DROWNED IN CEDAR RIVER. —

The college community was shocked and saddened Friday night to learn that William S. Sayer had been drowned in the Cedar river. The news was brought by Instructor Walter E. Hawks, his companion, who, half crazed from excitement and exposure, ran through fields barefooted, hatless and coatless to Station Terrace, gave the alarm and then collapsed. The searching party was immediately organized, but the river, swollen to consciousness, and it was impossible to find and assist the unfortunate man. The river, however, continued to rise, and after satisfying themselves that there was no hope of securing the body before daylight the search was abandoned for the night. Saturday a committee was appointed and organized search for the body was begun, which so far has been without success. The river Saturday had reached the highest point of the year, and in places was fully 40 rods in width, from 13 to 20 feet in depth and so murky that objects could scarcely be seen 12 inches below the surface. Under such condition the work is necessarily progressing slowly. So far the efforts have been confined, with the exception of a watch at the bridges, mostly to that part of the river where he went down. He was heavily dressed, had on a pair of heavy rubber boots, and, on account of the uneven nature of the river bed, it was thought that the body might not have been carried far down the stream. The river is now going down rapidly which will facilitate the work of the searching party.

Mr. Sayer was unable to swim, and soon became exhausted. At a bend in the stream about 50 rods from the bridge they were swept close to shore in the very swiftest and deepest part of the current, where Mr. Hawks succeeded, in catching hold, with one hand, of an overhanging limb, and, more dead than alive, managed to pull himself out. After scaling the steep bank he fell from sheer exhaustion. As soon as he could rise he started for help. One of the rubber boots which he wore had been lost in the river, and, taking off the other, he started in the direction of Mr. Bogue's residence. Water, however, had backed up in a ravine which turned him from his course, and he struck out for the road, and then, chilled to the marrow, and with every sensation of his surroundings, ran the entire distance to station terrace and gave the alarm. It was not until after 10 o'clock Wednesday morning that he was found in the water. Wm. S. Sayer, who was drowned in Cedar river Friday evening.

STATE BOARD TAKES ACTION ON SOCIETY HOUSE QUESTION.

At a meeting of the State Board last Wednesday resolutions were adopted setting forth the policy by which the institution shall pursue in housing students, promising to increase as rapidly as possible dormitory accommodations, eating halls, and quarters for social purposes, and stating that further permission will not be given for the erection of society houses for living purposes. This question of society-house buildings has been before the board for some time, and a few years ago permission was granted one of the societies for the erection of a modern society house. During the past year this question has been brought to the attention of the board at various times by other societies and it has not been possible to meet the demands of the various societies. It is thought best to make a thorough investigation of the question before granting a final answer. President Graham was directed to make this investigation, and, believing it to be in the best interest of the institution, he would feel a special interest and whose advice might indicate a wise solution of the problem presented and will make to all the alumni whose addresses were known, except the last five classes, a letter stating the situation and asking for a candid opinion as to the course to pursue. According to his report about 700 inquiries were sent out, from which 278 replies were received. Of these 25 were favorable to the erection of society houses for living purposes, 218 were opposed and 25 expressed no decided opinion. Among these were letters from a number of alumni who have experienced in teaching in this or other educational institutions, and who are familiar with the society house problem. Of these, 90 per cent were opposed to the erection of society houses for living purposes. Having their decision on this report the board adopted the following resolution:

"In accord with the expressed sentiment of between eighty and ninety per cent. of the alumni heard from, it is resolved that it shall be the policy of this institution to foster the dormitory system of housing students, and that efforts will be made to increase as rapidly as possible dormitory accommodations, eating halls and quarters for social purposes. Resolved further, that it shall not give further permission for the erection of society houses for living purposes, but it shall encourage the erection of houses by our literary societies for the benefit of the People's church."

The resolution was adopted by a show of hands and the collection box was passed for the People's church.

STORM DOES MUCH DAMAGE.

The heavy storms last week did considerable damage by washing away the river bank along the river, which reached the highest point of the year and flooded hundreds of acres of the campus and faculty and students were confined, with the exception of one, on account of a growing sentiment against college fraternity houses existing out of the country the board has decided to make a thorough investigation of the question before granting a final answer. President Graham was directed to make this investigation, and, believing it to be in the best interest of the institution, he would feel a special interest and whose advice might indicate a wise solution of the problem presented and will make to all the alumni whose addresses were known, except the last five classes, a letter stating the situation and asking for a candid opinion as to the course to pursue. According to his report about 700 inquiries were sent out, from which 278 replies were received. Of these 25 were favorable to the erection of society houses for living purposes, 218 were opposed and 25 expressed no decided opinion. Among these were letters from a number of alumni who have experienced in teaching in this or other educational institutions, and who are familiar with the society house problem. Of these, 90 per cent were opposed to the erection of society houses for living purposes. Having their decision on this report the board adopted the following resolution:

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EARNING A COLLEGE EDUCATION.

