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DRAMATIC RECITAL DRAWS GOOD AUDIENCE

Edward A. Mead's Rendition of
"The Servant in the House"
Enthusiastically Received.

LAST VESPER SERVICE

Powerful Symbolic Play Makes
Deep Impression Upon
Audience.

"The Servant in the House," by Charles Rand Kennedy, is without doubt one of the finest and withal most remarkable, plays of recent years, and its dramatic recital in chapel yesterday afternoon by Edward A. Mead was one of the best things Union has ever been given the opportunity to enjoy. Mr. Mead is a reciter of rare merit and his splendid rendition fully brought out the humor, pathos and realism of Mr. Kennedy's masterpiece. It is a most compelling sermon; vital truths underlie its symbolism.

The time of the action is the present; the scene is laid in the home of the vicar of a small charge in an English town. Its characters are: The vicar himself, the Reverend William Synthe, a self-condemned hypocrite who reasons himself and who tears the scales from his eyes; Martha, his smug and self-complacent wife; Robert Smith, "the drain man," the soul and body-scarred brother of the Reverend William, whom he hates most bitterly as the living embodiment of the hypocrisy of the world which has dealt with him so cruelly and unjustly; his eighteen year old daughter, Mary, who is ignorant that she is his daughter and who has made her home with the vicar since her infancy and the death of her mother; The Most Honorable the Lord Bishop of Lancaster, the brother of Martha, whose hearing is impaired for both the voice of God and man, and whose spiritual as well as physical vision is weak, yet who takes a keen interest in such expansion of the church as expands his own pockets; Rogers the page boy, and

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CALENDAR.

Today.

- 4:00 P. M.—Meeting of Publication Board.
- 5:00 P. M.—Glee Club Elections.
- 8:00 P. M.—Chemical Society Elections.

Tuesday.

- 2:15 P. M.—Baseball practice.
- 4:00 P. M.—Military Drill.
- 7:15 P. M.—Band Elections.
- 7:30 P. M.—Cosmopolitan Club Elections.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS CLOSING OF WIRELESS STATION; OPERATORS READY WHENEVER NEEDED

In accordance with government orders the college wireless station has been closed. The instruments in the station have been sealed, and although the orders call for the dismantling of the aerial it is possible that efforts will be made to exempt the college station from this action because of the great expense of taking down the aerial. Several weeks ago word was received that co-operation of the local station might be called upon by the government, but when the general orders closing the amateur stations throughout the country were received the college station was not exempted.

Advice has been received from the navy department recommending the closing of the station until

further orders are sent out. A staff of six trained operators, members of the College Radio Club, has been accepted for local service under the government, and they are ready for a moment's notice for service should they be called on by the government.

For the present, however, the college station will remain closed pending further instruction from Washington. Dr. Berg's class in code reading, which is one of the military courses in the college preparedness plans, will continue its practice in code reading, using the automatic transmitter for its work, so that the closing of the station will not seriously interfere with its practice.

HARD WORK-OUTS FOR NEW YORK BASEBALL TRIP

West Point Will Probably Be
Substituted for Opening Game
Cancelled by Columbia.

The Garnet baseball squad was put through a hard practice Saturday afternoon. The men reported at half past two and after an hour and a half of infield practice in which the first and second teams took part, a nine inning game was staged. Eventually the varsity defeated the second team 11 to 6. The game was a long one, for Coach Tamsett halted the play frequently to explain some fine point. The weather conditions were almost perfect, a slight breeze hindering the play somewhat.

Much of the time was spent in teaching the infielders to handle bunts with men on bases. The team is a little weak in this department as yet but under the able coaching of Jimmy they are fast rounding into shape. Gulick was on the mound for the varsity and Joe Powell did the receiving. Rosenthal, who pitched for the second team, was touched rather hard at times. His support was ragged in spots but on the whole was enough to make the varsity play fast ball to win. Brown was behind the plate during the earlier part of the game but gave way to Jack McCauley later.

Several of the men showed ability to bunt when necessary. The pitchers, however, were simply putting them over and did not try to hook the ball. Under these conditions it is hard to tell just how the batters line up. Moynihan shows ability to hit when necessary and so does Billy May. Travis of the second team is fast developing into a reliable hitter and a good bunter.

