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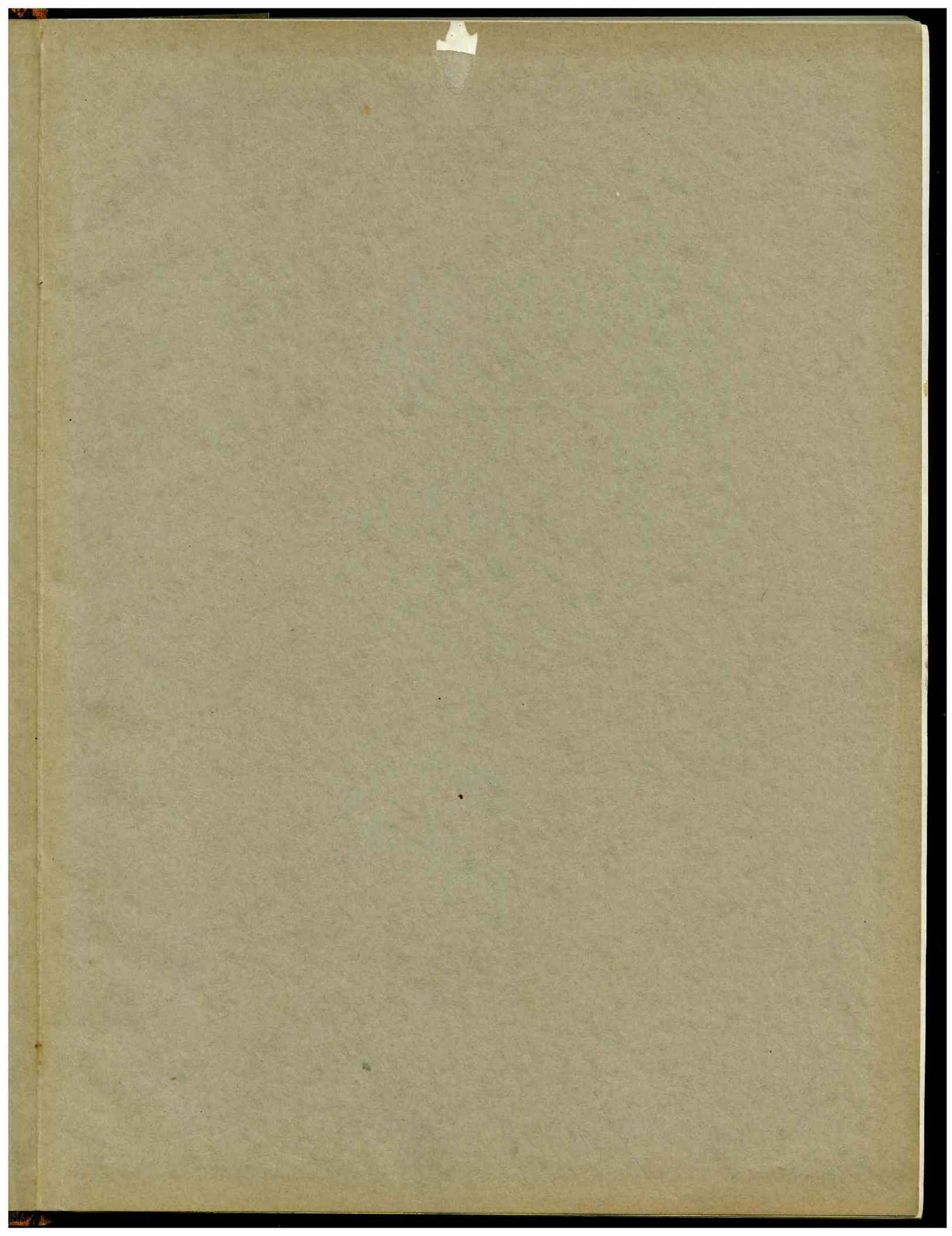
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# The Sylvis



The Annual Publication

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Students and Friends of

John Fletcher College



VOLUME II



## Foreword



*The purpose of this book is to portray in most lasting form the memories of one year in John Fletcher College. We have used as a theme the Sesquicentennial of the Declaration of Independence. Not that we wish to glorify war, for we know Christ, the Prince of Peace, but that we wish to enthrone a reverence for our great nation in the hearts of all. May this book bless those who cast their eyes within and may they pray that God will bless our nation and our school.*





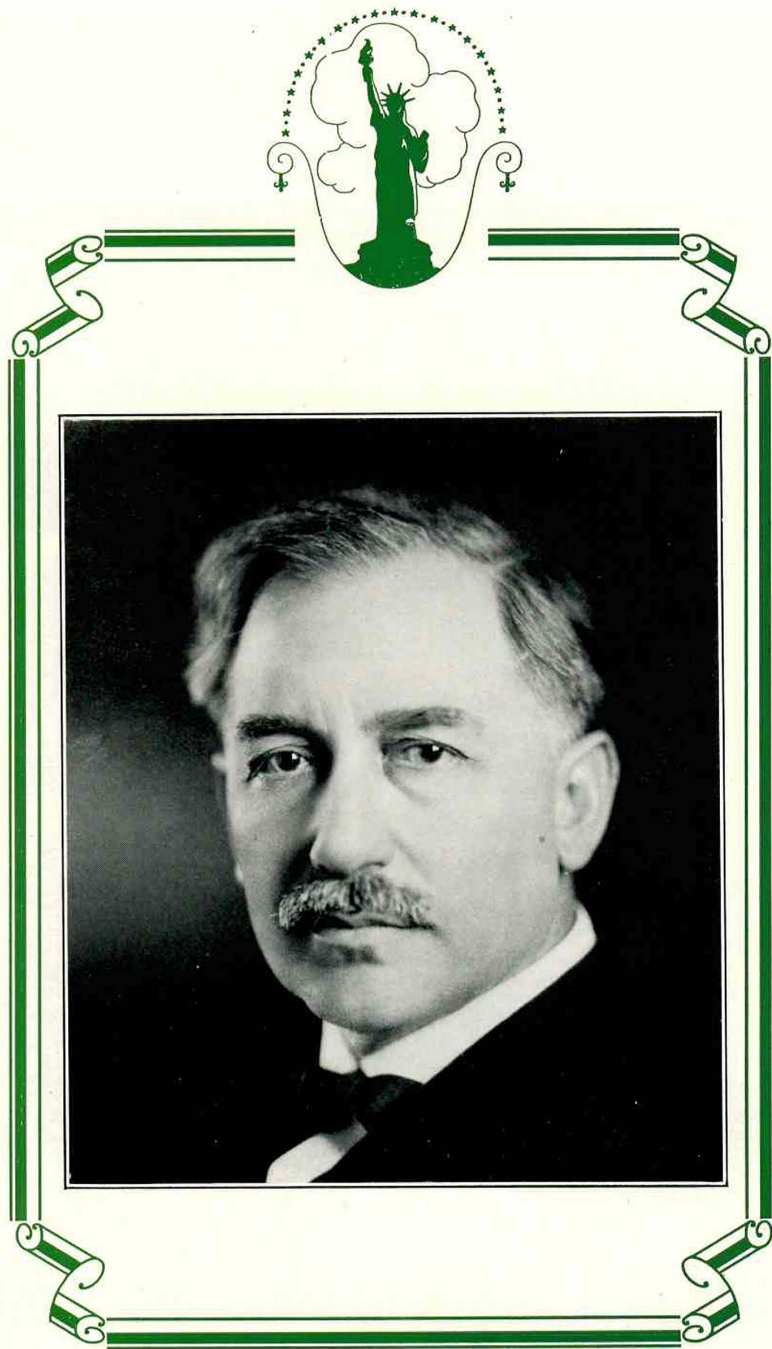


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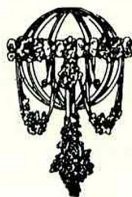




## Dedication

To Rev. John Lakin Brasher, D. D.

Virile in manhood, positive in convictions  
eloquent of utterance, transparent in character,  
fruitful in living, the dynamic leader of John  
Fletcher College for nine wonderful years.



# Calendar



June 3, Thursday ..... Academy Class Day  
June 8, Tuesday ..... Commencement  
June 8, Tuesday ..... Alumni Reunion  
June 4-13 ..... Annual Camp Meeting



## FIRST SEMESTER

1926-27

Sept. 15, Wednesday  
Sept. 16, Thursday ..... Registration Days  
Sept. 17, Friday ..... Classes Begin  
Nov. 25, Thursday ..... Thanksgiving Recess  
Dec. 22, Wednesday ..... Holiday Recess Begins  
Jan. 5, Wednesday ..... Work Resumed  
Jan. 27, Thursday  
Jan. 28, Friday ..... First Semester Exams.  
Jan. 29, Saturday,



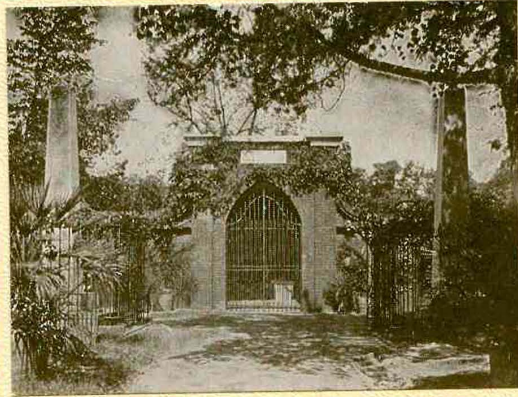
## SECOND SEMESTER

1927

Feb. 1, Tuesday ..... Registration Day  
Feb. 2, Wednesday ..... Classes begin  
Apr. 15-19 ..... Easter Recess  
May 27, Friday  
May 28, Saturday ..... Second Semester Exams.  
May 31, Tuesday  
May 29, Sunday ..... Baccalaureate  
June 1, Wednesday ..... Academy Class Day  
June 3, Friday ..... Commencement  
June 3, Friday ..... Alumni Reunion  
June 3-12 ..... Annual Camp Meeting  
Oct. 7-9—Grand Jubilee Homecoming. Celebrating 20th Anniversary of founding of J. F. C., 197th birthday of Rev. John Fletcher, and inauguration of Dr. Joseph Owen as president of the college.

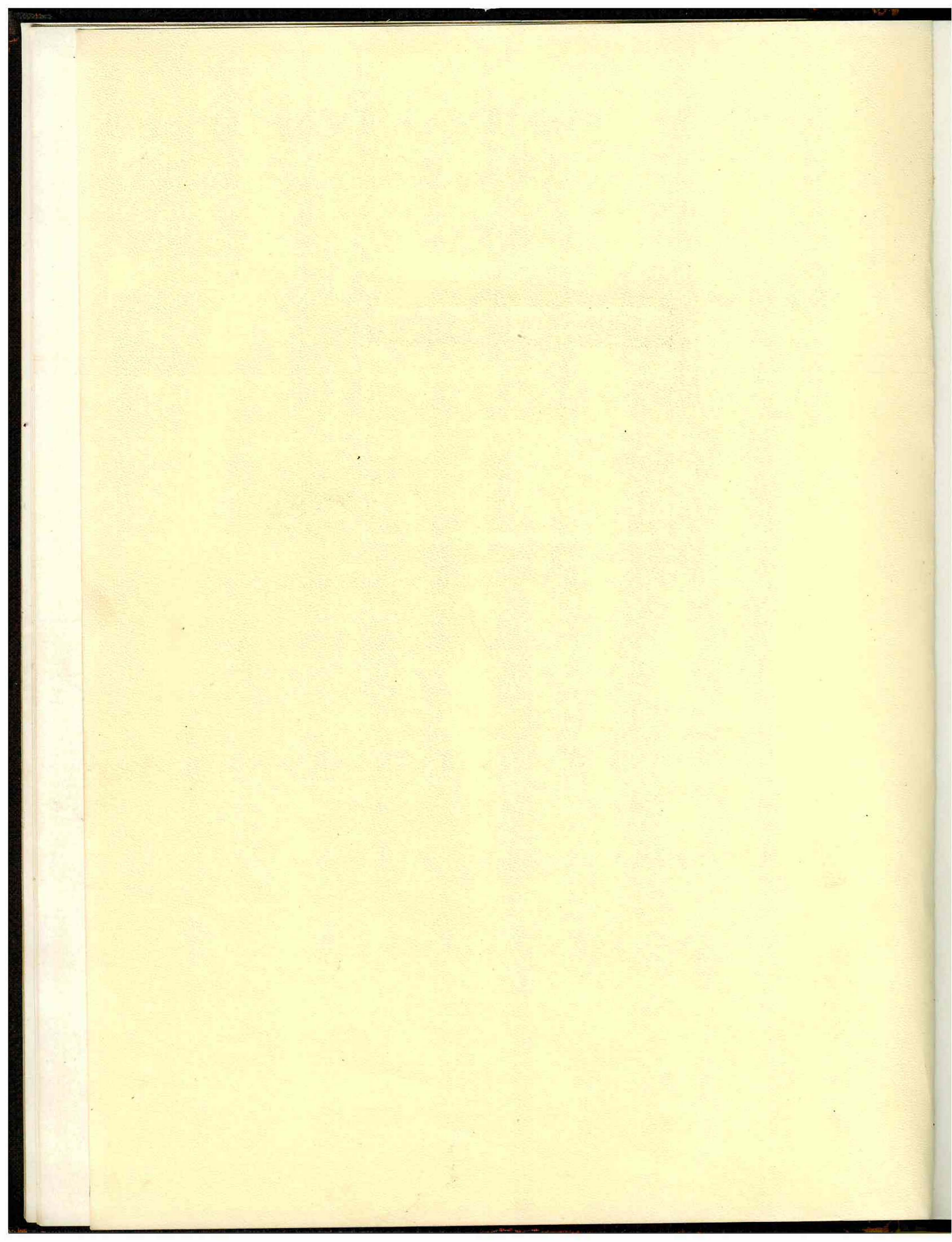






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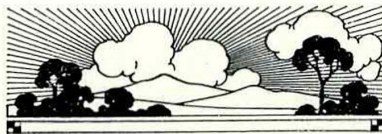




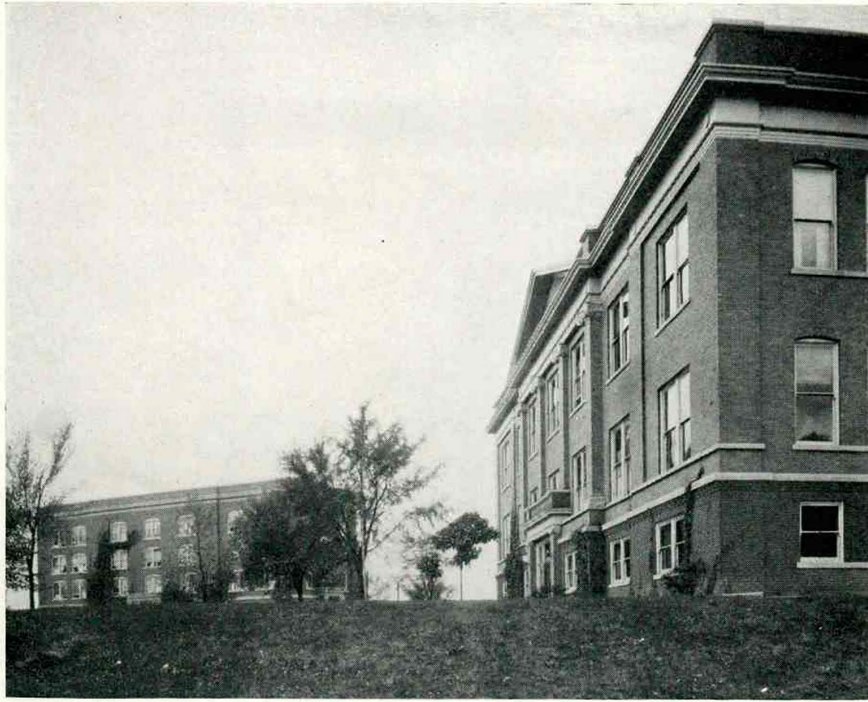




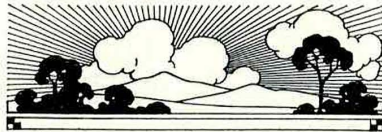
**T**HERE amid moving shadows and rusticity,  
How would the artist's careful hand delight  
To shade in likeness on a mellow screen  
The pond, that, as an azure eye  
Reflects the joy and sadness of a heart  
Sends back the cloud and sunshine of a sky.  
—V. L. C.



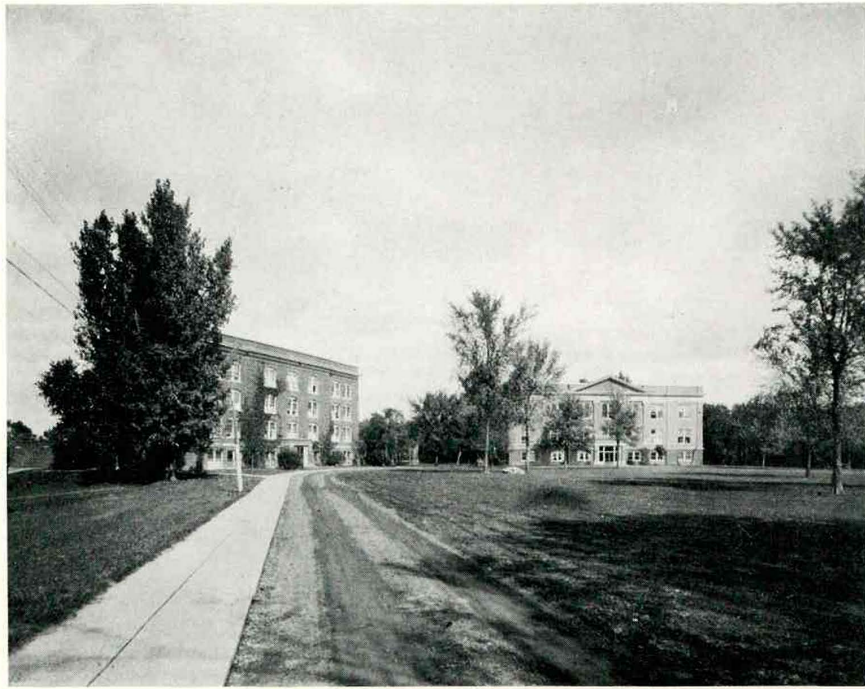




**W**HEN the bright sun with celestial cheerfulness crowned,  
Peered through the lace of trees and flung a scarf.  
Of mighty rose, the whole horizon round,  
Gilt edged the stones, and fired each window pane—  
Then came we forth to meet the glorious morn.  
Thrilled at God's handiwork — our trust in him new-born,  
—V. L. C.

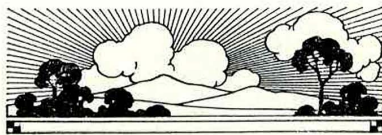






**H**OW many times that I have faced this way  
At thy dear sight again have thrilled and burned,  
When I had been away for some short day  
And had returned.  
My love that springs to thee, is not from thought  
Of joyful play upon thy campus wide  
Nor yet of wisdom gained or honor won;  
Dear place! 'twas here my empty soul that sought  
Was satisfied.

—V. L. C.

