Iowa Zeta (Parsons College)—We are not receiving the Portfolio this year.

Kansas Beta (Washburn College)—We are not receiving the college paper in exchange for THE FORENSIC which we are sending.

Kansas Gamma (Kansas State Agricultural College)—The intercollegiate debates have been prepared for by intersociety contests held among the eight literary societies at K. S. A. C. There was keen competition for places, nearly one hundred persons trying out. An annual intersociety debate rally did much to stimulate interest in the activity. Members of Kansas Gamma have been taking turns at entertaining the chapter at dinner.

Kansas Delta (Southwestern College)—This chapter has not reported its officers for the year. From the Southwestern Collegian which is reaching us we learn that Southwestern will have a very heavy debate schedule this season, meeting Friends, Bethel, Fairmount, Emporia Normal, and Pittsburg Normal. In addition, on its way to the Convention, the delegation will meet several institutions, including William Jewell and Missouri Valley. In the women's triangular with which the season started Southwestern won from Washburn unanimously and lost by a two to one decision to the College of Emporia.

Kansas Epsilon (Fairmount College)—This chapter has not reported officers for the year. The college paper is coming irregularly. No news.

Kansas Zeta (Kansas State Normal School)—Fifteen men and eighteen women have signed up for debate in this school. The season opens with a debate with K. S. A. C., on January 13th. Professor Gilson of this chapter spent the second week of December on a reading and impersonation tour in western Kansas. A survey of the grades of different student organizations at K. S. N. placed Pi Kappa Delta second out of a list of twenty-one.

Kentucky Alpha (Georgetown College)—The Georgetonian reports very healthy literary society activity in this college.

Maine Alpha (Colby College)—Great enthusiasm for debate prevails in Colby because of the trip to the Convention. The team expects to debate five times on the trip. Colby will have its usual number of home debates. A unique method of raising money to help to defray the expenses of the Convention trip was an old fashioned spelling bee, engineered by Dr. Herbert Libby, the Colby debate coach. The Echo characterizes the Bee as a riot of fun, especially for the spectators.

Michigan Alpha (Kalamazoo College)—Miss Helen Ward will represent Kalamazoo College in the Michigan Oratorical League. She won the local contest with an oration entitled "The Dependent Home." William Schrier won the men's contest. Kalamazoo opened her season with a debate with the Michigan State Normal College, the affirmative winning by a two to one decision and the negative losing by the same decision.

Michigan Delta (Michigan Agricultural College)—Michigan Delta initiated Professor Weaver of the English department and Professor Milne, the debate coach. A public appearance in some form of forensic activity is one of the final initiation requirements of all candidates at this chapter, members of the faculty not being exempt. To satisfy this condition, the two neophyte professors were pitted against one another in a public debate on the disarmament question. In the case of these two men, the chapter waived its rule of withholding the names of persons honored with membership in Pi Kappa Delta until they appear on the platform. On the day of initiation, these two professors wore dashing sashes of cherry and white until the ceremony in the evening. After it had been performed a banquet was held.

The after-dinner toasts were in the form of a mock trial, with the toastmaster acting as judge. One speaker presented "The Plaintiff's Case," Professor Milne responded with "The Defense." The two following speakers produced "The Evidence" and gave "The Verdict." In concluding, the judge found the prisoners guilty of forensic ability and sentenced them to membership in the Pi Kappa Delta. The Michigan Aggie debaters hold their regular triangular with Purdue and Iowa State College. They are hoping to go farther west to meet teams from some of the other Agricultural Colleges. Money for the trip has been raised by a performance of the play "Green Stockings," which proved a great success. Much enthusiasm has been evinced this year at M. A. C.

Michigan Epsilon (Michigan State Normal College)—The chapter has a new president, Burton D. Wood. Richard Ford, the former president, is leaving college at the end of the first semester to continue his studies in France. In the local oratorical contests held early in December Florence Larson and Harry Lynch were chosen to represent the college at the intercollegiate oratorical contests next spring.