The employment bureau of the University of Chicago reports that wages to the amount of $16,000 have been earned by students of that institution in three months. Other institutions where statistics are more fully shown that a large percentage of students are paying their way wholly or in part. At Columbia $125,000 was earned by some $250,000 during the last school year. One half of the 4,000 students at New York University are earning tuition money, and at the University of Nebraska the Y. M. C. A. last year helped young men and women to the amount of $6,000. Our own Y. M. C. A. has conducted an employment bureau during the past year and has been instrumental in helping many a student to obtain work to assist in paying expenses, though no statistics are yet available.

President Hadley in his inaugural address said that Yale did not need so much an increase in beneficiary funds as an increase in the opportunities for students to earn their living. "An education," he said, "if given without exacting a corresponding return, becomes dehumanizing, but if it is earned by the student as he goes, it has just the opposite effect." In our college and university are found men and women sacrificing many of the pleasures and even the comforts of life to secure a college education. In some respects it means more in these days for a student to work his way through college than to be given an education at any cost. In the days of the early 19th century, it meant more self-denial and a greater test of his quality. College life is less simple than formerly, and the student who must spend all his hours out of school in labor is deprived of many social enjoyments and other privileges that go so far with those who have to make school work a struggle and are unable to create pleasant memories of the college years. The denials and sacrifices are greater than the social pleasures to make strong character, and the student who must earn his way is not to be commiserated. In the end he may be the gainer. If only his outside labor and the toil necessary to make too heavy a burden he is sure to be the better for his double undertaking.

The occupations which college men and women find by which they help to pay expense are many and varied. Of the 875 students for which the Harvard appointments office found employment during a given period, the following list gives an idea of their diversity: Advertiser, 1; agent, 51; athlete, 2; attorney, 1; bookseller, 1; building contractor, 1; chemist, 1; chemist, 5; clerks, 133; collectors, 732; electric railway employees, 23; elevator man, 2; farm hands, 12; furnace tenders, 61; gas-meter readers, 21; guards, 32; guides, 25; hotel help, 12; janitors, 21; janitors, 22; library attendants, 1; library-research worker, 1; missionaries, 12; non-resident assistant, 15; nurses, 2; night school teachers, 14; out-going-class directors, 5; proctors (special), 7; racing men, 7; room boarders in college rooms for exchange for service, 6; settlement workers, 8; snow shovelers, 3; stenographers, 1; stereo- scopes, 2; stonemasons, 2; summer camp, 6; supervisors of studies, 11; ticket-takers, 53; tutors, 3; tutors in special subjects, 131; tutors or companions, 58; typewriters, 25; waiters, 51. This situation which naturally arises is: "Is it worth while to make the sacrifice?" It is left with many high school graduates to decide whether or not they should attend college. With some it is a question whether it is worth while to work their way through school or hunt up a job at once, to struggle for four years and then come out in a world with nothing for which one can get a position and perhaps a debt, or to start work with the chance of having one's head up in a good position, and to have saved money.

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In 1907, the M. A. C. Record was founded and will soon be completed and will greatly add to the library of the students of the campus. The drive is on the south side of the river and begins at the athletic field just across the bridge. It then follows along the river bank, up and over the P. M. Illustration of the forest nursery to the farm lane. A large culvert has been put in just east of the dam, and a large fill has been put over it. Otherwise the plan has been to leave it as nearly natural as possible. The river bank will be cut, and when it is completed the river may be followed from the west entrance along the north side to the athletic field, then on the south side to the farm lane, a total distance of nearly three-quarters of a mile.

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THE SEASON.

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ATHLETICS

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The relay team returned Wednesday from Philadelphia bringing news of the meet and changing the story as told last week. On account of Bignell being off condition no attempt was made to enter the 8 1/2 relay but they did enter in the race with colleges of M. A. C.'s class but were the last to finish.

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The infeld has been materially strengthened this week by the return of Vance to third, he having satisfactorily arranged his credits. With a little practice the new shift should strengthen the team so that there is hopes of at least holding Michigan to a low score tomorrow. Bush, now having been relieved from third, will devote his time to working out for the pitching staff, and the local fans are anxious to see him in the box for M. A. C. in the home game Thursday with Wabash. In last year's game the Hoosiers won over the locals in a fast game by a score of 5-0, and this year an effort will be made to turn the tables.

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