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SCHOOL AND COLLEGE WORK

Problem of Selecting Institutions for Advanced Education.

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Educational Activities East and West, Faculty Changes and Movements of Teachers—Vacation Suggestions.

The vacation period of the schools brings home to parents and guardians the problem of advanced education of graduates of the grade and high schools. It is a time to weigh well what school is best fitted to train the student along the lines desired, whether such lines be one of the many professions, or a thorough grounding in the fundamentals of a general education.

It is generally conceded that if the mind of the youth is trained in the right direction the habits will remain throughout life and the boy or girl who has been taught to think, to reason and the power of application which comes with study, must be better equipped to enter as man and woman into the work, duties and responsibilities of life.

The proper school then becomes the most serious question for the thinking parents, for the teachers' influence, the environments, the moral and intellectual standards maintained by the school, are all influential in the making of the character and future career of the youth of today.

A system of education high in standard and thorough in its processes is now demanded of every school whether large or small. To meet this constantly growing demand schools and colleges have been more widely established than ever before, and especially is this growth remarkable in the great middle west and northwest, which, yet comparatively new to civilization, have developed a remarkable appreciation and an ambition for education in its various phases.

The numerous schools which have sprung up all over the country, beginning with the most modern educational thought and system, and maintaining the highest standards, have already become wide-spreading influences.

With the various schools provided, and their general worth established, the chief consideration is to select the school best adapted to the natural bent of the student and which will develop to the fullest degree his mental and moral powers.

The Bee, in maintaining its school and college information bureau, aims to be helpful to both parents and schools by bringing them in closer touch and giving any information the parents may desire to know of the various schools and colleges, the curriculum, the advantages, and any other data.

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY.

Projected Improvements and Statistical Information.

The courses of instruction in language and literature offered by the department of literature, science and the arts will be enriched next year by the addition of a course in elementary Russian. The class will be conducted by Assistant Prof. Meador.

The university will offer instruction in the following languages next year: Anglo-Saxon (Old English), Arabic, Aramaic, Assyrian, English, Ethiopic, French, Greek, (ancient Greek, Hellinistic Greek and modern Greek), Hebrew, Old Icelandic, Italian, Latin, Norwegian, Oscan and Umbrian, Provencal, Russian, Sanskrit, Spanish and Syriac. There are also courses in the general science of languages and in Indo-European comparative philology.

Recent statistics regarding the 1907 summer session showed that in the attendance which numbered 1,064 students, thirty-nine states and sixteen countries were represented. Of the total number of students, however, 58 per cent were from Michigan. Of the students in the literary department, 50 per cent were teachers, and in the medical department, 41 per cent were college graduates and 14 per cent practicing physicians. The total number of college graduates in attendance was 221, or 22 per cent of the entire enrollment. Eighty colleges and universities were represented.

The church attendance of students in the university was made the subject of statistical investigation Sunday, March 8. The result, as given in the Michigan Daily, the student paper, showed that the total number of students at five churches alone was 892, 26 per cent of the total attendance at the churches, and 19 per cent of the total student body, while the number of town people in attendance was but 17 per cent of the whole population of Ann Arbor. The churches which furnished the figures were the Catholic, St. Andrew's Episcopal, the Congregational, the First Methodist Episcopal and the Christian Science church. At least 300 students were in attendance at the three morning services at the Catholic church, the total student attendance at St. Andrew's Episcopal was 300, while 375 were in attendance at the Congregational church; 151 students were in attendance at the Methodist church, while ten were present at the Christian Science. Had the other churches in Ann Arbor been included the per centages would have undoubtedly been materially increased.

The first class in engineering at the University of Michigan to graduate, that of 1860, had two members; the class of 1907 numbered over 150.

HARDIN COLLEGE, MEXICO, MO.

Features of the Thirty-Second Annual Commencement.

One of the notable features of the thirty-second commencement of Hardin college, Mexico, Mo., was the annual art levee, which was well attended. The display of oils and water colors, which filled the parlors, commanded well merited praise.

President Million made several announcements of enlargement and improvement for next season, so Hardin will be kept in front of the educational procession, leading the middle west.