Minnesota Alpha (Macalester College)—Herbert Gaston, editor of the "Minnesota Daily Star," spoke to the members and guests of Minnesota Alpha of Pi Kappa Delta on the "Open and Closed Shop" at an informal cafeteria dinner, Tuesday, December 6, in the St. Paul Y. W. C. A. The speaker expressed his willingness to answer questions at the close of his talk and explained a number of points of special interest to those expecting to debate on this question. Macalester Freshmen, taking the negative of the Closed Shop question, defeated the Sophomores by a unanimous decision. Macalester is facing a tremendous debate schedule. She debates N. N. I. S., at Aberdeen, Huron, Morningside, St. Olaf's, and Lawrence. She will have a women's debate with St. Olaf and Gustavus Adolphus. On March 27 she is scheduled to debate the University of Redlands in St. Paul. It will be an open forum debate in a large auditorium down town and it is hoped that the Mayor of St. Paul will preside. The Labor press of the Twin Cities has already noticed the debate and will carry advertisements later. The annual Stringer Oratorical Contest was won by Enrique Sobrepena, a Filipino Sophomore student with an oration entitled "A Plea for Philippine Independence." The prize is twenty-five dollars in cash, given by Mrs. Stringer in memory of her husband. Mr. Sobrepena may represent Macalester in the State Oratorical.

Missouri Beta (Park College)—Park is a member of the Kansas-Missouri Pentangular League. In addition to Park, Baker, Ottawa, Emporia, and William Jewell are members. The question selected this year by the League for their debate is that of the Kansas Court of Industrial Relations.

Montana Beta (Montana State College)—Montana State has received offers to debate teams from the Michigan Agricultural College and from Pennsylvania State College on the western tours which representatives of these institutions expect to make in the spring. A debating society has been formed by Leon Sayers, President of Pi Kappa Delta and Commissioner of Forensics at Montana State. This society is to bear the name of the Coffee Club and has been formed to give those interested in debate experience in order that they may later on try for college teams. The Montana State debate schedule includes debates with Utah State, South Dakota State, North Dakota Agricultural, and University of Montana. Arrangements are also being made for a series of no decision debates with a team from the University of Montana.

Nebraska Alpha (Nebraska Wesleyan University)—At the third annual celebration of Armistice Day, Thomas Q. Harrison delivered an oration.

Mr. Harrison represented Wesleyan at a student conference on disarmament held in Chicago on November 13 and was there elected as state chairman for Nebraska.

Nebraska Beta (Cotner University)—This chapter has full charge of all forensics at Cotner. It is planning to hold regular meetings at which some prominent speaker will give an address. Invitations have been extended to Professor Fogg, head of the State High School Debating League, and to Professor George Foster of the University Law School. The debate schedule for the year includes contests with Doane, Wesleyan, Hastings, and Kearney; and possibly will also include debates with South Dakota University, Denver University, Washburn College, and Colorado College.

Nebraska Delta (Hastings College)—Very spirited intersociety debates are preparing the material for the intercollegiate contests at Hastings.

Ohio Alpha (Baldwin-Wallace College)—A new literary society for women, Gamma Sigma, has been formed at Baldwin-Wallace. John H. Lamy was the winner of the annual Inter-society Oratorical Contest on December 12. His oration, "Rebuilding the Walls," dealt with the permanent peace problem. Mr. Lamy will represent the college in the intercollegiate contest in the spring. Professor Chester E. MacLean, formerly debate coach at Baldwin-Wallace, is now at Beloit, Wisconsin. Debates are to be held with Heidelberg, Wittenberg, Hiram, and Muskingum.

Ohio Beta (Heidelberg University)—Through the efforts of the chapter, Heidelberg will be represented for the first time by a women's debating team. A squad of sixteen was chosen from forty contestants. In selecting debaters, the judges considered not only the speeches, but the amount of material obtained, attendance at debate meetings, and other factors which might stamp the student as a debater. The Heidelberg debate season will probably begin on February 11 with a contest with Akron University. Debates are scheduled with Baldwin-Wallace and Ohio Northern. Challenges have been received from Colby and the Colorado Aggies. Mr. W. B. Bliss, assistant state superintendent of schools in Ohio has been elected an honorary member of Ohio Beta. Members of the chapter have formed a basketball team for recreation. They are known as the Pekedees.

Oklahoma Alpha (Oklahoma A. &. M. College)—No news. Not sending the college paper in exchange for THE FORENSIC.

Oklahoma Beta (University of Tulsa)—The Juniors won by default the Junior-Senior debate. The Collegian states that the prospects are good this year for debate and oratory.