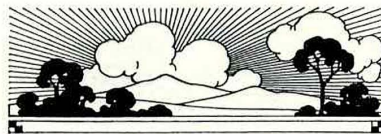




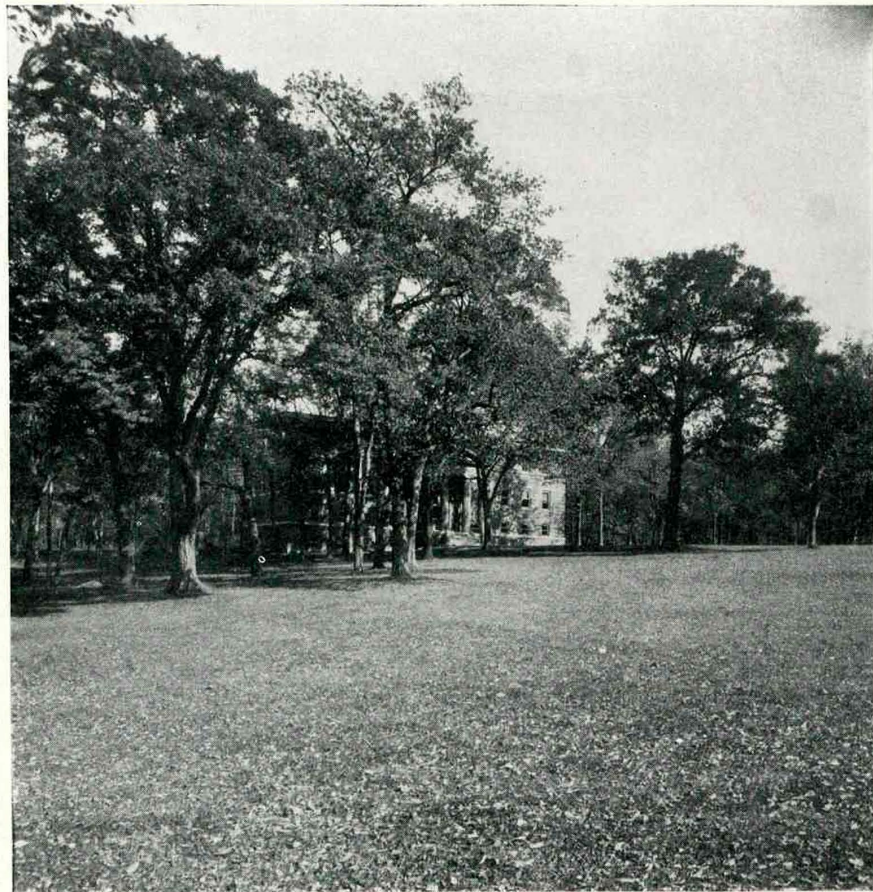


**H**OW creep the trees up to its very walls,  
Shivering in fright most mystic, yet in thrall  
To the gray ruins, and within, the cry  
Of breezes grim and nocturnal birds and mist  
That ecstasied in pain and thrilling woe,  
Circling from wall to wall.  
Keeping nightly tryst.

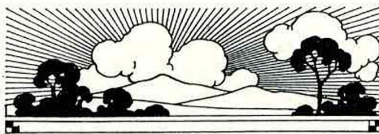
—V. L. C.



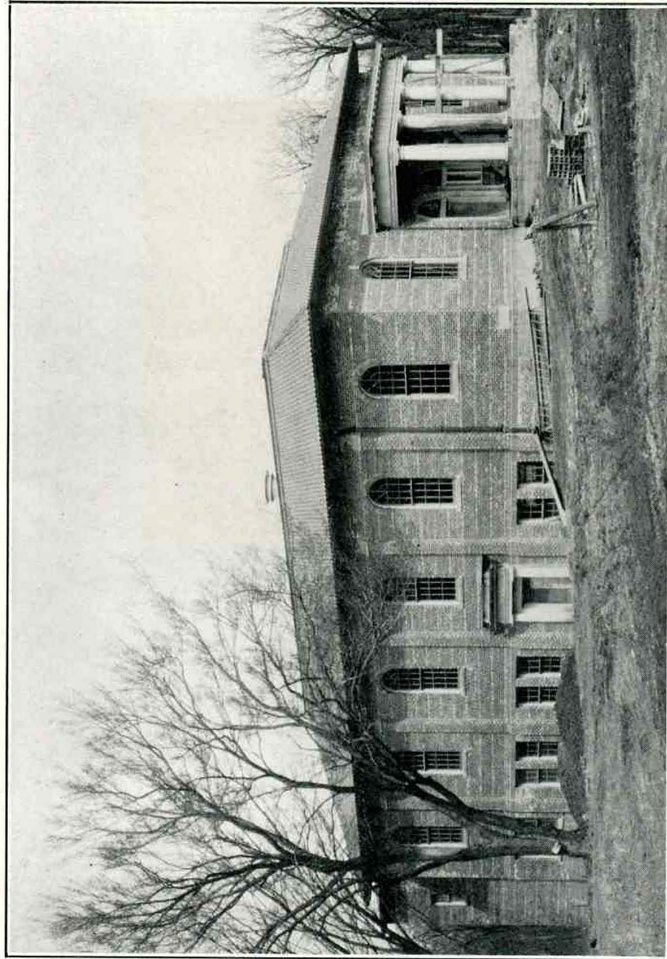




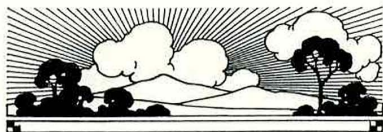
**N**EATH lofty trees, strong pillars to the sky,  
'Mid undulating slopes of peaceful green,  
Let voices soar and joyously proclaim  
What soil has felt, but eye has never seen.  
—V. L. C.







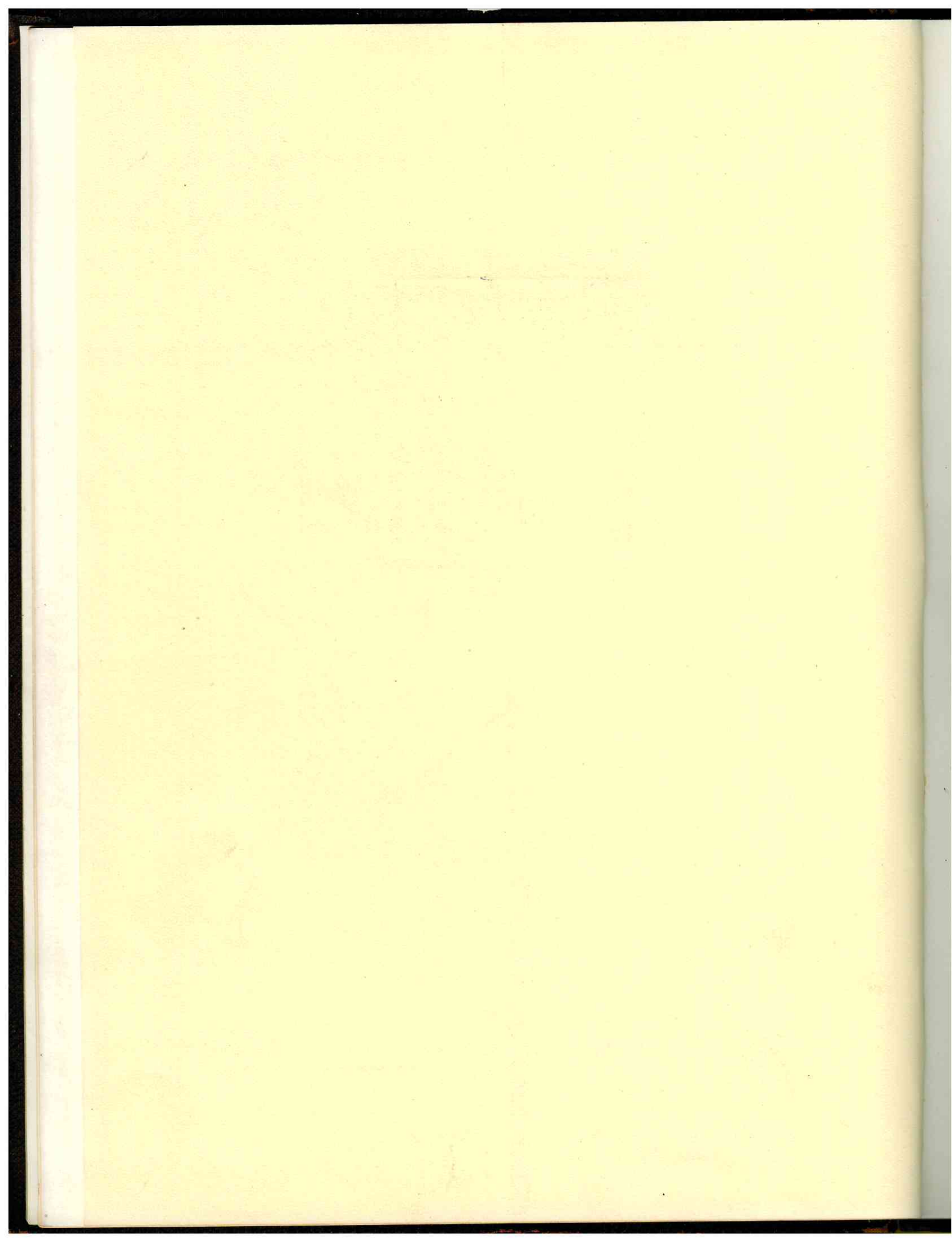
**C**OME join in pleasure of a lively style  
And leave old age and listlessness behind  
Loud let your voice ring out in victory  
Keen with anticipation, sportsmanship  
Fair play be championed and hooray the game  
Where young grow strong and old are young again.  
V. L. C.







College







### **President Joseph Owen**

President Owen has, without question, the absolute cooperation of every friend of John Fletcher College. As a man and leader he is the faith of the present, and the dynamic of the future. He is a Christlike man.



## Faculty



"Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us. Then said I, Here am I, send me."

And that is the answer our faculty has given to a high and holy call. When John Fletcher College, in its infancy, called for men and women of devotion to give their time in consecrated service there were Isaiahs to respond.

Devoted teachers in any school are called upon for sacrifice but those who come to a school such as our own college are called upon for sacrifice that none but the greater will bear. Our faculty must be willing to stand out for Fletcher's ideals, they must believe in Fletcher's students, and, perhaps, most of all, they must help college students prepare to meet the tomorrows with their possibilities of defeat or success.

Their work is a love labor for Christ.

And sacrificing present success in other fields, they are working faithfully and ardently to build dynamic into lives that will in the future reward them an hundred fold. I, as a student speak for the student body of Fletcher. We assure you of an appreciation that is not ordinary and a cooperation for the greater John Fletcher College.





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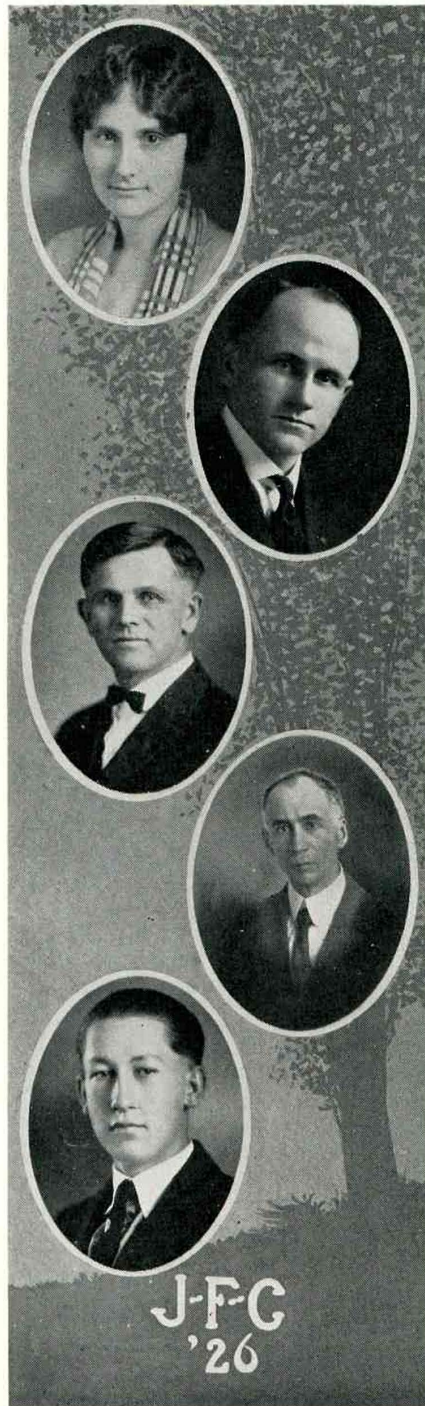
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# Classes



## Seniors

Question: Why did you come to J. F. C.?

Answer: I came to John Fletcher College because it was the best school I could find. I wanted to attend a school that upheld Christ and the essentials of Christianity and which was also meeting the standard educational requirements. J. F. C. does both.—Beulah Francis.

Question: By what particular phase of school life were you first impressed?

Answer: That is easy—the spirit of the students, purposeful, determined, conquering, eagerly attacking the things that couldn't be done, to do them. Nothing looked too hard, no piece too much, no amount of work seemed to dull the appetite for developing themselves and living both for the present and for eternity. The spirit of the scripture, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" was prevalent. Duty seemed ever whispering low "Thou must, and true to youth they knew no answer but I can."—Gladys Candee.

Question: What opportunities in J. F. C. do we have for developing the whole man?

Answer: During my school years which I have spent here, I have noticed that every opportunity is given for practice of democracy in the civil life of the school. The College societies, Parliament and Lincoln, and also the Forensic Association have afforded a basis for appreciating the literary development in each student. Athletics have furnished opportunity during the school year for developing the physical. But the religious activities of the College, I believe, have been the crowning activities of the students. We find, therefore, in J. F. C. opportunities for developing spiritually, mentally, and physically.—Edna Ekeland.

Question: What are Fletcher Folk like?

Answer: Fletcher folk are friendly folk. This was my first impression and it has grown to a conviction down through these four years. They are thoughtful of your welfare and kind. They make the best friends you can find, for they encourage you when you're tired; they laugh with you when you're glad; they scold you when you need it, and sympathize when you're sad. Oh, I might go on forever, telling all they mean to me. But I'll close with this suggestion, that you all just come and see.—Esther Candee.

Question: Why do you like the faculty members of J. F. C.?

Answer: One of the most important elements of a good school is a good faculty. A teacher who has intellectuality combined with a personal interest in the student, a spirit of co-operation and sympathetic with the student at once commands our deepest love and respect. The faculty of J. F. C. have these qualifications and more. They set an example before us of the highest types and standards of living. I can truly say that the faculty members of J. F. C. have meant much in my life.—Wilma L. Huscher.

Question: What are some of the outstanding events which have taken place in J. F. C. during our four years of college

Answer: In thinking of the outstanding events that have taken place during my four years of college I recall the first general Homecoming in the Spring of '23. This event brought the Alumni into connection with the school life again, and sent them back to their respective homes to boost for J. F. C. as never before.

The erection of a splendid gymnasium on our campus is worthy of mention, it will enable the school to put on a real program in Physical Training and Athletics. Then, in the past year we as Seniors have been privileged to see the change in administration. We have been blessed, and helped by the kind guiding hand of Dr. Brasher during these four years. We welcome the new president and feel that with such a man at the head of the school, it will continue to fulfill its mission.—Raymond E. Neff.

Question: If you were a prospective student again, where would you attend College, and why?

Answer: I would come to J. F. C., for John Fletcher College is really doing things. Some of the influences that would draw me back are, the associations; our well equipped, helpful, Christian faculty; our Philharmonic Choral Society, and our beautiful campus. J. F. C., my Alma Mater always.—Creston Suter.







GLADYS CANDEE

DICKINSON, NORTH DAKOTA.

Major: Education-Parliamentarian, Volunteer, Conference.

*"The mildest manners with the bravest mind."*

EDNA E. EKELAND

REGENT, NORTH DAKOTA.

Major: Greek and Education-Lincolnian; Snapshot Editor of Sylvis '25. Vice Pres. of class '25; Pres. Fiery Domes.

*"A noble man is lead by woman's gentle words."*

ALICE MATILDA GREENLEE

CORYDON, IOWA.

Major: English, Parliamentarian. Ass't Matron '25-'26. Parliament Secretary and Critic; Senior Vice Pres., '25-'26.; Inter Collegiate Debate '24-'26. ....

*"She is characterized by a reserved refinement, And to know her is to love her."*

ESTHER S. CANDEE

DICKINSON, NORTH DAKOTA.

Major: History, Lincolnian, Inter-Collegiate debate; Pres. L. L. S. '26.

*"A woman needs a stronger head than her own for counsel—she should marry."*





CRESTON SUTER

NEVADA,

OHIO.

Major: Chemistry, Lincolnian; Glee Club, Philharmonic; Student Volunteer, Chaplain of Senior Class.

*"Patience is a necessary ingredient of genius."*

BEULAH GRACE FRANCIS

UNIVERSITY PARK,

IOWA.

Major: Philosophy, Greek, Parliamentarian; Chancellor Parliament '25; Sec. Class '25-'26; Philharmonic '25-'26.

*"And feel that I am happier than I know."*

MARY EUNICE BRASHER

ATALLA,

ALABAMA.

Major: Music, Lincolnian; St. Cecelia, Philharmonic; Sec. of Lincoln.

*"Modest and unassuming, she is ever gracious and friendly."*

WILMA HUSCHER

GRANDFIELD,

OKLAHOMA.

Major: History, Lincolnian; Pres. of St. Cecelia; Sec.-Treas. of Philharmonic.

*"I have a heart with room for every joy."*







RAYMOND NEFF

CHICAGO,

ILL.

Pres. of Class '24-'26.; Pres. L. L. S. '24;  
State Sec.-Treas. of I. C. F. A. '26; Fletcher  
Quartette '24-'26.

*"What e'er he did was done with so much ease  
In him alone 'twas natural to please."*

CALLIE WILLIAMSON

FARMINGTON,

IOWA.

Major: English, Expression. Parliamen-  
tarian.

*"It matters not how long we live, but how."*

ONA RITGERS

UNIVERSITY PARK,

IOWA.

Major: Philosophy, Lincolnian; Pres. Y.  
W. H. L. '25-'26.

*"To live in hearts we leave behind, is not to  
die."*

HAZEL GILTNER REED

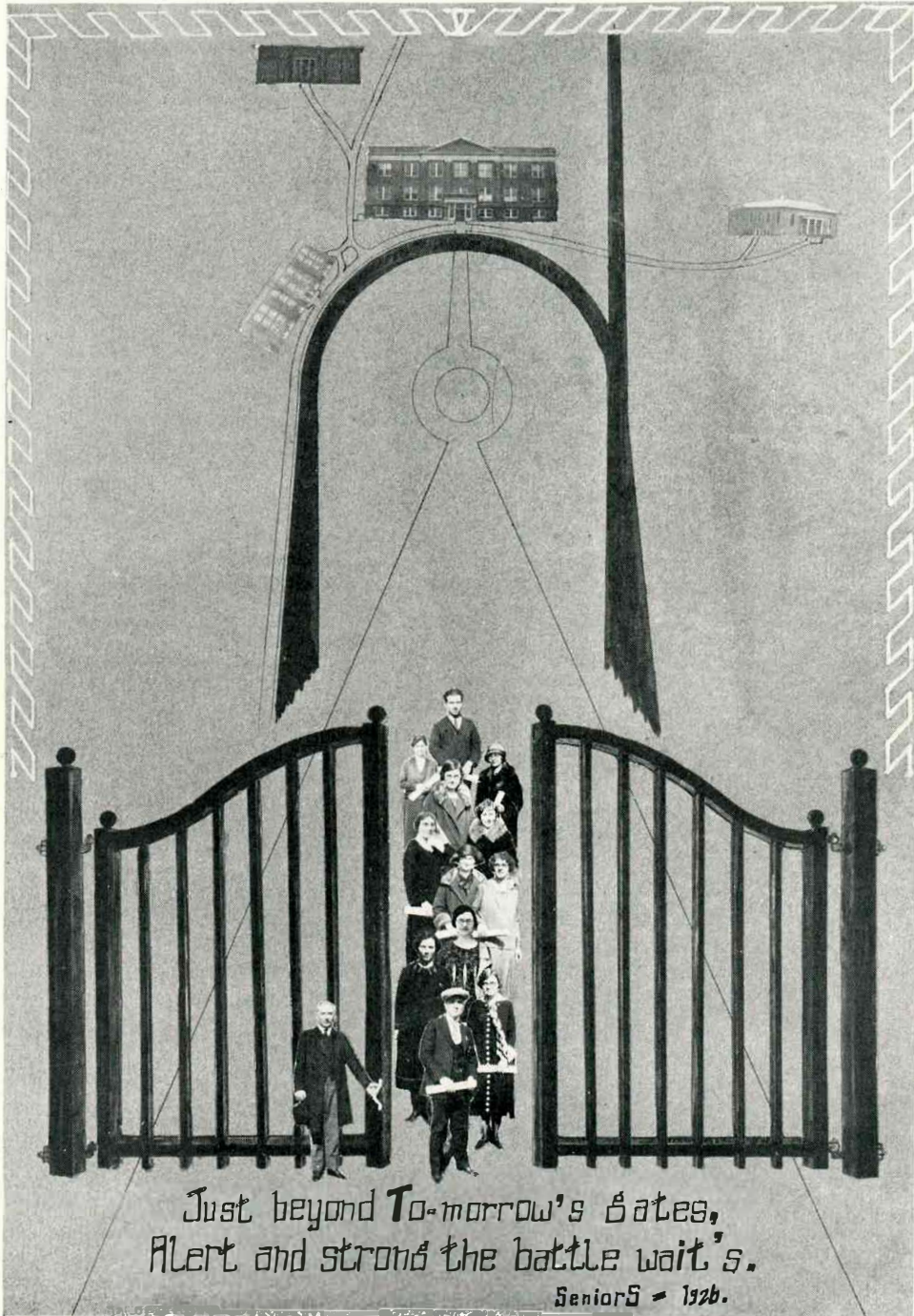
OTTUMWA,

IOWA.

