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There seems to be no end to the popular idea of a new university. It is to be supposed that there are quite enough so-called "mushroom" colleges in the West, but it seems not. From the ruins of several colleges around Denver is to arise the Westminster University. It is said that no one has yet been found, at a thousand dollars a year, to become its president.

Recent statements by Prof. Joseph Torrey to the students of the Harvard summer school indicate that in his opinion the laboratory method of instruction is being carried to excess. Professor Torrey made these statements to teachers, many of them from the West, and the wisdom contained therein is evident. The old "memory" method deserved partial neglect, but hardly total desertion.

The hearty reception accorded the address by the Chancellor portrayed the need felt for just such an address. Not that Nebraska students are in any way lacking in honor and integrity, but that they felt fully in sympathy with the theme. It is a fact that moral training in our colleges wants efficiency, and that parental discipline has grown lax. President Norton of Harvard spoke of this at the annual Ashfield dinner last month, and educators everywhere are becoming alive to the subject.

Twenty years ago Prof. J. H. Raymond, the new president of the University of Wisconsin, was selling papers on the streets of Chicago. His life is an example of what one may do who applies himself assiduously to a high purpose in life. In America, as in no other country, the young man has a chance to make something of himself though he has no capital other than health, brains and perseverance. The many good schools there are on every side free of tuition and the friendly assistance offered on every side should encourage one to set his ideals high and work.

It is doubtful if culture obtained by means of a university such as John Brisben Walker of the Cosmopolitan intends to establish is real culture at all. Superficiality is a thing to be avoided. At best, our leading colleges and universities do not avoid it entirely and the chances of a successful education are greatly increased by the methods of instruction announced by the so-called "Cosmopolitan University." The mission of such a university surely cannot be the education of the masses. The Chatauqua movement, which has resulted in widespread good, has failed as far as giving real culture is concerned. It reached the masses, enlightened them somewhat, but did not really educate them. A university on paper would seem a dangerous thing to real education in the strict sense.

The following article on fraternities, taken from the "Congregationalist," is a plain statement of equally plain facts. It is not an article advocating fraternities, but shows a few general principles for which they stand:

"Every now and then a public speaker indulges in wholesale criticism of college fraternities as inimical to the Christian interests of those who belong to them and to the spiritual welfare of the college community. There are many fraternities and they differ considerably. There may be some in regard to which a note of warning should be sounded. But certainly there are many which are note-

worthy agencies for good. Few, if any, are directly intended to promote Christian work, because they usually are primarily literary and social. But most of them, it is safe to say, are very far from being in any way hostile to Christianity, and many are frankly and influentially sympathetic with whatever is good. They number many religious men among their leading members and their influence usually tends to advance rather than hinder Christian progress. They afford many opportunities for Christian work by promoting acquaintanceship between religious and non-religious men which otherwise never would exist. They form a pleasant link between graduates and undergraduates, and for many an alumni they furnish a great source of satisfaction in connection with a return to college halls. As the rule and in the great majority college fraternities are both useful and enjoyable, helpful in many ways to their members, and no more to be condemned as hostile to Christianity than are historical, literary, or scientific societies outside of college."

THE LINCOLN DAY PARADE.

The parade that took place last Friday was a great thing for the University. In nearly every part of the line was something that showed the trademark of the U. of N. The very first thing came Jimmie Fehet following close in the footsteps of his father and carrying a flag. The most cynical University man could not deny that things were starting out well when they saw Jim juggling that banner. Next came the Pershings with beardless Captain Schwarz at the head. They looked very well indeed, except that George Bartlett's ducks showed the effect of too many picnics this summer and they had stains ranging from a deep sea green to the faintest emerald tint. Phirussell... had his sea legs on, owing to his summer's cruise, and he couldn't walk very straight, but everyone thought he was staggering because of the weight of his prospective shoulder straps. After the infantry came the artillery, and this was the warmest sight of all. Charley Barber came first, riding an old white farm horse that is used to plow sugar beets on the state farm. They made a very handsome sight. Sitting on the second gun carriage was Whip and Davvy. Whip was sitting up like a two-dollar footman on a Fifth avenue T-trap and Davvy looked like his little boy who had been allowed to come along. There were four or five Uni girls representing colonies, and they were as much a credit to their college as to the colonies they represented.

Bert Whedon and Cissy Fitzgerald were in the living flag. They hit the high spots when it came to singing national songs. There was once, however, when Bert wanted to sing "Take Back Your Gold" instead of "Marching Through Georgia," and the leader objected. Bert immediately told the leader that he had no artistic appreciation and gave up his little red mantle and crown and passed the whole thing up.

There is a false impression prevalent at this time that may as well be righted now as any time. The caquet band is not the same thing as Kinglings' clown band. They are a permanent University organization and should be looked upon with veneration. They were not expected to be very fine that day, but they were a surprise to everyone—this is no joke. After leaving the parade the majority of the band went around on the side of the Capital hotel and played "The Maiden's Prayer," but their serenade didn't get them anything. The parade ended at about 4 o'clock and by 7 all new students were ordered off the streets, so they would not be run over in the fire department run.

Doc Everett, '76, has a new story now. It is a good one, too—entirely to good to be original. It begins: "There was a Swede from Omaha who came to register, etc." If you haven't yet heard it you can button up your coat and lay your fountain pen on the ground where it won't get hurt and get him to tell it to you.

All those who watch the football practice now must sit on the bleachers instead of following up the game like a lot of preps behind a steam callope. This is a great deprivation, since three-quarters of the fun used to be to stand about three feet behind the backs and give advice when you knew you didn't know what you were talking about.

AT THE FUNKE.

The beautiful story of American life, "Uncle Josh Spruceby," will be presented at the Funke opera house Monday evening, September 27. The play depicts life in New England and is alternately full of comedy and pathos. The scene is laid in Vermont and many of the characters are taken from the life and daily habits of people whom the author met there. The company presenting the play this season numbers thirty-five people and includes two bands and an orchestra of twelve soloists. Many new features have been added—notably, the magniscope, the latest perfection in moving picture machines. The big street parade and band concert take place daily at noon. Prices, 75c, 50c and 25c. Seats on sale this morning, 10 o'clock.

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