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THE PRIMARY FUNCTION

Alfred North Whitehead writing on "Universities and their Functions" said: "The expansion of universities is one marked feature of the social life in the present age. All countries have shared in this movement, but more especially America, which thereby occupies a position of honor. It is, however, possible to be overwhelmed even by the gifts of good fortune; and this growth of the universities, in number of institutions, in size, and in internal complexity of organization, discloses some danger of destroying the very sources of their usefulness, in the absence of a widespread understanding of the primary functions which universities should perform in the service of a nation."

We agree that the rapid expansion of universities and the increase in enrollment has introduced many perplexing problems in university administration. But we doubt whether the growth of any school will endanger the primary functions which the institution should perform.

It depends upon the point of view that is being taken toward education. The University of Nebraska in its infancy stated its function in the following words: "With wise forecast it aims to secure to all the members of the Commonwealth, who may avail themselves of its generous provisions, an opportunity for the liberal culture in literature, science and the arts, and in such technical courses as shall from time to time be established."

Along with other universities, our school may soon have to readjust itself to the new conditions which are rapidly arising. But as for growth, we feel that any increase—within the limits of proper supervision—is only consistent with the policy set forth by the University.

Cop—Haven't I seen you somewhere? Student—No, I've never been anywhere.—Utah Chronicle.

OUR LITTLE TROUBLE-MAKER

A writer complains in the subscribers' department of an Omaha paper against inaccuracy practiced by a well-known columnist. The object of his complaint is that the columnist, in discussing religion, said that because natives of India had to bite bullets dipped in pig fat—against religious principles—the Sepoy mutiny started. The subscriber maintains that it was cow fat that was objectionable to the Indians, and he bewails the fact that the columnist cannot be accurate.

As a matter of fact, both the columnist and the subscriber are right. And English history shows that they are both wrong. To the Mohammedan the pig is even below contempt and to even touch one of the animals is ruin. To the Hindu the cow is sacred and it was sacrilege to bite cartridges dipped in cow fat. In addition, there were several other causes for the Sepoy mutiny.

Shallowness of thought is common. Just as the writer failed to justify his position by finding the real facts of the situation, so do many people jump to conclusions or criticism without sufficient knowledge to sanction their stands. They can only see their part of the argument, and thinking they are right beyond question, hasten to be critical of others when they

themselves do not know the facts. A little questioning before acting would save endless trouble and misery on both sides. The person who will not exert a little mental energy to discover that he is not the only one in the right is one of the worst nuisances known to society.

Criticism is constructive when it is just. But the man who criticizes without justification of fact is worse than the original offender. He is even worse than the man who takes things without question, because the latter is harmless. The former is lazy, because he will not try to justify his position by facts. He is narrow-minded, because it does not occur to him that the other fellow might be right. And he is a trouble-maker, because of the grief and harsh treatment he initiates. A nice fellow to have around!

The Cynic Says: A recent questionnaire circulated among the seniors at the College of the City of New York revealed the fact that thirty-eight have never kissed a girl and fifty-nine do not neck. Of the fifty-nine, forty-eight have never had the opportunity. And yet in a few weeks these students will be supposed to have acquired a college education.

In Other Columns

Columbia University... Some time ago Columbia raised the general scale of its professors and instructors. The new scale sets the minimum salary for instructors at \$2,400 and the minimum for professors at \$7,500. President Nicholas Murray Butler expressed the hope that other schools would follow the example of America's largest university. The Cornell Daily Sun in commenting on the low salaries paid in the teaching profession said, "The criticism is made justly, we think, that if of the money available, less were applied to the construction of new buildings, and more to salaries of employes, universities would serve the nation better. But we cannot justly criticize them for not paying to their instructors and professors money that they do not have."

She was only a throat specialist's daughter, but ahh.—University of Washington Daily.

"CULTIVATED PEOPLE"

"Ain't no good" you will readily recognize, is the well known double negative, supposed, in popular belief, to make an affirmative. Some of our amateur authorities on speech will tell you that two such negatives nullify each other and virtually make an affirmative. For this reason the picturesque phrase, "Ain't no good" is to be studiously avoided. As a matter of fact, however, expert philologists assure us that "Ain't no good" does not signify an affirmative. The double negative merely signifies accented negation. In Chaucer for instance, we find three and four negatives in the same sentence. "He never yet no vileinye ne sayde unto no manner wight." What then is the matter with "Ain't no good"? Why are we forbidden to use it?

