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IS NEBRASKA INTERESTED?

Some time ago there appeared in the Daily Nebraskan an article urging the starting of a movement in the University of Nebraska, and ultimately to include the Universities of the world, for the propagation of a universal peace. There was no response to that appeal and it is not surprising, as the thing was yet vague and seemed to offer no real compensation or reward.

The subject may well be brought up again in another form.

The "Nobel Peace Prize" is to be awarded on December 10, 1907. Is the University of Nebraska, as a representative of the United States, interested in an effort to obtain that prize?

This prize was instituted in the year

peace which would demand recognition in this contest and aid in the simplification of international relations?

This would bring the United States in line with the nations who have hitherto entered the contests; it would bring the American colleges into a brighter light; it would turn all eyes to the Western institutions of learning and, finally, perhaps it would precipitate a movement among the colleges toward the establishment of "associations for the propagation of a universal peace." Why not immortalize the University of Nebraska?

THE NOBEL PRIZES.

The Nobel Peace Prize, an announcement of which is published in today's Nebraskan, is of sufficient importance to merit a brief history of its foundation and an explanation of its purposes.

In 1900, Alfred Nobel, the inventor of dynamite, provided in his will for the founding of a fund to be known as the Nobel Prize Fund and to be used for the encouragement of science and literature and international peace. This encouragement was to be offered in the form of medals and cash prizes awarded by a committee of scholars hired for that express purpose. The fund, which consisted of several millions of dollars, was to be placed in the hands of the Norwegian parliament, which body should invest it as it should see fit. The revenues resulting from these investments were to be expended annually according to the plan laid down by Mr. Nobel.

Since the founding of the fund twenty-three prizes, representing over one million of dollars, have been awarded. Of this number four have fallen to German scholars, four to French and four to English. Swiss students have succeeded in carrying off three of the honors, the Dutch two, and those of Russia, Denmark, Sweden, Norway and Spain one.

It is interesting to note in this connection the absence of American names from the roll of honor. Altho the field of research is broad, including as it does the sciences of physics, chemistry and medicine, and literature and peace, not a single American scholar has succeeded in gaining a place on the lists of the honored prizemen.

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1900 by a Norwegian scientist for the more immediate propagation of "universal peace" ideas throughout the nations of the world.

Among those who are qualified for the contest are University professors of Political Science and Law, History and Philosophy.

The Nobel peace prize may also be accorded to institutions and associations.

In the years past this peace prize has been awarded to men from Switzerland and England. The other Nobel prizes for scientific and literary work have been awarded to representatives of France, Germany, England, and Holland.

Along the line of our immediate attention—viz.: Peace—is the United States, the colossal example of democracy to the world, not worthy of recognition?

Is there not some one in this University, either professor or representative, who is willing to undertake the formulation of a policy of universal

Why is this? Is it because we have no men worthy to stand with these scholars of Europe? Or is the Old World slow to recognize the achievements of the New? It may be that our national modesty has deterred us from pushing our claims or that our scientific achievements commensurate with the equipment of our laboratories.

Whatever the cause may be, it does not appear that sufficient effort has been made in this country to see that proper nominations are made with the necessary backing. In European countries nomination blanks are indorsed with a united effort by learned associations and colleges and every student is keenly alert to any opportunity which may enable him to compete for a prize. It is to be hoped that a similar spirit will be manifested by American students in the near future and that they show the honors and benefits provided by the late Norwegian philanthropist.

It is encouraging to remember that the late Dr. Edgren, formerly professor of Romantic Languages and Literature in the University of Nebraska, was a member of the awarding committee of the Nobel Prize Fund at the time of his death three years ago.

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