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COMMENCEMENT BALL WILL NOT BE CANCELLED

Stunts of Annual Alumni Night
Frolic to Be Omitted This
Year.

At a meeting of the Student Body this noon it was decided not to cancel the Commencement Ball of Seniors. Charlie Waldron stated that the ball annually costs about \$600 and wished to learn what attitude the students would take toward its omission this year.

Charlie Waldron also made the suggestion that the college battalion give an exhibition drill on Alumni Night of Commencement Week. This will be given in place of the customary class stunts. The song contest, however, will be held as usual.

The students voted unanimously in favor of the drill. The plan is to have the battalion receive the colors from the Old Guard of the alumni, following the exhibition drill.

This year the usual commencements "stunts" have been cut out, but the students wished to hold the usual song contest. Many good songs have been produced in recent years in this way, and several of these songs will appear in the new collection of college songs which is now being compiled.

Charlie announced that about 70 men have signed for Plattsburgh. He explained that since war is declared the training camps as originally planned, will not be held. He said that the only difference between Plattsburgh as planned for and Plattsburgh as it really will be, is that while in the past it has been merely a training camp for civilians it will now be a training camp for those who intend to enter the army.

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COLLEGE PRESIDENTS RECOGNIZE ENLISTERS

Committee Prepares Resolutions
Concerning College Men in
Federal Service.

RICHMOND CHAIRMAN

Men in Good Standing Will Be
Given Credit for College Work
Lost While in Federal
Service.

College men throughout the state of New York who desire to volunteer for military service may now do so without the loss of their scholastic standing. At a meeting of the College Presidents' Association of the State of New York, held Thursday in Albany, a committee of which President Richmond is chairman, unanimously adopted resolutions which urge the granting of scholastic recognition to men who enlist. This committee consisted of President Rush Rhees (Univ. of Rochester), Pres. Davis (Hunter College), President McCracken (Vassar College), President Mulry (Fordham), Dean Bristol (Cornell), Provost Carpenter (Columbia), and President Richmond (Union), chairman.

The board of regents held a joint meeting at which the governor was present. These resolutions were approved by them and were sent out as a statement of the policy of the colleges of this state in the present critical times. The resolutions adopted read as follows:

"Realizing that one of the most urgent needs of the country in the present crisis will be the training of officers for military service, and that it is the peculiar duty of colleges and universities to contribute in supplying this need, we recommend that the several colleges and universities in the state establish one or more units of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps as provided in General Order No. 49, including courses leading at the same time to a commission and to a college degree.

"In order that the extraordinary burdens and sacrifices of the war may be shared in just proportion by all the nation, and that the calamitous experiences of the past under the voluntary system may be avoided, it is our judgment that in the raising of the necessary military forces the principle of universal obligation to service be applied by a process of selective conscription.

"That it is the judgment of this body that members in good standing of the graduating classes of the professional schools of the state who shall have been accepted

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OUR LAST.

With this issue the present board of editors of Concordy makes its farewell bow. It has been a year of hard work, and yet we may say with due modesty, a year of achievement. We have seen Concordy develop from a weekly magazine into a thrice-a-week newspaper. This change, and we believe it to be a decided advance, has involved an enormous amount of additional labor on the part of both the editorial and the managerial staffs.

It has meant an increase in the already arduous duties of the editor, it has required more systematic work on the part of proof readers and make-up men, it has demanded greater promptness on the part of reporters, and it has made persistent energy necessary for the managers. (And it has filled our printers' souls with righteous indignation.)

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"street sales" are insignificant in comparison with the great bulk of our "home circulation."

Even while the presses are slapping off this page, the powers that be are assembled to determine our successors. The burden of continuing and bettering that which has been started this year will fall upon them. We believe that they will bear that burden cheerfully and will bear it onward one more day's journey in the forward march of Concordy's progress. And so we say farewell.

THE COLLEGE MAN AND BUSINESS PRINCIPLES

The college student is a notorious spendthrift and like all spendthrifts his just bills are allowed to drag along while his money is spent on more less frivolous things.

