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A NOBLE CALLING

Dr. George Lauds the Profession of the Ministry.—Says it Now Requires Men of the Broadest Culture.

Rev. Dr. George of the Chicago University divinity school addressed the convocation yesterday. Since the talk was to be along the line of the ministry as a profession the speaker said he proposed to speak to the elect students. In this connection he told of Rattan, who was challenged to fight a duel. The opponent, a large man, grumbled that the duel would be unfair because of the great difference in the size of the duelists. Rattan said that he would chalk off the size of his own form on the body of his adversary and any bullets hitting outside of that chalk line would not count. So, said the speaker, if he should strike beyond the elect students it would not count.

Mr. George thinks that the Christian ministry as a calling for young men is of utmost importance, because the time is not far distant when the minister who has proper qualifications can do vastly more with his fellow men than anybody else. Good character and thorough education are the requisites. But in order to get the proper kind of men into the ministry the right sort of students must be influenced to attend the theological schools.

In olden times, said the doctor, the poorest and weakest minded men were selected as ministers because they were good for nothing else. Not so today; only the brightest and best bred are considered fit material for the profession. The minister used to dress so different from other people that it was said there were three classes of persons, namely, men, women and preachers. That kind of a minister cannot succeed.

The man who looks for an easy time was advised to remain out of the profession, because, said the speaker, the course in preparation for the Christian ministry is the most severe in the university. A successful minister must have capacity. He must know science, language, mathematics and, in fact, every other branch so that he can organize the units into one complete whole. In other words, the minister must be a leader in the community where he works, and that leadership and influence must be the result of superior intellect. The man who cannot construe Greek for the school boy will not have the confidence of young or old. With good character and proper training for this work a young man can do more for home and state and church than in any other capacity, for the time has arrived when a man who can speak exerts a most wonderful influence.

Mr. George explained that the "call"

usually spoken of, and in which he firmly believed, simply means special qualifications for a special work.

The profession needs young women as well as young men. It was once thought that women could do little in this vocation, but they are now doing the grandest work. The speaker said that down at Chicago there is a young woman who takes her degree this year, and, he added, "she is the best man in the class."

In closing, Dr. George emphasized the need of athletes in the university. "We need," he said, "men who have good form, strength and great endurance. The fellow who sits beside his fire, with elbows on his knees and a long face in his hands, who is too good to play football, has not Christianity. He has the dumps."

Y. M. C. A. NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

The nominating committee of the Y. M. C. A. meet tonight to make recommendations for the various offices of that association for the coming year. In order that the association may be

led by the strongest men in its membership it devolves upon the nominating committee to make a thorough canvass of all the men and then to report to the association the names of those men who will be of the greatest benefit to the work of the Y. M. C. A. Therefore, as the regular election of officers will be held on March 20, the committee will make its recommendations tonight. While the report of this committee is not final in the matter of choice of officers, a regular election being held, yet it is practically an election inasmuch as the members of the association realize that the committee has taken great pains to find the men who are best qualified to fill the various positions.

The association intends to give a banquet on March 25, or some date shortly after the election, at the installation of the officers who enter into their respective offices on April 1.

The Houston club will shortly be presented with the manuscript of the address made by General Miles at the laying of the cornerstone of the memorial tower in the dormitories of the University of Pennsylvania, February 13, 1900; also General Miles' photograph and the trowel used by him at those exercises.

SENIORS TO DINE

Expect to Hold a Class Dinner During Commencement Week Ceremonies, Boys to Appear in Caps and Gowns.

The senior class held an interesting meeting yesterday afternoon at which a number of questions of importance were discussed. As a result of its deliberations a number of innovations will doubtless be made in the customary senior program for the closing weeks of the semester. In accordance with the decision of the class an attempt will be made to give a class dinner at one of the hotels in the city some time shortly before commencement. To this dinner a few distinguished persons will be invited to deliver short addresses and toasts, as will be done by a number of the members of the class who are recognized as strong "after-dinner speakers." The idea of a class dinner is a new one in the university, though it is very com-

mon in eastern universities.

The class also intends to make another innovation in the matter of caps and gowns for the young men. Heretofore only the girls have worn the characteristic dress of the college graduate at commencement. This year, however, the young men will appear at that time in similar garb if satisfactory arrangements can be made with firms dealing in the gowns.

The class yesterday decided to hold ivy day exercises this year. This is a feature of commencement week which was inaugurated by the class of 1901 and which will doubtless be perpetuated by the succeeding classes. The senior prom. committee has announced that the promenade will be held on April 11 at the Lincoln hotel. The reception which the junior class intends to give to the seniors will probably be held in the last part of April or early in May.

The mayor of Bologna has presented the library of the University of Pennsylvania with the municipal reports for the last three years. The librarian expects to get the reports from other Italian towns and complete the file of reports of the most important cities of Italy.

GLIMPSES OF GERMAN UNIVERSITY LIFE.

By Robert E. Moritz.

The day announced for the opening of the semester is at hand. Knowing the promptness with which matters are usually attended to in Germany, we hurried hither on the day previous to find lodgings and to be ready for the work. About 9 o'clock I saunter over to the university to read the announcements and to enroll, but no announcements are to be seen. As I walk through the spacious corridors of the "Collegien Gebaeude" I hear no sound but the echo from our own steps, and one is reminded more of a long forsaken monastery than of a great university that will soon bustle with students, from every part of the globe. But why this silence? Why is there no one to guide the stranger in his first steps, or at least some announcement to throw a ray of light upon the mystery? Is this not the day officially set for the opening. The "Schwartzten Bretter" so talkative at other times are as silent as the Sphinx. But no! There in one corner is a note, almost microscopic in size, to be sure, yet not small enough to escape the watchful eye of one who is as eager for a sign of life as is a wanderer in a desert. In delicate German hieroglyphics that note says that three days from today precisely at 11 o'clock students may appear "zum Einscaren in den grossen Matrikel," whatever that may mean. Well, there at least is a clue. We shall await developments. Sufficient for the day is the evil thereof.

Though the foreigners who have come here are anxious to get to work, no one else seems to be. The "Schwartzten Bretter" are now beginning to talk and it becomes evident that there will be no lectures for over a week yet, though the day set for their beginning has come and gone. We have appeared before the taciturn official known as "Secretarius," our credentials have been examined and approved, the "Grosse Matrikel" turned out to be a book something like a hotel register. We have listened to the rector's speech remarkable for nothing but its brevity, pledged him with a "Handschlag" to become law-abiding citizens of the university, we have registered in the "albums" of the deans of our respective faculties, received each a "Legitimations Karte" and "Anmeldungsbuch," and then disbanded, each to spend the next two weeks as best he could.

At last the big machine is in full motion. It is just between classes. The corridors swarm with students. There are groups of red caps, blue caps, green caps, white caps, black caps and varicolored caps. Besides these there are headgears that are difficult to name in English. They are not caps, and they are not hoods, though they call them "hauben." They resemble a foolscap

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