Dr. J. Laurence Laughlin of Chicago delivered the address to the graduating class on the subject of "Reminiscences of Some Literary Men."

The conservatory of Hardin college has an enviable reputation for high grade work. For the last six years Xaviar Scharwenka, who is now confining his attention to the Conservatory of Berlin, Germany, has made annual visits to Hardin. His presence has supplemented the practical work of organization and instruction by the local faculty, and will doubtless be felt by the college for years. Prof. Ivor Augustus Thomas, for the last four years with the Nebraska Wesleyan conservatory, will take charge of Hardin conservatory this fall. Prof. Thomas is a native of Wales, but was reared in Canada, where he first studied music, one of his teachers being the great composer, Clarence Lucas. He completed his studies in the Conservatory of Leipsig. He is a specialist in teaching the piano and uses the most modern methods, and has a vast knowledge in the literature of music. Still greater development and higher organization of the conservatory are expected under his direction.

SUMMER SCHOOL OF ETHICS.

Sessions in Connection with University of Wisconsin.

The American Ethical union will hold its annual sessions in connection with the summer school of the University of Wisconsin, at Madison, beginning July 5.

Heretofore, the school has had three departments—ethics, history of religion and political economy. The directors of these departments have been Profs. Felix Adler of New York, C. H. Toy of Harvard and H. C. Adams of Michigan. Its faculty of lecturers has included the most eminent thinkers and leaders of the day, and has contributed much toward conscious construction efforts in the solution of the most vital problems confronting American civilization. Clergymen, teachers, social settlement workers, charity organization workers, have attended its sessions in large numbers. The movement has rendered valuable service to the school, the Sunday school, to social institutions and the church.

This year's meeting in Madison will confine its lecture curriculum to the problems of general and special moral training, and to the ethical movement. The broader and more extended lecture courses in general education, philosophy, ethics, economy, sociology, political science, and history may be taken in the university summer session. The university courses will be formal and systematic, after the usual university method. The school of ethics courses will consist of single lectures and series of five or six lectures by a large and varied faculty of lecturers. These lecturers are all eminent persons, among whom are William M. Slater, lecturer in philosophy in Harvard, and Chicago universities; Nathaniel Schmidt, the eminent linguist, scholar and critic, professor in Cornell university; Jane Addams of Hull House, Chicago; Anna Garlin Spencer of the School of Philanthropy in New York City, Henry Neumann of the College of the City of New York, John Lovejoy Elliott of Hudson Guild, New York; Henry Moskowitz of the Downtown Ethical society, New York; Leslie W. Sprague of the Brooklyn Ethical society, and Percival Chubb of the New York Ethical society.

Prof. Felix Adler, dean of the school, is filling the Roosevelt professorship at the university of Berlin this year, and, therefore, will not be in Madison this summer. Several of the other eminent members of the School of Ethics faculty serving on the advisory council, Prof. Edwin R. A. Seligman of Columbia university, and Mr. S. Burns Weston, editor of the International Journal of Ethics, Philadelphia, may not come to Madison, but the school will enjoy the full benefit of their counsel.

Students who come to Madison for the summer have rare opportunities for the combination of study and recreation. Furthermore, they may come not alone for academic discourses and library researches, but also to observe and study the actual workings of some of the advanced state institutions of the present time, which are now dealing with some of therfr rffrfrfrfrfr dealing first hand with some of the most fundamental problems that confront the American people.

The ethical movement is a synthetic and constructive movement towards betterment, individual and social. It can co-operate with all existing agencies at work for good. In the language of one of the foremost leaders, its purpose is well expressed:

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A SCHOOL IN A FOREST.

An Indiana Seminary in an Attractive Location.

Beautiful St. Mary-of-the-Woods is what the large institution for girls at St. Mary's, Ind., is called by those who have had the pleasure of visiting it. It is only a short distance from Terre Haute, with which it is connected by electric line and railroad, and is conducted by the Sisters of Providence, the superior being Sister St. Clement. Ten young women were graduated at the recent commencement. One of the graduates was the third generation to attend the school, both her mother and grandmother having been graduates. Founded in the wilderness sixty-seven years ago, with only a tiny cabin for shelter, it now may boast of the most beautiful collection of buildings and one of the finest churches in the west. The main building is four stories high and elegantly furnished as well as of great architectural beauty. The large forest trees on the extensive campus still make the name of the school a most appropriate one. The sylvan surroundings, the retired location and the superior character of the academic work and refined influences render this one of the best institutions for young women in the country.

