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NEBRASKAN IS HONORED "THE MESSIAH" AT CONVOCATION CADETS TO WINTER QUARTERS ANNUAL PLANS COMPLETE

ETHEL SYFORD OF THE CLASS OF 1903 WRITES PRIZE POEM IN RECENT CONTEST.

"TRANSCRIPT" COMMENDS WORK

Former Nebraska Woman's Poem, "Hungarian Love Lament," Placed by W. S. Braithwaits As a Work of High Merit.

Greater distinction has been placed upon the shoulders of another Nebraska graduate. Ethel Syford, a member of the class of 1903, has written the second best lyrical poem published in the United States this year, according to an award recently made by William Stanley Braithwaits in his anthology of magazine poetry, "The Lyric Year." The poem is entitled "Hungarian Love Lament," and is published in a late issue of the Boston Evening Transcript. In connection with the poem, there is also published an account of Miss Syford, and her work in literary circles.

In the contest there were over 300 writings considered and Miss Syford's was placed at the top, with Sheamus O'Shea's "He Whom a Dream Hath Possessed." The poem, which is published elsewhere in this issue of the Nebraskan, is a short one, and is notable for its peculiarity in meter and beauty of expression.

While in college, Miss Syford specialized in the classical languages under Dr. J. T. Eaves of the Department of Greek History and Literature. She also took several courses in the Department of English Literature and was an admirer of Dr. L. A. Sherman, head professor of that department. Miss Syford was associated with Miss Margaret McPhee of the Rhetoric Department in a special course in theme writing under Dr. Sherman, wherein special emphasis was laid on metrical forms. It is said by those who are familiar with the subject that there is a striking similarity, or at least a suggestion of this training in Miss Syford's prize poem.

While in college Miss Syford took a particular interest in music, and was not at that time recognized as having special literary ability. Since leaving college, however, she has been prominent in literary circles, and is at present a member of the New England Magazine literary staff.

Miss Syford's parents live in Lincoln. She is a sister of Lester and Constance Syford, both of whom have graduated from the University within recent years.

PALLADIANS ELECT OFFICERS.

At a meeting of the Palladians in their rooms in the Temple the following officers for the ensuing term were elected: President, Igera Montgomery; vice president, Earl Curry; recording secretary, Elmer Gee; program secretary, Mary Holcomb. Minor offices are held by Gertrude Scribner, Harry Burtis, Bessie Rogers, Gladys Weil.

University Chorus Assisted by Soloists and String Quartet Will Give Annual Program.

ONE OF THE EARLIEST CUSTOMS

"The Messiah," the great oratorio of Handel, is to be given by the University chorus, directed by Mrs. Raymond at convocation this morning. This is the annual Christmas program given by the chorus, and the initiated know that it should not be missed. This year the services of several well known singers have been obtained to take the solo parts, and the string quartet which usually accompanies the chorus is to play.

Mr. Frederic Freemantell of Omaha, one of the leading tenors in the west, together with Miss Annette Abbott of Lincoln, soprano, and Mrs. Gutzmer of Lincoln, contralto, will give the solo or recitative parts, assisted by the whole chorus of eighty voices.

The singing of "The Messiah" at this season of the year is not confined to this University, but is world wide. In the universities all over the country, in churches and in concerts this Christmas oratorio will be given the week before Christmas. It is one of the oldest customs at Nebraska, and Memorial Hall is always filled for this convocation period.

The second chorus, "Glory to God," is taken from Pergolesi and Mr. John Rostoroff of the University Conservatory of Music, wrote the orchestration for the strings.

The program follows:

Recitative: "Comfort Ye"
Aria, "Every Valley Shall Be Exalted"
Chorus, "And the Glory of the Lord"
Pastoral Symphony.

Recitative: "And Lo! the Angel of the Lord."

Recitative: The Angel said unto them.

Recitative: "And suddenly there was with the Angel."

Chorus: "Glory to God, Pergolesi."

