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The Chief Worth of a College Education

Charles F. Thwing, LL. D., says:

"A college education is worth while for the sake of the mankind of the man himself. Man himself is more important than merchandise. Character is more important than a checkbook. A man's heart is of greater worth than his house, be the house a residence or a business one. One can interpret life in terms of dollars and become rich. One can interpret life in terms of intellect and get truth. Treasures in one's self are better than treasures outside of one's self. Treasures in one's self are lost only by losing one's self; treasures outside one's self may be torn away.

It is well to discipline the character and enrich the soul by knowing and feeling the noblest that man has thought, experienced and expressed. It is well to know what have been the problems of man in his successive stages of his development; what methods he has found in solving them; and what results have followed the solution. To help a man to know what he is, where he is, what he should do, whence he comes, whither he is going, what he may become; to train him to put just values on all—treasures, to estimate movements, conditions, forces at their real value. These are some of the purposes the college tries to help the student in gaining.

To think truthfully, to choose in righteousness and wisdom; to appreciate beauty, to feel nobly; to increase the number and worth of one's relationships, to give self-knowledge, self-control, self-development, and self-enrichment, to foster efficiency, to promote reverence for all goodness and for God, to extend the boundaries of human knowledge, to make the thinker, the scholar, the gentleman, the great liver, the great and the great man; these are intimations of the large human relations which the college seeks to foster.

Education seeks to make character vigorous without making it harsh or boisterous, patient without indolence, conciliatory without hypocrisy, efficient without ostentation, symmetrical and impressive, noble and self-reliant, but sympathetic with the less worthy, rich in itself, but without selfishness.

Education seeks to train leaders—intellectual, ethical, religious, civil. It unites to lift the whole level of human society to broader and clearer seeing and finer thinking and nobler opportunities.

Hooley on Flunking

"Did you flunk?" Remarked Hooley to a lad on the streets the other day. "No, is it anything bad?" "Well, it's beyond you ever hear the joke of it, yes don't know what flunking means!" Yore a doyle. Was yore bairned in China or Fulfrope icecland? Whid did yore come from? Were the yelld coumtrier?" Just then Hooley had the opportunity of dodging a stone which he failed to take advantage of, and it shaved off about half of his whiskers on one side of his face. Hooley then wiped a tear out of his right eye and said: "Try an' forget it want you! I niver mint any harm to yere, but yes are a full, yere are unpatriotic, yere are not an American of does yore know what flunking is? This one of the principals of our Ancestors, who fought, bled and doid for us for a hundred and forty eleven yere.

"I tell you its gained.

"Then I wish to collig, I had a divil of a toime all of the toime, except twist a yere, when who had to take examinagrous on dintant subjects; for instance, we had to analyze dead cats, they were afraid to let us have the live ones, thin we had to mix sulfitic acid with sandpaper and dish-water, and see what wood come out, sometimes we got dines out of it, and sometimes we found potatoes in it after standing over night. And we had to sit in shrait back cheeses and right for tree or slyin' hours at it. The next day we would here that we had flunked. The teacher would jist bundle up the papers and put them in the wase basket, and see who gave him the paper, and if he looked yere be wouldn't say a thing, but if yere were disagreeable in the sight of his eyes, yere would flunk.

"Some how er oher I niver looked good to the teachers, for I always flunked. I tells yere it ain't a free countree whin they flunk yes for having a stub-nose, or because yere short and they call yere 'monk' or some other name. I only wish to schoola won yere, I wouldn't lit em boil-dose me and they had the crule harte to tell me that I could stay away. Begorra it almost brak me tender harte. We organized a flunkers union, but it didn't raise the price of flunking wan bit.

Take the advice of a learned man and never go to collig or to the University, for its worse thin a Chaymbeer of Horrors, or the terrysyul Court of Inquis- ishun. This yere gastronomical facilities are not superabundantly supplied with a sufigency, yere called a germand, or a ravence haste. Take this an' yer_motn" Don't niver Flunk."