The secret is this: it isn't being used by "cultivated people"! This explanation of the phenomenon, at first, has a soft, almost soothing and reassuring, tone about it. There is nothing radically wrong with the phrase, there is nothing to insult logic, or reason, it is only that "cultivated people" do not use it. When reason and logic backed by history fail to explain an existing peculiarity in language the philologist falls back on this at first quiet and unassuming "used by cultivated people." There seems to be no coercion in it, nothing but a harmless statement of fact.

But what could be more insidiously deadly in any sort of a philological argument than a verdict of "cultivated people"? Who is so bold, or so demented as flagrantly to class himself as a boor? Who is there so thick-skinned and impervious to the esteem of others that he will not squirm when accused of being "uncultured" and vulgar? America has no recognized heraldry save cultivation, and little cultivation except in speech and manners.

The philologists have hit upon a comfortable, but inexorable doctrine from which there can be no appeal and no escape for sensitive people. If you are careless in speech, if you have reasons of your own for believing your speech needs no altering, if you have so far bravely made your way in the world in spite of "Ain't no good," they will still bring you around with a jerk when they say soothingly but firmly, "Oh, but you never hear that from 'cultivated people'!" Right or wrong, reasonable or not, we are conquered by cultivated people.—The Minnesota Daily.

"Gimme a kiss?" "No, I only kiss my brothers." "Gwan, you can't belong to a frat."—Daily Cardinal.

Notices

Wednesday, May 9 "Pirate of Penzance" Rehearsal A rehearsal of "Pirate of Penzance" will be held at 4 o'clock, Wednesday, May 9, in Gallery B, Morrill Hall. Student Council There will be a meeting of the Student Council in Temple theater, room 204, Wednesday afternoon, at 5 o'clock. Square and Compass Club A regular monthly meeting of the Square and Compass Club will be held Wednesday, May 9, in the Temple, room 204, at 7:30 o'clock. All student and faculty member Masons are urged to attend. Lutherans A special meeting of the Lutheran Bible League is called for 7 o'clock Wednesday in Temple 204 for the discussion of the matters relative to the student district of the Waltham League. Friday, May 11 All-Methodist Picnic An All-Methodist picnic will be held Friday, May 11, at Epworth Lake park. All Methodist students meet at the Wesley Foundation home at 4:30 or 5 o'clock.

Social Calendar

Thursday, May 10 "Rag" banquet, University club. Big Sister Board initiation, Agricultural College campus. Friday, May 11 Kappa Kappa Gamma, house dance. Sigma Kap, house dance. Biz-Ad dance, Lindell. Cosmopolitan Club, social, Temple. Saturday, May 12 Phi Gamma Delta, spring party, Lincoln hotel. Palladian Literary society, picnic, Crete. Delta Zeta, house dance. Theta Xi, house dance. Sigma Alpha Epsilon, house dance. Alpha Phi, house dance. Kappa Epsilon banquet, Woodburn party house.

fields of Y. W. C. A. work which are open to college girls, including Girl Reserve work, physical education and health administration, food service, employment guidance, publicity and educational work. "The Y. W. C. A. needs the spirit of pioneers," Miss Drake concluded. "We need women who are not afraid to do things even if they have to be done alone."

Women Return From Conclave

(Continued from Page 1) tion directors and staff members attended this meeting at the University of Michigan, and were privileged

to inspect the new field house recently built for women and the intramural athletic building for men which is under construction.

Modern Field House The field house for women was built with funds given them by the athletic department from the football surplus. The ground floor of the building contains four bowling alleys, nine indoor golf nets, a rifle marksmanship alley, a play room, all in addition to locker and shower rooms. The second floor is devoted to offices for the Woman's Athletic association, meeting rooms and a large drawing room for social activities of the organization. The building faces a new athletic field for women which will have space for hockey, baseball, track, volleyball and golf. Coach Yost conducted the delegates through the new intramural building for men which when completed will contain rooms equipped for every known sport in which college men are interested. The building is to be used only by men who are not interested in intercollegiate athletics.

Reports Are Interesting Several interesting reports were given during the meeting on intramural organizations in the various schools. Miss Lee spoke on "The Need for Research Work by Teachers of Physical Education" and in the discussion which followed her talk the society decided to sponsor a piece of research work to be done during the next year by some graduate student.

The present tendency toward including chemistry in the four year course of the physical education major was stressed in the address made by Jay B. Nash, associate professor of physical education, New York University. The Nebraska delegation next went to Detroit where they attended the meetings of the Mid-West society of Physical Education. At this meeting there were over one thousand men and women who are working in all phases of physical education including industrial, Y. M. C. A., high school, and university work. President Little Speaks President Little of the University of Michigan addressed the confer-

ence on the subject of competitive athletics for women. He expressed himself as being in favor of them but not in the form used by men. He is in accord with the national Play Day idea which incorporates the good features of women's competitive athletics and leaves out those which are considered undesirable.