TRAINING BUSINESS MEN.

Institution for Advanced Courses Proposed in St. Louis.

A movement has been started in St. Louis to found a college for the training of business men, in which they will be able to get something far beyond what is obtainable in the ordinary business college. For this purpose the City College of Law and Commerce has been incorporated. The school is to be of genuine college character, such as the new courses in Harvard, Illinois university and Northwestern, and will have two courses leading to the degrees of law and of commerce and finance. Two hours three nights each week will be the requirements.

Western Reserve University.

The National Educational association will hold its annual meeting in Cleveland, O., from Monday, June 29, to Friday, July 3, 1908. Western Reserve university cordially extends its hospitality to the members of the department of higher education. The headquarters of the department of higher education will be at Adelbert college.

The buildings and grounds of Adelbert college and of the College for Women will be open during the convention.

Afternoon tea will be served at Guilford house on the campus of the College for Women, from 4 to 6 o'clock on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoon. All attending the convention will be made welcome.

Accommodations can be furnished for about 130 guests, either men or women, at the dormitories of the College for Women. It has been suggested that these buildings be made a social center for the department of higher education. Visitors wishing to avail themselves of this arrangement are requested to apply to Miss Annin, housemistress of Guilford house, or to Miss Heydenburk, housemistress of Haydn hall, not later than June 11.

The College for Women, though somewhat more than four miles from the general meetings of the convention, is pleasantly situated in the heart of the park system and is easily and directly accessible by the Euclid avenue cars. The College for Women and Adelbert college are in close proximity.

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NEMAHA COUNTY TEACHERS.

Features of the Program for the August Institute.

The annual Nemaha County Teachers' institute will be held at Auburn August 10 to 14, inclusive, in combination with the Auburn chautauqua.

All sessions of the institute will be held on the chautauqua grounds. The entire morning will be taken up with the institute program, while the afternoon will be given over to the lectures of the chautauqua.

The cost of enrollment will be $1.50, which nominal sum will admit the one enrolled to all sessions of the institute and the chautauqua, which begins on Saturday, the 8th. Teachers may enroll before the date of the institute by either calling at the office of the county superintendent or writing to him enclosing $1.50—it will greatly facilitate matters if the teachers will do this. There will be a place for enrollment at the chautauqua grounds.

Those who wish may rent a tent or bring one and enjoy camp for a week. The cost of tents will be announced in the chautauqua catalogues. Places will be provided by the people of the city for those who want board and rooms. Meal tickets will be sold on the chautauqua grounds.

GREAT CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY.

Commencement at Notre Dame a Notable Event.

Notre Dame, the great Catholic university, graduated a large number of students from many states June 18, in the various degrees of master of arts, master of laws, bachelor of arts, bachelor of letters, bachelor of philosophy, bachelor of science and biology, bachelor of science in architecture, civil engineer, mechanical engineer, electrical engineer, graduate in pharmacy, pharmaceutical chemist, bachelor of laws. In addition, a large number of special medals and prizes were awarded for superior excellence in many lines of endeavor in college work. The honorary degree of doctor of laws was conferred upon Charles Patrick Neill, commissioner of labor, who was the orator; Rev. Gilbert Patrick Jennings of Cleveland, James Buchanan O'Brien of Caledonia, Minn., and Major General Robert Wallace Healy of Chattanooga. Under the presidency of Rev. John Cavanaugh, C. S. C., the university maintained and increased its high standing among the great educational institutions of the country.

COLLEGE AMUSEMENTS.

Demoralization Wrought and Valuable Time Wasted.

