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Religion is personal. It is the soul's struggle to unite itself with an infinite; an effort to get into right relations with reality. It is not a cult imposed by tradition, but the product of man's attempt to achieve the realization of his possibilities as a spiritual being. Herein is the fundamental condition of religious unity.

We find a common faith, an illuminating fellowship, in our diversity of faiths. The idealism of the present demands the recognition of the inviolability of individual religion. In the respect for one another's faith the deeper and broader faith will be established in the hearts of men. But in this atmosphere of freedom, which in a large measure is here and now, men find a certain consensus of opinion, a real harmony of thought, a fundamental agreement in ideals of conduct. This unity of thought and action will not be imposed from without, but will be the spontaneous outgrowth of the relation of the free minds to the facts of modern life as revealed by scientists and interpreted by philosophers.

Freedom of mind and conscience is the condition and the fundamental element of the new religion. No longer can it be looked upon as a negation of authority, or a mere expression of lack of faith. It is on the contrary the very life of the new religion that is to inspire men to a larger thought of self and the race. The free souls will, because they are free, attain for the future new and larger conceptions of man and his destiny. Men will see that without freedom idealism will be destroyed and the rot of formalism will prevail. But with freedom the souls of men will blossom and bear fruit as naturally as does the flower that blooms in the spring.

Unity through freedom is the very heart of the religion that is in the making. Its possibilities and ideals are now beginning to grip the hearts of men even more tenaciously that the ideals of any ancient religion. The prophets of this new faith—it will have no priests—will be all the people. They, in their collective activity, in the free play of mind and sympathy, will create a new temple, which will be all the activities of men, in which the race will work and worship. The shop and factory, school and home, the amusement hall and playground, will be dedicated to the service of the higher and spiritual life of mankind, instead of being the business of a few. Religion will be the life of all. Instead of belonging to church, it will belong to our common human experience.—Adv.

with a few other crooks in the Lincoln jail. I shall make an extra effort to attend our class reunion this year. My home address is 814 Pine street, Omaha, and the latch string is always out."

The scientific and versatile Howard C. Parmele next appears and offers the following bits of information relative to his down-hill career: "After graduating I taught school for one year down at Beatrice where I was expected to impart knowledge in all of the sciences that are in a college curriculum. I engaged to teach physics and chemistry, but after taking the position found that I was expected to give instruction in geology, astronomy, botany and zoology. I think the joke proved to be on the high school, for I had never even studied three of those subjects. One year of teaching was quite enough for me under the circumstances and I was glad to get into commercial work as assistant chemist for the Union Pacific at Omaha. A year or so later I took up metallurgical work in Denver and since that time have been connected with the mining and metallurgical industries in one capacity or another. During recent years I have been continuously engaged in editorial work on technical publications until last August, when I was elected president of the Colorado school of mines—after unsuccessful efforts had been made to find someone who would offer himself as a suitable sacrifice."

Let us now return to the west, but not to Utah. Ivan W. Goodner, professor of law in the University of Washington at Seattle, writes:

"Am sorry indeed that my duties here will prevent attendance at the reunion. The twentieth anniversary should bring many to Lincoln and I hope it may prove a very happy occasion to all so fortunate as to be there. It would be, indeed, a great pleasure to again greet Judge Reese, Judge Wilson and 'Charley' Robbins, who are, I believe, all the are left of the law faculty of '97."

"I have never married since graduation. One reason is that at that time I already had and still have a perfectly good wife and four children. Returned to Pierre, S. D., in '97, where I remained in the practice of law until coming to the coast. Admitted to Supreme court of the United States in 1901; city attorney for Pierre, two years; state's attorney four years; member state board of regents six years; president of board four years; member state senate one year. Came to Seattle in 1908. Entered law faculty U. of W. in 1910 as a lecturer; made a professor in 1912, and am still on the job."

Among those who took the advanced degree with the class is Mrs. Margaret Thompson Sheldon, present president of the Ladies' Legislative league. She married A. E. Sheldon, director of the legislative reference bureau of the University, and now resides in Lincoln "a peaceful, law-abiding, homemaking citizen (if I be allowed to tell the story.)"

Hartley Burr Alexander, professor of philosophy U. of N. Side lines pageants, war dances and whoops.

Nellie Griggs Alexander, Guide and inspiration of the aforesaid H. B. A. and probably cause of the whoops.

Flora Bullock, poetess-author of "One Mile to Old Town."

John Carr. Failed to answer the committee's inquiries and telephone. Detectives on his trail.

George R. Chatburn, professor of applied mechanics U. of N. and this committee's inspiration.

George E. Condra. Professor of geography, U. of N. Ask him about conservation.

Benton Dales. Professor of chemistry, U. of N. Deliberation and nonchalance incarnate.

Francis E. Duncomb, teacher of English, Lincoln high school. Disposition unspooled after twenty years of teaching.

Dennis Flaherty, apprehended for bank robbery but once. His chief grievance is that Providence made him a member of the class of '97.

Guy W. Green, baseball magnate. William Hackney, behind the bars (of the Central National bank).

Nettie Philbrick Locke, specialized in domestic science and got a husband. Moral.

Rufus A. Lyman, dean of college of pharmacy, U. of N. Free dispensary during the reunion.

Sue Pillsbury, teacher of Latin, Lincoln high school. Lowe A. Ricketts, attorney at law.



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Starred as Professor Lees twenty years ago and trying to live it down. George H. Risser. His record is on file in the police court.

Grace Guy Thompson Hyatt, teacher in Lincoln high school.

"Shorty" Lehnoff, M. D., who has bribed patients to interrupt commit-

tee meetings regularly for advertising purposes even to the extent of calling him out of town.

Julia M. Wort is a teacher of history in the Lincoln high school. She is sure her name is not in "Who's Who" but knows it's in the Bible.

"Bill" Grant, consulting engineer,

Lincoln, and associate professor of civil engineering, U. of N.

Laura B. Pfeiffer, chairman, associate professor of European history U. of N., who in spite of her tonic name is on very bad terms with the kaiser.

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