The college book store after May first will not give credit to students, because of the abuse accorded this privilege. This is certainly an unfortunate reflection upon the business principles of our undergraduates.

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THE FORUM.

Editor CONCORDIENSIS:

I understand that the election of the new board of Editors is to be held Monday afternoon, and I feel that some recognition of the work done by the Junior class members of the board should be made.

Ever since the Thanksgiving vacation when Ralph Knight was obliged to give up his active work on THE CONCORDIENSIS because of ill health, the editing of the paper has been done, so I am informed, by the Junior members.

The splendid way in which they have kept up the good work in spite of the severe handicap of not having some one man to definitely guide them in their endeavors, certainly deserves credit. Their immediate and willing assumption of the responsibility connected with the work speaks very encouragingly for the success of next year's CONCORDIENSIS, when these Juniors will be in charge. They will have in addition to their fine spirit a very valuable training and a knowledge which only experience can give.

A SENIOR.

April 14, 1917.

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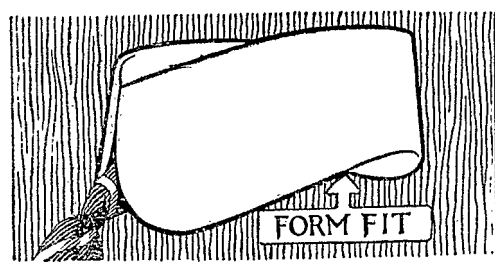
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for military service by the government, be granted their degrees without special examination.

"It is the judgment of this body that members in good standing of the graduating classes in the undergraduate departments of the colleges and universities of the state, who would normally be graduated in June, 1917, and who shall be accepted for military service by the government, should be granted their degree without special examination.

"We recommend to the regents of the university that members of the graduating class in the High schools of the state who would normally be graduated in June,

1917, and who have been accepted for military service, shall be granted their diplomas, and that the colleges of the state be requested to honor these diplomas for purposes of admission.

"This body recommends to the regents that absence from college or High School by reason of enlistment in military service shall not prejudice the award or the retention of university scholarship.

"Realizing that while the immediate service which women may perform in connection with the war will be in medicine or nursing and other work for general public welfare, the greatest service for which they may eventually be called will be the supplying of positions vacated by enlisted men, we recommend to the United States government the appointment by the Council of National Defense, of a commission which shall outline an appropriate policy for women students in our colleges both with respect to their college studies and to their enlistment for national service.

"That this body approves the plans of the National Research Council and proffer our hearty cooperation.

"We recommend that students in colleges and universities of the state who are liable for military training under the military training law, be exempted from the training prescribed by the said commission if they pursue courses in military training under approved instruction at their respective institutions."

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Manson, the butler and "the servant in the house," who is in reality the renowned Bishop of Benares and the brother of the vicar.

The church has fallen into such spiritual and physical decay that the vicar is in despair. He is overjoyed at the receipt of a letter from the Bishop of Benares saying that he is coming to aid him in re-establishing proper conditions. Martha announces that her brother, the Lord Bishop of Lancaster, is also coming for a visit after a long estrangement, and that with the combined aid of these two, the vicar's dream cannot but be realized. The vicar has engaged a new butler, Manson, whom he fails to recognize as his brother, the Bishop of Benares.

Manson rapidly becomes acquainted with Mary, the niece, who naively declares that the chief cause of the shrinking of her uncle's congregation lies in the unbearable stench from a blind drain running beneath the church. The vicar has employed a drain cleaner to come to investigate the trouble.

The vicar has long refused to recognize his brother Robert, and he has never revealed to Mary that Robert is her father. But he becomes conscience-stricken and reproaches himself for his treatment of his brother, declaring that he is in the main responsible for his degradation. His wife, however, declares that their social position and respectability preclude any recognition of Robert.

