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RELIGIOUS LIFE DEPT.

DEAN R. LELAND DEFINES THE RELATION OF RELIGION AND UNIVERSITY LIFE

According to a recent announcement this paper will publish in each Monday's issue a brief statement relating to the religious life of students. The university pastors very cordially accept the invitation to assist in carrying out this purpose. It might be well in this first brief statement to call attention to the significance of this request.

A university paper reflects the thinking and attitude of the student body. The editors must feel that the subject of religion is an interesting topic for discussion. This recognition of religion as a part of every well ordered life is not a new thing in university circles. From the very beginning of state universities the relation of religion to life has always been recognized and in these recent years the subject is not only a matter of academic discussion but vital to the education of the individual.

Above the platform of the main assembly hall of the University of Iowa is inscribed this quotation from the famous ordinance of 1787, "Religion, morality and knowledge being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind, schools, and the means of education shall forever be encouraged." Our own university charter expresses this sentiment in part.

The official seal of the University of Indiana is an open Bible; that of the University of Kansas is a figure of Moses before the burning bush with a Latin inscription meaning "I will see this great sight why the bush is not burned."

Religion has always been recognized as a necessary part of education in our colleges and universities. These recent years have witnessed an unusual interest in the subject, not only as a topic of academic instruction, but as a vital matter of personal growth and development. The student enters the university at an age when sanctions of religion may seem to lose their power, when the new life of intellectual freedom allures him with many temptations, when "the nascent powers of manhood produce in body and brain and heart an almost riotous springtime of youth and hope." But students are not unlike the rest of mankind, they are "incurably" religious.

An evidence of this fact is revealed in the numerous ways by which the student is nowadays giving expression to his individual religious life. Recently the Jewish students of our university planned the organization of a "Menorah Society" affiliating itself with a national organization of that name. Our Catholic students also belong to a national movement. In these recent years the various denominational groups have given expression to their loyalty to former ideals and are active in all sorts of ways looking toward the development of individual students and the expression of the social and religious spirit.

Careful observers of student life have frequently remarked that both the university itself and the whole student body are more naturally religious than at any previous period in the history of higher education. It is becoming a spirit which pervades the campus. There may be notable exceptions to this statement but on the whole it is a matter of great gratification that religion is regarded by the student as something vital to life and having in it a reality which is indispensable to the best development and the larger usefulness of the educated man and woman.

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HARRISON COMING TO SPEAK TUESDAY

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white man has been. He enjoys the unique distinction of being the only Christian to receive a definite invitation from the Ameer to visit Nedj, the central region of Arabia. He is as earnest and successful an evangelist as he is a physician. After his furlough, which is being spent largely in post-graduate studies in different medical schools and in work for the Student Volunteer Movement, he looks forward to further penetration of Arabia and the establishment of a hospital well inland.

His schedule at the University of Nebraska is as follows:

- Tuesday, April 11—
 - 11:00 a. m. Convocation.
 - 5:00 p. m. Y. W. C. A. Vespers.
- Wednesday, April 12—
 - 6:30 p. m. "Intercollegiate Student Volunteer Band" at Cotner university.
- Thursday, April 13—

7:45 p. m. Pre-Medic Society at Alpha Sigma Phi house.

Saturday, April 14—

10:00 a. m.—3 p. m. Vocational Conference, "Foreign Missionaries as a Profession," held in the Temple for Nebraska university men and adjoining colleges.

PRESENT PICTURE OF DR. A. G. WARNER

A picture of Dr. A. G. Warner, the first head of the department of economics, was presented to the department by Mrs. Warner at a meeting Friday afternoon, of the faculty of the departments of economics and commerce and a few friends.

The department of economics has had but three heads during the twenty-seven years of its existence. Dr. Warner was the first, taking up his duties in 1889 and continuing his connection with the university until selected in

1891 by President Harrison to become the first superintendent of charities for the District of Columbia under the act which congress has recently passed. After an interval of two years Professor W. G. Taylor was elected head of the department, serving from the fall of 1893 until the spring of 1911. Professor J. E. LeRossignol is the third and present head. Since 1911 the yearly registration in this department has increased from 500 to 1,500.

Dr. Warner was also the first head of the department of economics at Stanford University. While there he wrote his book, "American Charities." His strenuous labors however, impaired his health and he died in 1900.

Gladys Kuhn, '14, has been visiting friends in Lincoln.

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