South Carolina Alpha (Wofford College)—We are pleased to welcome The Wofford College Journal, a monthly literary magazine of excellent merit. The chapter is much interested in the Convention and hopes to have at least one representative there.

South Dakota Beta (Huron College)—A new men's literary society, Tau Theta Rho, has been organized at Huron. Huron has a most extensive forensic program for the year. Herman Sweet, last year's president of South Dakota Beta, and editor of the Alphomega, has had his editorials given first place in a State Journalism contest. He was given second place on news content.

South Dakota Gamma (Yankton College)—The women debaters are preparing for a triangular to be held in February with Dakota Wesleyan and Morningside.

South Dakota Delta (South Dakota State College)—No news. We are not receiving the Industrial Collegian in exchange for THE FORENSIC which we are sending.

South Dakota Epsilon (Sioux Falls College)—Dean F. McSloy will represent Sioux Falls College at the State Intercollegiate Oratorical contest to be held at Aberdeen on February 10. He won a prize of $25. The title of his oration was "Criminal Toleration." At an Alumni banquet, Professor L. E. Nelson speaking on the history of forensics in Sioux Falls College, stated that out of the last thirteen debates, nine had been won, and in five oratorical contests, three first places had been secured.

Texas Alpha (Southwestern University)—Active preparations for intercollegiate debate are under way. Southwestern is a member of a triangular league of which Texas Christian University and Trinity are the other two members. A women's team may meet one from the University of Texas.

Wisconsin Alpha (Ripon College)—Competition for places on the debate teams has never been so keen at Ripon as it is this year. The Heavy schedule of debates includes one with Bowdoin.

EXCHANGES

(Yankton Student)

There are four main factors, in student affairs, which advertise a college. In the first place there is the factor of victorious athletic teams. That this, at the present time, is the most potent is undisputed. Victorious athletic teams always will receive a large amount of fame and publiciy. Another factor is winning orators and debaters. This too is an important side of collegiate activity. And still another line of collegiate endeavor which is strongly emphasized as an advertising factor is fine glee clubs. And lastly, but of as great or greater importance than any other of the foregoing stands progressive journals or college papers.

We have then, four main ways of advertising a college through student affairs. Each factor involved requires different talent or ability. Surely, with such a wide range of activities from which to choose, every one of us can fit in some line of work which shall prove an advertising medium to the College.

A college contest in oratory is open to the diffident that he may learn of his own ability. Is open to the bashful that he may stand before men and women to exhibit his nerve. It is a benefit to the egotist if defeat draws him to the plane of his fellow students and teaches him that ordinary ability is common to man. It is a benefit to all participants when defeat is a stimulus to greater effort, and victory is followed by a modest conception of one's own ability.

(Hope College Anchor)

Kazoo College has chosen eight men to represent her in debating. She has strong material and is very confident of success. "If we don't wallop any possible opponents, we are surely misplacing our confidence, for we have a firm conviction that these new teams of ours have not only the fight-'em stuff in them that we occasionally hear mentioned in Kazoo but they have the Zazoo beat-'em quality that we cannot ignore." That's the spirit, Kazoo. We're glad to see it. We surely are glad too that you can count on us as one of your "possible" or impossible opponents.

(Ripon College Days)

From time to time new devices appear which attempt to aid a man in finding out whether or not he possesses any of that mysterious something called an education. The thing that has "been all the rage" for the past few years is the propounding of various questions which will give evidence as to whether or not a person is educated. A professor of the University of Chicago offers the following series of tests, which, he avows, are the best evidences of a real education. They certainly are worked out on a sound basis and college people would do well to read them carefully.

Has it made you public-spirited?
Has it made you a brother to the weak?
Have you learned to make friends and keep them?
Do you know what it is to be a friend to yourself?
Can you look and honest man or a pure woman in the eye?
Do you see anything to love in a little child?
Can you be high-minded and happy in the drudgeries of life?
Do you think that washing dishes and hoeing corn is just as compatible with high thinking as playing the piano or golf?
Are you good for anything yourself?
Can you be happy alone?
Can you look into a mud puddle by the wayside and see a clear sky?
Can you see anything in the puddle but mud?