Major: Philosophy, Parliamentarian.

*"She has much artistic ability  
Is a cheerful companion, sympathetic and  
kind."*





Just beyond To-morrow's Gates,  
Alert and strong the battle wait's.  
Seniors - 1926.





## Juniors

*"Couldst thou in vision see  
Thyself the man God meant,  
Thou nevermore wouldst be  
The man thou art, content,"*



We feel that we, the Juniors, have truly caught a vision of a life of real achievement. A life to be spent in greater helpfulness to those about us, and one in which fidelity to God shall manifest to all who come in contact with us. Although we may not all be able to climb high on the ladder of fame, there is an abundance of work to be done by those who are earnest and willing.

The past year has contained for us joys and disappointments. We set our goal high and many times failed to reach it. Nevertheless, we have gained strength from our conflicts and a determination to press on after our beckoning star of progress and attainment, with the realization that much has been accomplished despite the failures.

There is no form of school activity in which our class has not been represented this year. Five of our members were on the Fletcher debating teams and did exceptionally fine work in helping to win the four decisions for our school. So well and so proficiently did they work, that high praise was paid them by both opponents and judges. Our Boys' Basketball Team easily won the championship again, which made the third year in succession. The editor, associate-editor, athletic editor, and business manager of the *Sylvia* are Juniors; as are the editor, associate-editor, news-editor, business-manager, and advertising-manager of the *Aletheia*. The manager of our College Book Store is also a Junior. Our class is represented in the Forensic Association, Holiness Leagues, Student Volunteer Band, Conference, Athletic Association, State Clubs, literary societies, and music organizations.

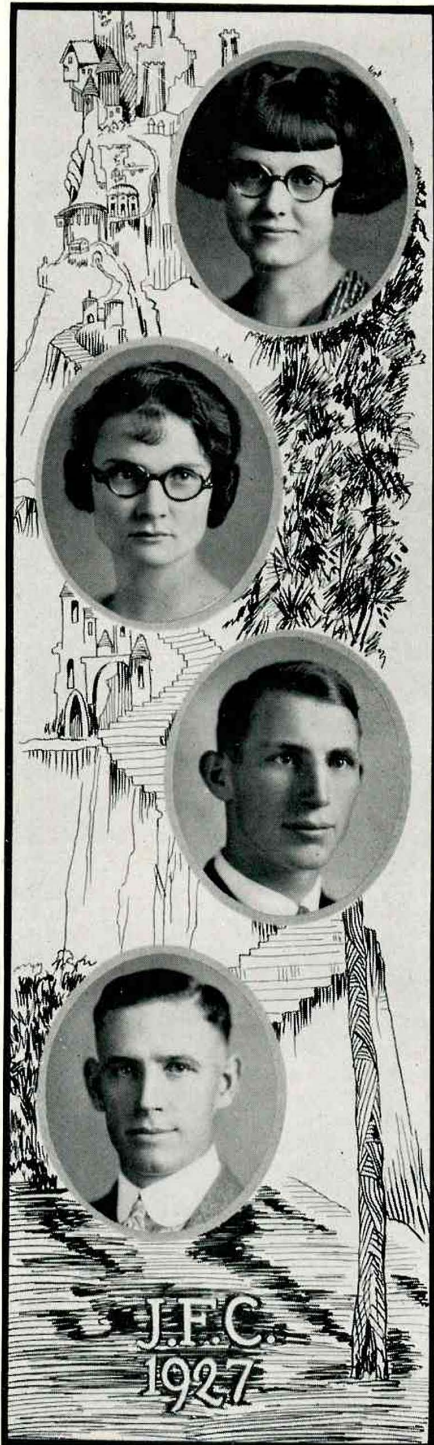
Thus, we are using our talents not only for our own development, but for the upbuilding and honor of our beloved J. F. C. We love her and are behind her in the continued efforts she is making to become a college of higher educational efficiency, of deepening spirituality, and of widening influence for good throughout our land.

To our professors, who have so kindly and patiently held up to us the highest ideals in life, we are sincerely grateful. They have put an imprint on our lives that can never be erased. When the path has become too steep and rugged for our weary feet, they have reached out a helping hand and aided us in ascending the rocky incline with words of comfort and cheer that has given us an added confidence in ourselves, and made us victors over the difficulties.

We deeply appreciate the opportunity of association we have had with the Class of 'Twenty-six. They have encouraged us with their kindly spirit of cheerfulness and friendliness. We shall miss them much when they have passed from our midst.

May we, as Seniors in the coming year, profit by our past mistakes and make it the best year for those about us as well as for ourselves, that we have ever had at John Fletcher College.





GLENNIE N. HIATT

UNIVERSITY PARK,

IOWA.

*"A perfect woman, nobly planned,  
To warn, to comfort, and command."*

MARY L. RISINGER

UNIVERSITY PARK,

IOWA.

*"She does her own thinking and needs but  
little advice."*

CHARLES V. MICHENER

SPRING VALLEY,

MINNESOTA.

*"Quite unobtrusive, but always present when  
great things are being done."*

CHESTER C. BLAIR

VANCOUVER,

WASHINGTON.

*"He never did desire fame but does desire to  
live a life worth while."*





HAZEL ORTH

EAU CLAIRE, WISCONSIN.  
*"They accomplish much who diligently and  
faithfully toil."*

E. JOSEPHINE PUCKETT

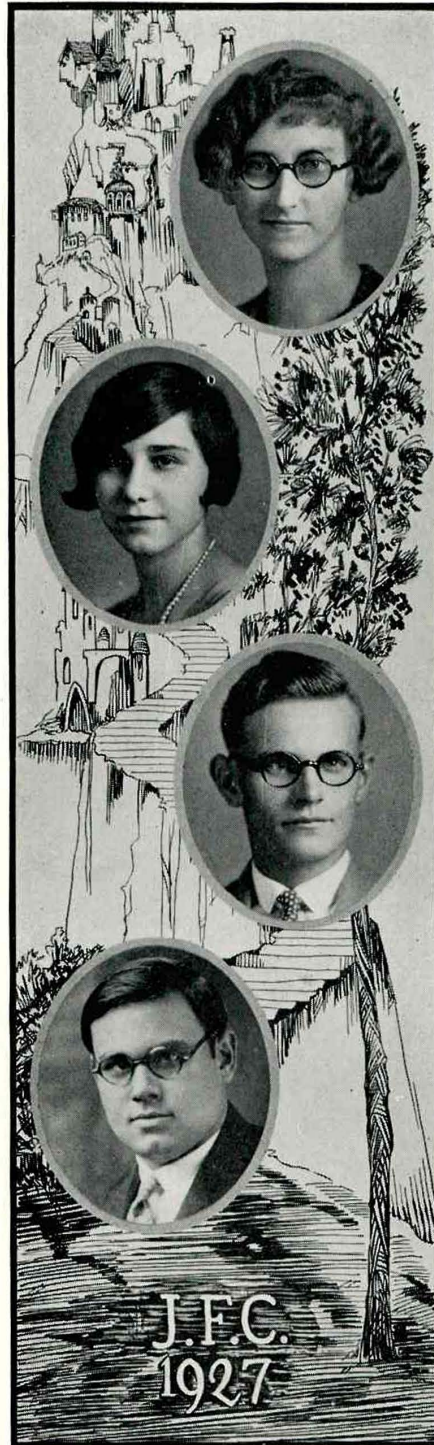
HARTSELLE, ALABAMA.  
*"A merry heart that laughs at care."*

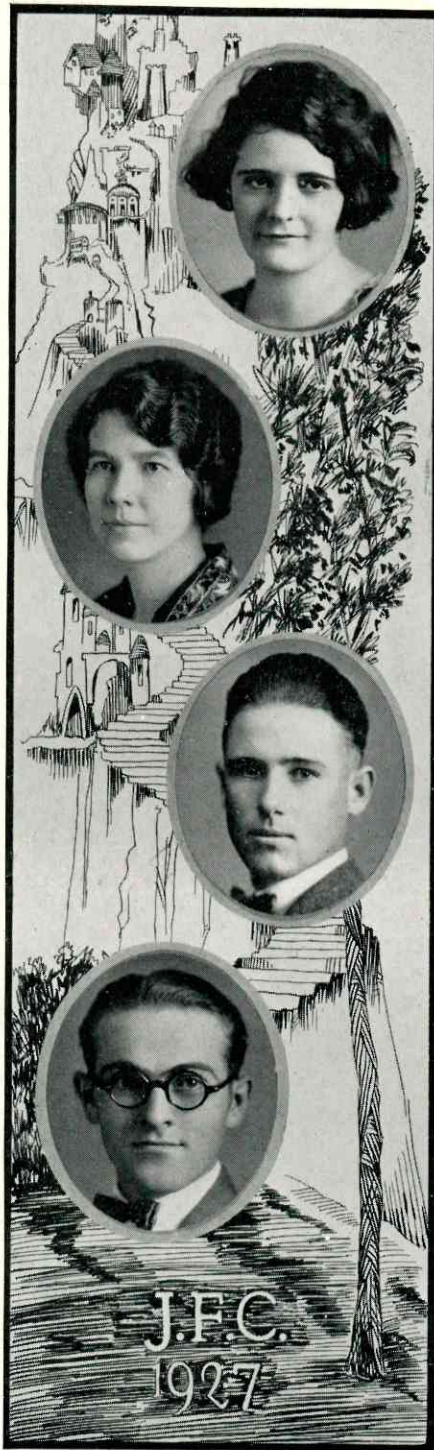
HELMER SORTLAND

VALLEY CITY, NORTH DAKOTA.  
*"Happy am I, from care I am free,  
Why aren't they all contented like me?"*

PAUL REED

UNIVERSITY PARK, IOWA.  
*"Happiness seems made to be shared."*





MABEL FLOCKHART

BUSSEY, IOWA.

*"Happy because she can't be otherwise."*

ACHSA GREENFIELD

UNIVERSITY PARK, IOWA.

*"By diligence she wends her way."*

FOREST GOOD

HETTINGER, NORTH DAKOTA.

*"There's nothing so kingly as kindness,  
And nothing so royal as truth."*

ERNEST V. POOLEY

UNIVERSITY PARK, IOWA.

*"Energy and persistence conquer all things."*





EULA M. ALTHOUSE

UPPER SANDUSKY, OHIO.  
*"There is no impossibility with her."*

ETHEL M. BROWN

FABOR, IOWA.  
*"Much wisdom often goes with the fewest words."*

RUBY JOHNSON

UNIVERSITY PARK, IOWA.  
*"Her voice was ever soft,  
Gentle, and low, an excellent thing in woman."*

REX M. COLLIER

UNIVERSITY PARK, IOWA.  
*"Deep love for learning and zeal for truth—  
a philosopher."*





ESTHER A. MEIER

KINTYRE, NORTH DAKOTA.

*"Modest and unassuming, she is ever gracious and friendly."*

DELLA A. NICKEL

HECTOR, MINNESOTA.

*"Strongest minds are often those of which the world hears least."*

GRAZIA HASELTON

BOSTON, MASS.

A. WESLEY ARCHIBALD

BUCYRUS, OHIO.

*"He has a head to contrive, a tongue to persuade, and a hand to execute."*





ETHEL G. WHITE

UNIVERSITY PARK, IOWA.

*"She is so free, so kind, so apt, so blessed a disposition, she holds it a vice in her goodness not to do more than she is requested."*

MRS. BLANCHE MOSES

ECHO, MINNESOTA.

*"A true companion, a persevering worker, Ever steady and true to her call."*

ODEAN F. WAUGH

REDDING, IOWA.

*"A sunny disposition, always ready with a smile."*

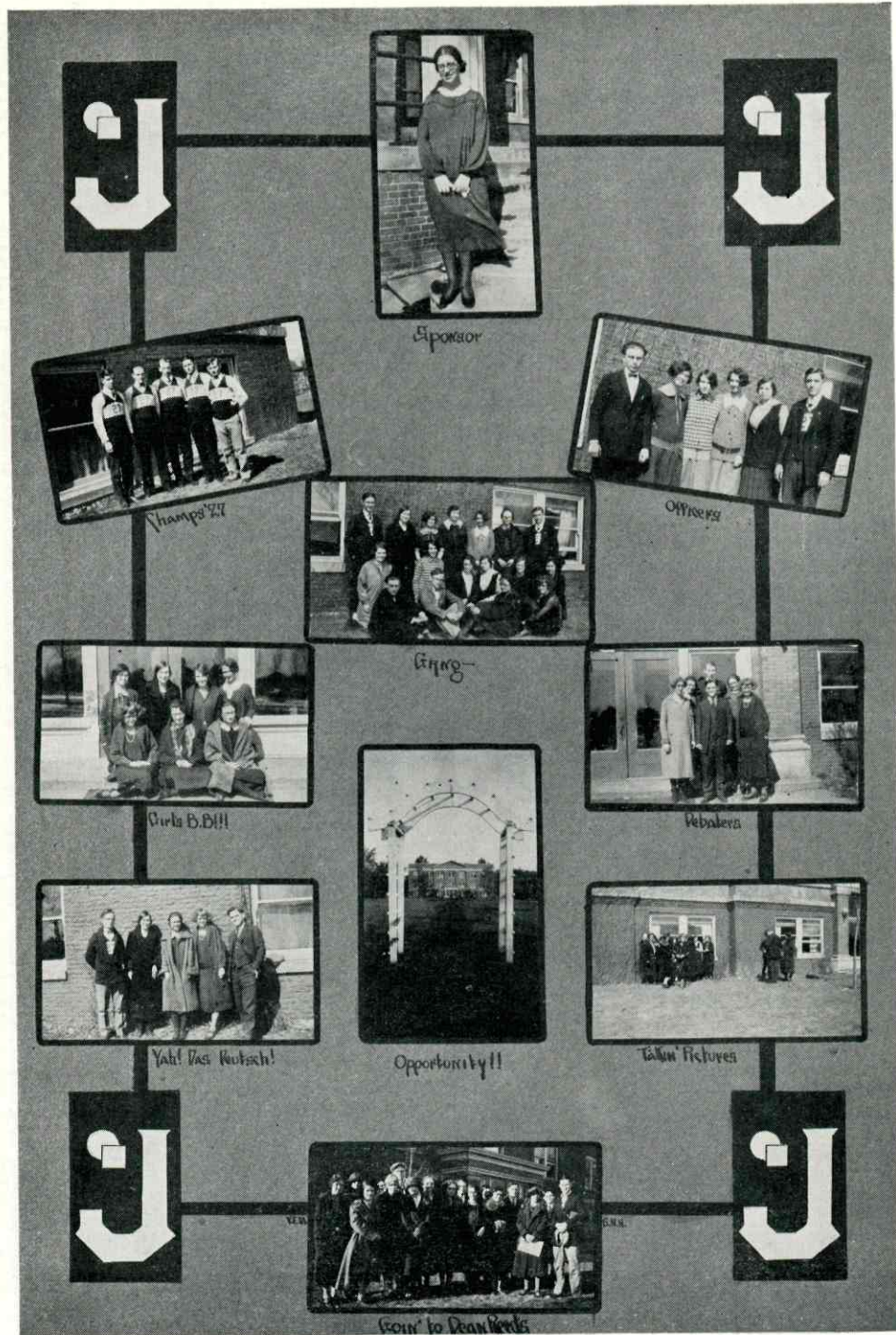
VICTOR E. MASTIN

INDUSTRY, KANSAS.

*"Capability, perseverance, pep and popularity —that's Vic."*











Olson      Breneman      Warner      Hattan      Hahn      Porterfield  
 Goltry      Hyde      Meier      Case      Day  
 Wilson      Tabler      Baker      Johnson      Giltner      Hattan

## College Sophomores

The Class of '28 has had a successful school year. We feel that we are better prepared for life than we were last September. Our class is composed of forty-five young people from various parts of the United States. We have come to John Fletcher College for a common purpose: to develop ourselves to be able to cope with future situations, keeping Jesus as our example.

We have had good times together. Our "hard times party" was a success. Our Girls' Basket Ball team won the College Championship. Although our Boys' Basket Ball Team did not win, they must be given credit for showing good sportmanship. Our class has represented our college in forensic work, both in the extempo contest and in debate.

We are looking forward to see great things accomplished by members of the class of '28—not only while we are here in school but as we go out to take our places in life. In our midst, we have a large group of workers whom God has called into definite special fields of labor. Some of our group will be preachers, missionaries, teachers, doctors, businessmen, etc. We trust that we shall all be of some real service to the world—otherwise we shall not possess the true spirit of John Fletcher College.

As the Sophomore Class of John Fletcher College, we believe in Dr. Henry Van Dyke's little poem, entitled "Four Things."

