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IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The question of the Bible in public schools is never settled. While the national Woman's Christian Temperance Union is celebrating its progress in placing Bible study in the schools, the recently organized Science League, composed of leading scientists, is launching a campaign to combat the efforts of opponents of the theory of evolution to prevent instruction on that subject in public schools and colleges.

One of the aims of the organization by the president of the Science League, is to "keep evolution in the schools and the Book of Genesis out." Some of the members disagree; they believe that if both sides are given a chance the truth, presumably the theory of evolution, will hold its own.

The liberal views of these members of the league who advocate instruction both in the Bible and the theory of evolution are surely the more desirable.

But there is doubt of the wisdom of giving instruction in any religious doctrines, outside of the church, until the students have reached college age. Teachers, both in the grammar and high schools, are likely to have too strongly decided opinions on the subject to permit uncolored presentation of the ideas of each faction.

Whenever the theory of evolution is mentioned those who are strongly religious at once protest; that subject can hardly be placed in public schools without trouble. If the Bible could be read, a chapter or so a day, without comment, perhaps no one would object; but such a procedure is not likely to do any particular good.

INVENTION.

Contrary to the usual statement that most of the important inventions and discoveries have been made, are recent announcements printed in the daily press.

A university professor has perfected a device for spraying clouds with electrified sand from aircraft and so dispelling them that there is no danger to the aviator from that source.

A German alchemist announces that he has a process for converting mercury into gold, although the amount of gold yielded by a given quantity of mercury is yet so small that the process is not profitable.

A Swedish steamer enroute from New York to Hamburg recently used an anti-rolling device with such success that a usual roll of sixteen degrees was cut to six degrees.

An Italian announces on the basis of apparently authentic tests that he has a device for the control of torpedoes by radio that is immune to interference. This invention will probably make private wireless messages possible, he points out.

There are yet many inventions to be made. Any professor of science or professional man can name a half dozen problems that require better solutions. The field of research for college graduates is broad. And Nebraska must secure an increase of the physical plant of the University if its research workers are to be on equal terms with others.

The College Press

"WHY GO HOME?"

There is so much said about students forgetting home in their selfish interest in education an essay contest sponsored by our critics might be suggested—the title being "Why Go Home?"

The answers would undoubtedly include the familiar "I go home to change my clothes before going some place else." "I go home when every other place shuts down." "I go home to save board bills."—many frivolous answers adopted to support the popular tradition that be in college is to be lost to mother and dad.

Of course our studies take time and we must go to the library a few nights in the week. We cannot go home for lunch because there are friends we may see only at the noon hour. In the evening we sometimes drift in for dinner and to wait till

time for the date, for the meeting—for something that will take us "from the fireside." Sometimes we talk about what we are doing; sometimes we are silent.—And the result is that the family has every reason to say, "We never see Willie and Mary now that they've gone to college."

The conviction that we are indifferent and thoughtless and selfish is helped by authors who went to college ten years ago and who now feel it their duty to tell the world about the evils of modern college life and the need for the "old-fashioned home." Ministers find it part of their business to tell mothers why their children "neglect" them, and persons who have never gone to college think that stability and domestic peace will prevail if we will only work eight hours a day.

The fact is that no one has considered how much time college actually takes and no one—our families last of all—will deny our right to the pleasures we may get from association with various groups (which must meet) and the enjoyment of parties we will soon grow tired of.

If the "Why Go Home" contest would serve to convince these people that students still talk and think about home, it would have done much to add to the peace of both the young and the less young. The essay would show that often the attention put upon college by a student is the result of a desire to please those who are sending him. He is inspired to strive for the success his father may have won; college is the first step. She may be gratifying her mother by a social and intellectual success—college is the present means.

And through it all runs the same respect, the same affection for home that young people ever have had. The family is the first to hear of college triumphs and the first to hear us complain about defeats. Instead of questioning our loyalty to home traditions, we need their faith in our ability to succeed in college and their understanding that we are people besides being their children. We go home because it is the best place we have found so far and because we know it is the best place we shall ever find.—M. H. B. in Daily Californian.

THE RADICAL UNDERGRADS

Alumni frequently disturb themselves over the so-called "radical" trend of some Dartmouth undergraduates. They fear the questioning attitude, and seek to protect the College from the bogey of the "youth movement." In becoming so concerned over the welfare of the present undergraduate, they forget that once they were probably numbered among the "young intellectuals." Now that they have joined the ranks of the "old conservatives," it is difficult in retrospect to appreciate the position of the new generation.

The Dartmouth would point out that there always have been and always will be the "young intellectuals" and the "old conservatives." The "young intellectuals" of today are the "old conservatives" of tomorrow. There is a permanence in the whole scheme which is lost sight of, until one forcibly recalls the facts. Many a father tells his son, when he returns home imbued with the crusading spirit, that it is only a "stage." He knows, because the imminent contact with the spirit of youth recalls his own radical days.

The Dartmouth believes that radicalism is good for the College; for what does radicalism mean, if not a desire to get at the root of things? It is this spirit of curiosity, the desire to know the fundamentals, that is so often misconstrued. The undergraduates of today are curious. That is why so much attention is paid to the appearance of radical speakers at Dartmouth. Attention to such speakers is in no way an acceptance of their ideas. Rather it is curiosity, the same curiosity which has attracted the attention of students in all countries and at all times to speakers who voice opinions contrary to those of the majority. Undergraduates without the instinct of curiosity would be a sorry lot. The outside world need not worry over a frank expression of curiosity in a desire to learn. The application of any radical ideas garnered in college will be difficult enough, without ending those ideas by squelching process.—The Dartmouth.

