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## LIBERAL ARTS SOCIETY

Students of Arts School Give Special Christmas Program.

The Christmas program rendered last Friday evening by the Liberal Arts Society at the Ladies' Cottage was much enjoyed by a large audience. Among the things of importance discussed as business was the advisability of holding under the auspices of the society an oratorical contest open to all freshmen of the liberal Arts School. As a recognition of merit in this contest two prizes are to be awarded.

The first number in the regular program was an essay on painting by Miss Whalen. "Aurora" by Cguido Rgeni was admirably described. Miss Whalen made her discourse attractive by indicating striking comparisons between certain elements in the painting and nature. Mr. Nichols spoke on Mormonism. His talk on the history of this sect was interesting, almost a lecture on these people who for some time have been the causes of an important problem in this country. Dr. Weber made an inspiring address on the intrinsic worth of the School of the Liberal Arts. He showed plainly that this school is a prominent factor in this institution as evidenced by the high standing of its faculty and student members and by the rapidly increasing enrollment. He pointed out also that Liberal Arts students should pursue their courses with a view to enriching their knowledge by intensive study. No effort should be made by the students of this school to vie with the students in other schools as to the number of hours or the number of credits scheduled. The best arts colleges of the country limit the credit hours per semester to 15 or 16. The time has arrived when the students in the School of Liberal Arts should seek competition with the students in other colleges working along the same lines. Other schools in the college are following the same practice.

### Soccer

Every man interested in soccer is urged to come out and participate in the practice which is held every evening except Tuesday on New Beaver Field at 4:30. All underclassmen will be excused from Gym drill provided they report twice a week. Those who show promise will be excused in the spring from military drill. An interclass series of games is in prospect provided enough interest is evidenced.

### Friar Elections

The following men from the class of 1916 have been elected to membership in the Friar Sophomore Society: Dippe, Jeffery, Josefson, Olmstead, H. Smith and Watson.

## BY THE WAY.

Oberlin college celebrated its eightieth birthday on the third of the present month. In the olden days when things began, the college consisted of Oberlin Hall, a two and a half story frame structure 35 x 40 feet, the first floor of which was given to the principal's study, the administration offices and the dining room, the second to classrooms and the women's dormitory, and the attic to the men.

Smoking in or around University of Kansas buildings must cease according to a recent ruling of the board of administration.

Owing to the death of a prominent member of the Ursinus football team in a game early in the season, there is some little sentiment in favor of substituting soccer for football in the athletics of that college.

The Princeton observatory has secured a new five inch photography telescope, to be used in astronomical photography.

Many American colleges and universities have been named in honor of their founders or of men who have given large endowment funds. Among these institutions are Harvard, Yale, Cornell, Stanford, Dartmouth, Brown, Williams, Bowdoin, Colby and Dickinson.

The University of Chicago has an "Honor Association", which recently adopted resolutions embodying the establishment of a court to try members of the student body for violations of the honor code.

### Faculty News

Dean W. R. Crane gave an illustrated lecture on "Coal Fields and Transportation Problems in Alaska", before the Coal Mining Institute of America, at Pittsburgh, on December 5. He also gave a lecture on the "Coal Resources of Alaska", before the West Virginia Coal Mining Institute, at Charleston, West Virginia, on December 8.

In the December number of the American Engineer Prof. A. J. Wood has a discussion on the subject of "Why Don't Railroads Hold the College Man?" The article is under the heading "The College Man and the Railroads".

### Christmas Vacation Lengthened

At the meeting of the Council of Administration on last Friday the petition of the Student Board to extend the Christmas vacation was granted. This changes the time of reopening college after Christmas, and the vacation now extends from 11:20 a. m., Friday, December 19, until 6:00 p. m., Monday, January 5. This will enable men from both East and West to return without necessitating Sunday travel or compelling them to leave home on Saturday in order to get back in time for classes on Monday.



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