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TRADITION

Tradition is the transmission of opinions, doctrines and customs from ancestors to posterity. The child spends many years acquiring the customs and knowledge of his ancestors. This is the very basis of human progress. But this basis should be the foundation for further and better thinking and not an excuse for lack of thinking. When a people allows its traditions to become too firmly rooted that people cannot adjust itself to changing environment, but becomes as India, incapable of improvement.

The bondage of the living to the dead is by no means absent from America. The generation which wrote our Federal Constitution dared amend it, but we dare not criticize it, though the years that have added to its sanctity have made amendments necessary. We look at the Constitution with sanctimonious reverence, and deem it an Ark of the Covenant too sacred to be touched. We ascribe to the men of the Revolutionary age a wisdom more than human and suppose their work to be beyond amendment. We forget that the fundamental laws of our country must change with the social and industrial conditions if the Constitution is not to lie as a dead hand upon the people and prevent progress.

Our legal procedure stiffens with accumulated precedent until a lawsuit once a quest for truth and justice has become a regulated contest between trained professionals where the judge's place is to see that the rules of the game as long ago provided are carried out strictly.

In education, in religion, in politics tradition plays the leading role. Hence they find it hard to adapt themselves to changing social conditions. Tradition holds its sway because the masses too often turn aside from evidence that is not to their liking, preferring to deity error if error is fascinating.

Special Rate to students, this week only. Lincoln Dancing Academy.

The Drake basketball team concedes the strength of the Cornhusker representatives in a statement in the Des Moines school's official organ, but adds that "the Drake team appears to be stronger than usual this year and should make a good showing."

Applications for election to the offices of Editor-in-Chief, Managing Editor, two Associate Editors, and Business Manager and Assistant Business Manager of the Daily Nebraskan for the second semester of the current school year will be received at the office of the Secretary of the Student Publication Board, basement of the Administration building, until 12 o'clock noon, Thursday, January 14, 1914.

Applications to be made on forms which will be furnished by the Secretary.

Applicants for election to the position of Managing Editor must have served creditably at least one year on the Daily Nebraskan, or shall have had an equivalent of such service elsewhere.

T. A. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

DR. HOWARD ATTENDS CONVENTIONS IN EAST

Attends Three Important Conventions in Eastern State—Twenty Universities Represented

During the holidays, Dr. George Elliot Howard of the department of political science and sociology, attended the meetings of two conventions in the east. The American Sociological Society, together with the American Economic Association and the American Statistical Association, held their meetings at Princeton.

Most of the members attending were housed in the dormitories, occupying the rooms of the students who had gone home for the vacation. The meeting of the American Sociological Society was the most interesting held for several years. All of the sessions were devoted to the discussion of various aspects of one general subject, "Freedom of Communication."

Dr. Howard presided Wednesday afternoon, December 30, when "Freedom of Teaching" was considered, and when the economists were present. The president, Professor E. A. Ross of the University of Wisconsin, and the vice presidents, Dr. George Vincent of the University of Minnesota and Dr. Howard of the University of Nebraska, were re-elected for the ensuing year. They are members of the executive council.

As delegate from the University of Nebraska, Dr. Howard also took part in the organization of the "American Association of University and College Professors" at the meeting held in New York. A large body of men from many of the leading universities and colleges of the United States were present. After a most interesting discussion, extending over three sessions of three hours each, a constitution was agreed upon. The purpose of this new national association is to promote the interests of university teachers as distinguished from administrative and executive boards and officers. It is expected to have a powerful influence in unifying, systematizing and elevating higher education in America. Dr. John Dewey of Columbia University was chosen to be the first president and Professor J. M. Coulter, vice president.

The powers of the association are vested mainly in a "council of thirty" chosen by ballot. The members of the council are selected according to

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a double system of representation—eminence in some science or branch of learning and geographical location. Thus, Dr. Howard was elected to represent the sociologists of the United States and the University of Nebraska.

About twenty colleges and universities have representatives on the council. Eligible to membership in the association are professors of eminence in their departments of learning who have had at least ten years' experience in collegiate or university teaching.

UNI. NOTICES

Cornhusker Pictures

No individual pictures for the Cornhusker will be accepted after January 18. This is final. The book must come out on time. Do your part. M. L. POTEET.

Union Society

The Union Literary Society will hold its weekly meeting in Union Hall Friday evening. All visitors are welcome.

Silver Serpents

The meeting of the Silver Serpents, which was to have been held last evening at 7:15, was postponed until next Wednesday at the same hour.

Notice

The D. G. V. will not meet this evening as announced. The next meeting will be on January 20 at the home of Miss Herrick. Prof. G. K. Link will speak, his topic being "Deutsche Dichtigkeit."

Tegner Meeting

The Tegner Society meets in Art Hall, Saturday, January 9, 1915, at 8:15 p. m. Program will be given by new members. You are welcome.

Junior Class Play Committee

All members of the Junior class selling tickets to the Junior class play meet in U. 106, Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. CHAIRMAN.

Catholic Students

There will be a special meeting of the Catholic Students' Club at Music Hall, Temple, Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. All are invited.

Unusual Offer—See Mayer Bros. ad on page four.

THIRD SYMPHONY GIVEN YESTERDAY

Small But Enthusiastic Audience Hears Third Symphony—Symphony Dedicated to Bonaparte

The third Beethoven symphony was held at convocation yesterday morning. Although the crowd was not so large as usual, the attendance was very good, and probably all that could be expected at this time.

This symphony was originally dedicated to Napoleon Bonaparte, whom Beethoven then considered the representative of popular rights. He was, however, disappointed in the subsequent career of Napoleon and consequently destroyed the title page, writing instead "To celebrate the memory of a great man." The composition is generally known as the Heroic Symphony.

A formal introduction is dispensed with and the first movement is indicative of strength and vigor. The funeral march laments the hero's death. There is a slow and solemn tread and mournful minor chords which set forth deep sorrow for the noble dead. The scherzo has a lively rhythm which recalls to us the kindness and humorous characteristics of the great man in his hours of relaxation. The finale then gives a summing up of the elements of his character.

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