The Detroit meeting closed with a pageant in which all the school children of the city took part. It was created around the idea of the machine age in which we are now living and included interpretative dancing and stunts. According to Miss Lee it was marvelous in its enormity, hundreds of the children appearing on the stage at one time.

Track Entries Are Announced

(Continued from Page 1) no doubt garner a goodly number of points.

Thirty-six schools make up the roster for group I. All schools with an enrollment of 140 students or less on April 1 will compete in group I. All schools with an enrollment of from 141 to 300 make up group II and all above the 300 mark in attendance are included in group III. There are thirty schools represented in the group II list, and seventeen in group I made up of large schools.

Officials To Be Announced Officials for the meet will be announced Wednesday. Varsity-track men will assist Coach Schulte and H. D. Gish, of the athletic depart-

ment, in running off the meet. The list of schools entered and their groupings.

Group I Anselmo, Arlington, Bassett, Bethany, Cosad, Comstock, College View, Crofton, Dayton, Danbury, DeWitt, Dunbar, DuBois, Elk Creek, Edgar, Fairmont, Guide Rock, Hershey, McCool Junction, Minatare, North Loup, Orleans, Palisade, Pender, Peru Training, Randolph, Syracuse, Taylor, Table Rock, Tilden, Tobias, Wakefield, Exeter, Leigh, Fairfield, Winnebago.

Group II Ashland, Aurora, Auburn, Beaver City, Cambridge, Crete, Callaway, Central City, Friend, Franklin, Geneva, Gothenburg, Havelock, Jackson (Lincoln), Kimball, Minden, Neligh, Nelson, O'Neil, Ord, Plattsmouth, Seward, St. Paul, Sargent, Schuyler, St. Edward, Tecumseh, Wilber, Wymore, Teachers College.

Group III Beatrice, Columbus, Fairbury, Fremont, Grand Island, Hastings, Kearney, Lexington, Lincoln, North Platte, Norfolk, McCook, Omaha Tech, North Omaha, Omaha Central, South Omaha, Scottsbluff.

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Valley Cinder Meet Will Be May 18-19

(Continued from Page 1) count on them in a dual meet it has taken a slight drop. Gwin Henry can always furnish real competition however, and the Tigers should rank among the first five in this year's meet.

Jayhawks Will Defend Title Coach Huff's Kansas Jayhawks, who are the present title holders by virtue of their victory in last year's meet will be on hand with a fairly strong and well-balanced team to defend their honors but appear to lack the amount of material which a Valley championship demands. McKinney and Spangler are the Jayhawk's mainstays in the broad jump. Lowell Grady who won the sprint championship last year, and Cooper, dash man, should be good for some Valley meet points.

Drake with the aid of their last season's championship freshman team should provide some strong competition in the meet. Parks, who has been going strong in the sprints, is the outstanding man on this year's team. Iowa State has some nice material this year but makes no strong bid for high honors. The other Valley teams are of about the same caliber, each having a few outstanding men while the rest of the team is of mediocre ability.

Co-Eds Sell Many Tickets for Bridge

(Continued from Page 1) was decided to make the bridge society co-ed affair. Proceeds from the Koosut Club to assist them in paying off their fire debt. Lincoln Hotel Secured Business Office, magazine, English

Six-Day Agony Is Approaching

(Continued from Page 1) fronted with a huge desk, where, after bickering, he gets back those colored papers, and others. He is given a bunch of folded card-boards.

Writer's Cramp Is Acquired Now this appears harmless enough, but more students have developed chronic writer's cramp after filling out the blanks than from anything else. The student sits at a table and labors over them. They are done, eventually. He breathes again. He gets up to leave, but is dragged to a tiny table where they must be checked. Usually they are wrong. Many have lost money betting on their perfection.

Y.W.C.A. Secretary Talks at Vespers

(Continued from Page 1) tinued. The Y. W. C. A. was brought into existence by new conditions and is constantly being forced to meet new developments.

Task Has Many Phases The work of a general secretary in this country includes many phases which are not generally regarded as Y. W. C. A. work, according to Miss Drake. It is necessary to learn to work with people and see their comparative needs. The Y. W. C. A. secretary must cooperate in the Community chest drives and many other phases of welfare work. Being a general secretary is a job within a job, in Miss Drake's opinion.

"In the department of industrial work, the Y. W. C. A. needs young women who have a keen enough interest in other girls to want to help them. Workers in this department must have not only an interest in individuals but in the welfare of groups," Miss Drake continued. "Our industrial secretaries are busy studying the situation and trying to find the best means to remedy existing conditions."

Many Field Are Open Miss Drake pointed out the other