

# The Man Who Pays His Way

Some of the Various Methods of Student Money Making

The man who works his way through college regards the getting of an education as a plain business proposition. He gives of his time, labor and hours of pleasure, and for it receives a training that will lift him above his former plane and fit him for a position in the business or industrial world sufficient to command the respect of those about him. He weighs his chances and makes an estimate of his own resources of mental and bodily vigor before taking the step which, while productive of so many important results, will often severely test his moral courage. Coming to the University, he finds a serious problem before him. He must find a means to live, and still rely upon himself for all he gets. Yet if he has a willing spirit, a determination to succeed, he does not find any great difficulty in obtaining a position upon which he may rely for his main support. Though he may realize that he is laboring under than those who are not obliged to work, in most cases he has an equal chance with them if he is able to systematize his work. This is the main trouble. His services for a certain amount of time are pledged to another, and oftentimes he finds himself hampered in his studies by an irregular run of work. Yet he must keep before him the end for which he is striving, and subordinate to this consideration practically all social enjoyment and natural inclinations.

As stated above, it is not, as a rule, difficult for the student to find work. There are many chances open to him if he has the ability or inclination to profit by them. A large majority of the working body hold positions as waiters in the public eating houses. Nearly every hotel, restaurant or private boarding house in the city employs the services of University students in this capacity. Thus the waiter is at least assured of his board, which is certainly a long step toward the solution of the problem of living. In some cases he is able to supplement his financial condition by doing additional work. But such instances are infrequent, as the demands upon the average waiter require all the time he can spare. As a rule, he has to also depend upon money earned previously during vacation, or upon financial assistance from home. Once in a great while one may hear of some superlatively industrious and energetic man who struck the city without a cent in his pocket and with no one from whom to expect assistance, and worked his way through by doing strictly manual labor. But investigation shows such cases to be extremely rare.

However, a number of instances may be cited of students having a knowledge of some trade or profession who are able to make their living expenses and also attend the University. For example, those who have a knowledge of stenography or bookkeeping are able to earn good wages if they can spare the necessary time. The main obstacle presented to them is that the run of work, while good, is often irregular, and accordingly heavy demands are frequently made upon their time when they can ill afford to spare it. Thus they are required to register for shorter hours and upon many occasions to burn the midnight oil.

The daily newspapers of Lincoln employ large numbers of students as carriers. While those who carry the morning papers are required to rise earlier than most students would care to, they all agree that no better con-

ditional can be found than the exercise in the early morning air.

Many students receive employment, more or less lucrative, from the University. Student stenographers are employed in the various offices and quite a number serve as library assistants, assistants in the physics and chemistry laboratories, janitors of the grounds and buildings, and readers. Some correct examination papers for University and high school professors. A number increase their earnings by taking charge of one of the check-rooms for a certain number of hours a week. In few instances are the students who engage in work of this kind forced to depend upon the money they get. Most of them are not obliged to work at all, but do so in order to live independently or to earn pin money.

Photography is quite well represented, and several, we understand, find it profitable and earn considerable money at it. Several students have already entered the ministry and have charge of churches in Lincoln or nearby towns. Others hold various sorts of positions, such as writing for public officers and private business firms, clerking in dry goods or shoe stores at odd hours, or acting as cashiers in restaurants.

One or two men make use of their musical talents and play in various orchestras, thus being able to partially defray their expenses. Some solicit advertising for Lincoln papers and others collect for gas and electrical companies. This kind of work takes time, but it is profitable if the man possess the requisite amount of nerve.

Quite a number of students are employed about private houses, and are able to earn their board and lodging in this way. Their work consists in taking care of horses, doing chores, and making themselves generally useful. Others are able to save room rent by taking care of professional offices or tending to furnaces. There are other ways in which students are assisted in getting through college, but these are mostly of a technical character and apply only to individuals. Hence space cannot be taken up for their treatment.

A diversity of opinions exists in regard to how outside work affects the student's school life, but the consensus seems to be that a majority of working students are hampered in their work. Practically all who work are obliged to keep late hours and carry moderate courses. The irregularity of the work often compels the student to neglect studies that require constant and careful application. A man of sound judgment stated that in his opinion a student who works loses no more time than other students waste. This view is probably a little too optimistic. But it cannot be denied that some of the brightest students in the University depend partially, at least, upon their own work for a living.

When a man undertakes to work his way through college, it is at once apparent that he must largely forego the social side of life if he hopes to make a success. He cannot spare the time to indulge his social tastes and at the same time do his work and get his lessons. An occasional show at the end of the week, or a class party, is generally the extent of his social operations. Yet most of the students who work agree that they are able to stand the loss. Some students do not find

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time to take part in athletics, although their tastes run in that direction. And of course, as has been previously stated, they frequently lose chances to stand better in their school work.

Whatever a student loses in attending to outside duties is more than compensated for by what he gains. This is the emphatic view of many students of sound judgment who are able to speak either from experience or from careful observation. First of all, he gains profitable experience that will enable him to choose wisely his life's work and to depend upon himself at all times. He becomes acquainted with human nature and knows what the world is like. He learns the value of money and how to spend it wisely. At the same time he develops manhood, business tact and self-reliance, as well as responsibility that cannot be had without experience. Hence, when he finishes his college course he has two educations, equally valuable and mutually supplemented. He is better fitted to face the world than many students whose path has been pleasanter, and is more certain of a successful career.

Professor Bessey has asked his classes in botany to make a study of the effects of the frost on the leaves, flowers, fruits, and seeds of plants of all kinds. They are to report to him later in the semester.

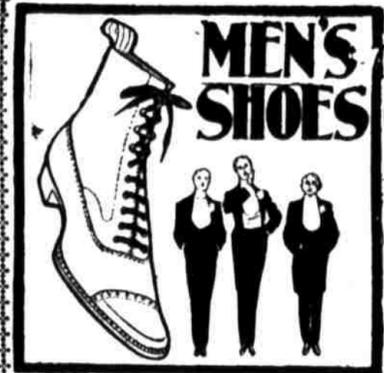
Rev. John L. Marshall, Jr., will address the Young Women's Christian association on the subject, "The Biblical Basis of Missions," next Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock in Union hall. All women are cordially invited.

Miss Mary Scott, who has been visiting with her brother and with University friends for the past two weeks, left for her home in Shelby, Ia., yesterday evening. She will stop off on the way for a short visit in South Omaha.

Owing to a shortage of funds in the chemistry department, it has become necessary to dispense with the services of chemistry assistants during the remainder of the year and students will be obliged to get along in the laboratories as best they can.

Colorado Tiger: Regarding the debate with Nebraska, we can only say that it will probably come the last of next week or the first of the week following. The work of the executive committee in arranging a date promises to be as great as that of the debaters in preparing their argument.

Next fall the new professor of forestry, Professor Miller, is expected to be present at the opening of the semester. Dean Bessey requests all who are thinking of taking work in forestry to see him this month in order to arrange for the classes which Professor Miller will have. His office hours are every week day from 11:30 to 12 o'clock, in the dean's office.



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