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THE AIMS OF EDUCATION

While he saw much hope for the future of American education, Mr. J. Stitt Wilson, in his recent World Forum address, brought many serious charges against the aims and methods of higher education. His condemnation of the lecture system which he called a "pouring in" process was emphatic. His other statements seemed to point out that the universities have failed to organize knowledge; are neglecting the best students in the effort to educate the many; and are failing to develop the well educated men and women, and world citizens, and true social units which it is the purpose of a university to develop.

The statements of Mr. Wilson do not represent a voice crying alone in the wilderness. Presidents, deans, professors, and students throughout the country have in recent years brought the same charges against our institutions of higher learning. Admitting that well trained specialists and professional men are being turned out, they point out that graduates are not equipped for intelligent membership in the society in which they are living. They lack appreciation of the world, they are without working attitudes toward it or philosophies of life which make for intelligent change and progress. The charges seem to be that citizens of the highest type, truly educated men and women, are not developed in our universities and colleges.

These conditions, if true, call for a re-examination of the aims and the methods of modern education. For, when criticisms such as these appear against institutions so important in the organization of society as educational institutions, an immediate survey of the situation should be made to determine the validity of the statements.

The charges mentioned point out the deficiencies of the present system in the light of what should be taking place. The aims of education, it would seem, should be to produce enlightened members of society, citizens in the highest sense, men and women with a world view of things. That we have such members of society is imperative and if they are not being developed by the means which should develop them, those means (the universities) should be examined.

Men and women of the type deemed essential are not appearing among the graduates of the colleges and universities because these institutions do not consciously aim to produce them and because the methods do not tend to develop them. If the student should learn to think and form independent judgments, he must not have his information poured into him or injected by a hypodermic needle. If the lecture-credit system turns out

men and women whose information is in neat but unrelated little packages, whose faculties for critical thinking are undeveloped, whose abilities for independent work have been subordinated, who are slaves to professional authority, whose totality of courses is represented only by the letters "A. B." on the diploma, then a re-examination of this system is in order. Such a condition exists, according to these critics, and the least we can do is to see by careful inspection if their charges are true.

The responsibility of individual students is the greater, if our critics are right. They must on their own initiative make up for the deficiencies of the system. More than ever, theirs is the duty of self-education. If the tendency now is the production of compartment minds, students must fight against the tendency by broad reading and careful thinking. If the tendency is to produce uncritical intellects which are dependent on the authority of professors alone, then the student must be more care-

ful as he takes in the information of his teachers. By the vigilance of students the situation may be improved somewhat; but the duty of re-examination remains since the volume of criticism is so great.

Calendar

Friday, November 21
 Phi Kappa fall party.
 Mystic Fish tea for freshmen girls.
 Saturday, November 21
 All University Party, Armory.
 Delta Delta house dance.
 Sigma Nu house dance.
 Kappa Sigma house dance.
 Delta Sigma Phi house dance.
 Delta Gamma house dance.
 Delta Sigma Lambda house dance.
 Mu Sigma house dance.
 Motar Board district conference, all day.
 Sunday, November 22.
 Church affiliation day.

Ten Years Ago

"Believe me, Xantippe," was presented successfully by the University

School of Dramatics before a large audience in the Temple. They repeated it for the benefit of the alumni and other visitors.

The second regimental review of the year was held on the athletic

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