The Argonaut will be in charge of L. G. Nichols next week. The issue of February 16 will be edited by A. J. Fleming.

Student Organization

In the near future a constitution for a student organization of the University of Idaho, as prepared by a committee representing the different departments of college activity, will be submitted to the students for their approval or disapproval. This is a matter which merits the deliberation and careful consideration of every one.

Does the present condition of student activities demand a change in the government of them? Will the constitution as drafted by the committee affect a change for the better? Upon these questions should rest your decision for or against the adoption of the proposed change.

It is evident from the lack of harmony between the different branches of student activities that some change in their management is necessary.

The success attending the organization of a student body empowered with the government of all the various departments of college life can be shown by the operation of such a system in most of the leading colleges of the country. The University of Idaho, under the leadership of the University of Idaho, Washington, Stanford, W. C. Whitman, Berkeley, and many other institutions testifies to the successful operation of student enterprises under the management of a student organization.

The committee drafting our constitution have been benefited by the use of the constitutions of the organizations of these different schools. They have also profit from some instances, by the examination of others, that the defects which have been encountered in the various constitutions may be avoided by us.

In, however, the duty of every student to be at the meeting, prepared to discuss thoroughly every clause of the proposed constitution in order that, if adopted, it may finally adopt a constitution which will be suited to our needs in every particular.

All those who have season tickets to the lecture course have received at Hodgin's Drug store for the Fisk Jubilee Singers performance which will be given on Friday night at the Opera House.

Fisk Jubilee Singers

The second number of the lecture will be given in the Opera House next Friday, February 6th, when the famous Fisk Jubilee Singers will appear. This company has been organized for over thirty-two years and during that time has appeared at all parts of America and Europe. Wherever the company has appeared it has gained entire satisfaction.

Mr. Homer Davis, the world's greatest cartoonist, has been invited to illustrate the lecture course. His subjects will be "The power of the Cartoon." Season tickets for the remaining four numbers may be had for $1.30.

First Scholars as First Men.

A recent number of a magazine published at Harvard gives a list of the first ten scholars of each of the classes that graduated in the sixth decade of the last century at that institution. The list is itself significant in regard to individuals. The list is also marked significant in respect to high rank in college as giving ground for the assurance of distinction in life itself.


In the whole number are found twenty members of Cabinet, five Congressmen, five Judges, two Governors, one Ambassador and many distinguished teachers at Harvard and other colleges.

Much has been too common that first scholars do not become first men in after life. But the powers that win in the class-room are the same qualities that win in the law, the ministry and other professions. In comparing the names of the first ten scholars of the classes with the names of the other members of the same class in it is seen that among these ten scholars are found the names of men of greater distinction than are found in other classes.

It was decided by the Regents that beginning with September, 1904, the present first year work

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At a meeting of the Regents in Boston, January 27th and 28th the classes for the Armory and Gymnasium submitted by Mr. Tourellio were accepted. It is intended to advertise for bids as soon as the specifications can be completed and it is hoped that the building may be begun early in the spring. The building will be located in the Person list northwest of the Administration Building and the Regents, Streets, and McCord, will make out a contract to the exact location on Tuesday of this week.

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The officers in the military department are now given examinations and hereafter promotions will be based largely upon merit and ability to understand the science of military tactics.

The editor-in-chief of the Argonaut is touring the southern part of the state in an automobile, visiting Anti-Married Men’s Leagues and lecturing on “Social Improvements.”

The members of the J. P. M. Club who were lucky enough to flunk during the last series of examinations will be given a “feed” by those members who chances to pass all subjects.

Mark Twain, speaking of the music of the Fisk Jubilee Singers, said: “It is utterly beautiful and moves me more than any other music can. Cultivation has mildly refined its eloquence and beauty.”

