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Remodeling the Building

FOR some months past it has been realized that the U. L. S. Building has been in need of extensive repairs and re-decorating. It has also been realized that we need a suitable place to entertain the Alumni when they visit the campus, for no hospitality but Lansing hotels may be offered them; the college and Society has grown so marvelously that we need a more adequate meeting place for both business as well as social purposes; and to keep up with these expanding needs, plans have been drawn for remodeling a part of the house, and completing the unfinished parts. Architect Bowd, of Lansing, did this work, and a contractor gave us a figure slightly under \$3000.00 for executing the plans—a reproduction of which is inserted elsewhere. New furniture, plumbing, wiring, etc., has been estimated at \$500.00 additional.

The work being thus outlined, we set about securing the necessary money. A Finance Committee of three members was appointed, its duty being to have charge of the raising of funds; a Building Committee of three was also appointed to look after the other details of building. On May 4th, 1909, the Finance Committee issued a circular letter to the Alumni explaining the proposition and asking for subscriptions. Up to the end of the school year, 35 men responded with cash or pledge or both, a total of \$759.00 payable before July 1st, 1910, being subscribed, of which \$320.00 was in cash. Nothing further was done during the summer vacation.

At the opening of College last fall, those whose pledges had fallen due meanwhile, were notified and three out of eight responded. Along with other work, Mr. W. K. Prudden of Lansing (charter member of '76) was interested in the financing problem, and after looking into the merits of the case, he said he wanted to find out how much the active members really wanted the repairs. He pointed out to us that the Alumni members would respond in proportion to the amount of self denial the active members were

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ready to show in order to push the thing along. Therefore, he offered to duplicate any amount up to \$300.00 which the active members would raise amongst themselves to be paid by March 1st, 1910. How much the 37 active members, fully half of whom are at least partially self-supporting, want the changes, these facts show: \$310 was raised in three days; and instead of the customary expensive winter term dance in the armory, it was voted to have a modest hop in the Building, and spend the difference in a new \$25 fountain (which can be used in the remodeled house as well), and in \$16 worth of repairs on upholstering old, but sound, furniture. This almost took Mr. Prudden's breath away, but he was better than his word, and, not only donated \$300, but equaled our amount of \$310. Further, he says that if we can increase the cash on hand to \$1500, he will arrange to get a loan for the balance so that we can pay off the contract price when it is due. We want, and now fully expect, to have the work started by March 1st, in order to have it done in time for a house-warming at the Triennial Reunion this June. We think that the necessary amount to bring the total up to \$1500 can be raised in time. The Finance Committee adds a report herewith, and if every alumnus that has not yet subscribed should come forward with half the average sum that has come in to date, the whole debt could be wiped right out of existence.

We enclose a pledge blank, and want you to fill it out and return as soon as possible. If it can't be \$20, let it be \$10, and while we of course want as much in cash as possible, yet if this is impossible, set the date when we may write for it. Every little will help, even if it is a year or two away.

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Greeting

WITH this revival of the old "Union Lit," the present generation of active Lits extend greetings to all brother members, be they where they may. Our purpose in resurrectoring the publication which has lain dormant so long, is to resume the close touch with the alumni and former members which at one time was so warm, and to afford a means by which they may keep in touch with each other. We are going to issue the paper during the tenth week of each term, and we aim to have it contain reports of the Society work and its members, exchanges of Alumni news, and anything else of interest that pertains to old U. L. S. The Society is going to put the paper out and send it to each member, but if you find that it is interesting and valuable to you, we would be pleased to receive a year's subscription.

The burden of this issue is the new building plans. The subject was broached last spring, and some money collected, but not until recently has anything approaching a definite system been reached. We hope that the appeal made by the Finance Committee elsewhere

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in this issue will not be in vain, and that every man will do his share for the old Society if he has not done so already.

Beginning with the class of 1909, the alumni members are hereafter to pay dues to the Society. The '09 men start the ball rolling with \$1 on June 1st, 1910. Then they pay \$2 on June 1st, 1911, and \$3 on June 1st, 1912, and \$3 every year thereafter for 10 years. This is to be done by each graduating class, and the money placed with the sinking fund—to pay off any debt on the building, or for its repairs and maintenance. This is the substance of an amendment to the constitution passed last spring, and, if lived up to, will be a source of revenue that will keep on increasing. The office of Registrar is now combined with Sinking Fund Treasurer, in order to facilitate and simplify the work of each—for the Sinking Fund Treasurer has to keep track of the graduates and their dues.