Recitative: "Then shall the eyes of the blind."

Recitative: "There were two Shepherds."

Air: "He shall feed his flock."

Air: "Come unto him."

Chorus: "Hallelujah."

Edw. Watt: First violin.
Miss August Molzer: Second violin.
Wm. Quick: Viola.
Miss Lillian Eichle: Cello. M. O.

MAKE PLACE FOR STUDENTS.

Western Society of Engineers Recently Creates New Grade.

The Western Society of Engineers has recently created a "Student Member" grade for the purpose of providing a place in its membership for students in the Junior or Senior year in engineering schools of recognized standing. The Society has a membership of over 1100, being the largest and most representative body of engineers in the west. It publishes a monthly journal, *Ly*.

After Vacation Outdoor Drill to be Suspended Until Some Time in March.—Theoretical Work the Order.

RELAXATION FROM DAILY DRILL

The cadet regiment, after returning from the two weeks' furlough at Christmas, will go into winter quarters. Drill, which has been given almost entirely in the open thus far this fall, the mild weather having permitted, will then be confined within the limits of the armory. Because of the limited space, company movements will be dropped and theoretical drill and instruction in the position of the rifle in the manual of arms will be the order until some time in March. The rudiments of company drill, including extended order, have been nearly mastered by the first year cadets, so further instruction in that may easily be disposed of for the present.

A class in the theory of military operations will be started immediately after vacation for the second year men, similar to that which was held last year. The first year men may come in for a little instruction along this line also. The books used in this work will be the same as last year, the official drill manual known as I. D. R., and the Yates squad movement manual.

While the second year men are away from their companies, the first year men are to be given a little relaxation from the grind. Gallery practice, each company taking its turn at the targets, is to be one feature of the winter's work. Rifle drill, with emphasis on the firings and position of the pieces, will occupy some of the time. Signal drill, otherwise known as "wig-wagging," with the buglers playing the leading parts, is to be carried on.

Setting up exercises and Butt's manual will take the place of the outdoor exercise, which will be lost by this change. For the officers, a class in maneuver problems, taking up the chief points in troop management, is to be formed.

Tonight the cadets fall in without uniforms for a lecture in Memorial hall, C. N. B.

'06 REPLACES OLD SEAT. New Seat of Dazzling Whiteness ornaments Campus.

A new seat of dazzling whiteness and graceful design has replaced the old '06 memorial which had succumbed to the forces of nature. This seat was ordered placed by a vote from '06 and has been within the last few days casting any reflection on the old seat—which was replaced whole once—it is a new one is a campus. It which caused a predecessor to grow spoofer and

FINAL "LEAP YEAR" MEETING OF CORNHUSKER STAFF RESULTS IN IMPORTANT DECISIONS.

SETTLE ON SIZE, SHAPE, BINDING

Contract for Printing to Be Let After Christmas—Staff Far Advanced in Work Completed and Under Way

Work in preparation for the 1913 Cornhusker is progressing rapidly, and the entire staff is devoting much time in the actual "grind" of getting out the big book. A proof of their energy lies in the fact that the work is farther advanced than ever before at this season of the year. Former Cornhusker staffs have not begun serious work until the Christmas vacation has become a part of the past.

The staff gathered together yesterday afternoon for the last time in the leap year. They decided upon a number of proposed plans that were hanging fire, and now the book will be pushed through to completion without a possible hindrance. A prominent member of the faculty was chosen to whom the book will be dedicated, and important details concerning the size, shape and the binding, were settled upon.

Football Section Outlined.

Much of the material has already been collected, and the first three forms are practically complete, notably the section devoted to football and those who worship the pigskin idol. The book has been outlined in full and a "dummy" made of the copy on hand and prospective stories.

A staff of artists, three professionals and two students, are caring for the pictorial and decorative features, which promise to excel both in quantity and quality. The engraving and design work is in the hands of competent men. Printing the annual immediately after Christmas from Chicago to for the privilege.

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