

Paul Smith and Willard Gorton, who will do clay modeling, making exact representations of noted men with lightning rapidity. The Edison entertainers are also down on the program to feature the great wizard's latest model projecting kinoscope.

The officers of the association are: President, B. H. Begole; vice president, M. V. Nichols; secretary, F. B. Sheldon; treasurer, W. W. Duncan; directors, B. H. Begole, F. B. Sheldon, W. W. Duncan, M. V. Nichols, J. T. Harden, O. E. Webster and J. A. Weaver.

President Begole says that the prospects for a successful meeting were never better. The grounds are in good condition and have been much improved. The people of the state are invited to attend the Chautauqua and the people of Lincoln are given a most cordial invitation especially. When the worth of the attractions and the beauty of the grounds is once appreciated, President Begole thinks the Beatrice Chautauqua will be one of the best patronized institutions in the state.

Grafters—
Some of them are Women

"Pardon me, but I must ask you for a favor. I want to go to David City and have the money for my fare with the exception of a quarter. Could you let me have it? Some day, perhaps, I can return it."

It was a well dressed, middle aged woman riding towards the city on a suburban street car, who did the talking. The oration she aimed at one of Lincoln's solid and substantial business men. Meanwhile she was embarrassed, apologetic, apparently burning with mortification.

He handed out a half dollar and remarked that he used to be a buffalo.

A representative of the Courier happened to be on the same car. The face of the woman seemed to be familiar, so a trip was made to the depot where the passenger prospective flitted into the ladies' waiting room. She placed her grip beside her and tarried just ten minutes. Then she embarked on the South Seventeenth street car line and put up a shrewd talk about just getting in on the train and needed some one to pay her carfare to the house of a friend in the south part of town.

How long she had worked the David City dodge no one can say but the police have orders to see that she doesn't do it again.

Another peculiar case of "conning" was unearthed a few days ago. A young lady had been reported at the police station for begging money. When interviewed she promptly confessed.

She said she was a member of a family of moderate means. One evening she was down town. It began to rain and she had spent all her money. Walking into a drug store she negotiated a loan of five cents from a clerk to pay her fare. He immediately forked it over together with a little good natured "jollyng."

She thought the matter over and several times when she had spent all her money she used the graft. After a time it was Havelock she wished to visit and of course she got a dime.

Finally she got reckless and struck the same man not twice but three times. Then the case was reported.

She promised she would never—never do it again.

Female begging, except in the forbidden district, is almost unknown in Lincoln and the two instances cited above are the only ones noted by the officers of the law for some time.

Archbishop Ryan was about to take a train for Baltimore at the Broad Street station when a young man accosted him, saying: "Your face is familiar. Where in hell have I seen you?"

"I really don't know," said the archbishop, blandly. "What part of hell do you come from?"—Chicago Journal.

OBSERVATIONS

BY SARAH B. HARRIS

Professor Woodberry at Columbia

Professor George Edward Woodberry, who has on two separate occasions been at the head of the department of English in the state university, is in trouble at Columbia. Professor Woodberry appears to be an amiable man. But this appearance is only to the casual acquaintance. In reality he is somewhat difficult and exigent. In Nebraska we know very little of the faculty and president of Columbia, but the Nebraska state university faculty has had two memorable experiences with the professor who is now making trouble for President Butler of Columbia. President Low was long suffering, slow to take offense, mindful of the services and talents of a teacher even though the teacher was occasionally insolent and always disobligng. Because Professor Woodberry has stayed so long at Columbia his Nebraska acquaintances concluded that President Low was a man of supernatural patience and unselfishness.

President Nicholas Murray Butler, as all the world knows, has just been inducted with much ceremony into the presidency of Columbia. The most distinguished men in America, including the President of the United States, were present at the inauguration. It is quite likely that as a new man he desires to do his best and to maintain the dignity of his position unimpaired. Not knowing how often his predecessor had drawn upon his store of patience and Christianity in order to maintain cordial relations with the professor in question, the younger man must have made up his mind to administer the affairs of the whole university without regard to the eccentricities of any member of the faculty.

