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CORRECT ENGLISH

Dr. Louise Pound Discusses Subject at Convocation.

Miss Louise Pound gave an interesting address at convocation yesterday on the subject of "Everyday English." The chorus class assisted in the music, doing excellent work. Dr. Davis who presided announced that Chancellor Andrews would speak Thursday morning on the "Advantage of Attending Chapel," and that music would be provided Friday morning.

Miss Pound said that in any language there was a wide gap between the oral and the written language. Sometimes colloquisms became established literary language, but there are many divergencies in the oral that are not allowed in the written. From time to time colloquisms with real meaning find their way into the standard language.

She called attention to the abuse of oral language occurring every day. That the privilege is allowed of making a few extensions or impositions upon the written language is no reason why it should be abused. Care in everything, speech as well as in writing, is the best thing that one can secure. Think of the mangling of our mother tongue that happens every day among students on our own campus. Not only are the newcomers guilty, but those who have been here a long time. She quoted one student, who upon being corrected, said: "I know I made that mistake. I seen it the moment I done it."

Reasonable care in the use of language is aimed at in the class room, and even there the slipshod of everyday speech penetrates and impresses those with whom it come into contact. The misuse of "shall" and "will" need no comment. The same is true of the superfluous negative. "Looks like it" and the use of suspicion for suspect, are to be guarded against, as is also the use of such words as "quit" for "leave."

The correction of such terms belongs to the preparatory school, and in some cases it is distressing that these corrections yet remain to be made. Most of us have a tendency to slur the final syllable of some words and the middle syllable of others. But it is possible to go too far in the opposite direction.

Those expecting to teach school should be the most careful. They must set an example and they should be well up in the vocabulary of their own specialties. It is not enough simply to remind ourselves of these lapses, as many do not care. It is inconceivable how some person apparently cultured and well mannered, could commit a breach of form at the table by lapsing and saying "had went," and thus be fatally betrayed.

Do not overwork the vocabulary by using such terms as "terrible," "horrible," or "fierce." The use of accepted words is as essential as dress and manners. Speech, oral or written, should not be bookish, pedantic or conscious. Overworking several expressions means monotony. A vocabulary helps to give life to what you say and everyone should seek to enlarge his vocabulary.

The domestic science department reports a larger beginning class than ever before.

About 179 chrysanthemums will be in bloom in the green house this winter, as the plants are quite large now.

The geology text book used in class 1 has at last arrived. It is a book of 667 pages, written by Joseph Le Conte and revised by Herman Leroy Fairchild, professor of science in Rochester University. This is the fifth edition of the book. The price is \$4.00.

An interesting seminar in geology is being held this year. There are about fourteen people in attendance. The work will be in the nature of reports from different persons on special subjects. The next report will be by Dr. Condra on "Geologic Structure of Nebraska."

The laboratory assistants in geology this year are Messrs. Croich and Covert.

The historical society has received a number of volumes of the American Historical Review. They will be sent to different historical societies.

The seminar class in English history is short of books. The supply has been exhausted in this country and it will take about five weeks to secure a supply from England. The Co-op is sending to New York and Chicago for second-hand copies to supply present needs.

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MEETING of Debating Association, Saturday, Oct. 10, 11 a. m., Uni. Hall. Important business. G. A. Lee, Pres.

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