*Four things a man must learn to do,  
 If he would make his record true:  
 To think without confusion clearly;  
 To love his fellow-men sincerely;  
 To act from honest motives purely;  
 To trust in God and Heaven securely.*





Horner      Bruvold      Harris      Huscher  
 Brown      Green      Cronk      Meier      Mayhew  
 Yates      Mohler      Millard      Pinnell      Dales

## Our Sophomore Roll

| NAME                  | AS WE KNOW THEM                                    |
|-----------------------|--|
| Max Brown .....       | <i>Busy, well-liked and just himself.</i>          |
| Gunnar Bruvold .....  | <i>Norwegian sailor, and an earnest christian.</i> |
| Wilber Baker .....    | <i>Extempo winner and mischievous.</i>             |
| Aldyne Breneman ..... | <i>Quartet member and chivalrous.</i>              |
| Fern Bentz .....      | <i>League worker and business-like.</i>            |
| Ruth Brown .....      | <i>Sympathetic and a sweet singer.</i>             |
| Gertrude Byler .....  | <i>Humble, and our Japanese Missionary.</i>        |
| Velma Cross .....     | <i>Artistic, literary, and "taken."</i>            |
| Rena Comley .....     | <i>Quiet, modest, and a true friend.</i>           |
| Helen Case .....      | <i>Reserved and studious.</i>                      |
| Leslie Cronk .....    | <i>Friendly, jolly, and true.</i>                  |
| Fern Day .....        | <i>Appreciative and kind.</i>                      |
| Marshall Derry .....  | <i>Scientific and jovial.</i>                      |
| Daisy Dean .....      | <i>"Bookish," quick, and devoted.</i>              |
| Loa Dales .....       | <i>Short and full of fun.</i>                      |
| Ruby Dee Eberle ..... | <i>Debater and popular.</i>                        |
| Kathryn Greene .....  | <i>Industrious and a good mixer.</i>               |
| Helen Goltry .....    | <i>Faithful student and church worker.</i>         |
| Gladys Giltner .....  | <i>Violinist and pianist.</i>                      |
| Erval Hattan .....    | <i>Athletic and energetic.</i>                     |
| Lola Hattan .....     | <i>Refined and capable.</i>                        |
| Ernest Horner .....   | <i>Sparkling eyes but sensible.</i>                |
| Thelma Hyde .....     | <i>Steady, conscientious Christian.</i>            |
| Miriam Harris .....   | <i>Happy-go-lucky and frank.</i>                   |







Patterson Merle Rosentrader Cross  
 Anderson Brown Klingensmith Bentz Hanson  
 Wilson La Favre Comley Derry Eberle Moses

- Emma Hanson ..... *Sincere and calm.*  
 Freda Hahn ..... *Pleasant and musical.*  
 Selma Johnson ..... *Poetic and bright.*  
 Don Klingensmith ..... *Dependable and ambitious.*  
 Ivan LaFavre ..... *Young, handsome and talented*  
 Anna Meier ..... *Studious and active.*  
 Helen Merle ..... *Serious-minded and upright.*  
 Edna Mae Millard ..... *Thoughtful of others and consecrated.*  
 Bernice Mohler ..... *Demure and scrupulous.*  
 Arthur Moses ..... *Married, but happy.*  
 Clarence Mayhew ..... *Deliberative and a future schoolmaster.*  
 Fred Meier ..... *Talkative and a preacher.*  
 Julia Olson ..... *Winning and Christ-like.*  
 Glen Porterfield ..... *Prayerful and dignified.*  
 Ernestine Pinnell ..... *Care-free aesthetically inclined.*  
 John Rosentrator ..... *Tall, deep thinker, and godly.*  
 Joy Tabler ..... *Joyful, melodious and likeable.*  
 Helen Wilson ..... *Vivacious and Basket Ball star.*  
 Lela Wilson ..... *Neat and distinctly feminine.*  
 Marion Warner ..... *Tactful, promising missionary.*  
 Margaret Yates ..... *Lively, cheerful, and loyal*

- OUR OFFICERS -

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 MR. WILBER BAKER ..... *Vice-President*  
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ANTI-CRAB-BOOSTERS

EXTEMPO-SPEAKER

"GOOD-NESS"

60% OF US

SOPH-WAITERS

OUR GIRLS BEHIND

OUR BOYS BEHIND







Wiley Gress Waugh Rich Poole Harris Tollefson  
 Kuony Day Baarts Little Hyde Hoifeldt Jacobs Christenson  
 Crozier Smith Horner Folkers Horner Warren Breneman

## College Freshmen

We, the College Freshmen of 1925, are glad that we are able to inscribe in the Sylvis, a record of which we are justly proud. Though our stay at J. F. C. has been short, we know it has been profitable to us and we hope that it has been likewise to our associates.

The class of '29 represents the largest group of Freshmen ever entered at J. F. C. thus far, and we have already shown that not only do we excel in numbers but the quality and content of those numbers has been above the average. We do not wish to unduly dwell on deeds of the past year but we feel justified in recounting a few attainments we have made in that time.

As a class we took the lead in publishing a special issue of the *Aletheia*. The entire issue was composed and arranged by members of the freshmen class and excellent journalistic ability was displayed.

In other school activities we have succeeded in making ourselves quite evident. Dwight Tolle, a member of our class, ably represented J. F. C. in the State Oratorical contest, an honor of which we are proud. Two of our classmen, Orville Hafner and Raymond Baarts won positions on the J. F. C. debating teams and participated against neighboring colleges to the credit of our school as well as to our class. Two of our representatives are on the present Sylvis staff, and others are aiding in the publishing of the *Aletheia* as regular members of that staff.

In Literary Societies, our class as a whole has been active since the beginning of the year, not only aiding in excellent presentation of program, but holding offices as well.

In athletics we are by no means in the background. Our basketball team has made an enviable showing during the past season, taking second place in the class tournament and pushing the winners for honors the entire season. A member of our class, Roscoe Day, was chosen as the best sportsman in the school and three of our players were selected as among the ten best in the college. Our girls team ably demonstrated that it was no easy mark on the basketball court.

Scholastically the Class of '29 is anything but delinquent. We surprised both the faculty





McConnell Ritchie Buck Spurlock Hoffman Rich Kellum Rice  
Gingerich Heffelfinger Huscher Breneman Stanton Stuemky  
Rigg Hafner Hofrock Rogeness Pooley Tolle

and upperclassmen by having the highest average as a class, in the intelligence tests throughout the year. Many of our members are carrying off honors in the classroom.

We are glad to say too, that the class among its many other activities, has not neglected to show sincere interest and real concern in its spiritual life. The class has faithfully and regularly carried on its weekly prayer service, since the very beginning of the school term. Of the eight classes (college and academy) represented in Fletcher Conference, college freshmen compose one-fourth of the entire active membership, thus showing that several of our number are planning on fulfilling the noblest professions in life. Many of our classmen also are active in the Student Volunteer Band and in the Holiness Leagues and visitation work.

Thus we feel that we have made a well proportioned beginning as a first year class and we hope to accomplish greater things in the years just ahead. Our desire is to use our college days with their opportunities in such a way as will make our life in the world one of real service.







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|-----------|--------|-----------|----------|--------|-----------|-----------|
| Unkenholz | Gress  | Hess      | Pfeiffer | Cheers | Clark     | Fillmore  |
| Wooster   | Russel | Morton    | Laabs    | Carter | Day       | MacDonald |
|           | Rice   | Stinnette | Hiatt    | Nolte  | Patterson | Morehead  |

*OUR MOTTO—"LIFT, DONT LEAN"*

Are you surprised at our motto? We'll agree, that it's a choice one, for it depicts our situation exactly. When we, as a Freshman class, began our school life at J. F. C. we realized that as a freshman class we would this year determine what our school attitude, both as a group and as individuals, would be in the years to come. For that reason we should be active. However we also realized that we were new students and had neither the maturity nor the experience of the upper-classmen. We might then have decided that the modest and proper thing to do would be to "let them do it." But we didn't consider this attitude because we knew that the upper-classmen of John Fletcher had won places of honor and responsibility not on account of their eminent fitness for the positions in question. We also knew that they in the interests of the greatest good of the school would welcome competition and assistance. No, we should never be leaners—we must lift. Not because we coveted prominence but because we desired experience and wanted to make this school a better school if we could.

With our inspirational motto before us we set out to achieve the thing it suggests. If we have accomplished anything, it is because we attempted it with that intention. We have worked and have not been afraid.

We, as a class, feel that we owe debts of gratitude we can never truly pay. Those who rank above us in the classes we would thank for their exemplary leadership. There is no method of instruction equal to that of concrete demonstration. We believe we have in a great many instances been well shown how things should be done. Our professors have aided us as no one else could. The careful discriminating criticism we have had has been exceedingly helpful and we are inexpressibly grateful for it. Our administrators have contributed much in making this year a successful one for us. And our President, I think I may truthfully say, has been an inspiration to us all. His helpful, applicable suggestions from the chapel platform have done a great deal to make us achieve that for which we are striving. We are indebted to J. F. C. and always will be. We shall try to clear our debt by continuing to lift to the greatest extent possible.





GOOD SCENE ?

BOOKE D

HIGH STRUNG

OUR PREXIE -- ELECTIONEERING

GUESS WHO

READY TO FLY

FROSH SUPERMAN

HUMAN FLY

A SURE THING

IF YOU WANT TELL

CAVE-MAN STUFF

# FROSH







Team?



Non-Better



SPONSOR



TRES



OTABOT



J. J. C. Basso



Artist



Poet



Officers



Debaters



STAFF





## Wording Our Expectations

President Joseph Owen.

*"Tall oaks from little acorns grow,  
Large streams from little fountains flow."*

is the way we were taught in childhood to regard the possibilities belonging to some things having small beginnings. Most worthwhile undertakings are not only small in the inception but come to strength and effectiveness by slow processes and over a toilsome way. It is so with institutions.

John Fletcher College has been impressive, not by the size and sufficiency of her equipment, but by the type of work she has done. The skill of the workman is determined by the measure of success he achieves in the use of the tools he has at hand. If the past be appraised in that light, we feel that our success has been noteworthy. With limited facilities we have accomplished the twenty years of our history. We have proven that institutions under the blessings of God may do a great deal with comparatively meager resources.

The immediate past gives to the days that are just ahead large promise. We have had some significant advances during the last year. In percentage increase in total school enrollment, John Fletcher College is second among all the colleges of Iowa. We have registered the largest percentage increase in the enrollment of regular college students shown by any college in the state. Comparing ourselves with ourselves, we have an increase over last year's total attendance of approximately 26%. We count that a normal, healthful growth. Every indication leads us to expect that the increase for next year will be just as encouraging.

There is something about the spirit of J. F. C. that holds. We lack but six of having as many in our sophomore class this year as we had in last year's freshman class. A goodly number of our old students who have dropped out for a year to teach or to solve the financial problem belonging to their own school training in some other way, indicate both their purpose and eagerness to return. Some who have gone elsewhere confess a homesickness for the old campus and the old friends. We wait to welcome all these again.

We are pleased to note the deepening interest in those problems which have to do with the school's financial building. There is an evident reaction against the materialistic teaching and worldly practices of many of our institutions of learning. Parents and young people as well are seeking thorough training under auspices that are orthodox and spiritual. They are anxious to avoid a formal and Pharisaical conservatism on the one side and a blighting modernism on the other. A larger number of those who have been entrusted with the Lord's money are beginning to inquire into the nature of the work being done by the schools that solicit financial assistance. The sense of obligation for supporting schools standing for the Christian fundamentals is increasing. A business man said to the writer not long ago that laymen who had the Lord's money are under just as much obligation to give financial assistance to John Fletcher College as the President of the school is to faithfully serve the institution in an administrative capacity. That indicates the dawning of a new day; a day of co-operation, a day of larger understanding, a day of better equipment for doing the work we are set to accomplish.

We are pleased to share with the readers of the Sylvis these tokens of good. They are inspiring us to greater activity. Let there be no lessening of effort, no lagging of interest. Let students and patrons and faculty and friends unite together, pray together, pull together and the future is ours.





Academy



## Academy Class of '26

Colors—Old rose and gray.

Motto—"With the ropes of the past we will ring the bells of the future."



### OFFICERS

|                             |                    |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| <i>President</i> .....      | EUNICE RISINGER    |
| <i>Vice President</i> ..... | LLEWELLYN COPELAND |
| <i>Secretary</i> .....      | ANNA LAURA BRASHER |
| <i>Treasurer</i> .....      | LUCILE DRUSE       |
| <i>Chaplain</i> .....       | ELMER GEISELMAN    |
| <i>Sponsor</i> .....        | PROF. SLAGG        |



The Seniors of John Fletcher Academy, though very modest, believe they are well worthy of the name. Within the class there is concealed various qualities and characteristics of no small value. Many phases of life are represented by members of the class. Elton Francis is wit enough for us all, but he doesn't tell all he knows, because he can't remember so much. If intellect is desired a visit to Lloyd Reeve or Harold Hahn would be profitable, while Opal Wilson and Evelyn Copeland will furnish entertainment when you become tired of mental exertion. Anna Laura Brasher, though she cares little for the boys, could captivate them all by soothing their troubled spirits with her singing, while Verda Brown is the dependable standby for the troubled throngs. If you desire that something be done, Llewellyn Copeland would be recommended for the task. A man to be depended upon is Elmer Geiselman and Chelsea Melvin will get his lessons in spite of the professors. John Porath is capable of any task on any occasion, and Alvin Beery will probably attain the "Hights" which are forever within his vision. Annice Rosentrater and Virginia Moore are as good as anyone dare be and Lillian Offel isn't so awful after all. Faithful to the end will Marion Coggeshall be and Lucile Druse will tear the world up yet. Esther DeYoung, Ora Houghton, Eunice Patterson and William Bruce Reed will do what they want to anyhow and Esther Graham, being Valedictorian, speaks for herself. Last, but certainly not least, is our sponsor, Prof. Slagg, who has served in that capacity for two years and simply can't be beat. We have spent a good year in our many meetings together. We're going out expecting a good vacation and will return next year, the same class with a different name.

—Reporter.





EUNICE RISINGER

UNIVERSITY PARK, IOWA.  
Euphrasian Literary Society, Class Pres. '25;  
Society Pres. '26.

LLEWELLYN COPELAND

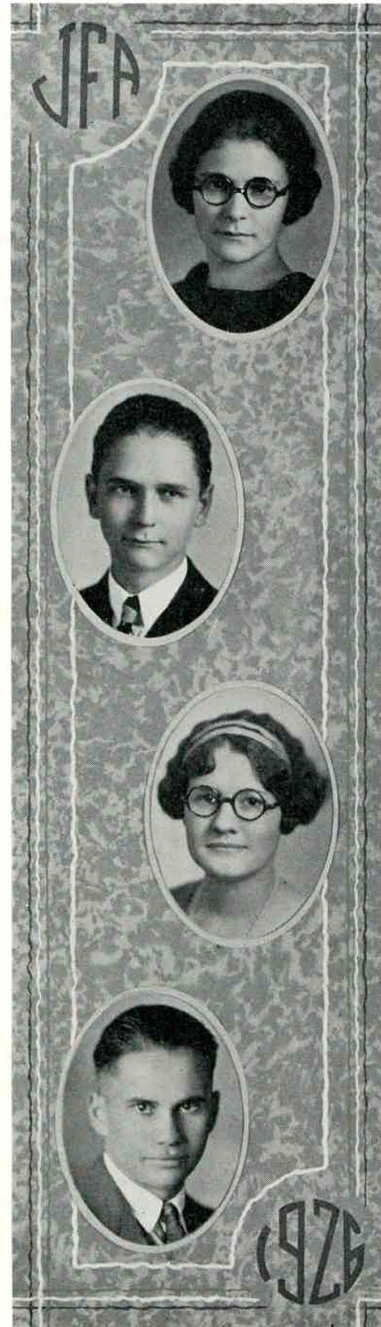
ST. LOUIS, MO.  
E. L. S., P. K. Club, Class Vice Pres. '26.

OPAL E. WILSON

UNIVERSITY PARK, IOWA.  
E. L. S. Society Vice President, Iowa Club.

ELTON FRANCIS

UNIVERSITY PARK, IOWA.  
E. L. S., Class Pres. '26 Iowa Club.





ORA HOUGHTON

HAYNES, N. DAK.  
Philo., Dakota Club, Y. W. H. L., Society  
Vice Pres.

ANNICE ROSENTRATER

ARNOLD, NEBRASKA.  
Philo., Philharmonic, St. Cecilia.

MARION COGGESHALL

VICTOR, IOWA.  
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P. K. Club, St. Cecilia, Philharmonic.

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UNIVERSITY PARK, IOWA.  
SALUTATORIAN  
E. L. S., Philharmonic, Society B. B., Iowa  
Club.





MAYME LUTHER  
Philo., Declamatory Contest

LILLIAN A. OFFEL  
CRAB ORCHARD, NEBRASKA.  
Philo., Nebraska Club, Y. W. H. L.

ESTHER A. GRAHAM  
WAUNETA, NEBRASKA.  
VALEDICTORIAN

CHELSEA MELVIN  
UNIVERSITY PARK, IOWA.  
E. L. S. Society B. B., Class B. B. Fletcher  
Conference.





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Society B. B., Class B. B., Glee Club, Philharmonic.

VERDA BROWN

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E. L. S. Society Pres. '26, Philharmonic, St.  
Cecilia, P. K. Club, Dakota Club, Fletcher Conference.

JOHN C. PORATH

MASON CITY, NEBRASKA.  
E. L. S., Society Pres. '25, Class Pres. '26,  
Glee Club, Nebr. Club, Fletcher Conference,  
Philharmonic.





WILLIAM BRUCE REED

UNIVERSITY PARK, IOWA.  
Philo., Iowa Club, P. K. Club.

VIRGINIA MOORE

NELLIE, OHIO.  
Philo., Y. W. H. L., Society Vice Pres.

EUNICE PATTERSON

KEARNEY, NEBRASKA.  
Philo., Philharmonic, Nebr. Club.

ELMER GIESELMAN

BURLINGTON, IOWA.  
E. L. S., Iowa Club, Fletcher Conference,  
Y. M. H. L., Volunteer Band.





LLOYD A. REEVE

UNIVERSITY PARK, IOWA.  
E. L. S., Society Vice Pres. '25, Society B. B., Class B. B.

ESTHER DE YOUNG

UNIVERSITY PARK, IOWA.  
E. L. S., Iowa Club.

LUCILE DRUSE

UNIVERSITY PARK, IOWA.  
Philo., Society Pres. '26, Iowa Club, Philharmonic.

ANNA LAURA BRASHER

ATTALLA, ALA.  
E. L. S., Philharmonic, St. Cecilia, Society Sec'y. Class Sec'y., Class Vice Pres. '25, P. K. Club.

DONALD R. BOSLAUGH

UNIVERSITY PARK, IOWA.  
Philo., Society Vice Pres. '26, Dakota Club, Y. M. H. L., Society B. B. '26







Smokin' 'em Out



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Bedtime Stories  
by our  
President

SHOWING



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# Senior

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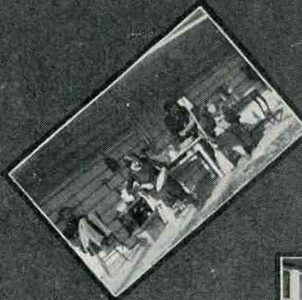
Our  
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Honors



*"With the Ropes of the Past  
We Shall Ring the Bells of the Future."*



School Champs.



ONE



CHAPLAIN





## The Academy

We are completing what seems to have been a good year of school. It has been a year of struggle for some, due to financial and physical handicaps. For these students it has meant weariness and labor that at times seemed almost impossible to bear and surmount. For others in more fortunate circumstances, both of pocket-book and of physical health, the year has passed pleasantly and quickly, almost as a dream.

Although there has been nothing phenomenal in the progress that has been made, yet we feel that there has been a healthy, normal growth in the various departments. Because of new plans that are being made for next year, we are looking forward to greater things.

We belong to the "anticipators" rather than to the "finishers." We have read of a man who belonged to the latter class. Away back in 1860, he was holding a position in the Patent Office of the United States, with chance of promotion. It came to him one day that there was not much chance of any more patents being applied for and that the Patent Office would soon be closed for lack of business. So, in order not to be left in an uncomfortable position, he resigned. If he is alive today he sees how greatly he was mistaken. He thought everything was finished when he should have been anticipating improvements. Just so are we anticipating greater things for this Academy.

There are many things needed, the greatest thing being a new building in which the Academy may be housed and kept separate from the College. There are several arguments in favor of this arrangement, but perhaps they are not of sufficient interest to be discussed.

Somebody may be inclined to ask the question, "Is it worth while to try to build up the Academy and endeavor to obtain the equipment and building necessary for an institution 'second to none'?"

Here's the answer: As regards the spiritual and moral teaching of young people the same might be said in favor of carrying on a Holiness Academy as is being said for the maintenance of a Holiness College. For that reason, if for no other, this organization must be built up and maintained as long as it is possible.

Many colleges are doing away with their Academies, due perhaps to the fact that the number of standard High Schools have been so increased that nearly all young people have a chance to take a preparatory course in schools close at home. Some colleges are still providing for a year or two of work preparatory for entrance to college, but that is all. John Fletcher college is offering a four-year course of standard work to those who wish it.

This year an even one hundred students have registered for Academy work. In adding up the ages of those and dividing by the number who have attended, the average age is found to be nineteen and two tenths (19 2-10) years. The ages vary from fourteen to thirty-nine. Fully one-third of the students are beyond the legal age of attending the public High School, even should they be able to start in during the third or fourth year of the course. Thus, if it were not for such opportunities as are offered by this Academy, many worthy young men and women would be hindered in their pursuit of an education. The encouraging thing of the whole matter is that the majority of these young people make a success of their work. Indeed, the percentage of those who do not do well is so very small that one is almost justified in saying that all of them make good.







