What is the Matter?

"After 72 days of indescribable anguish, Anne and Charles Lindbergh got their baby back—dead. There are no words to measure the depth of sympathy of the American people for them. No mind can conceive of a punishment severe enough for the perpetrator of this unparalleled crime. What has brought this great country of ours to the point of absolute subjugation to thugs and crooks?"

N. W. Junior College Claims Right of Support for the Future

Schools of the Church must be dealt with on a Basis of Proportional Parity and Equality.

The General Synod at its meeting in June has been asked by the East and the West Sioux and the Dakota Classes, as well as the Particular Synod of Iowa, to instruct the Board of Education to grant aid to the Junior College beginning with the coming school year. This was the understanding at Sioux City. When they adopted the Junior College. It was definitely stated at the meeting of the Committee on Education, as well as to the Synod, that it was thought well, instead of having aid begin immediately, it should be postponed for one year. The Board of Education, however, decided that a direct mandate from Synod that such aid should begin, must be received. It is of the utmost importance that Synod shall not fail to give this mandate to the Board of Education. In answer to the question, "why should the Junior College receive aid from the funds of the Board because it is now in its infancy. It is inconceivable that a Synod should decide that when a school is new and in its beginning stages it should not receive aid from Board funds, but only after it is well established and sufficient sources of income have been provided. This is not the way we deal with an infant church. It is given aid at its beginning when that aid is most needed. Now is the time when the Junior College needs the aid from the Board of Education more than it probably will ever need it in the future.

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Present Emergency Fund

Junior College Location

Northwestern Junior College in Logical Location for Reformed Church School in the West as shown by Map.

Herewith is shown a map of the Reformed Church in the Northwest. This map shows nearly all the churches of the Particular Synod of Iowa, except the churches of the Classis of Cascades. The Churches of the Particular Synod of Iowa are found, as here shown, in eight States, the center of the Synod being in Sioux County and the vicinity of Orange City.

The Northwestern Junior College is located at Orange City in the real center of the churches of the Particular Synod of Iowa. Central College is located at Pella, and the Pleasant Prairie Academy is located on the eastern fringe of the Synod at German Valley.

The map shows clearly the growth of the Reformed Church in the Northwest, centering in northwestern Iowa and contiguous areas of Minnesota and South Dakota. We trust that a study of this map will show the strategic position occupied by the Northwestern Junior College in Orange City. Remember, distances do not change and the future of the Reformed Church in the West is dependent upon the welfare of this northwestern section of the Church. The future and growth of the Northwestern Junior College at Orange City is of vital importance to the future of the Reformed Church in the Northwest.

NOTICE ALUMNI

Alumni are asked to report any change of address so that we may keep our Alumni mailing list as correct as possible.
REPORT TO THE GENERAL SYNOD ON BEHALF OF THE NORTHWESTERN JUNIOR COLLEGE AND ACADEMY

Aucha! You have received the benefits of a Christian education for which others have sacrificed, will you do something now that others may have this opportunity also?

Report to Synod

The pooly of a Christian education

The Junior College Department of this Institution ended a year ago, and the Junior College Department of this Institution is bringing forth for the people of the Northwest. Interest in the institution has rapidly grown, and undoubtedly this interest will continue to increase in the future as a larger number of people of our Reformed Church in America as an approved Junior College of the church. This is, therefore, the first year that we have operated as such, although the work done at the institution and the standing of the school, so far as all other accrediting agencies are concerned, has continued the same.

As the Junior College is becoming older, it is gradually coming to occupy a larger place in the sympathy and hearts of the people of the Northwest. Interest in the institution is rapidly growing, and undoubtedly this interest will continue to increase in the future as a larger number of people of our Reformed Church here in the Northwest have the opportunity of making use of the school for the education of their children and see the fruits which the Junior College Department is bringing forth for the people of the Northwest. Interest in the institution has rapidly grown, and undoubtedly this interest will continue to increase in the future as a larger number of people of our Reformed Church in America as an approved Junior College of the church. This is, therefore, the first year that we have operated as such, although the work done at the institution and the standing of the school, so far as all other accrediting agencies are concerned, has continued the same.