Report of Finance Committee

Below is given a list of those who have pledged money for the proposed alterations. There are a good many pledges due, and this may be considered a notification of the fact. It is seen that 35 men have subscribed \$759—an average of over \$21 apiece.

NAME	Class	Amt. Pledged	Amt. Paid	Amt. due before Mar. 1, 1910
Ball, Waldo M.	'99	\$25 00	\$ 5 00	\$ 5 00
Baker, Hugh P.	'01	50 00		
Berry, J. T.	'96	25 00	25 00	
Carr, R. G.	'08	15 00	5 00	5 00
Cleland, R. J.	'89	10 00		10 00
Crosby, D. J.	'93	15 00		15 00
Emmonds, H. E.	'78	100 00		25 00
Edwards, S. F.	'99	15 00	15 00	
Glazier, H. I.	'07	50 00	50 00	
Gordon, A. F.	'91	20 00		20 00
Haftenkamp, J. P.	'05	20 00		20 00
Hicks, C. S.	'06	5 00		

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NAME	Class	Amt. Pledged	Amt. Paid	Amt. due before Mar. 1, 1910
Howe, O. C.	'83	15 00		5 00
Johnson, M. F.	'07	25 00		25 00
Kocher, A. E.	'02	20 00	20 00	
Lapham, M. H.	'99	10 00	10 00	
Lawson, G. E.	'82	25 00	25 00	
McArdle, H. W.	'87	20 00	20 00	
Masselink, G.	'95	25 00	10 00	
Nies, J. D.	'94	15 00		15 00
Palmer, H. F.	'93	25 00		25 00
Pagelsen, O. H.	'93	25 00	25 00	
Potts, R. G.	'06	20 00	5 00	
Potts, R. C.	'06	10 00		10 00
Ranney, E. W.	'00	25 00	25 00	
Rogers, F. S.	'86	10 00		
Skeels, D.	'03	9 50		9 50
Spencer, L. M.	'06	15 00	15 00	
Stevens, K. B.	'06	20 00	20 00	
Troop, J.	'78	5 00	5 00	
Tower, R. R.	'03	25 00	25 00	
Tower, G. E.	'01	10 00		10 00
Willson, E. A.	'06	30 00	10 00	10 00
White, O. K.	'07	20 00		20 00
Younge, H. E.	'02	5 00	5 00	
		\$759 50	\$320 00	\$229 50
Average		21 70		