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| Spann      | Derry   | Michener    | Pitzenbarger | Buell    | Pinnell       | Adolphs  |
| Hight      | Dales   | Porterfield | Remley       | King     | Vander Linden | Morrison |
| Richardson | Johnson | Jacobs      | Cregger      | Spurlock | Steven        | Phillips |

## Academy Juniors

When we came together last fall we were a curious group indeed. Each one was wondering where the other came from, and how he or she happened to come to J. F. C. Soon we were enrolled and it was with some misgivings that we faced the future. Caesar looked impossible. We wondered why we should be required to study about something that George Washington or the King of England did a century and a half ago. And we were sure we could not sleep with all those English readings to complete.

But now we have more or less successfully completed what we were told was the stiffest year of the academic course and we find that it was not so hard as some people would make it out to be. To date no one has suffered either from lack of sleep or overwork. It is with pleasure that we look back over the events of the school year.

First of all, we are glad that we have been allowed the privilege to attend dear old J. F. C. with its inspiring influences and edifying environment. Though some of us have been here only a short time we have learned to love our school. It has made an impression on us which will hold us steady and true, when we are far removed from it or any influence such as we enjoy here. Thus you see the past year has not only been a milestone in our scholastic advancement, but we have molded into our lives that finer element which serves to make life really worth while—a love for the things of God. We are looking forward to the time when we can go forth and impart the knowledge and ideals which we have learned here to a world that is needy.

We are already looking forward with great hopes to next fall, when we shall again assemble in these familiar halls, so dear to us all. Some will approach their last year eagerly as it is the last year of preparation for college. Those who may not intend to go to college will approach it less enthusiastically, as it may mean the end of their sojourn here. *Nevertheless* we are all coming back to make our Senior year the best year of all in educational advancement, in spiritual progress, and in social enlightenment.





## Academy Sophomores

We, the Sophomores, greet you. We are one step farther toward the goal for which we have started. Our progress has been slow but steady and firm. We are continually climbing higher and will not stop until we have obtained those things which we have started out to obtain. We have greatly enjoyed this school year's work and have really worked hard. As we look back over our Sophomore year, we intend to profit by the mistakes we have made. Next year the Sophomore class of today will come to you as the Junior class, larger, better, and possessing more pep.

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### CLASS OFFICERS

|                                      |                    |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <i>President</i> .....               | JENNIE BLAIR       |
| <i>Vice President</i> .....          | WILMA DEYOUNG      |
| <i>Treasurer and Secretary</i> ..... | IRENE RICHMOND     |
| <i>Chaplain</i> .....                | BEATRICE BOSLAUGH  |
| <i>Reporter</i> .....                | NEVA HOLDIMAN      |
| <i>Sponsor</i> .....                 | Z. E. KELLUM       |
| <i>Class Flower</i> .....            | WHITE CARNATION    |
| <i>Class Colors</i> .....            | NAVY BLUE AND GOLD |
| <i>Class Motto</i> .....             | "DEEDS NOT WORDS"  |

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| CLASS MEMBERS                   | NICKNAME       | CHARACTERISTIC     |
|---------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Hartzell Goodsell Armand .....  | Pretzel .....  | Studious           |
| Mrs. Jennie Blair .....         | Tike .....     | Always Cheerful    |
| Beatrice May Boslaugh .....     | Bee .....      | Worry              |
| Barbara Elizabeth Brasher ..... | Didus .....    | Carefree           |
| Wilma Pearl DeYoung .....       | Dutch .....    | Smiles             |
| Neva Lucile Holdiman .....      | Neve .....     | Her name suits her |
| Melvin Irvin McAbee .....       | Rusty .....    | Always grinning    |
| Ellis Marshall McClenning ..... | Mac .....      | Some artist        |
| Nellie Mildred Millar .....     | Nell .....     | All Questions      |
| Merritt McGinness Mockler ..... | Pecco .....    | Witty and Wise     |
| Harold Cleon Newton .....       | Newt .....     | Always Singing     |
| Charley Reuben Oaks .....       | Chuck .....    | Punctual           |
| Thomas Bates Osteen .....       | Beetle .....   | Spic and Span      |
| Alberta Leona Patterson .....   | Pat .....      | Laugh and grow fat |
| Irene Ida Richmond .....        | Rich .....     | Sober but sweet    |
| Isaac Carroll Sharp .....       | Squirrel ..... | Let's go hunting   |
| Carl Luzern Teisinger .....     | Slim .....     | Serious and happy  |







## Academy Freshmen

We, the Academy Freshmen of John Fletcher College, have started out with the determination to reach the top. Last September, we entered the building with fast beating hearts, not knowing what to do nor where to go.

As our upper classmen would glance at our registration cards, they would smile and say, "Oh, you are just an Academy Freshman." We decided to work hard and make good grades so as not to be called "Freshie" another year.

This ladder of education is not climbed in a day or a year, but with determination and purpose. We must take it day by day. No one can be a Senior without having first been a freshman, therefore, we need not feel that our class does not have an important place in this great work.

Though we do not have the prominence as the higher classes, we can be just as loyal to our college, just as diligent in our work, and have our air just as high as those who are farther advanced.

We have had plenty of good wholesome fun to spice the more serious things, in fact, we are a wide-awake, peppy bunch of freshmen.

At the beginning of the first semester our class numbered only twenty-five, but some new members were added the second semester.

Both boys and girls have organized basketball teams. While we did not make a big showing in the tournaments this year, we feel sure, that before we have finished our Academy course, the class of '29 can be the "Academy Champions." About the second or third week of school our class was organized with the officers as follows:



### OFFICERS

|                                      |                        |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| <i>President</i> .....               | JULIA DAY              |
| <i>Vice-President</i> .....          | DOROTHY BYLER          |
| <i>Secretary and Treasurer</i> ..... | GLADYS BALK            |
| <i>Reporter</i> .....                | EDNA PINNELL           |
| <i>Chaplain</i> .....                | HAROLD KOERTNER        |
| <i>Sponsor</i> .....                 | MISS CALLIE WILLIAMSON |

OUR MOTTO: *The door of success is labeled—PUSH*





Gymnasium



Great Lakes Club

-Just Around-



Home



Preachers Kids



Presidents



Political-Sad!



Nebraska-

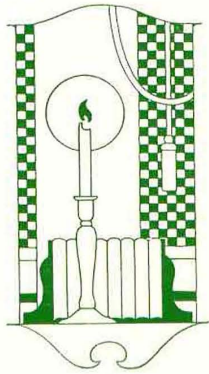


Community Civics





# Fine Arts



## Music Graduates



MARY EUNICE BRASHER

SENIOR RECITAL FOR A. B. DEGREE, MARCH 26

*"Of all the arts beneath the heaven,  
None draws the soul so sweet away  
That man has found or God has given,  
As music's melting mystic lay."*

ANNA LAURA BRASHER

CERTIFICATE IN VOICE

*"Music that gentler on the spirit lies  
Than tir'd eyelids upon tir'd eyes."*





The Sylvis



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|-------|---------|---------|----------|-------|-------|------------|-------------|---------|--|
|       | Wooster | Gress   | Greenlee | Brown | Hyde  | Unkenholz  | Rosentrater |         |  |
| Nolte | Tabler  | Puckett | Carter   | Brown | Meier | Hahn       | Clark       | Brasher |  |
|       | Brown   | Meier   | Huscher  | Hof   | Hahn  | Coggeshall | Day         |         |  |



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|          | Huscher     | McConnell | Wiley  | Pinnell  | Beery  | Huscher |  |
| Warren   | Hoffman     | Koertner  | Remley | La Favre | Newton | Porath  |  |
| Rogeness | Christensen | Collins   | Slagg  | Tolle    | Jacobs |         |  |



## John Fletcher College School of Music

The School of Music of John Fletcher College presents the rare opportunity of studying music in a college atmosphere. In its standards of scholarship and methods of instruction the School of Music is co-ordinate with the College of Liberal Arts, with practically the same rules for attendance, discipline, and examination.

An interchange of work obtains between the School of Music and the College of Liberal Arts, thus giving its students not only thorough and systematic training in the various branches of music, but that broader culture which is gained through academic training combined with music study, both of which are the necessary equipment of those entering upon a professional career.

In 1924, all courses in the School of Music were reorganized and standardized, fully meeting the requirements of the Iowa State Board of Education; the result has been the attainment of higher standards and greater efficiency. It is noteworthy that notwithstanding the fact of extending the various courses, and thereby increasing the requirements for graduation, the enrollment has increased more than one hundred percent during the past two years.

John Fletcher College School of Music was one of the first institutions of its kind in America to offer a four-year course in any branch of Applied Music leading to the degree of Bachelor of Arts.



### Organization

The School of Music maintains three splendid musical organizations at a high level of efficiency. The Philharmonic Society, which makes as its basis of study such works as Handel's "Messiah," Mendelssohn's "Elijah," "Sampson and Delilah"—Saint Saens and similar works, calling to its aid, artists of the first rank. The Saint Cecelia Club, composed of twenty-four young women, and an excellent Glee Club of eighteen men. These organizations make a valuable artistic and inspirational contribution to the manifold activities of campus life.



### May Festival

The establishment of the annual May Festival in Oskaloosa as a permanent institution and calling to its aid artists of national and international reputation, has done much toward arousing and stimulating an interest in, and a love for the higher forms in both classic and modern music. This has been made possible through the splendid co-operation of the Educational, Professional, and Business organizations of the city, while the ministers of the various churches through their whole-hearted support, have given invaluable aid.





EDNA EMELIA EKELAND

PUBLIC SPEAKERS DIPLOMA

*"How good is man's life, they were living. How fit to employ all the heart and soul and the senses forever in joy.—Browning.*

ALICE MATILDA GREENLEE

PUBLIC SPEAKERS DIPLOMA

*"There is as much eloquence in the tone of voice, in the eyes, and in the air of a speaker as in his choice of words."—Selected.*

ESTHER SUSANNA CANDEE

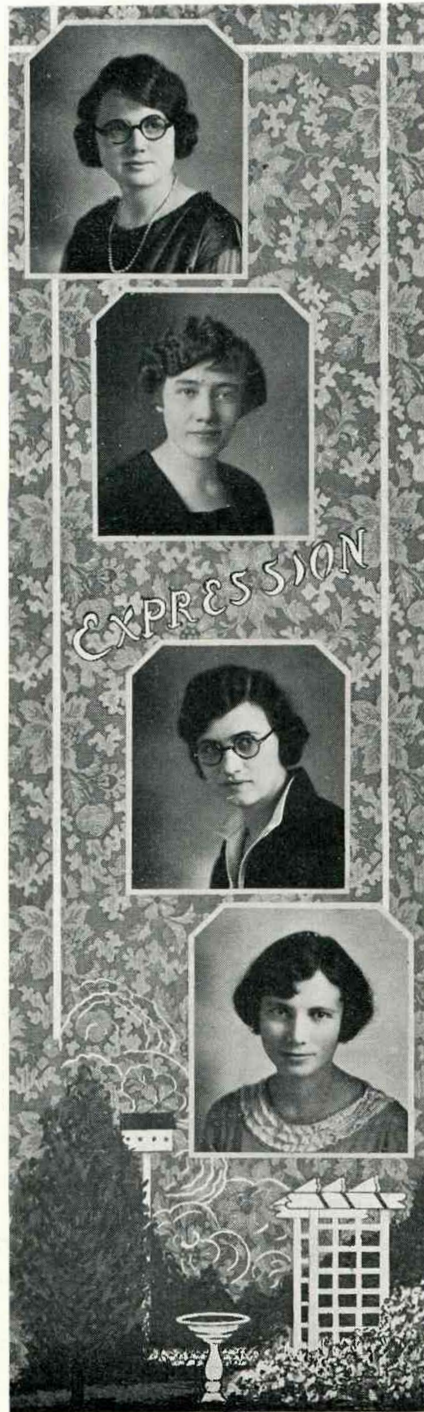
PUBLIC SPEAKERS DIPLOMA

*"The intellect of man sits enthroned visibly upon his forehead and in his eye, and the heart of of man is written upon his countenance, But the soul reveals itself in the voice only.—Longfellow.*

CALLIE LUCILLE WILLIAMSON

COLLEGE GRADUATES DIPLOMA

*"Speech is the light, the morning of the mind. It spreads the beauteous images abroad. Which else lie furl'd and shrouded in the soul."  
—Dryden.*





## Fletcher Debate Results

### Women—

- March 8—Fletcher Aff. vs Parsons Neg., at Parsons ..... *Negative*
- March 8—Fletcher Neg. vs Parsons Aff., at home ..... *Affirmative*
- March 18—Fletcher Neg. vs Beuna Vista Aff., at home ..... *Negative*
- March 19—Fletcher Aff. vs Beuna Vista Neg. (Men), at home ..... *Affirmative*
- March 19—Fletcher Neg. vs Central College Aff., at Central ..... *Negative*

### Men—

- March 9—Fletcher Aff. vs Parsons Neg., at home ..... *No decision*
- March 9—Fletcher Neg. vs Parsons Aff., at Parsons ..... *No decision*
- March 19—Fletcher Negative vs Central Aff., at home ..... *Negative*
- March 26—Fletcher Neg. vs Simpson Aff. at Simpson ..... *Affirmative*



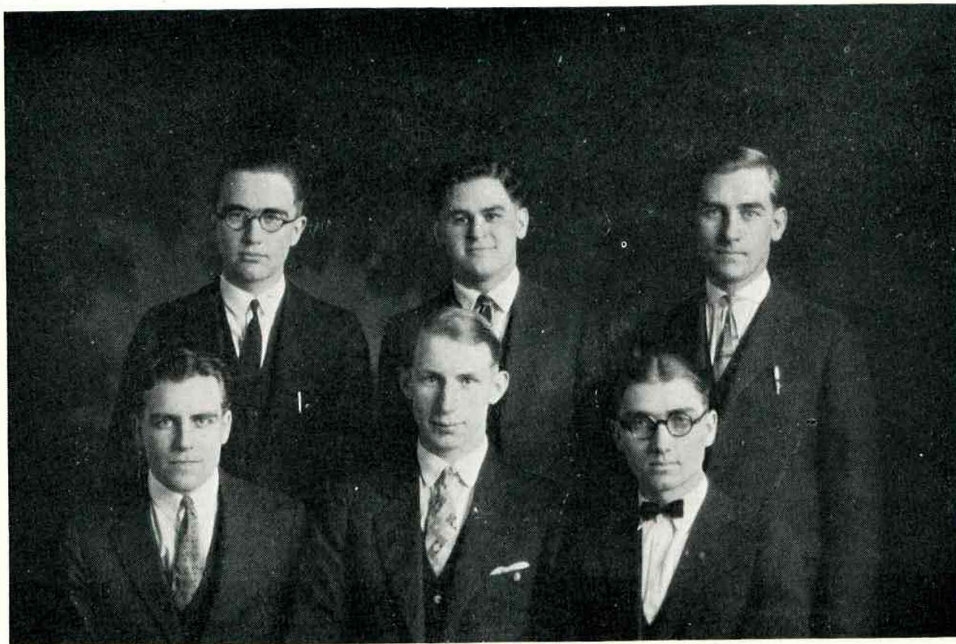




Esther Candee  
Ruby Dee Eberle

Hazel Orth  
Glennie Hiatt

Alice Greenlee  
Mary Risinger



Hafner  
Baarts

Archibald  
Michener

Patterson  
Brown





## Department of Speech

Few of us, probably, realize fully the extent to which skill in speech is connected with success in life. Prof. George Herbert Palmer says: "He who can explain himself may command what he wants. The persuasive and explanatory tongue is, therefore, one of the chief lovers of life." The necessity of clear, simple, effective speech is the same whether employed in social intercourse, in the business world, or in public address. Hence the development of speech is always an important and serious work. But in an institution sending out men and women to teach and preach 'the unsearchable riches of Christ' this training assumes proportions commensurate with the importance of the call. The Department of Speech of John Fletcher College exists solely to train in the necessary art of Speech all who would serve effectively.

### A RETROSPECTIVE VIEW OF 1925-26

During the year just closed the Department of Speech has prospered. Its enrollment was limited only by its capacity. The work has been thorough and fundamental, the morale high. The activities of the Department have been many and varied.

The first platform event of general interest was the Declamatory Contest between Academy students of Central College and John Fletcher, which resulted in a decided victory for the Fletcher contestants, the first placing being by Lucile Druse and the second by John Porath. Next came the local Extempore and Oratorical contests. The winners, Mr. Wilbur Baker, Extempore, and Mr. Dwight Tolle, Oratory, represented the college in the State Forensic Contest, where they both did most creditable work.

Perhaps, however, the event which most strikingly revealed the real forensic spirit of the school was the try-out debates in which thirty-six young men and women participated. Those who succeeded in making the teams were Misses Greenlee, Orth, and Candee, affirmative, and Misses Eberle, Hiatt, and Risinger, negative, and Messrs. Archibald, Patterson, Hafner, affirmative, and Messrs. Baarts, Brown and Michener, negative. The fortunes of these teams throughout the debating season were followed with keen interest by the entire school and community. Each victory was hailed with delight and each defeat borne with a spirit of true sportsmanship.

No mark of recognition however, was more appreciated than that shown by Dean and Mrs. Reed when they entertained at six o'clock dinner all who had participated in inter-collegiate forensics, including the state orator, extempore speaker and the entire debating personnel. The occasion was in keeping with the gracious hospitality of the Reed home and will be long remembered by all present. The record made by our teams this year is highly gratifying and the favorable comment everywhere received, encouraging. It is the general concensus of opinion that those who succeed in making the teams next year will have achieved a distinct honor, for they will represent the "survival of the fittest" from among the fit. Already much of our best talent is girding on the armor.

Another contest of the year, less spectacular perhaps, but not less important and beneficial, was the Bible reading contest held by the members of the class in Vocal and Literary Interpretation of the Bible. The prize was won by Miss Esther Candee, who read with simplicity and sympathy the story of Abraham's Test of Faith on Mount Moriah.

