sünglinge, bie fich auf Bfarr= und Sdulamt worbereiten, follten mur bann für befähigt gelten Dürfen, wenn fie beibe Epractien bemeiftern. Sagte bodf fifon ein Solitifer, ©bouberneur Whilipp won Bizconfin, einer Refrerberiamm= Yung in Milmaufee: "®马 murbe töridgt fein, wollten wir bie bentidye Spracte in ben Soodi)= fofuten und högeren Refranftalten aubmerzen. Sicat nur bilbet bie Senntniz frember Spracten einen weientlicten ßejtandeil der watren fut= tur; es gibt in Europa Gundert Millionen Men= fifjen, Die beutidy fprecten. Wenn toir mit bie= fen Sgandel treiben wollen, mitifien wir in ifrer Spradje mit ihnen fprechen fömen. Wix jollten praftiich fein umb nidgt Opfer ber Sufterie wer= Den!"

So ift ber Boridalag ber ,"Ymerican $\mathfrak{R e}=$ gion" umübertrefflid) gut: शmerifaniific ©pra= dhe, ofne $\mathfrak{B c f a ̈ m p f u n g , ~ b i e ł m e h r ~ m i t ~ F o ̈ r b e r u n g ~}$ frember Spracten!
$\mathfrak{B}$.
タut "Die \{bendidule."
"Don't use a preposition to end your sentences with," somebody said. "But", replied someone else, "I canbot see what such a rule was made for. It is a poor one to go by. Hard and fast laws, unless they are those of actual grammar, cannot always be adhered to. Often, indeed, they are better departed from."
CORRECT ENGLISH

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## IS THE PLANET MARS INHABITED? Arguments for The Artificiality of the Martian Canals.

The planet Mars has been the object of very close observations for many years. The markings upon this planet were first seen by the sharp eye of Dawes. To account for those phenomena on Mars, the vast powers of nature were found totally inadequate. This was what later led the great observer Schiaparelli to enunciate the idea of the artificial origin of the canals. He conceived the larger ones to be composed of six different water courses, whose dikes would be opened now and then by the Martians. This theory was upheld by Flammarion and other popular continental writers. The errors of Schiaparelli were errors of judgment and not of observation.

In the recent years E. C. Slipher went to Chili, S. A., with Lowell and made many observations. He took 13,350 photographic images under the best conditions and they show canals. We must remember that a photographic plate only records realities. With all this positive evidence secured under the best possible condition of seeing, and with different telescopes and accessories, establishing the great mass of visual observations made by Lowell and others, can it be possible then that these markings are illusions? Some in order to create doubt, raise material or inconsequential objections to the observations and drawings and some even mislead their readers by unpardonable misrepresentations. Some of these skeptics quickly admit that the markings they are able to see exist in reality, and then they absurdly contend that all the others are merelyillusions. No scheme can be devised to do away with the canals or many features of Mars. As a matter of fact all of these details, even the faintest canals, defy explanation as illusions. This is evident for two reasons: First, because they bear the same stamp of reality as the obvious details; secondly, because a canal that is at one time quite faint becomes at other times very intensely visible.

The laws of perspective will again be curbed by the evidence of lines appearing straight in all positions of a rotating globe. Next to the fact that they are lines, they are
nearly all straight lines throughout their course. They also have uniform widths. As many as fourteen canals show junction at some point called an oasis. Lowell, who made these observations says, that there is some law working to that end. They are not rivers or cracks because they are too straight and systematic. The crowding of the canals poleward is also marked. The canals, therefore, are phenomena that stand in peculiar relationship to the Polar caps. They also appear in pairs running parallel to each other. Most of the canals run from the southwest to the northeast. The lines also cross the dock patches on Mars in the same systematic manner. The spots called oases make common terminals for the canals which does not happen by chance. Some canals show a slight curve which is fatal to the illusionary theory.

It is also observed that the canals wax and wane from some cause. It shows that there is more than the simple physical forces acting. Thus the most satisfactory explanation that can be given by our greatest astronomers is that these canals are artificial and not natural.

## GOSHEN COLLEGE NOW A STANDARD INSTITUTION

It is with a keen sense of satisfaction that we are able thru the columns of the Record to announce to our readers that Goshen College has been formally recognized by the Indiana State Board of Education as a Standard College. This action was taken at a meeting of the State Board held at Indianapolis on Friday, February 13th.

The necessity of standarizing has for some time become more apparent. In the state of Indiana high schools are required to employ at least two teachers with degrees from a standard college. Other states have similar requirements so that our students have frequently been barred from good positions evcept by special permission from state boards and sometimes such permits were gotten at great inconvenience to graduates. Under present conditions, however, they will be accorded the same rights and privileges as graduates from other standard institutions in the state of Indiana.
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