Notices

Iota Sigma Pi.

Meeting of the Iota Sigma Pi, Wednesday at 7 o'clock in Chemistry Hall.

Lutherans.

The Lutheran Bible League will meet for Bible study Wednesday at 7 o'clock in Faculty Hall.

Silver Serpents.

There will be a meeting of the Silver Serpents Thursday at 7:15 in Ellen Smith Hall.

Iron Sphinx.

Iron Sphinx will hold a meeting at the Delta Chi house, 1600 R Streets, at 7:15, tonight.

Delta Sigma Pi.

Meeting at Grand Hotel Thursday at 12. Luncheon and business meeting.

Sophomore Olympics Tryout.

Sophomore wrestling tryouts for Olympics will be held Wednesday at 4 o'clock in the Armory.

P. E. O.

There will be a meeting of the P. E. O. at the Kappa Kappa Gamma

house, Thursday from 4 to 6 o'clock. All students and house mothers who are members of the P. E. O. are invited.

Scabbard and Blade.

Scabbard and Blade will meet Thursday, at 7:30 in Nebraska Hall, 205.

Christian Science Society.

Christian Science Society meets Thursday at 7:30 in Faculty Hall, Temple.

Freshman Council.

A meeting of the Freshman Council, will be held Thursday at 7 o'clock in Temple 101.

Girls' Commercial Club.

Girls' Commercial club will hold an initiation and dinner, Wednesday from 5 to 7:30, in Ellen Smith Hall.

Congregational Students.

Congregational students may reserve plates for the banquet by calling F2206 whether they received an

invitation or not. The banquet will be held at the University Club Thursday at 6:15.

Sophomore Olympics

Tryouts for sophomore boxing will be held, Thursday at 4 o'clock in the Armory.

Xi Delta.

Important meeting of the Xi Delta will be held Thursday at 7 o'clock in Ellen Smith Hall.

Basketball.

Beginning November 17, basketball practice will be held, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 4 to 6 o'clock and Wednesday at 7:30.

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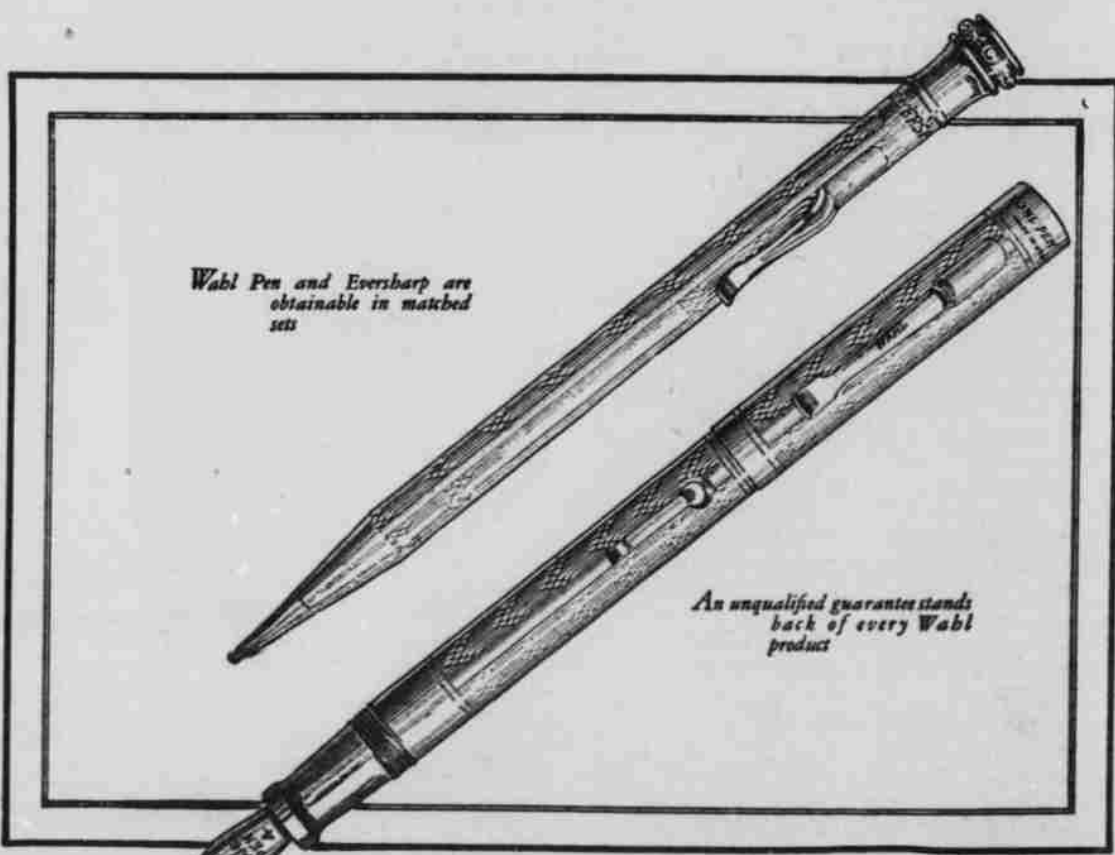
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