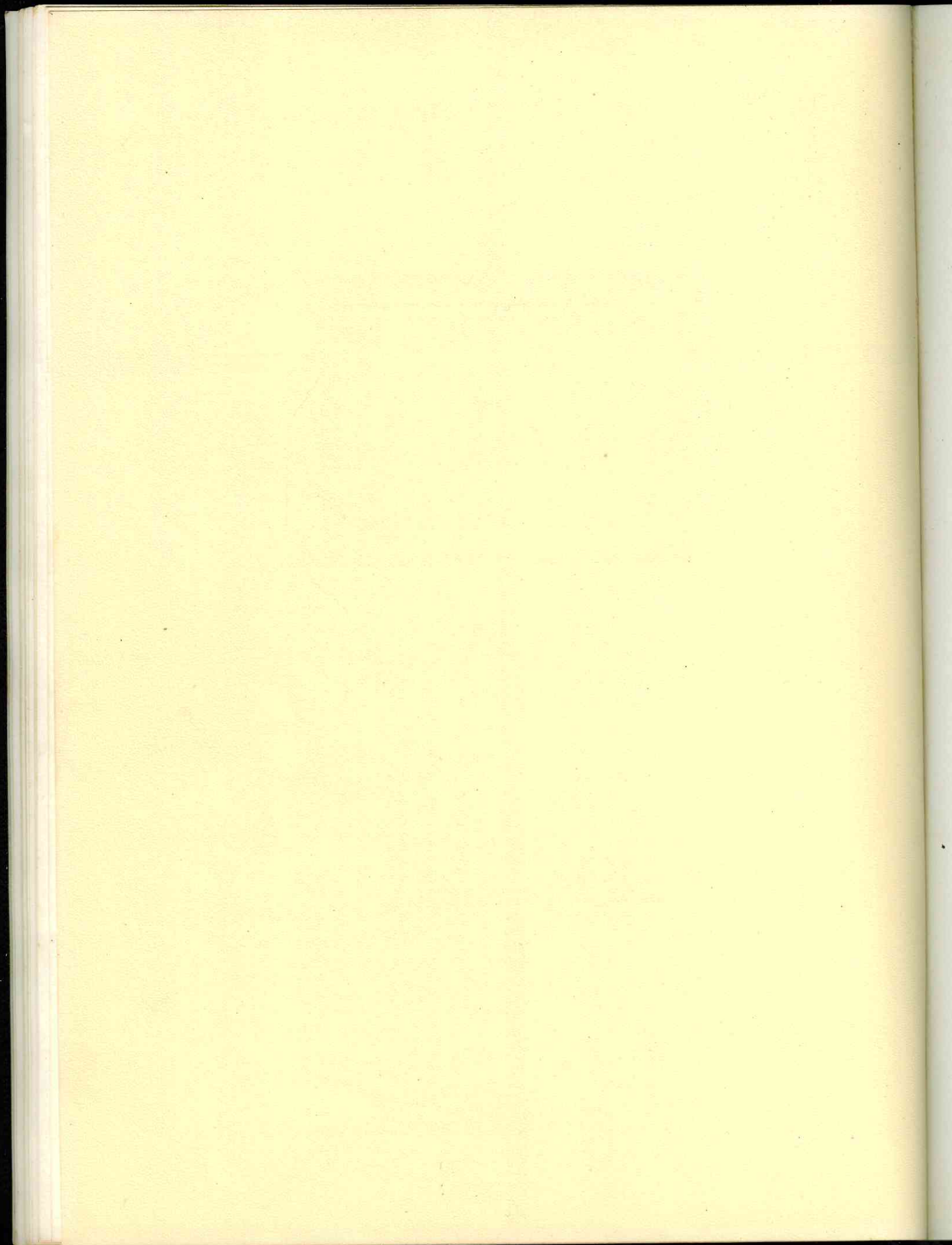
A fitting climax to the year's work was reached in Expression Week, April 26-30, inclusive, when the four graduates from the department appeared in public recital. The first of the series was a well selected miscellaneous program given by Miss Edna Ekeland, whose reading of the diverse selection showed versatility and an unusual appreciation and portrayal of character. Miss Greenlee's reading of "Old Lady 33" by Rachael Crothers was particularly pleasing. Her command of voice and body, as well as her keen appreciation of the humor and pathos of the simple characters of the play enabled her to hold the unflagging interest of her audience from first to last. "Shakespeare's Twelfth Night" was read by Miss Callie Williamson. Miss Williamson's simple, vivid interpretation of this delightful comedy revealed real power. The series closed with the reading of Molner's "The Swan" by Miss Esther Candee. The whimsical humor and satire of this royal romance was well presented and well received. All of these recitals were of a high order and reflected credit not only upon the readers, but upon the department as well.







# Organizations







## Organizations

John Fletcher organizations are purposeful. The variety of activity is such that every student in the school is challenged to leadership. The religious, the social, and the cultural organizations of the school have their separate purposes but they all have one common purpose as well.

The Y. M. H. L., the Y. W. H. L., Student Volunteers and Conference are our primary religious organizations. For cultural and social opportunities we have the literary societies of college and academy. The state clubs with the Preacher's Kid Club and the Fiery Domes carry on no little part of the campus activity. The publications afford a means of expression to those interested in literary and business lines. They are all important.

And greatest of all, each one of them challenges leaders. The college that fails to develop leaders fails in her mission. The world waits for leaders to show the path to take, waits for men and women to lead, spiritually, socially, and educationally.

It might be well to measure the worthwhileness of these activities somewhat by the leadership they tend to develop.







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OVER GIRL

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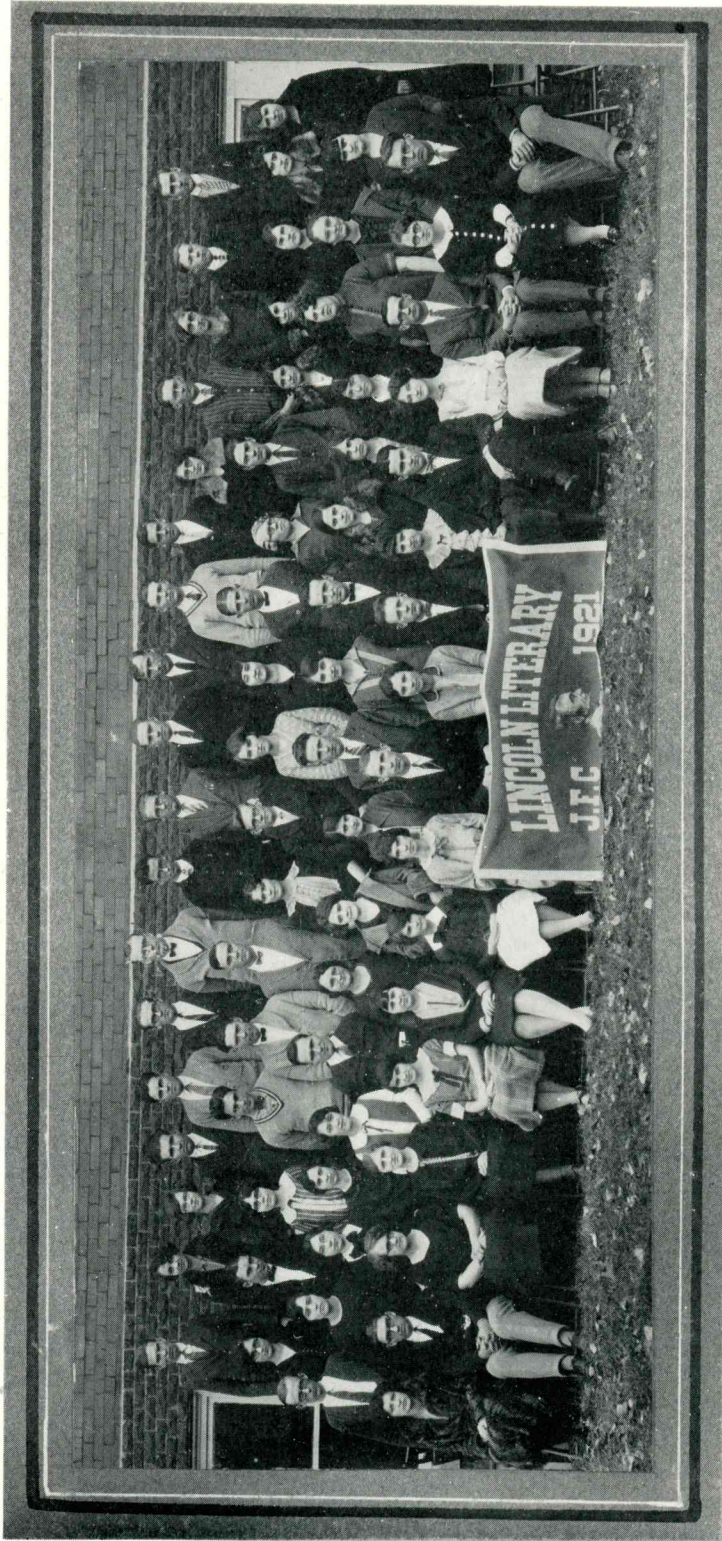
QUARTET

M.T. GIRLS

*Cultural & Entertainment*











Pres. Michener



Pres. Candee



Pres. Pooley



Student



Debaters



Our Girls



Officers



Debaters



Fighters



Sextette



Shop-keeper



Quartet



Rail-splitter



Orator

# LINCOLN





## Lincoln Literary Society

Less than five and one-half years ago, in January, nineteen hundred and twenty-one, Lincoln Literary Society became a reality—a live society with thirty-one worthy charter members. In January of this year more than twice as many college students proudly claimed Lincoln Literary as “their society.” Through the courtesy of Philosophian Literary Society we have been able, along with our increased membership, to secure a more commodious and comfortable hall in which to meet.

Our Program Committees have done very creditable work, and the programs have been well rendered. On October the fifth was presented a gripping pageant representing the founding and developing of John Fletcher College. On November the twenty-fifth was given “The Pilgrims,” a musical story appropriate to the Thanksgiving season. Both of these programs were the original work of one or two of our members. Other evenings of special interest have been those devoted to Scotch selections, to a study of James Whitcomb Riley, and to an appreciation of that great leader after whom our society is named.

Lincoln Literary thinks with just pride upon her past, but looks ahead to greater achievements. We still believe in our motto as expressive of the characteristics of all true greatness: “Simplicity, sincerity, success.” Although we may not have fully attained as yet, we are not discouraged. The future holds much in store for us. Next year must mean more to the society as a whole, to each individual, and to those about us.

To all Seniors in High Schools and Academies everywhere, Lincoln Literary extends an earnest and hearty invitation to join us next year at John Fletcher College and at Lincoln Literary Society as well. We are eagerly awaiting your coming, and shall give you a real welcome.



## College Parliament

Another year of history for College Parliament has swiftly slipped into the realm of the yesterdays. Throughout that year she has never failed to stand true and firm to her motto, “Cultural Entertainment.” Her programs have not only proved to be interesting, instructive, and entertaining, but we feel that we have grown spiritually, intellectually, and morally because of them. Musical numbers, impromptu and extempo speaking, short talks on current topics of the day, debating, readings, drills in Parliamentary Law and various other numbers have been featured, carrying out the aims and ideals of a true Literary Society. Special mention may here be made of the organization of a society male quartette.

Early in the fall, College Parliament with the co-operation and good will of her sister societies succeeded in securing Prof. Thomas S. Clark, of the Chicago School of Expression, to read “King Lear” in an interpretative recital. This is perhaps the most outstanding event of the year.

Athletics have played no small part in the recreation afforded by this college society. Good sportsmanship and athletic ability were displayed by the members of the basketball teams.

We would not fail to remember those who have labored so faithfully in the past to make College Parliament a success and we send greetings to old friends and the sister societies.

Ye purple and gold forever.

To our Society will ever be true.

To you who once were its members

We send forth our greetings anew.

We acknowledge the work you accomplish

We as its members today,

Endeavor to hold high the standard

Which you loved and cherished your day.

Some of you labor among us,

Others in far distant land,

Whatever your task or your mission,

You still are one of our band.

Let us then as one great army

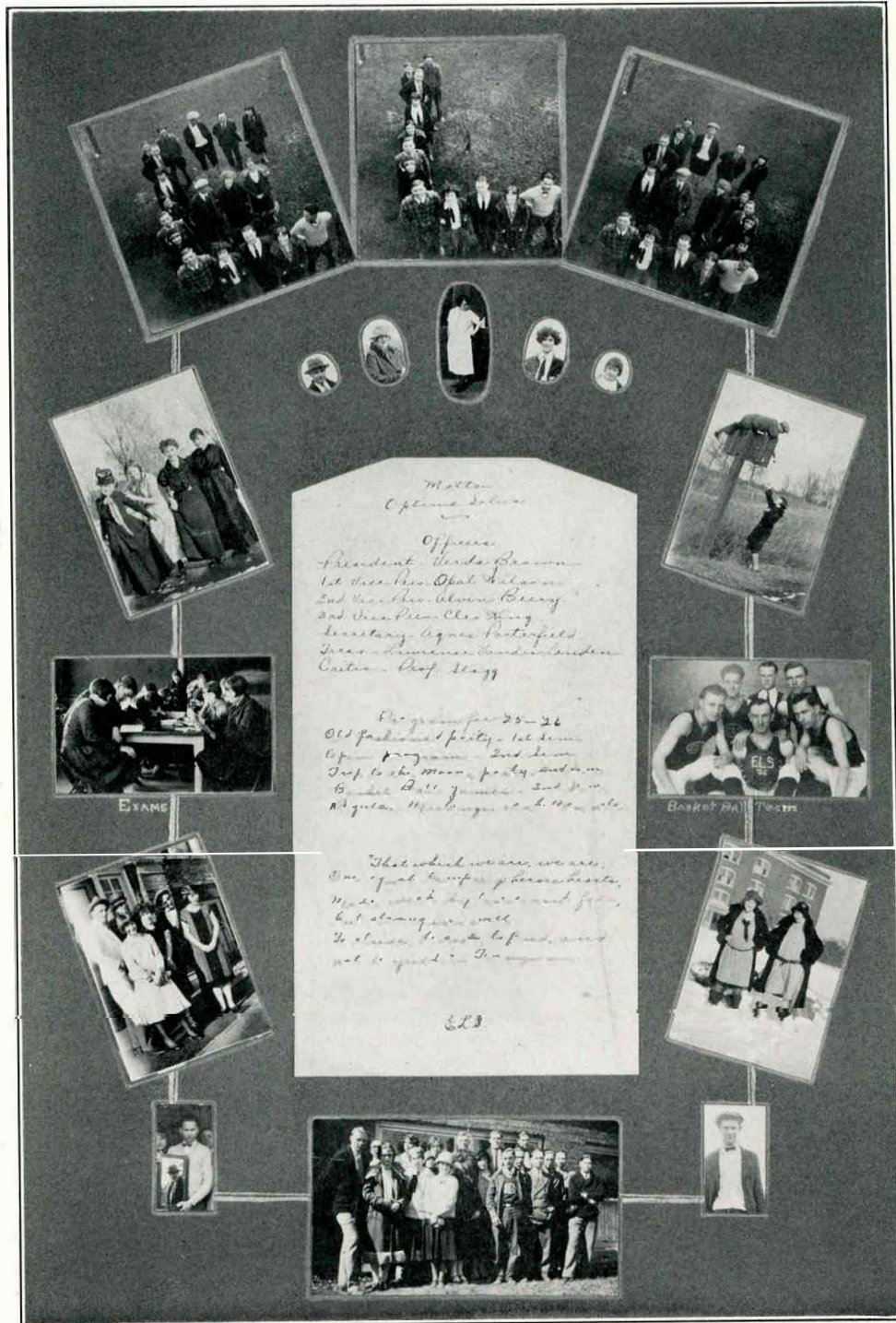
Extending from sea to sea,

Give nine big “Raahs” to Parliament,

We pledge our allegiance to thee.







Motto  
Optima Solus

Officers  
President - Wanda Pearson  
1st Vice - Mrs. Ophal Nelson  
2nd Vice - Mrs. Alvina Perry  
3rd Vice - Mrs. Cleo King  
Secretary - Agnes Postorfeld  
Treas - Emma Lundmark  
Critics - Prof. Staff

Program for '25-'26  
Old fashioned party - 1st term  
Open program - 2nd term  
Trip to the moon - party - 2nd term  
Basket Ball games - 2nd term  
Regular Meetings at 10:30 a.m.

That which we are, we are;  
Our equal hearts for ever beat,  
We seek by love and faith,  
But strong we will  
To stand, to seek to find, and  
not to yield in our opinion.

ELL

EXAMS

Basket Ball Team







## Euphrasian Literary Society

The Euphrasian Literary Society has just entered its fourth year of existence. This, the youngest society in John Fletcher College, is just rounding out its most successful and beneficial year. In every line of activity, the Euphrasians have been paramount. At the beginning of the year we increased nearly one hundred per cent in membership. The students joining the society were of a class of which any society would be justly proud. Through the merging of the new students with the old, we have developed talent which has placed us at the front in all lines of literary work. Much of this success has been due to the helpful criticism and untiring work of our critic, Prof. Slagg, to whom we owe more than words can tell. Under his supervision we feel we caught sight of a higher and nobler vision. We have learned to think for ourselves and to do original work. We have learned that success and enjoyment consist in giving our time and our talent, instead of being parasites.

In addition to our literary achievements, we have also been successful in athletics. This year the Euphrasians put out a basketball team that took second place in the society tournament. We believe we have the right to feel proud of our team not only because of its victories, but on account of its sportsmanship and fair play. Whether we won or lost, our aim was to play the game fair and square.

We believe that we have kept the faith of those who caused the Euphrasian Literary Society to come into existence. We have endeavored to live up to the standards which they set. We will always stand true to our motto, Euphrasian, "The Best Only."





The Sylvis  
of  
John Fletcher College

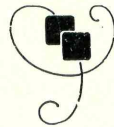


## Euphrasian Literary Society

Although Euphrasian Literary Society is the youngest society on the campus, it displays as much energy as its oldest sister. And this is true despite the recency of its birth, in 1923. Philosphian is the parent society. Glen Daniels, as president, nurtured the young society through its first eventful year.

Since that time the Euphrasians have worked hard to make their society a vital organization on the campus. By the example of their sister societies they have made few mistakes and thus made greater progress in their work. Their programs have been instructive, every member giving his best to put them over with the society's accustomed finesse in all its tasks. During the past year, however, the two academy societies have been holding their meetings jointly, alternating in the production of programs. This has been beneficial to all, insuring a larger audience and sharper competition.

At the end of the fourth year, the Euphrasians are still earnest in their effort to accomplish greater things in their society. They are still striving to advance so that Euphrasian might ever be as their motto, "The Best Ever."



Twenty-first Anniversary  
1906 - 1927  
Edition

Seventy-five





## The Dakota Club

Well, well, another year has almost passed and I shall soon be two years old. The days that are gone have been laboratories of experiments wherein ideas have taken definite shape and satisfactory results have been obtained, yet the extent of my influence in the past is but a shadow of what it must be in the future.

Perhaps there are some to whom I am speaking who have as yet a hazy conception of what I am, who I am, and my purpose in this world. My name is Dakota Club. My first name was handed down to me from my illustrious ancestors, North and South Dakota. Club is a good western name, familiar to all of you. My composition is a bit peculiar, for I am a bony structure of individuals taken from the families of North and South Dakota, mentioned before. This is not a permanent number for I have the ability to embrace numerous other individuals within my walls. This bony framework is connected by joints of harmony, covered by tissues and muscles of enthusiasm and labor, which are revived and refreshed by a party system. This entire body is dominated and controlled by an exceedingly great purpose, namely, to spread Fletcher facts over the territory of my afore mentioned ancestors and thereby interest other individuals in our College. I have access to the outer world through a circulatory system that carries letters and pamphlets whithersoever my will wishes.

Now I can do nothing except through the co-operation of my members, so each year at the beginning, they meet in secret session and select certain individuals to direct my course. This year the President was Forest Good, a small but steady man from Hettinger; the vice-president Esther Meier, from Kintyre; Kenneth Hoffman and Fern Nolte, of Jamestown, are our secretaries, and Helmer Sortland, of Valley City, is treasurer.

In behalf of all my members I extend to you a hearty and sincere welcome to John Fletcher College and if you come from the Dakotas, to membership in me.

DAKOTA CLUB

By Esther Candee (reporter).



## The Hawkeye Club

Iowa is a land of homes. We the members of the Hawkeye Club, have come from those homes to attend "Iowa's Queen of Colleges." To us John Fletcher College is another home, a school where every student is a part of a living organization, where a spirit of friendship prevails. Here every student's best welfare is an interest of the faculty and of the student body.