The trial period of three years for the Junior College Department of this Institution ended a year ago, and the Junior College at that time was adopted by the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America as an approved Junior College of the church. This is, therefore, the first year that we have operated as such, although the work done at the institution and the standing of the school, so far as all other accrediting agencies are concerned, has continued the same.

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THE CLASSIC CONTRIBUTORS TO THE EMERGENCY FUND OF THE NORTHWESTERN JUNIOR COLLEGE AND ACADEMY

THE SCHOOL NEEDS THE HELP NOW!

Which pledge will you join? Will your gift be $100, $75, $50, $25, $10 or $5.00? When a pledge with ten signers is completed the amounts become payable.

The following pledges have been begun:

$50.00 Alumni Pledge No. 1 has one signer as follows:

Anthony Te Paske, Sioux Center

(Mr. Te Paske has also promised double tuition for his son next year.)

$50.00 General Pledge No. 1 has one signer as follows:

A Friend, Orange City

$25.00 Alumni Pledge No. 1 has three signers, as follows:

A Friend, Orange City

Chas. Heemstra, Santa Ana, Calif.

$25.00 General Pledge No. 1 has one signer as follows:


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Rev. J. W. Brink, Boydton, In.

Mathilda Muyskens, Oyster Bay, N. Y.

Rev. D. Dykstra, Orange City

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D. Ivan Dykstra, Orange City

$10.00 Alumni Pledge No. 1 has seven signers, as follows:

Prof. J. Vander Zee, Iowa City, Ia.

A Friend, Maurice, Ia.

Rev. J. W. Brink, Boydton, In.

Mathilda Muyskens, Oyster Bay, N. Y.

Rev. D. Dykstra, Orange City

D. Ivan Dykstra, Orange City

$5.00 Alumni Pledge No. 1 has six signers, as follows:

Prof. J. Vander Zee, Iowa City, Ia.

Rev. Harry Hoffs, Chicago, Ill.

Miss Marie Zwemer, Mcche, Ky.

Miss Hendrina Hospers, Dulce, N. M.

A Friend, Orange City

Esther Duven, Orange City

You can save the institution the work and cost of solicitation, by signing the pledge below for the amount you can give, and sending it at once.

EMERGENCY PLEDGE FUND

NORTHERN JUNIOR COLLEGE AND ACADEMY:

I promise to pay $____________________ provided nine others subscribe a like amount. This to become due when the group of ten subscriptions of equal amounts is completed.

You may publish my name in reporting on the progress of the campaign. Yes________ No________

Signed__________
Glee Club Trip

JUNIOR COLLEGE GLEE CLUB HAS SUCCESSFUL TOUR THRU NEBRASKA AND KANSAS.

We show herewith the picture of the Junior college Glee Club. Fourteen members of this Glee Club, together with Miss Smith, the director, and President Hecnstra, made a trip through the churches of Kansas and Nebraska, including also Springfield, South Dakota, during the latter part of April. The programs rendered by these churches were of a strictly sacred character, and were given before large and appreciative audiences everywhere. Sunday, April 26, was spent among the Nebraska churches, President Hecnstra preaching in Firth, Neb., in the morning, and at Holland, Neb., in the afternoon. The Glee Club sang in Pella, Neb., in the afternoon, a quartette sang in Firth at the afternoon service. The regular program was given in Firth on Sunday evening and also on Monday. The visit of this Glee Club to Kansas was the first ever made by a college glee club of any of our Reformed Church schools to these churches.

The full chorus, as shown on the picture, also rendered a number of concerts in the immediate vicinity of Orange City on Sunday, April 26. A total of 13 sacred concerts were given in churches, five were given in high schools, and two radio broadcasts were given. This, together with the annual spring program in Science Hall, makes a total of 21 programs by the College Glee Club this year. We trust that the Glee Club may also visit a number of churches again next year in which they have never appeared before.

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3. The Junior College should receive aid from the Board of Education because it is a growing institution. Such is the policy of our Mission Boards, particularly the Domestic Mission Board, that where a young church manifests that there is a field for growth, and does grow, it is entitled to such aid. Why should the Junior College be an exception to this rule?