(Huron Alphomega)

There is one danger accruing from our string of inter-society and class debates which are now under way. The danger is this; students who have tried out for the inter-society team and have failed, or those who have placidly stood by and watched their fraternal brothers do the work seem to think that with the selection of the teams for these debates they are through with forensics for the year. Do not make such a sad mistake. The few people who can be included in the teams for the inter-college debates certainly should not constitute the number who make an effort to place on the teams for intercollegiate contest. Nor does failure to secure a place on the society or class team in any way indicate that he stands little chance in the all-college tryouts. The driver in a ten mile race does not quit because his car is behind at the end of the first lap. Very often he wins in the end. Don't forget about forensics when your first little effort has failed. Let's keep on trying to the very end.

(Colorado Teachers' Mirror)

They tell us that there are a "select few" who run things in C. T. C., and they say it in an accusing tone of voice, as though our college should be ashamed of those who presume to take the initiative.

It is very true that there are often only a "select few" who support the college activities. For instance, it is sometimes the "select few" who alone show enough enthusiasm to put over a football game; and it is often left to the "select few" to stand by the team in the hour of defeat. (There are plenty of boosters after a victory).

The "select few" it is who have enough patriotism and spirit to aspire to do things in the college, and who have pep enough to work—really work—for the realization of their ideal. The "select few" spend time and energy in the effort to instill college spirit into those who, instead of putting a shoulder to the wheel and boosting for the college with all their might, rather choose to hold aloof and criticize what the others try to do.

We wonder if that word "select" is rightly chosen. We wonder if "loyal" wouldn't be a better word.

(Heidelberg Kilikilik)

What will be the future of forensics at Heidelberg? What will be the future of forensics in the American college? The answer to the latter question will serve as the reply to the former. An absolutely impartial comparison cannot be made between Heidelberg and the colleges with which she competes. While H. U. has only from one-half to one-sixth as many students as the other Ohio colleges, yet she has met, successfully, in debates, the schools of the state.

In any college there are two general kinds of activities. The one is physical, the other intellectual. The last decade has seen a considerable advance in the physical aspect of collegiate activities. The new O. S. U., stadium, costing enough money to send seven hundred and fifty men through college and equip them for life, is typical of the trend of athletics today. Thousands of students traveling hundreds of miles, to see their team play, is only another evidence of the hold which physical sports are getting upon the lives and conduct of American students. This atmosphere has made its way into the confines of the Christian colleges, everywhere, and, whereas, a college formerly was judged by its scholastic standing, now it is judged by the strength of its athletic teams. This new situation has been instrumental in placing the intellectual activities in the background. The war caused a revolution in college activities, but it did not weaken the desire for athletics; on the contrary, it strengthened it. Many schools have been unable to recover their former place in forensic activities. Many are the institutions which have given up debate, since the war, with the sole reason that there is no enthusiasm for those activities which savor of intellectual skill.

Those who are familiar with the situation at Heidelberg know that it was with considerable difficulty that H. U., resumed her forensic activities at the close of the war. Only by good fortune did our college stage a "comeback" while many other schools were slumping into obscurity. Many were the days three years ago, and two years ago, when we did not know if we would have successful debate teams to hold up our most excellent record. But things are changing. The law of pivotal points is coming into operation—the pendulum is swinging back again. If Heidelberg can pass through the coming year and next year, and still maintain her prestige, then her forensic future is assured. When Ripon college made its successful three thousand mile debating tour through the East last Spring, a new era in col lege forensics was inaugurated. Schools are beginning to learn that a suc cessful debating team means as much to them as a successful football team.

Through the installation of Pi Kappa Delta, together with much hard labor, Heidelberg is lifting her head in the forensic world. A recent challenge from Colby College, Maine, places Heidelberg on a higher plane than ever before. If those in charge of the debate had the financial support which is given in some colleges, it would only be a matter of time until Tiffin would be as well known, in a forensic way, as Ripon. The large number of candidates for the debating teams, the high standard that we have won during our short connection with Pi Kappa Delta, has placed Heidelberg in good standing in the eyes of those who are championing forensics. Our task this year is to produce teams better than ever before and to train debaters for next year. Our future hangs on the latter.

For the first time in the history of the University of California, a debaters' rally will be held. The team that will represent the University in the debate with Stanford December 2, will be given a send-off on Wednesday evening. Several prominent speakers, among them President David P. Barrows, will address the meeting.

(Eureka College Pegasus)

Besides being a help to your school, your debating will not be without personal benefits. A thorough acquaintance with a big national question, sorting issues from details, preparing a case and delivering it before the public certainly comprise a valuable experience. Moreover, collegiate credit is extended to the members of the team.