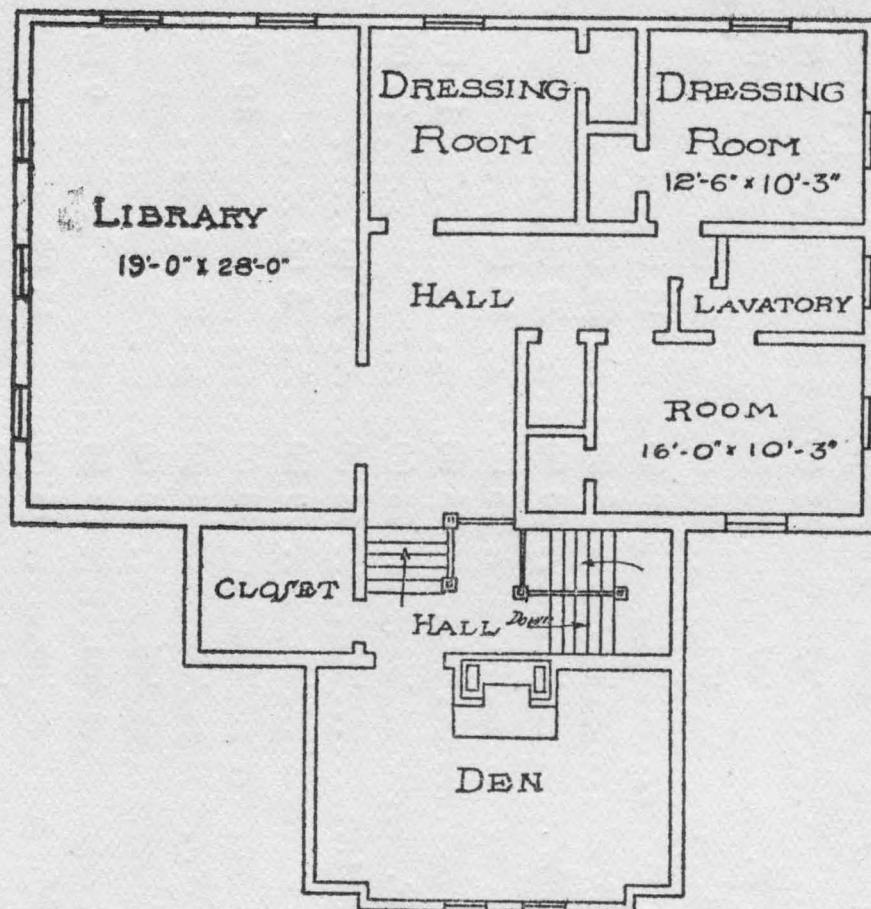
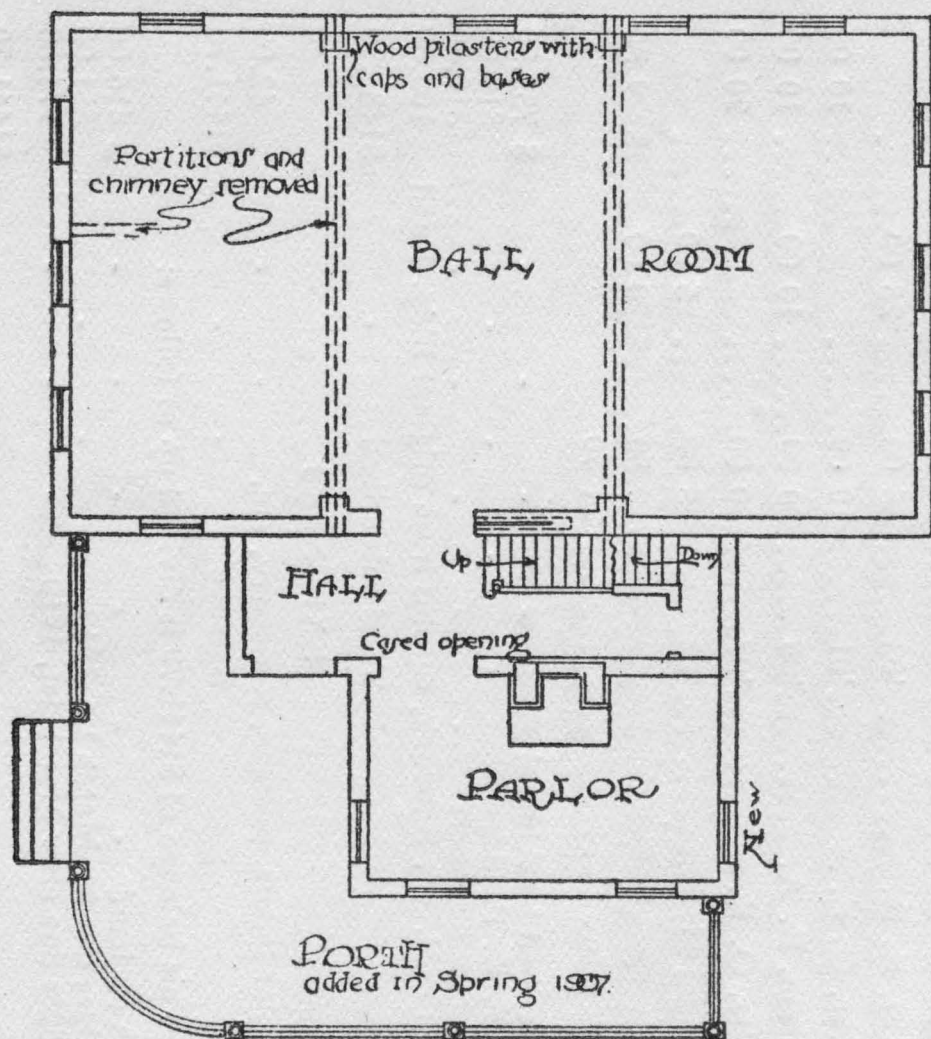
Subscribed by Alumni	-	-	-	-	\$ 759.50
By W. K. Prudden	-	-	-	-	310.60
By active members	-	-	-	-	310.60
From Prof. W. Babcock, surplus from original Bldg. Fund					103.00
Total subscribed	-	-	-	-	\$1483.70