The drain man comes to fix the drain—he is Robert. He meets Manson, to whom he tells the story of his life and the hypocrisy of his brother, the vicar. The Lord Bishop of Lancaster arrives. As his vision is poor, he mistakes the drain man, Robert, for the vicar. His deafness aids still further in his mistake, and Manson purposely allows him to be deceived. The Bishop sits down to eat and launches forth at once upon the subject of the restoration of the church through the aid of a society whose palpable object is that very end and yet whose true object is graft. Manson tests the Bishop still further and suggests, "God's not watching—let's give as little as possible and grab all we can!" The Bishop is rather annoyed at the crude way of putting the statement, but concurs with it heartily. He then discovers the true identity of Robert, and has another shock when he learns that Manson is the butler. Realizing that he has made incautious admissions, he gives Manson a five pound note for silence, which Manson promptly burns in the presence of the vicar. But before this, while supposing Manson to be the Bishop of Benares, he urges him to allow his name to be connected with the enterprise for mulcting wealthy parishioners.

The vicar tells Mary the whole story. At first she is much shocked and injured. "I have nobody now—and there's no use of my wishing any more!" she sobs plaintively and leaves them.

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Martha is much disturbed by the whole affair and, not knowing why, she confides in Manson, who tells her he already knows all. His marvelous psychological insight into her innermost heart surprises her beyond measure as he lays bare her soul and tells her some bitter but genuine truths. She is forced to admit that he is right, and, overwhelmed by this sudden revelation of her own character, to which she had been blind, she undergoes a complete change of heart. She begs him help her set this sorry state of things aright, and he replied, "Make me master of the house for but one little hour!" The vicar enters, comprehends the entire situation, and they both grant his request. Manson's first action is to order from

the house the hypocritical Bishop of Lancaster, who is much enraged at this incomprehensible insolence from the butler, backed by the vicar. He accuses the butler of double dealing and asks him to return the five pound note. "It is already invested for you, my Lord Bishop!" Manson replies, and holds open the door. After heaping bitter abuse on all three, the Bishop takes his departure with mingled consternation, astonishment and rage.

Robert returns, and the vicar utterly breaks down in bitter self-recrimination and reproach; he confesses his sin and faults to Robert, and restores the daughter to the father.

Robert tells of his discovery that the drain extends far under the church and there ends in a huge grave filled with decomposed bodies and indescribable filth and

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stench, and says that the church can never be occupied until that is fully cleaned and removed. He says that it may cost him his life, but that he must do it so that those in the church above can worship undisturbed. His character suddenly is glorified by this simple devotion to duty and service, undaunted by fear of death or disease, and Mary declares that she is proud of him as father, since he fulfills her ideals of bravery and goodness, regardless of what his past may have been. Filled with sudden admiration for his brother's character, and filled with resolve to prove his own power to be of some real service, the vicar casts off his clericals and declares that he will go with Robert and clean out the old sepulchre. Robert declares that, "This is not a priest's work—it calls for a Man!" The vicar bows his head in mute acknowledgement of this reproach, but remains firm in the resolve to go. By this he rises immeasurably in Robert's estimation.

Then Manson enters and announces that "The Bishop of Benares is here." The vicar and his wife tell him to send him in, but he repeats with a slow smile, "The Bishop is here." Some vague comprehension of the truth dawns upon the vicar, and he asks as in a daze, "In God's name, who are you?" And the erstwhile butler replies, "In God's name, I am your brother, and the Bishop of Benares!" And then a great light dawns upon the Reverend William Symthe, and his wife Martha.

HARD WORK-OUTS FOR NEW YORK BASEBALL TRIP

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Galbraith is playing a smooth game at the initial sack and in addition is steadily improving in his hitting. The varsity infield is playing in mid-season form. With plenty of coaching Collins and Sutton with develop into two valuable men. Just at present chances are looking very bright for a successful season.

Word was received today that West Point would hold the twen-

tieth open for a game with the Garnet to take place of the cancelled Columbia game.

COMMENCEMENT BALL WILL NOT BE CANCELLED

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Charlie further urged the students to join Captain Jackson's class for the training of non-commissioned officers. He also showed the value of discipline and its direct relation to military drill.

Captain Friday announced that the baseball team is improving and that negotiations are now being carried on which will probably result in scheduling a game next Friday to take the place of the game cancelled by Columbia. The team will journey to New York on Saturday to play the Crescent A. C. of Brooklyn.

Captain Morison announced that the first track meet of the season will be held with R. P. I. in about three weeks. "The prospects for the team are good," he said, "but a lot of hard work is necessary."

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