To be sure, there is not the enthusiasm behind debating that there is behind some other school activities, but the reasons for this situation do not need to be discussed. However, debating does have a place and quite a little support. The way to build up a debating machine is to lend a little time and effort. From the point of view of the past, now is the time to start an enlargement campaign. Build on past victories and success.

To those of us who often come to grief because of a poor memory for words the following is comforting:

Theodore Roosevelt at school was required to write essays, deliver orations and "speak pieces" just as are all school boys in these modern days, and his playmates still delight to relate how "Ted" brought down the house by his method of rendering that old stand-by "Marco Bozzaris." Everybody knows at least the beginning of the stirring poem.

"At midnight in his guarded tent,
The Turk lay dreaming of the hour
When Greece, her knees in suppliance bent,
Should tremble at his power."

When young Roosevelt's turn came to speak, he arose and with all his confidence began:

"At midnight in the guarded tent,
The Turk lay dreaming of the hour,
When Greece, her knees——"

Then his memory failed him and he repeated:

"Greece, her knees——"

The old professor looked over his spectacles and remarked encouragingly: "Greece her knees once more, Theodore; perhaps she'll go then."—Times-Herald.

(Kalamazoo College Index)

There were several things in evidence which show the caliber of the coach that is handling our debate teams. First is the through and through knowledge of the question which our men have secured by days and nights of hard steady plugging at everything that might throw any light on any angle of the problem of the closed shop. Second is the policy of the attack. It is one of Coach Brees' axioms to attack nothing that cannot be hit hard and directly and to leave alone that which is too involved for discussion in limited time, but to choose a few strategic points and hit them repeatedly. This policy of concentration on a few vital points is the policy that is going to pull us through to some important victories later in the season. Just wait and see.

(Sioux Falls College Stylus)

Sioux Falls College is fortunate in having very strong dramatics, debate and oratorical teams. Last spring the Academy Class of '21 put on "Twelfth Night," and many people woke up to the fact that Sioux Falls College can develop talented students. Let our dramatics, debate, and oratorical teams be so strong that the people of Sioux Falls and South Dakota will appreciate the merit of our institution. The college has the opportunity to take its debate teams, dramatic club, and orators before the various men's and women's clubs which are boosting Sioux Falls. This would be a big boost for Sioux Falls College.

(The Holcad—Michigan Aggies)

Aside from financial support which is more or less in everybody's power, individual support of the team is necessary. A football coach once said that you could not make a good first team without a good second team, and the analogy will hold for debating. The more men available to put against the selected few to assail their arguments, hurl new views of the situation at them and generally maul them around over the literary coals in formal and informal debate, the better the chosen ones will be. While the turnout at present is good, Milne wants a lot more men, he wants some with pep. Freshmen should make use of this opportunity to get a start in a fascinating field of work. Whoever you are, if you can take an idea, instill your pep into it and then tell the world about it in a direct, I-stand back of what-I-say manner, turn out and help the old college. Let's keep Milne awake nights figuring out what he is going to do with all his men.

OUR HOSTS, IOWA EPSILON

PROFESSOR W. C. DENNIS

Professor Dennis, a highly esteemed and much honored member of Simpson College faculty, is making extensive plans for the success of the Pi Kappa Delta National Convention to be held at Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa, in the spring of 1922.

Professor Dennis has had a wide range of experience in public speaking work, both as a student and as an instructor. His first years in search of higher education were spent at Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio. In 1897 he received his A. B. degree from that institution. In 1898-1899 he took a special course in oratory and public speaking at the same University. In the winter of 1900 Professor Dennis enrolled in the Northwestern University School of Oratory from which he graduated in 1901. The following fall he accepted a position as public speaking instructor at Taylor University, Indiana. During the year he took special work and received his A. M. degree in 1902. He remained at Taylor University as public speaking instructor until 1906, and during these five years Taylor men won three state contests.

In the fall of 1906 he moved farther west and took up work as head of the public speaking department at the Central Holiness University located at Oskaloosa, Iowa. Under his direction C. H. U. orators won two state contests. In 1911 Professor Dennis returned to Ohio and did post graduate work in the Ohio Wesleyan School of Oratory. The following two years he taught public speaking and oratory in Muskingum College, Ohio. In 1914 he returned to Iowa and taught the same subjects in Penn College, Oskaloosa.

