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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1912.

★ CONVOCATION. ★
★ Memorial Hall, 11 A. M. ★
★ "THE MESSIAH," ★
★ By University Chorus With ★
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★

Ethel Syford, a Nebraska graduate, has the distinction of having written one of the six finest lyrics of the year, her poem, "Hungarian Love Lament," being ranked second only to Scheemas O'Sheal's "He Whom a Dream Hath Possessed," in William Stanley Braithwait's anthology of magazine poetry, "The Lyric Year."

The contest was the idea of Mr. Ferdinand Earl, says Mr. Braithwait in an article in the Boston Transcript, and it is due to his efforts that the anthology was issued and to his contributions to funds for the prizes that poetry of such high worth has found its way into magazine literature. But

bound volumes which are rapidly gaining wide circulation. Braithwait finds in poetry the means of preserving and erecting the finer ideals of the nation and hopes that the renewed interest shown this year will lead to another golden age in which poetry will come to its own again.

Miss Syford's poem is characterized by the intensity and earnestness of the emotion under the weary control that comes from the sense of the multiform, hurrying, purposeful life that goes on inattentively about the Lover, who, now that She is dead, finds no interest, no care for life, and hears nothing save the wierd cry of the wild cranes overhead.

Her poem follows.

Hungarian Love Lament.

They say the cranes last night did cry
Overhead.
I did not hear them,
For in a hut by Tisza's torrents
My love lies dead.
I heard the whinny of her milk-white
steed
Calling to her,
That heard I.
They say the oaktree's leaves are
sere—
What care I?
I have some faded violets;
Those I hold dear—
She gave them me.
They say that Szolnok's field's afire;
If so, I care not.
That could not keep me from my love
Were she not cold.
Saw'st Szolnok's flames?
Oh, well, they could not warm me;
My blood is chilled.
They sa three gypsies at the tavern
Sang their songs.
Let them sing!
I could not dance—
I am too lonely for their minstrelsy.
I wish my love might waken,
But she cannot.
Fresh violets she would bring me,
But she will not.
For cold in death she lies, by Tisza's
torrents,
And she'll not come again!
She cannot.
Let the wild cranes cry, far and high,
Overhead.
—Lippincott's.

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