Joseph L. Gilbreth, ’07, has been made a captain U. S. A. to date back from October or November. Mrs. Gilbreth arrived from St. Paul Thursday to visit with her husbands people, in this city.

The engagement of Dellah Brown, ’08, to Steve Griffin has been announced. The wedding will take place in the spring. “Fanny” said it was the best opportunity of her life of all those she made.

The chemical department has received a large gas machine to replace the old one, which having been used several years, has been unsatisfactory and fails to meet the demands of the department.

The Fisk Jubilee Singers have appeared before all the great rulers in Europe and Continental Europe and before five Presidents of the United States. They have given entire satisfaction everywhere. Opera House, Friday night.

Mr. Fleming has recently written a constitution for the Freshman Class. It is one of the broadest and most liberal documents that now exists, being right in line with the Magna Charta and the Declaration of Independence.

The Varsity band gave a dance Friday evening. A good jolly crowd, which attended, broke up about midnight, pronouncing it one of the social events of the season. The dance proved a complete success both financially and socially.

Prof. Parham: “Name six plays of Shakespeare.”

“Foxy Freshman.” (He has been burning the midnight oil for the past two years.)

The students of Prof. Ogawell will give a musical matinee in the auditorium, Wednesday afternoon at 1 o’clock. A special treat is in store for those who come. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

Leon G. Nichols, the famous correspondent to the Star and all round critic, left last week for St. Maries where he will take up a summer’s residence. He will probably return in time to be responsible for the next issue of the Argonaut.

Harry Smith has left school for the rest of the year. He went to the Coeur d’Alenes to work in the mines. He was an excellent student, a member of the Senior Class and one of the best football players who ever donned a suit.

During the absence of President MacLaren and Vice President Oppenheim, the whole school, including the faculty, the students in the corridors, the Amphitheatre hall and the Prep library, have been under the supervision of President Zorn.

Win. E. Lee, ’06, and ’06 law student of the University of Washington has been appointed by Senator Hayburn to the revenue department. As soon as he ceases the civil service examination he will enter upon his duties.

A small number of third year Preps enjoyed a boat ride on the Clark River Thursday afternoon in the Prep library. They had just reached their highest possible pitch and were making an attempt to go still higher, when the canoe broke in, and disbursed the chorus.

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The editors of the Yale Daily News have been sued for $5000 damages for libel.

Massachusetts has the first law prohibiting vivisection in schools.

A new department of domestic science, will be inaugurated at the University of Wisconsin, at the opening of the next semester.

Students at Indiana University will receive, one-half hour's credit per term for regular attendance at the twice-a-week chapel exercises. Students will be required to register for it like any other course.

Stanford University is to have a volunteer fire department. For the past seven years there have been horse-cars stationed at different parts of the campus, but lately the matter has been taken in hand by the University authorities and the organization of a fire force is now going actively forward. A student fire chief, with two assistant firemen, is a member of the department, and a volunteer fire engine is to be formed among the undergraduates.

The treasury department of the United States has estimated the present population of our country to be 15,735,655, as against the 15,633,825 of 1905, giving the general stock of money to be $7,735,165,385.

A chair of poultry is to be established at the University of Missouri. It is not intended that this will increase the number of good eggs, but that the "lay of the hen" may be placed on a par with the "lay of the last minute." and other Sages.

Dr. Von Hoesch, head of the Department of History at Chicago University, passed away while in Germany. His name has become familiar to every student in America, thrice his name is to be heard in the United States. The "History of the United States," and his single volume "The Constitutional Law of the United States," his other works are "The History of the American Revolution" with his own character, "John C. Calhoun," and "Life of John Brown." By his death the world loses one of her great men.

The Pacific Wave has had five business managers so far this year, and will now try a sixth. The paper is two months in arrears, and if the business is to be carried on it must be attended to at once, or the publication will probably be suspended for a time.

The scientific American contains the registration statistics of the two leading American universities.

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