4. The previous actions of the General Synod obligate the Board to grant this aid to the Junior College. The three-year trial period was understood only as a test of the church, and was not intended as a stamp of approval upon it, and with the definite understanding and implication that if this trial period proved to be successful, assistance would be received by the church on a basis of proportional parity and equality with the other schools. Further, the postponement of aid last year for one year again implied that that aid would come at the expiration of that year. What must the people of our denomination think of the actions of the General Synod of the church if it does not live up to previous promises implied?

5. The Reformed Church in the Northwest, in the midst of which the Junior College is located, has for decades contributed many thousands each year for the general work of benevolences, and particularly for the other educational institutions of the church. This unity in the beneficent giving of the Reformed Church in the Northwest must not be jeopardized by practically saying: "You shall give but you shall not receive?"

6. The Junior College is located in the geographically logical place for an educational institution of the Reformed Church, as will be noted by the map shown in this issue.

7. This section of the Reformed Church in the Northwest is the largest center of Reformed people west of Michigan, and the Academy stands next to Hope College both as to time of organization and to the size of the Reformed constituency which it serves.

8. More than one hundred of the graduates of this institution have entered into the Gospel Ministry and thirty have sailed across the seas to foreign lands as foreign missionaries. This is a record which justifies the continuance and expansion of the school.

9. The Reformed Church in the Northwest of Iowa and contiguous areas of South Dakota and Minnesota is a growing center of the Reformed Church.

10. The Reformed people of this section of the church are determined that they are entitled to this Junior College, and that it has a right to receive support from the funds of the Board of Education.

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this section of the church and for the work of the Kingdom. The establishment of the Junior College came at such a time as to make these early years of this department of the institution difficult ones. There is no doubt about the fact that if economic conditions had continued as they were at the time when the Junior College Department was established, no financial troubles would have been encountered during these early years. We feel certain, therefore, that since it has met with so large a measure of success during these difficult years, and its value is constantly more largely appreciated by the Reformed Church in the Northwest, the need of the institution is thereby demonstrated.

FINANCES:

Various circumstances have worked together to make this year a difficult one financially. When the Junior College was established, the additional expense of this department was met during the first three years by individual gifts. These amounted to $22,669.48 during the three years of the trial period. These gifts were secured for the special purpose of financing the Junior College Department for the three-year trial period and with the definite idea that after three years the Junior College Department would receive aid from the funds of the Board of Education.

The General Synod approved and adopted the Junior College department last year, but the action of Synod was also to the effect that aid from the funds of the Board would be postponed for one year—that is, that the Junior College Department would not receive aid from the funds of the Board during the school year 1931-32. This action of Synod threw the burden of support back upon the local constituency with this difference—that Synod also recommended to the churches, east and west, that they contribute to the support of the Junior College Department. In normal times undoubtedly these contributions of the church at large would have been a considerable amount, but during this year of financial depression, it is not surprising that the amount thus contributed has been exceedingly small. It is being asked to contribute only to the causes to which they had given in past years and thus unwilling to add another item to the list of their contributions.

The contributions of the East and West Sioux Classes have also decreased somewhat, though these churches have done well, but they have by no means been able to reach the apportionments which have been adopted by these Classes. Because of the financial conditions of the present, gifts from individuals have been negligible during the year. No campaign for such individual gifts, however, was carried on during the year, although one has recently been begun to try to cover the impending deficit of the school.

It appears that unless individual contributions are received, there will be a deficit of $8,600.00 in the current expenses of the present year. If the school had received the individual contributions which were received last year and which amounted to $4,300.00, there would not be a deficit now, or if the average annual contributions from individuals of the first three years, which amounted to $7,556.00, had been received, the school would have more than balanced its budget. Again, if the additional $5,000.00 which was asked last year (Continued to page four)
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from the funds of the Board of Education had been appropriated, there would be no deficit this year. We feel, therefore, that the budget of the institution can be balanced if the Junior College department will also be made a participant in the funds of the Board of Education in proportion to its needs, as is the case with the other institutions of the Reformed Church. The following figures will undoubtedly be of interest. These show the contributions to the institution for the year ending April 1, 1932:

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This table of contributions includes contributions received from churches through the Board of Education, as well as direct contributions to the school.