In the fall of 1916 Professor Dennis accepted an offer to become head of the department of public speaking and oratory at Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa. He is engaged in this position at the present time. Under his direction Simpson debaters have won 22 debates out of a possible 36.

Professor Dennis is a member of the National Association of Teachers of Speech and is president of the Iowa Association of Teachers of Speech. He holds a degree of special distinction in the Pi Kappa Delta forensic fraternity.

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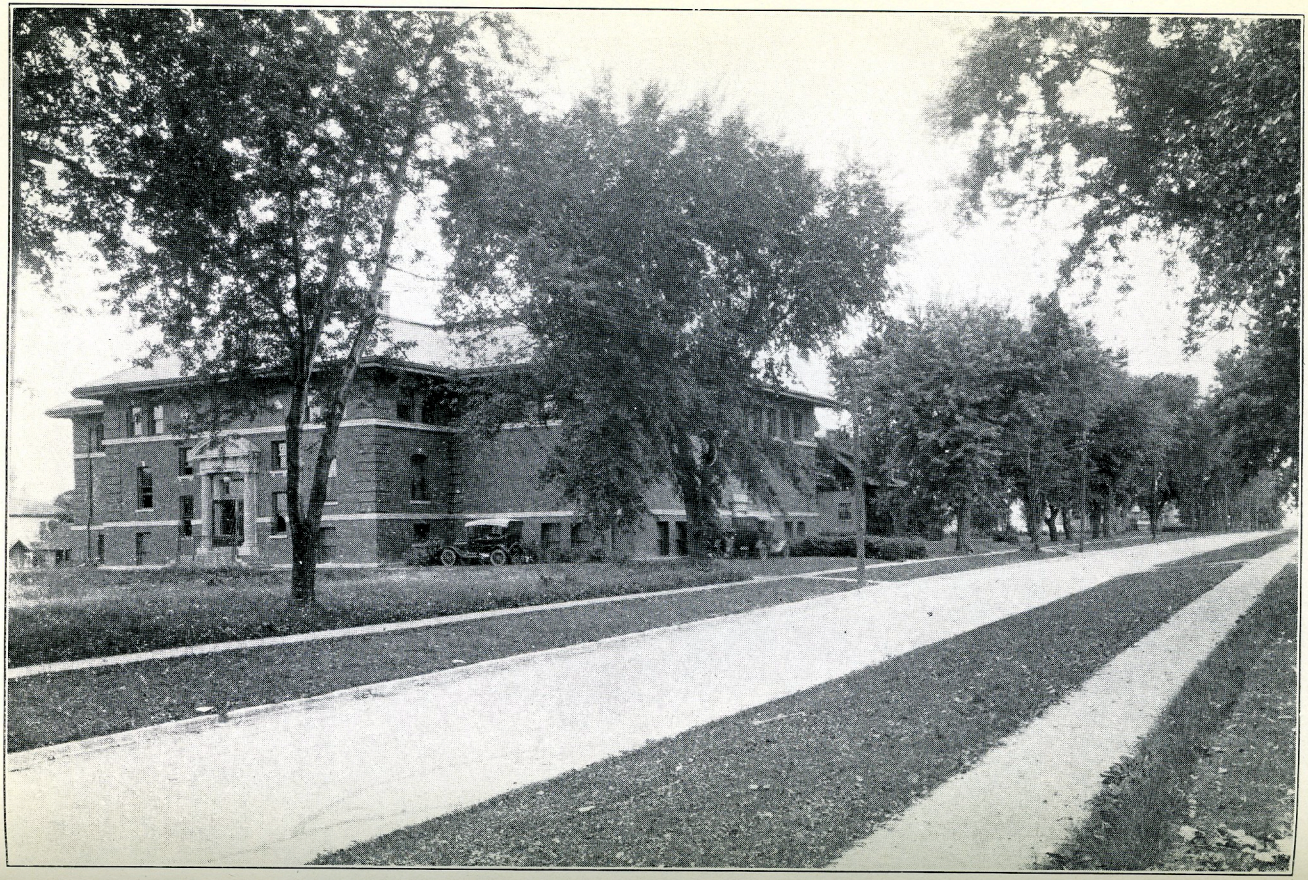

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