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The class of 1916, in its numbers and quality, is indicative of the steady growth of the university. In many respects it has raised the standard for future classes. It has now the opportunity of continued service to the university and of wider service to the state. The university can have no better asset than loyal alumni. The state can have no better asset than well trained citizens.

The recent action of the faculty council in regard to abolishing the mathematics and ancient languages requirements for Phi Beta Kappa is to be commended. It seems strange that a western university should have clung more tenaciously to the conservative restrictions than did the eastern institutions.

Phi Beta Kappa is regarded as a general student honor. While the old requirements existed, however, the honor was out of reach of a large number of excellent students who did not choose to take the required mathematics or ancient language. The action of the council makes the Phi Beta Kappa in reality what it has only been nominally before, the Arts and Sciences students' honorary scholastic fraternity. Consequently, the standards of the society will be raised and the respect of the student body for it will be increased.

RELIGIOUS LIFE DEPT

TO THE CLASS OF 1916

For the last few weeks, at the request of The Daily Nebraskan, the university pastors have been contributing a few articles dealing with the religious life of university students. Perhaps on this day of graduation it is appropriate that the final one for the year shall be inserted. I had hoped that an article from Mr. Ewing, now engaged in the work among the prison camps of Europe, might be on hand for this issue. Giving his fervent and enthusiastic life, as much as in him lies, to bring some comfort to men whose lives are being warped into the ways of hatred by the tragedy of our time, it seemed especially fitting that he should have a word for us. It is probably on its way.

I believe that I speak not only for myself, but also for the other men who stand in the relationship of welcomed representatives of the church at large to the university and its youth, when I say that few men have a greater pride in the graduates of 1916 than do we. It has been our privilege to have known many of them through the entire four years' course. It is with real gratitude and sincere joy that we see them go forth, knowing as we do, that practically all of them will ever be found worthy representatives of a great Alma Mater, wise and helpful interpreters to their fellowmen of a way of life that leads upwards. There are those who will live selfish lives, probably unattached to any great cause and oblivious of any real enthusiasm. They are few in number; beyond them will be the many who do not fear to serve, find-

ing their largest life in issues that lie beyond themselves. A long while ago someone very confidently stated that to make a certain Kingdom and righteousness one's chief aim was a sure way of overcoming a form of anxiety that simply means a wrong emphasis in life.

My specialty, in so far as my limited attainments may be worthy of such description, is religion. I somewhat gladly think that Mr. Balfour was right when he said that "religion is the most interesting subject for the mind of man." It is a subject which, necessarily, under our American system of education, has little emphasis in a college course. A college course, however, in any department of human learning, has been a very poor discipline if it has not aroused a call in the life for a larger understanding of the philosophy and prospect of the Christian religion.

If, then, I may be permitted an "exhortation" at such a time as this, to the men and women who today receive at the hands of chosen authorities of the state a certain recognition and acknowledgement, it would be a brief and worthy utterance of Paul, the Apostle, who, in his letter to the Philippians (Weymouth's translation), "prays that their love may be more and more accompanied by clear knowledge and keen perception, for testing things that differ, so that they may be men of transparent character, and may be blameless . . . being filled with the fruits of righteousness." I shall hope that as the days and years come and and go, a ripper understanding will accompany a deepening enthusiasm for that program of life which was laid down by Him who first and foremost of us all gave Himself unswervingly to a costly but joyful service to His fellowmen.

EVANS A. WORTHLEY.

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DR. BLISS PERRY
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more homogeneous standards. There is contradiction and discord because the common man suspects that the old order of things is inadequate. The necessity for mutual understanding, for settling of disputes, for respect for law, is dictated by actual lawless situations. We need, just as the English eighteenth century needed and found, a working platform, a modus vivendi; but we shall have studied that century in vain if it has not taught us that all such working theories must be broad enough to include the whole range of ascertainable social fact.

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Prof. Amanda Heppner, of the German department, is planning to give two German plays during the summer. The first will be given at the Temple theatre on July 21, for the benefit of the choir of the St. Paul's German Evangelical church. The play is a three-act farce entitled "Pension Schoeller."

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