We believe that this institution, now a fully operating Junior College as well as Academy, and approved and adopted by General Synod as a Junior College of the Reformed Church, is worthy of more general support from the Reformed Church. Its location in the midst of the largest group of Reformed churches west of Michigan is ideal. The number of families within its bounds of the East and West Sioux and Dakota Classes has increased from 2,500 in the year 1909 to 4,470 in the year 1932, while all of the Germania Classis of 905 families is also located in this northwest section of the church, namely, Northwestern Iowa and contiguous areas of South Dakota and Minnesota. This makes a total of 5,375 families of our Reformed Church located in this territory. Not only is this the most populous territory in this part of the west so far as Reformed Church families are concerned, but it is a growing center of Reformed Churches also.

This part of the Reformed Church has always contributed nobly in the past, both of its spiritual and material resources, to the work of the Kingdom. It has done more than bear its share in the support of the missionary program of the church. It has been called in days past, "The Klondike of Foreign Missions." This part of the church has contributed largely to the other educational institutions of the Reformed Church. More than $70,000.00 was contributed in a single campaign for one of the other colleges of our church. The contributions of the East and West Sioux Classes and the Dakota Classis to the Board of Education, exclusive of direct contributions to this institution, have grown from $225.00 in 1909 to $5,538.32 in 1930.

Surely by the light of these facts the Reformed Church in the Northwest has the right to expect that the Northwestern Junior College shall also be a participant in the funds of the Board of Education to which it so largely contributes. In view of the fact that General Synod authorized the trial period of three years for the Junior College and that these years of trial were an outstanding success; that the General Synod after careful consideration and deliberation last year adopted the Junior College as a Junior College of the Reformed Church; in consideration of what the school means to the Reformed Church and what this part of the Reformed Church has done in the whole program of the work of the church; in view of the promise implied in the action of the General Synod last year, Synod cannot do otherwise at this time than instruct the Board of Education to appropriate from its funds, aid to the Junior College according to the budget needs of this institution as it does to the other educational institutions of the Reformed Church.

The Particular Synod of Iowa at its meeting held May 4 and 5, 1932, passed the following resolution:

"That the Particular Synod of Iowa considers it to have come to pass in the Providence of God and in the normal historical and territorial unfolding of the Reformed Church in these parts, that two Colleges and two Academies have been established within her bounds, and that all deliberations and measures of administration shall be on the basis of proportional equality and parity."

We petition General Synod, therefore, to give the most earnest heed to the fortunes of the East and the West Sioux and Dakota Classes, as well as of the Particular Synod of Iowa, asking Synod to instruct the Board of Education to grant aid from its funds to the Junior College. This institution not only has a right to this aid from the funds of the church, but this aid is necessary for the continuance of the school.

Failure on the part of Synod in this respect will not only be disastrous to the institution, but also to the spirit of benevolent giving among the churches of the Northwest. The spirit of unity in the benevolent work of the church must not be jeopardized.

THE FUTURE:

The decision of the General Synod with respect to aid for the Junior College from the funds of the Board is a most important one. Without it the school cannot continue.

It will be noted that in the past a large source of support for the institution has been the gifts of individuals solicited in various campaigns and canvases. Naturally, as we think of the future of the institution this should not be looked upon as a permanent source of income. Individuals are always ready to contribute, but such campaigns are possible only with a special object in view and for a year to year for the running expenses of the institution. In considering what may be our source of support without such individual contributions, the following budget has been devised:

| Appointments assumed by the East and West Sioux Classis | $8,900.00 |
| Tuition and Fees | $9,000.00 |
| Interest on Endowment | $2,500.00 |
| Total | $29,500.00 |

There is a distinct field for the Northwestern Junior College in which to operate. In this large center of Reformed Churches in the northwest of Iowa and contiguous areas of Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota and Minnesota. Within 75 miles of Orange City there are a total of 3,500 Reformed Church families, while within the same area there are nearly 2,000 families of the Christian Reformed Church. It is estimated that within this territory there are nearly 25,600 people of Reformed faith. Surely an institution of the Reformed Church located in this territory should be given every opportunity for proper and normal development.

We trust, therefore, that the General Synod will not make the continuance of this institution possible, but also make possible the continuance of the great service rendered by this school not only to the Reformed Church in the Northwest, but to the church in the west so far as the Kingdom of God at large.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

JACOB HEEMSTRA, Pres.