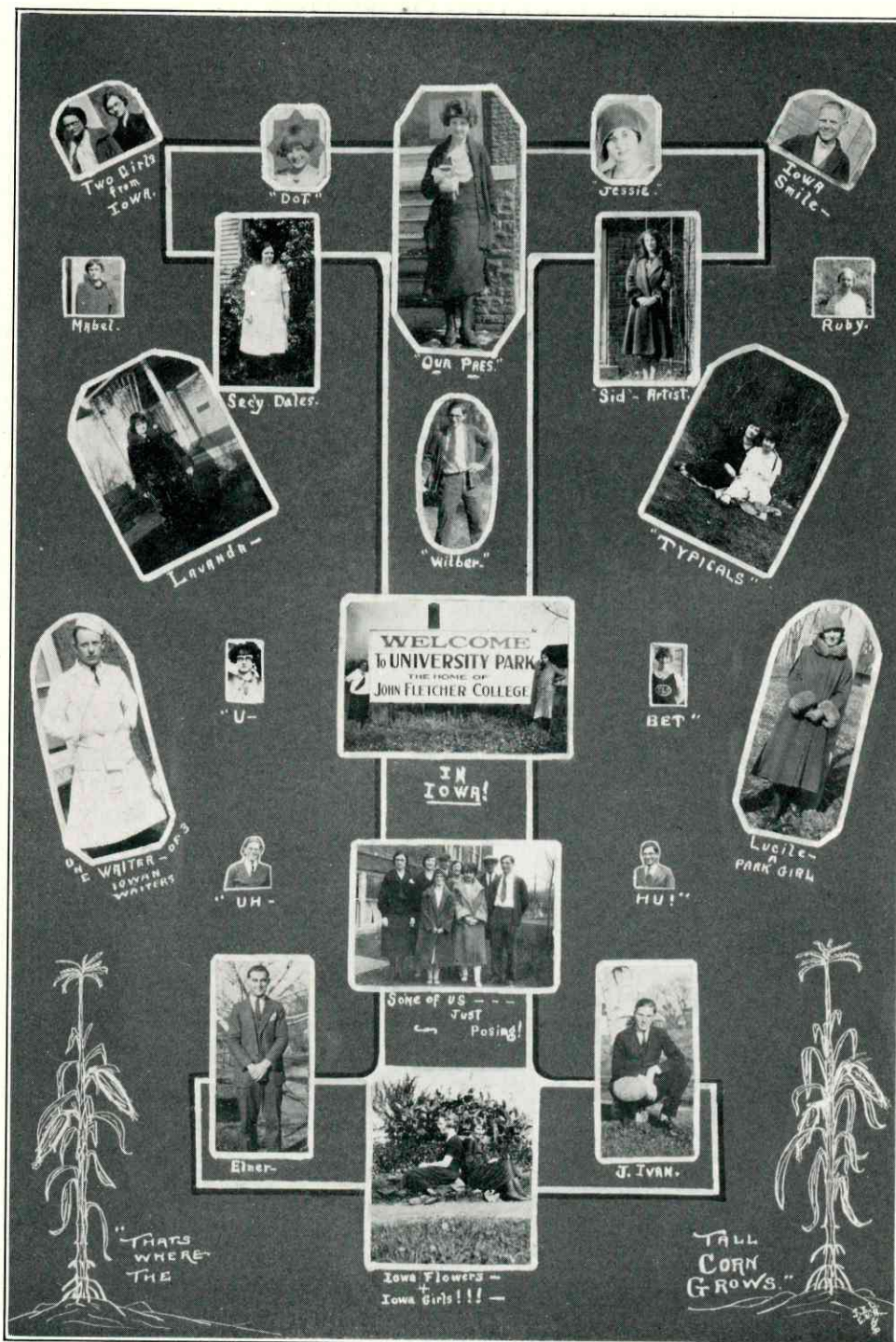
It is for this reason that we have come to John Fletcher College for our education. We desire a school which gives the greatest opportunity to develop the whole man, one which has high educational standards, the best associations and the best spiritual ideals. We expect in our college home, by mental, physical, social, and spiritual development, to prepare for the best service each of us can render.

Not only do we wish to gain in our own lives, but we wish our college to grow and progress. We want other Iowa boys and girls to join us and become a part of John Fletcher College. For these reasons we belong to the Hawkeye Club. It is our purpose in this club to make our college known in our homes and in our state. We hope thus to prove to the Christian men and women that it is a school that stands for high ideals. We aim also to help nature make our home still richer in beauty than its woodland location has already made it.

Friends of our College and those who will become friends, we greet you. We invite you to visit us and to join our student body. We welcome you as friends to our home.

—H. C. R., '29.







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## Golden Rod Club

The Golden Rod Club of John Fletcher College was organized in the spring of 1925. The purpose of the organization was not simply that we might be a particular group of students recognized by a particular name, but the organization was born out of a desire to efficiently further the work of the Kingdom of our Lord. In substance, the purpose of the Golden Rule Club is to get as many Nebraska young people as possible interested and acquainted with John Fletcher College.

It takes time for any organization to properly function. However, last year, camp meetings over the state were visited, and a working basis established. This year greater results are expected. Each Golden Rod member who goes to his community this summer will be a wide-awake booster for the club in faithfully representing the privileges and possibilities to be found only in a Holiness College. Not only do we expect to get in touch with prospective students through personal contact, but correspondence will be employed to help spread our interests.

To get a student here and to make him contented and happy after he gets here, is our dual purpose. To that end we have laid plans for the beautifying of a part of the expansive campus. Shrubbery, trees, flowers, and monuments will soon be a reality of our plans. No better heritage can be left to a beloved institution than an achievement of this nature. This mark of labor and sacrifice will point to future generations enlisting from the ranks of Nebraska's commonwealth, as a task well done and deserving of continued faithfulness.

The whole aim of the Golden Rod Club is to make John Fletcher College a bigger and better school by beckoning and pointing purposeful young men and women this way.

The Golden Rod, emblem of our Club,  
All natives of Nebraska's sod,  
We live to glorify our God.

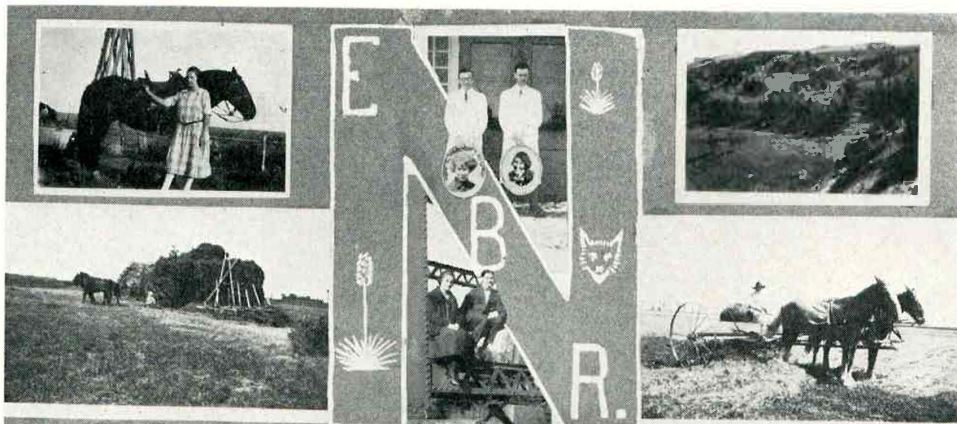


## O. K. Club

T—is for Tolle, our President so staunch, As an orator, he's made his first launch.  
R—is for Ruby, a Good Girl we know, Since sometime in January she's been all aglow.  
V—is for Victor, a booster indeed, Wherever he is, he's sure to succeed.  
W—is for Wilma, our big sister true, It is with tears we bid her adieu.  
F—is for Folkers, our fun-maker you know. To relate his jokes we need a bureau.  
B—is for Bernice, Bunny for short, We find her to be a real good sport.  
K—is for Kellum, a quiet young man, He can play the trombone to beat the band.  
M—is for Millard, our Edna so sweet, As to her faithfulness we dare not compete.  
R—is for Robert, a member of our club, He'll give you a grin tho' you give him a snub.  
S—is for Spann, a lassie so shy, When looking at her eyes, we think of the sky.  
A—is for Alvin, he is the Berrys, An "all-around fellow" is the name he carries.  
E—is for Edna, the youth in our ranks, She's often found guilty of playing the pranks.  
D—is for Duane, a warm-hearted chap, When it comes to playing ball, he's got a lot of snap.  
G—is for Grace, our Indian maid, We've always found her to be unafraid.  
H—is for Huscher, well known as Paul, Who is always kind and thoughtful to all.  
R—is for Ruth, who wears a sweet smile, A fellow named Horner thinks it worth while.  
H—is for Hafner, a studious young man, When it comes to debating, he proves the "I can."  
D—is for Dorothy, our Jaw-Hawker girl, In the contest games, the ball she did hurl.  
E—is for Ernestine, another Pinnell, She may be a poetess—WHO CAN TELL?







Cave-man stuff



Girls B. B. Team.



Officers



Tables Turned.



Nebr. Vegetables.



Preachers



"Hot dogs" - Nov. 21



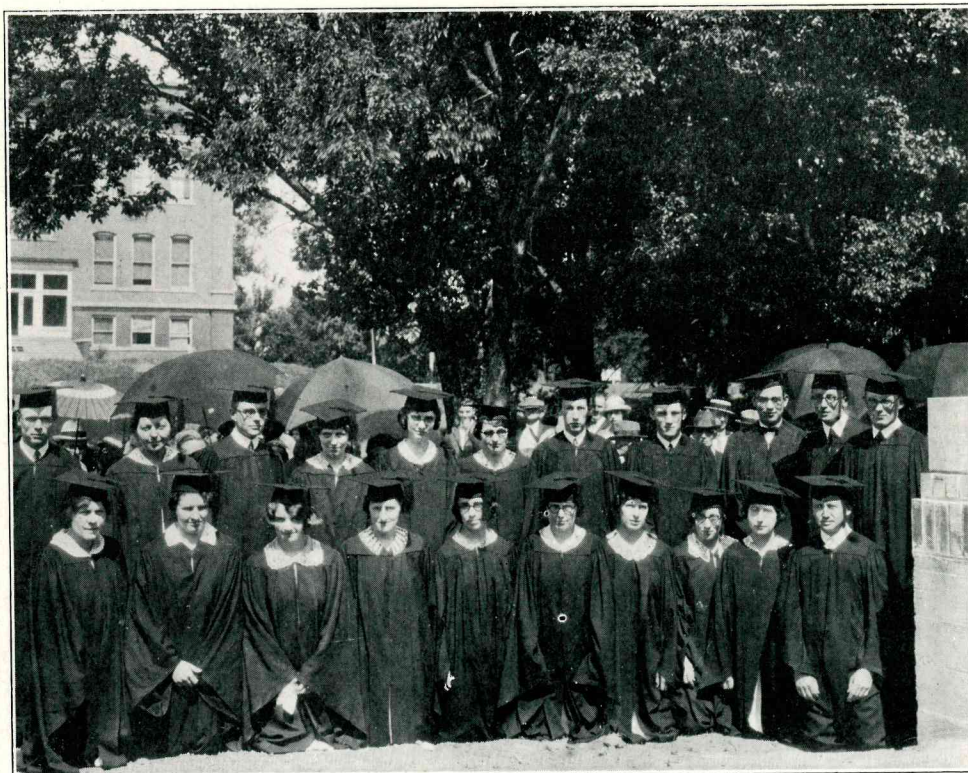
Goldenrod Basket Tossers



Oh ye picnic!







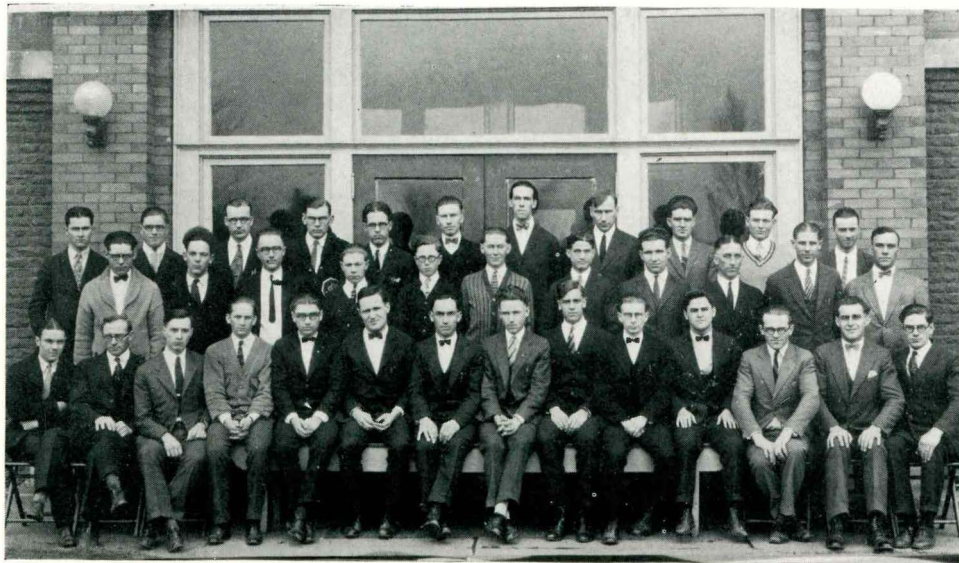
## The Class of '25

And here is a toast to the class of '25. We do not mourn at their having graduated, for, although we know the school misses them and that they miss the school, yet we know that they are marking milestones as they touch and mould character in their work. We are glad to know that they are out on life's road toiling. Some are teaching, some preaching, some in business, some in school and about other tasks but we know that they are making contacts with individuals that will show forth with excellence in days to come.

It is truly a noble thing to have lived and done one kind act of service for our Saviour and our fellow man.







## Young Men's Holiness League

"What's in a name?" The very name of this organization suggests potential energy and spotless character, essential and necessary to success. The Young Men's Holiness League is not a College faction working separate and distinct from all other College activities, but it is an organization working conjoint with the student life of John Fletcher College. It is a wheel within a wheel with a specific function yet with an inter-dependent relationship.

The qualifications for membership are few, and are not complex nor arbitrary. A member must be in the experience of full salvation or an earnest seeker after this blessed experience. No emphasis is placed on class position or intellectual qualifications. We deem that the above qualifications are essential and fundamental because of the very nature and function of the League. An insight to the work done by the League will convince the skeptical that the proper emphasis has been properly placed.

The immediate purpose and work of the League is training in, and the attending to, the means of grace. In our Sunday evening meetings the young men give expression to their growth in grace, and their interest in things divine. The prayer, testimony, and interesting and helpful talks give evidence of zealous effort to please God in all things.

The work of the League is not confined to the student life alone. A holy heart naturally pre-supposes holy aspirations, and a world vision. In consequence of these peculiar characteristics, our young men willingly and whole-heartedly give themselves to Sunday work among the unfortunates of the neighboring city and rural sections. The several missions of the city are well supplied by the young men as occasion may permit. Services are held in jail, hospitals, county farm and other needy fields. These gospel teams not only carry the word of life to needy souls in the form of preaching and exhortation, but the gospel of song and good cheer is a vital part of their equipment. Much good must necessarily come from such unselfish labor. Lasting fruitage and harvest will be the product of these days spent in glad seed sowing. The Lord's word will not return unto Him void but will accomplish that for which it was sent in the salvation of souls and the edifying of those so engaged. The League is worthy consideration of every prospective young man who has caught the heart beat of Jehovah and has heard the tramp of the onward marching hosts of the Redeemed.





## Y. W. H. L.

The Young Women's Holiness League is one of the most important organizations in our school. Devotional meetings are held each Sunday evening for one hour preceding the regular evening preaching service.

Its purpose is for the spiritual advancement and uplift of the school. It helps train Christian girls to be able and competent leaders.

On Sunday afternoon girls go into the different sections of Oskaloosa and do missionary work, while some go to the hospitals to cheer the folks with song and prayer.

Especially during the last semester has our organization grown, in numbers and interest. The room has been filled and the presence of the Holy Spirit felt. Each one is given an opportunity to pray, sing, and testify, thus each one is a blessing to the other.

We are looking forward to the accomplishment of greater things for John Fletcher through the influence of the league during the coming year. May God's richest blessings continue to rest upon our organization and may Spirit-filled women go forth to bless a needy world.



### OFFICERS

—First Semester—

*President* ..... Ona Rittgers.  
*Vice Pres.* ..... Thelma Hyde.  
*Secretary* ..... Beulah Francis.  
*Treas.* ..... Margaret Yates  
*Reporter* ..... Lola V. Hattan.

—Last Semester—

*President* ..... Thelma Hyde.  
*Vice Pres.* ..... Fern Bentz.  
*Secretary* ..... Ethel White.  
*Treasurer* ..... Virginia Moore.







### Student Volunteer Group

"We are debtors to give the Gospel to every man in the same measure, that we have received it." Never were the fields more white unto the harvest and the doors more open than they are today. The challenge faces us. Will we meet our responsibility? "Lost opportunity today means lost souls at the judgment." We cannot, we dare not fail.

The Student Volunteer Group of John Fletcher College is composed of about thirty young people who have pledged themselves for service in foreign lands. The purpose of the organization is to aid the members in becoming acquainted with the conditions and religions in the various mission fields. It is also to place before the student body the need and to create a missionary spirit. Great blessing has been added to our meetings which are held every Monday evening, by the presence and inspirational talks of returned missionaries who were former students. Miss Elsie Clor spoke to us of her work in Jerusalem among her own people, the Jews. Miss Edith Huff of India, Miss Gertrude Byler and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wagner of Japan are spending part of their furloughs with us. Just this last fall Miss Carolyn Schaefer and Miss Bessie Rigg sailed for India and have sent back good reports. We are proud of the fact that more than forty of our members are now in their field of service in foreign lands. We give God thanks.



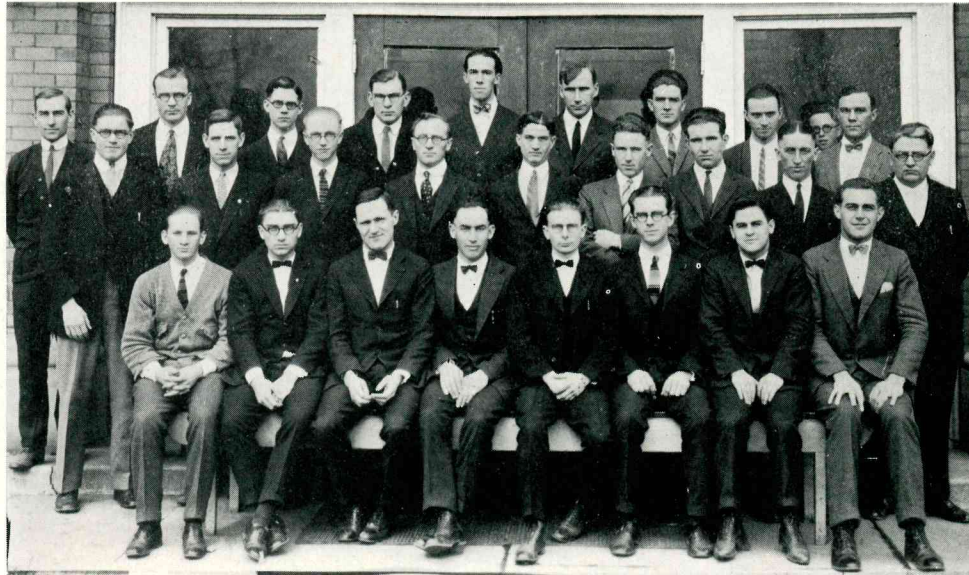
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Actual preaching experience is secured in the weekly meeting, held on Tuesday evenings, and in the Thursday morning chapel hour, which is regularly devoted to Fletcher Conference. The only way to learn to preach, is to preach. An expert in the theory of homiletics must have years of actual experience in order to secure the real benefit from his homiletical study. So we must needs start at once. Hence our plan.

But training is not our sole objective. The Conference is a real spiritual force in the College. Several people during the year have received definite help through the work of the Conference. Many more had experienced a deepening of their spiritual life.

*Bishops* ..... Glen Porterfield, Rex Collier, Fred Mier.



Women of Conference







### J. H. C. Quartet

Will tour eight middle western states this summer and will give over sixty concerts aside from singing at several camp meetings and directing the music at the Blackwell camp in Oklahoma. With the exception of Mr. Breneman who takes Mr. Collins' place the personnel is the same as last year.



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## The Aletheia

Truly life is swifter than a weaver's shuttle. One season chases another off the stage. Bright minutes make up golden hours and the hours become days, soon the days become weeks and months, the months pile up and another year has passed into the eternity from which it came. Thus, oh, so rapidly, has the year 1925-26 sped by. What has been done is finished, what was not accomplished will ever remain undone for so runs life's law.