EXPENSES

Circular letters, postage, stationery, etc.	-	-		42.00
Balance	-	-		\$1441.70

This balance of \$1441.70 is divided up as follows:

Cash on hand	-	-	-	\$ 416.00
Pledges due by March 1st, 1910	-	-	-	851.00
Pledges due after March 1st, 1910	-	-	-	174.60
				\$1441.70



2nd Floor Plan

Unknowns

Below are given the names of former members whose addresses are unknown. We would greatly appreciate any information regarding these men.

Austin, E. A., '94	Hall, W. E., '92	Rutherford, G. S., '85
Bradford, D. L., '90	Hodgeman, H., '95	Rowley, E. J., '90
Burns, C. F., '90	Hickey, J. A., '02	Richmond, G. F., '98
Brower, E., '01	Jennings, A. T., '97	Richmond, M. J., '00
Crabbs, J. T., '87	Jones, A. R., '05	Standish, F. M., '85
Campbell, J. W., '90	Johnston, F. L., '05	Sexton, H. L., '86
Conner, C. M., '92	Kratz, C. B., '08	Smith, D. A., '88
Cornell, O. J., '96	Kyle, G. H., '82	Smith, D. E., '09
Conklen, E. K., '03	Knight, A. M., '84	Staraman, R. H., '97
Cortright, W. H., '06	Latabee, M., '96	Stocum, C. C., '98
Cronk, C. P., '79	Lower, B. M., '84	Siller, G., '00
Drew, G. E., '87	McClea, E. T., '86	Spindlo, F. H., '02
Davis, R. S., '05	McVea, J. W., '92	Scott, P. P., '79
Dryden, T. E., '79	McArthur, D. D., '94	Smith, H. M., '79
Eastman, G. N., '96	McGee, W. J., '96	Sleith, J. E., '81
Forrmann, C. J., '94	McKenny, C., '81	Tuttle, N. S., '87
Fisher, C. V., '00	Metford, W. M., '86	Thurtell, H., '88
Goodwin, C. S., '94	Meyers, A. K., '93	Tracy, S. W., '96
Goodwin, E. A., '94	Middlesworth, C., '01	Vanderbeck, T., '84
Goodenough, W., '95	Markham, A., '06	Wallace, G. C., '94
Gregory, E., '78	Preston, W. H., '84	Wallace, A. E., '99
Gates, M. A., '78	Parker, W. W., '93	Weydmeyer, H., '02
Gray, J. W., '79	Parker, S. A., '97	
Gordon, W. D., '81	Ross, W. F., '84	



Local News

"A drinking fountain will soon be put in the hall of the Society building, and the old tank now there will be consigned to the scrap heap."—*The Union Lit*, May 2, 1896.

A new porcelain "Sanitary" drinking fountain is being installed in the hallway. The old fountain became so rusty and untidy that it had to be removed.

The set of oak furniture that has been reposing in the basement was resurrected by the energetic Cortright of football fame, and re-upholstered and varnished. It now looks like new, and is a pleasing addition to the parlor equipment.

The winter term party is to be given in the house on February 4th. That part of the attic immediately over the dressing rooms is to be put in shape, decorated with pine boughs, rugs, curtains and electric lights, and used as a reception room. As we go to press, preparations are under way for a very tempting and inexpensive hop.

At the Oratorical contest, on Jan. 28, the Lits came out on top again. Our representative, Mr. VanWagenen, of the Junior class, won first honors, and Mr. L. P. Walker, of the Columbians second. The other contestants were Mr. Collingwood of the 'Tics and Mr. Ponitz, of the Eunomians. The State Contest is to be held at M. A. C. this year, on March 4th.

M. F. Johnson, '07; R. G. Kirby, with '11; R. P. Holdsworth, with '10, and O. K. White, '07, are to be on the "Alumni Program" February 12th. From hints that they have dropped, we look for an interesting time.

A bookcase has been built by a committee of two, and installed in the reading room. It is made of oak, finished in a dark finish, and it adds materially to the appearance of the room. We now have a suitable place to keep the Society books and magazines that heretofore have been a source of much annoyance.

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