In accordance with this policy, Harper's Weekly says that "A course in English given by Professor Woodberry, and very popular with the students, was dropped from next year's list because of a lack of funds to pay an assistant. There followed a great outcry by the students, and an explanation by President Butler, who said that Dr. Woodberry's labors were highly appreciated, and explained why the change was made which the students so much disliked. Forthwith Mr. Flagler comes forward and offers funds to pay an assistant in the dropped course for three years, but Dr. Butler declines the offer, and other offers to the same effect. Dr. Woodberry then makes a statement regretting President Butler's action. 'The acceptance of Mr. Flagler's offer,' he says, 'would have allowed my old work to go on unimpaired; the students would have been satisfied with the removal of the cause of their complaints; I should have been delighted, for I had lost all hope of saving my department as created and safeguarded under President Low's administration.' To this statement President Butler has as yet published no reply, and so the matter stands."

The ability to get along with one's associates is what no university can bestow. The most valuable qualities are not acquired in college but by treating on the same plane with one's fellowmen day after day for years. The professor in his lecture talks down to individuals, younger and more ignorant of the subject under discussion than himself. He gets into the habit of enlightening and of having auditors when he speaks. Other men of equal attainments and character are obliged to get an audience, if they desire one, by main force, build their own dais and go out and collect their audiences by using their magnetic drawing power. Otherwise, if so be they have an important message, they will deliver it to the circumambient air or to four walls.

There are hundreds of professors who have successfully resisted the seductive influence of worshiping eyes raised to theirs, and the sound of their own inspired thinking, year after year. But Professor Woodberry is a victim of his environment. Neither years nor experience have changed his profound conviction that the president of the institution, in which he chances to be lecturing on the subject of English literature, can have nothing important to say about that department. The relations in this case are especially complicated because the man who is now president was but recently a member of the faculty, and the two men have had opportunities of acquaintance in a former relation.

As a teacher of English literature Professor Woodberry is inspired by a love of literature and sound scholarship. His teaching has certain definite and invaluable effects upon the students who attend his lectures. He refines and cultivates the taste of the students. They get a definition, which abides with them for life, of the object and spirit of literature. They see vulgar things as vulgar and common, and they lose, if they have it, their taste for parodies and for the unclear and hobbledoy writing that pleased them aforetime. No student possessing imagination and latent germs of civilization can listen to Professor Woodberry's lectures on English and allied subjects without being inestimably benefitted. His language is a pure well of English undefiled. His reasoning is clear. His judgments of books sane. He does not especially care to influence students. On the contrary he appears to ignore and cherish something like contempt for them. But he does influence them. Students of the Nebraska university who were in his classes possess a love of literature and a clean discriminating taste that they owe to the teachings of Professor Woodberry. The solace they receive from books, the judgment to select the clean from the unclear, the poetic from the trivial, the capacity for the joys of a library, these students owe to the tuition they received from Professor Woodberry. It is ungrateful, perhaps, to recall the characteristics which prevented his living harmoniously with the chancellor or faculty of this university, but a teacher is a public character and editors discuss him with frankness and with all the knowledge at hand.

Essay

Much knowledge is a weariness of the flesh. Dr. Sarah Hackett Stevenson, a member of the woman's club of Chicago, recently said to the club, many members of which have begun to realize the futility of the unceasing pursuit after knowledge for its own sake, that knowledge is a delusion, club-life a fraud, clothes unhealthy, and finally that the habit of walking and standing upright puts the heart in an unnatural position and causes indigestion. Dr. Stevenson, who is an oracle to Chicago club habitues, did not advise her audience of any remedy for the evils which the use of two instead of four feet cause, nor of any cure for the deleterious effects of clothing. The doctor wears very stylish and elegant gowns herself. To give them up for the blanket which she advocates, would be the only way to secure followers, and the correspondents do not state that she appeared before the Chicago woman's club in the costume of the aborigines.

"Man, as an animal, is suffering degradation at the hands of civilization." (Why will club women talk about the hands and feet of civilization?) "The hair is disappearing from

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