

ALUMNAE GREETINGS.

Girl Students of Former Days Send Messages to Iowa College.

Dear Y. W. C. A. Girls:—

In spite of the fact that I live only seventeen miles from Grinnell and manage to go up occasionally for a day and also that I read every item of news that comes to me concerning the Y. W. C. A. still I confess that I feel considerably out of touch with the actual work which the Association is doing, because I have not been able to attend a single Y. W. C. A. gathering since our farewell meeting in the spring of 1905.

I have seen your new building however, and I am sure with such surroundings you must be doing more effective work than has ever been done by the Christian Association in Iowa College before. The building is beautiful and I was amazed when I saw the artistic and appropriate furnishings and learned that they were all paid for. The present cabinet must be composed of excellent financiers.

One luxury always calls for another, and I hope your next step may be to employ a General Secretary, for surely the work of the president with the additional responsibility of an Association building, is more than a college student can do justice to. We felt the need of a Secretary when the Association building was nothing more than an air castle; and I, for one, and I am sure a good many former Y. W. C. A. girls would be glad to help toward raising a fund for such a purpose.

Wishing you continued success in your Christian work.

Sincerely your friend,

MARY M. RAYMOND, '05.

Dear Iowa College Girls:—

It is with mingled feelings of joy and sadness that I write a message to you through the women's edition of the SCARLET AND BLACK. Joy, because of the sacred remembrances which cluster around the class-room, instructors, Y. W. C. A. with its mid-week prayer meeting and various committee meetings, the society halls and the friendships formed during five years of college life. Sadness, because those years, which then seemed long, have flown, friends have been separated and only the memory of them remains. But then it is better, as some one has said, to be a "has been" than to be a "never was."

My message to you is this: do not be in a hurry to complete your college course. If your work seems heavy—too heavy to allow you to join the Young Woman's Christian Association or a Literary Society, by all means take five years to complete it instead of four. It is the influence of the Y. W. C. A. and class prayer meetings, the Bible and Mission Study classes and the Literary Societies that will prepare you to fill the place the world has for you. True, your studies must not be neglected, but take time for both. I dare say that within two, five or ten years you will have forgotten much that is contained within the covers of your text books, but the influence of your instructors, the influence of the social and religious life of Iowa College upon your lives and characters will never be effaced.

The world needs busy women; it

needs women who have been trained to fill places of responsibility, honor and trust in the home, society and the church. Take time, girls, to prepare yourselves to fill those places when they shall be given to you, in such a manner that you may serve your College and your God.

Very sincerely,

BERTHA M. WISE, '05.

In sending a greeting to those of you who are fortunate enough to be at Grinnell there is always a chance to offer high-sounding and time-honored advice—that's where the alumni have the upper hand. But I shall let the golden opportunity pass and simply tell you how happy it makes me to be brought into sudden and intimate touch with you in this way.

It is doubtless a case in which "it is more blessed to give than to receive," and the thrills of pleasure coming from this moment of communication are all my own. For college days and college friends I cannot be too thankful, and I'm glad for all of you that you will be able to say the same thing.

ADAH HOPKINS, '05.

To Those Who Are—Greetings!

It is strange how much we who have graduated feel as if we were yet College students and society workers! So real is the feeling and so deeply do we feel interested in the questions presenting themselves to you, that without knowing it, you have the sympathy of a huge number of those *who have been!*

Our interest in these questions is due in part to pure altruism and in part to the fact that these very problems have proved valuable to us in our work as we have met various types of people. Our college ideals, so vital a part of our college days, are still vital in our own lives. To give them to others and to be able to cope with practical questions such as you are meeting in organized work, are very prosaic necessities found in what we sometimes call "real life."—But without that ability, ideals count for far less than their intrinsic worth.

Society Training—not only the training of appearing in public, but also the training of working with others,—comes to mean much to one mingling for the first time with others who are busy in the work of life.

Wishing for you now and in the future the best things in your fellowship with each other.

I am

Sincerely yours

MARIA C. BRACE, '03.

You may be sure that the women's number is always a most welcome delight to all women of the Alumnae and perhaps to the men, although they may not be so frank in admitting it. All the hard labor and worry are not in vain, as each year's edition adds to the list of the glorious achievements of the women of Iowa College, than whom there are none better in the land. It is the ideal part of the co-education at Grinnell that the women can prove to be at least the equals of the men in any place they are put. May the women of Iowa College always stand the test which their sister graduates feel is quite a possibility.

Wishing best of success.

VERNA A. CHASE.

It certainly is a pleasure to send greetings thru the columns of the SCARLET AND BLACK to the faculty and students, but especially to the girls of the college to whom the Women's Edition is of particular importance.

You all feel you are a vital part of the college and each one could write pages on what the college means to you but it is not until you have passed the line and have become an "old graduate" that you begin to appreciate Iowa College. There may be times in college when you wonder if, after all, it pays, but wait until you are out in the cold world and the wonder will be how you could ever have been happy without your Alma Mater.

This is merely another oration added to the many for Iowa College but when time and space are precious that is the only thought worth while.

Very Sincerely,

CHARRA CURRIE, '06.

Primghar, Iowa.

March 8, 1907.

To the Alumni and Students of Iowa College:—

When asked by the alumnae editor to send a few words of greeting I was entirely at a loss. I was assigned no subject and hadn't a single thought of my own—doesn't sound well from a schoolma'am.

I suppose I might take as my text the numberless advantages that a student of today at Iowa College has over those students who attended when our illustrious class was still within the fold three long years ago—but that might cause some of the older alumni to smile, especially those who date twenty or more years back.

But really we hardly expect to recognize the old campus when we go back. Three new buildings in three years! The campus will have to be extended if the present rate keeps up.

Those of us who are teaching school are always glad when we can influence any of our pupils to go to Grinnell for we know what it will mean to them if not while they are in school, after they have graduated.

Long live Iowa College is the wish of all her alumni.

Very sincerely,

VERA E. MILES, '04.

The Centerville alumni send greetings to Grinnellites old and new and, lacking loftier theme, we'll "boost" a Grinnell reunion to be held here on April fourth and fifth. By way of attraction, Prof. Main, Prof. Stoops and the South Eastern Teachers' Association will be here at that time. Those of you who are teachers, come to the association for renewed inspiration, prospective teachers come for pointers, and those who do not aspire in that direction just come for we need you all to help rouse the good old Grinnell spirit. Although we cannot meet you on the beloved campus as of old, we can at least assure you of a hearty welcome to the field of our labors.

FLORENCE VAN DIKE, '05

By the request for "something for the Alumnae column of the Women's Edition", I am again reminded of my duty to Iowa College. I am glad this is so, and am happy to know that I may have a share in the marked success the college has enjoyed this last year. Grinnell has a few Alumni and a great many friends here in Postville and we have watched the advancement of the college with interest.

I was particularly glad to see that the movement for another Literary Society for women was at last started, a thing which for many of us felt the

need but did not put our ideas into effect. It will help the general efficiency and influence of society work. Another thing that pleases me is the democracy of the school. The students are more and more having a share in the things that are of great interest to them. I might mention many more things about Iowa College that please me but I have not contracted to fill the whole column. Please accept my sincerest wishes for the college present and the college future.

ODA HALL.

I send love to Alma Mater! My sympathy is with you in all the phases of life at Iowa College. I want particularly to express my delight over the New Association Building.

It is good to think that, at last, the Christian Associations at Grinnell have a home. May the spiritual progress constantly outstrip the material.

CHARLOTTE H. DAVIS, '03.

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