The Aletheia has enjoyed a prosperous year. There have been days of joy and blessing and other days of discouragement and sorrow. We have made many plans, some of them have exploded like bubbles. A few have become realities. Through it all our faith has been firm, our courage invincible, our vision broad, and our success meager.

Did we accomplish our purpose? To a great extent we were successful in doing so. Our plan was to mirror John Fletcher College life and that we have done. The Aletheia is still the best school chronicle that we possess. We have not attempted great treatises on science, exegeses on religion, or masterpieces of literature. That was not our aim. We have merely tried to make our paper reflect all of you in actual life contacts.

We owe much gratitude to the many who helped us make The Aletheia a success. It has only been through the splendid cooperation of the student body that our paper was what it was. We have appreciated your helpfulness all of the time. Your suggestions have always been welcomed. If you didn't contribute, you are to blame. If the articles didn't suit you, you should have penned one that would have done so and given it to us for publication. To our printers and advertisers we offer many thanks for splendid service and for the kindness shown us.

Now as we lay down the task it is with regrets. We should have liked to have accomplished more. Our work as your representatives has been very enjoyable. Now as the Staff of 1925-26 gives The Aletheia into other hands we wish you greater student cooperation and higher success than was ours.



## The Sylvis

Between these covers of silver and maroon you find our work. You may judge for yourself what results we have obtained and it will remain to us to dream of what we had hoped to do. The Sylvis staff isn't satisfied with the work we have done, we see places where improvement could be made, we know it will be better next year. And we are glad.

The publication of this annual has been a pleasant task. Money has not always found its way to our coffers as we wished it, weather has been too stubborn for photographic excellence, and time to work has always been in the tomorrows, but perversity has been the mother of labor.

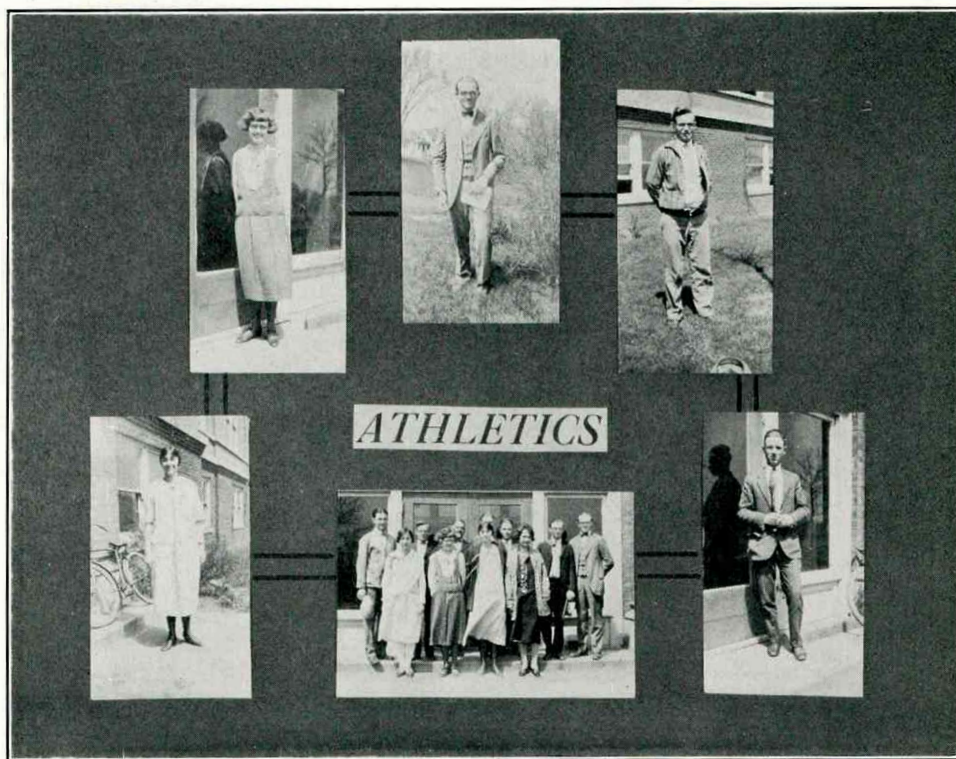
If our engravers, the Canton Electrotype and Engraving Company, had not given us the best of service, if the Times-Globe Printing Company had not shown such a wonderful spirit of cooperation in building this annual, if Mr. Catlin, the binder had not been so careful and solicitous to give us the best covers that could be made, if Mr. Kelly had not been so careful to give us the unsurpassed quality of photographic work that he has given us, if the students and friends of the school had not given us such an assurance that we could make the Sylvis a success, there could have been no annual.

Take one of these elements from this book and you have nothing, add them, and the Sylvis is the result.

Like ships that pass in the night, we salute the Staff of next year. And in the passing we drop a small boat for them to pick up. Upon the prow of that boat they will read the word "Sylvis", and in the boat they will find a precious cargo of opportunity, opportunity to make the Sylvis of 1927 the best book ever published.







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Not engaging in inter-collegiate athletics and not playing football we find much interest and enthusiasm displayed during the basket-ball season at J. F. C. Two tournaments, under the able direction of Eral Hattan, basketball manager, were played during the season. The first of these was the class tournament of both College and Academy and included boys' and girls' teams. However, not all the classes were represented as some of them lacked the material and numbers with which to build a team.

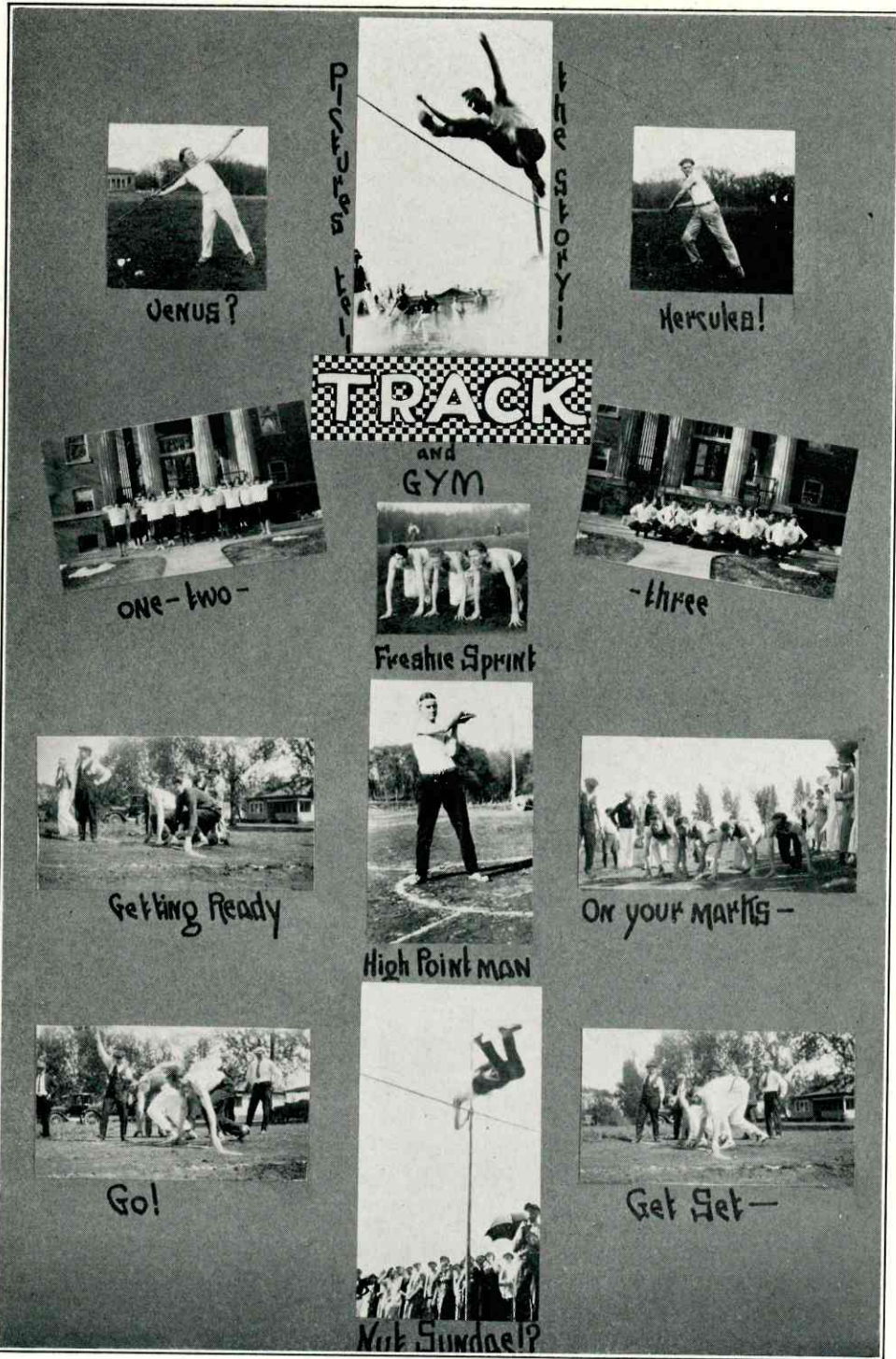
From the beginning of the class tournament the College Freshmen-Junior tilt was looked forward to with much excitement and anticipation as both of these classes had strong teams. Four of the College Juniors, Michener, Pooley, Sortland, and Blair have played together for three consecutive seasons. When the smoke of battle had cleared away it was found that the College Juniors had won the championship in the boys' division and the Academy Seniors had won the championship in the girls' division.

In the society tournament the strong Lincoln team proved to be the undoing of the other society teams and went thru the season with a clean slate. The Lincoln-Parliament game was perhaps the most hotly contested game of the season. At the first half Parliament led 6 to 2, but in the second half Lincoln rallied and scored 9 points while Parliament gathered only 4 points.

At the close of the season, Mr. Michener with 95 points was high point man. It is also our custom to select the best sportsman of the tournaments. This is left to competent judges and they awarded this honor to Mr. Day.







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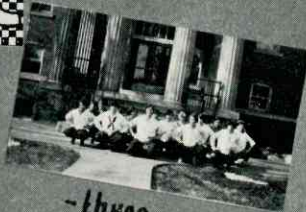
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## Fletcher Athletics

This has been a strenuous year in J. F. C. Physical exercise has played a large and important part in the activities of the year. With the beginning of school many of our students left strenuous fields of outdoor life such as the farm. What was to be done? Were they compelled to merely let their bodies become sluggish, their minds dull, and their vision cloudy? Not for a minute. The baseball was brought out and the diamond was soon a place of real life and movement. This spring also base ball is in vogue. There are two tournaments in progress. The inter-society tournament and the one between the academy and the College.

The college has already beaten the academy by a score of 6 to 5. Lincoln soc'ety a'iso took Parliament into camp to the tune of 11 to 3. We have not as many brilliant players as we have had some years but we are having very interesting games.

Last fall when the Indian summer days were o'er we sought the basketball court and enjoyed many spirited contests. Our basket ball season was long but interesting.

In the gymnasium classes during the winter, indoor running, tumbling and bar work were conducted. Calisthenics were also used with good success. There have also been hikes taken.

When King Boris reigned supreme some resorted to the glassy ice and found real enjoyment skimming along on the steel blades. While the snow lasted there was some tobogganing which always proves real sport to adventurous and red blooded souls. A few of our students also took to skiing in good old Swiss or Scandanavian style.

The winter passed quickly and the retarded spring arrived. Besides the lustling diamond we find aspirants for track honors showing their heels to their fellows. The College Freshmen look the most promising as Champions. Tennis is occupying the time of many these days.

Oh, these days have been full of all kinds of helpful activity. But you ask, why do you play? There are several reasons for playing. In the first place it helps a man to keep physically fit. One can take a daily dozen if he will but play is almost irresistible and a man is bound to get exercise while playing. Health is a priceless boon and keeping strong in body is a sacred duty.

Going to school and studying are exacting tasks. They tax the nerves of a man. He becomes filled up with nervous energy which needs an outlet. Where shall he find it? Not in causing trouble by fracturing the rules but by seeking the athletic court or field. Here the nervous energy is worked off and a student feels more like a normal man again. If more people played there would be fewer nervous wrecks from grinding tasks.

But one of the greatest reasons for play is the opportunity it offers to learn teamwork. Modern life is a complex social problem. It takes cooperation to attain the highest efficiency in any democracy. Cooperation means teamwork. In athletics teamwork is necessary for the best interests of all. The star may appear brilliant but the constant efforts of each member of the team working together is more likely to bring victory to all. A man in this world must learn to sacrifice personal glory for the greater welfare of all. Where can he learn it better than on the athletic field?

Sportsmanship is also necessary. If you can't learn to play right you will have trouble in real life. The man who can control himself on the gymnasium floor when the conflict is hard will be able to play the game anywhere. I have always contended that real manhood and womanhood is tested severely in athletic contests. Can you stand defeat without giving up? Does it tend to make you fight harder? Remember the quitter will never get there. Can you lose without becoming gloomy? Can you win without strutting like a peacock and crowing like you were surely it. If you can lose pleasantly and win gracefully you are on the highway to success in life. The real sportsman in play will be a sportsmanlike worker.

What does the future hold in store? In the first place our new gymnasium will be completed by next year providing ample room for all kinds of play and exercise. Our fine instructor Prof. Slagg will take work this summer at Iowa University and will be more competent than ever in making athletics interesting and developing. We aim to work every student into our activities. When some grind and run down physically it lowers the whole physical fiber of the school. Therefore we want every student to take part in activities. No athletics are successful when they just put a keen edge on a few of the stars. Our aim is to help everyone to be strong and healthy.





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## Calendar 1925-26

- Sept. 16—The pass word, "Hello."  
Sept. 19—The first picnic of the season. Who? the O. K. Club.  
Sept. 20—Annual Reception at the M. E. Church.  
Sept. 23—Faculty Reception—Miss Audrey Johnston makes a "Good pointer."  
Sept. 25—Parliament and Lincoln Reception. New students find out who's who.  
October 1—Joint Reception of "Acad" Societies. John Porath reveals his dignity.  
October 3—We say "Good-bye" to the Glock family. Herb remains in Oskaloosa.  
October 8—Parliament was "At Home."  
October 15—Prof. Pease: "I need some boys to work on the skating pond."  
October 18—Society Pledge Day: Show your colors.  
October 20—Lincoln Literary gives Pageant. "History of John Fletcher College"—grand success.  
October 27—What? Party? Where? "Sunny-Side." Who entertains? Misses Roberts and Murphy. Who entertained? John Fletcher Faculty.  
November 2—Spooks in Societies. Ghosts, witches, bats, doughnuts and good time.  
November 4-7—Misses Carolyn Schaefer and Bessie Rigg visit their Alma Mater before sailing for India.  
November 9—"Philo" party in their new hall.  
November 11—Big day. Yes, Armistice day, but also Weiner day in "Twilight Valley." Miriam and Beverly celebrate their birthdays.  
November 13-15—Student Conference in Des Moines. Fletcher is on the map.  
November 21—Big Sylvis Drive. The reds go over the top.  
November 22—Are you old enough to be interested in the world court, if so you have Dr. Owen's permission to hear Kirby Page at Penn College.  
November 25—We truly had a "Thanksgiving Day." A good chapel service, a good dinner, and a good time.  
November 28—The day Gilmore's house burned.  
November 30—S. H. Clark, Professor Emeritus of Chicago University reads "King Lear."  
December 1—Miss Elsie Clor, graduate of E. B. Course tells of her work in the Holy Land.  
December 2—Miss Grace Lee Scott, a W. C. T. U. worker, gives lecture on moral purity.  
December 4—Rev. J. M. Anderson of Wilmore, Kentucky, and Mr. and Mrs. Shanks give an interesting chapel service.  
December 8—Freshies show their colors by decorating their corner of the dining hall in red and green.  
December 14—Preacher's kids combine their forces and form P. K. club.  
December 15—Paul Huscher shows his ability as a good skater, by sitting down skating, lying down skating, and he almost stood up and skated.  
December 17—The Dormitory girls gave Mrs. Pease a fountain pen.  
December 25—Merry Christmas. Yes, we enjoyed the day, and the "eats."





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December 30—A slumber party at the Dorm. Mattresses, grills, popcorn, candy, parades, girls and a matron.

January 1—We resolve to make 1926 the best year in the history of J. F. C.

January 3—Ernest Pooley, says IT with a diamond. For further information see Edna Ekeland.

January 4—Students begin to come back in order to “rest up?” before school work starts.

January 7—Lost or stolen. Harry Webb's girl.

January 13—Ask Hattan who sent the birthday cake?

January 14—Miriam losing weight wishes to change boarding places.

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January 16—Should the Child Labor Amendment be ratified? Ask the debating teams.

January 18—An announcement. What about? Ruby promising to be Good.

January 21—Charles and Esther enjoyed their parlor date especially, because of the rope tat-too given by some old maids.

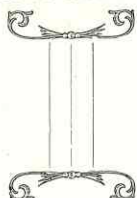
January 22—J. F. C. students attend the Oskaloosa Symphony.

January 24—Suter becomes a Man.

January 28-29—Exams. Oh, for an inspiration. A birthday surprise on Howard and Ethel.

February 1—The "Past Exam Jubilee."

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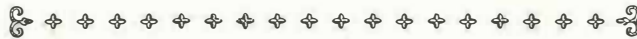
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February 2—Registration day. "What are you going to take?"

February 5—Esther Candee takes first place in Bible Reading contest.

February 6—Dean Reed's Silver Wedding Anniversary, enjoyed by the Faculty and student body.

February 10—175 Fletcher students attend Grenfell's lecture on "Midst Ice and Snow in Labrador." at O. H. S.

February 12—Senior class presents to their Alma Mater, a portrait of John Fletcher.

February 14—Glennie comes to this Valentine day minus—her heart. Vick's guilty.

February 19—Rev. Paul Rees begins a series of inspirational messages.

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February 27—Mrs. Owen makes her first visit to John Fletcher College.

March 1-2—Farewells to Dr. Brasher. Faculty presents watch and students overstuffed chair.

March 3—A big day in the life of John Fletcher College. Dr. Joseph Owen becomes our new President.

March 6—The final combat between Lincoln and Parliament B. B. teams. Results in a victory for Lincoln. Score 15 to 12.

March 13—Waiters were given a rest because of the kindness of the fair dormitory maidens.

March 14—Dr. Owen is surprised with birthday dinner.

March 17—Paul Remley competes with Lou Copeland as Champ rope jumper.

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March 20—J. F. C. Boy's Glee club give concert.

March 25—The Blues, losers in the Sylv's drive, entertain the Reds.

March 26—Brasher sisters give musical recital.

March 27—College Parliament gives their annual open-program in  
College chapel.

April 1—Ivan LaFavre changes his place of abode.

April 2—Miss Roberts gives a banquet for Juniors and Seniors ma-  
joring in History.

April 4—Easter Sunday. We were awakened by the singing of Eas-  
ter hymns.

April 8—Girls unlucky enough to have "beaus" were given a lecture  
in Dorm parlor.

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April 10—"Archie" under escort enjoys his parlor date.

April 17—St. Cecelia club gives Annual Concert.

April 26—We are all grieved by the death of Mrs. Gilmore, mother of the school.

April 27—Alice Greenlee reads "Old Lady Thirty-one."

April 29—Callie Williamson gives Graduating Recital, "Twelfth Night."

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May 1—Edna Ekeland gives graduating recital.

May 5—Miss Supplee reads the "Tragedy of Man" to English Department.

May 12-14—J. F. C. Musical Festival. Three Great Concerts with six Artists of National Repute.

May 17—Expression Studio recital.

May 27—A party?

June 1-3—Finals. Busy days for all J. F. C.-ites.

June 3—Academy Class Day.

June 8—Commencement.

June 8—Alumni Reunion.

June 13—We say Good-bye for three long months.

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