

but one question which every loyal student, alumnus, and faculty member ought to consider and that is the best method of starting and conducting the paper. If the University of Nebraska is to become one of the leaders I fail to understand how it can 'make haste slowly.' In my opinion it would be well to substitute the modern expression 'saw wood'."

#### RELIGION IN PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS.

(By Wm. J. Parker, Intercollegiate Secretary, Chicago.)

A popular notion has it that professional students notably those in medical schools, are wholly indifferent if not indeed hostile to religion and religious organizations. To show that there is no present basis for this impression is to tell the story of another association triumph. A short ten years has witnessed the establishment of the association in this class of institutions.

Possibly the most efficient work done in professional schools in this country is in Chicago. Associations are organized in eighteen medical, dental, law, technical, and theological schools. The fifty-five hundred men in these schools come from all parts of the world, large numbers of them from the colleges of the middle West. Except in the theological seminaries, there are no gymnasiums, dormitories, chapels or other provision whatever for the physical, social, moral, or religious life of students. Is it not indicative of the reality of the religion of the Christian students that over seven hundred of them should voluntarily become members of the associations in their respective schools and associate their efforts to supply these needs?

The activities are similar to those of other student associations. Short religious meetings of a devotional nature are held in each school weekly. Personal amphitheatre meetings are addressed by leading faculty men and attract large numbers of students. Special lectures of a popular nature attract still others. The usual Bible courses are taught by student leaders. Mission study classes and groups for prayer and personal work are included in the distinctively religious work.

Several faculties have granted quarters in their college buildings, which are equipped as parlors, reading rooms, or gymnasiums as local requirements dictate. One of the associations occupies a self-sustaining club house that provides opportunity for informal receptions and stimulates good fellowship.

Among their practical philanthropies the associations include the publication of handbooks, the maintenance of information and employment bureaus, the preparation of boarding house lists and those other kindnesses that new students appreciate.

The work of five of the associations has grown to such magnitude as to require the employment of general secretaries for each of them for next year.

All these eighteen associations are federated into what is known as the student department of the Chicago administration of which is committed to a board representative of all the branches. This board through a secretary supervises the entire system in the city, and directly manages all matters of an intercollegiate nature.

In conclusion it needs to be said that New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Baltimore, Toronto, and Cleveland all have similar student departments connected with the metropolitan associations of those cities, the efficiency of which in changing the morals of the student body has called forth highest praise from the faculties and other observers.

#### YESTERDAY'S MASS MEETING.

Chancellor Andrews addressed a mass meeting of young men in the university auditorium yesterday afternoon. He spoke on the subject of college and class spirit and his remarks were enthusiastically received by his audience.

He said that he had experienced some difficulty in getting acquainted with the young men since coming to the university. "I feel the power of young men. If I have the young men of the university on my side I can do everything, if not, I can do nothing. There are some things about you that I do not like and it is the purpose of this meeting to speak of some of these things."

He spoke first of the beauty of the university grounds. They ought to be more beautiful but they are the best we can get and we must put up with them. He urged everyone present to use his influence to keep the grounds in as good shape as possible.

He next called attention to the feeling of the people of the state in regard to law and order in the university. He spoke of the outbreak last spring against the authorities of the city and said that nothing could damage the university more than an occurrence like that. He said that he hoped the young men would not be estrayed by the outburst of joy over a baseball victory into doing anything to break law and order.

He likes to see manhood shown as it was manifested by one of our students who came down with the small-pox and went to the pest house. On the day he was released the cook was taken sick and this young man staid and cooked the food for the inmates. He said that was one of the noblest acts that had come under his observation.

"If there is a disposition to break law and order again as there was last spring, I would help the police against you. The fact that the police had done something wrong would not change him."

He also spoke at length on class scraps and asked the cooperation of all present against the spirit of hoodlumism that has manifested itself this spring in the outbreak of spirit of one class to interfere with the civil rights of members of another class. "I don't care if you are all against me, that thing is not right, it is immoral. When four or five men pounce upon one man they may not be cowards but they are doing a cowardly act. Such things are not done in the best universities. Dueling in the German schools is respectable compared with a gang of men pouncing on one man. Such class spirit is dying out in the best universities and I hope to God it will die out here."

The chancellor also spoke of the Michener meetings and deplored the fact that any one outside the university should have to speak of such things to the university students. He spoke of the social vice and urged any young man in need of help or advice to come to him privately. In closing, he said, "I want to help the students of this university in any way I can and I ask in return the cooperation of all students in these matters."

On Friday evening a joint debate between the Delian boys debating club and the Creighton oratorical association took place in the university hall in Omaha. The question was "Resolved, that the permanent retention of the Philippine Islands by the United States is desirable." No decision was rendered. The Delian representatives, William Morrow, W. H. O'Connell, and V. C. Batie, were accompanied by a large delegation from Lincoln.

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