Chancellor McCracken of New York university spoke in his commencement address upon the demoralization wrought by the amusement idea in the modern college. He intimated that the time spent by one-third of the students, especially in the largest colleges, is worse than wasted. He said Lord Bacon's division of time into one-third for sleep, one-third for recreation and prayers and one-third for work was observed at college, except that the one-third for work was given up largely to athletics, college societies, college politics and just enough study to keep the name of the student on the college rolls. He declared he was not accusing American universities of encouraging idleness, dissipation and frivolity, but that even colleges of great repute were not succeeding in preparing men to study the profession.

University of Nebraska.

The faculty and students of the University summer school held an open air meeting at the pumping station Saturday afternoon and listened to a number of talks and then visited Fairview. The following spoke during the afternoon: Prof. Heard, on "Municipal Ownership;" Prof. Morse, on "Municipal Lighting in Lincoln;" Mayor F. W. Brown, on "The Municipal Lighting Plant in Lincoln;" W. M. Maupin, on "The Park System in Lincoln." During the morning at the temple Prof. Laurence Fossler lectured on "Goethe;" Prof. Howard, on "Race Prejudice and World Politics," and Prof. Buck, on "Erasmus."

The most interesting event in university circles this week was the national convention of the Delta Delta Delta, which closed Friday night with a banquet at the Lincoln hotel, at which 165 delegates and local members were present. The visitors were entertained by Chancellor Andrews and Mrs. Andrews, Governor and Mrs. Andrews, local members of the sorority, and by the fraternity boys, who gave them a picnic at the university farm. Thursday night a dance was tendered them at the Lincoln.

The following officers were elected:

Grand president, Mrs. Amy Olgen Parmalee of Chicago, Ill.
Grand vice president for Alpha province, Miss Marian E. P. Ball, New York City.
Grand vice president for Beta province, Mrs. Theodore Pickford Owen of Madison, Wis.
Grand vice president for Gamma province, Miss Anna Stanley of Wichita, Kan.
Grand vice president for Delta province, Miss Lena Willey of Helena, Ark.
Grand vice president for Epsilon province, Miss Mary Latta of Cincinnati, O.
Grand secretary, Mrs. Louise Robinson Rhodes of Minneapolis, Minn.
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Grand historian, Mrs. Bessie Leach Priddy of Adrian, Mich.
Grand marshal, Miss Esther Spencer of Canton, N. Y.
Alliance officer, Miss Eva Jones of Burlington, Vt.
Editor of the Trident, Miss R. Louise Fitch of Galva, Ill.

Lincoln Business College otes.

The summer school has a large enrollment and a very enthusiastic class of students.

Twenty new typewriters have been recently added to the already large equipment of the school.

Miss Emma Harlow, who has been connected with a large school in the north, has just assumed her duties as principal of the typewriting department.

Mr. C. F. Miller departed recently for Edgemont, S. D., where he has a position with the Burlington.

The new Writer Press is kept busy from morning until night.

Miss Winifred Bennison recently accepted a position as stenographer and bookkeeper for the Nebraska Hardware company of Lincoln, Neb.

University School of Music.

At the recent Des Moines music festival, in which the Thomas orchestra was the chief feature, Mr. Sidney Silber was the piano soloist. The Western Musical Herald speaks of him as follows:

"Sidney Silber, the solo pianist of the first evening, scored a veritable triumph in the Beethoven Choral-Fantasia, written for piano, orchestra, solo and mixed chorus. He was recalled repeatedly in answer to deafening applause, and finally repeated the choral portion of the very unique and interesting work."

The announcement that Mr. Sidney Silber, the well known pianist whom Des Moines has been pleased to claim during the last year, is to leave the city, has been received with universal regret. Mr. Silber has been, during the last year, head of the piano department of the Des Moines Musical college and has won the highest recognition as a pianist, musician and man. Mr. Silber has been very successful in his position here, but has accepted a position at the head of the piano department of the University School of Music, Lincoln, Neb., one of the highest music schools west of Chicago, and where he feels that his opportunities will be greater. The many warm friends and admirers he has made during his residence in Des Moines, while deeply regretting his departure, extend to him their best wishes for his success in his new field.

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Educational Notes.

R. M. Washburn has resigned his position as pure food commissioner of Missouri to accept the chair of dairy husbandry in the University of Vermont.

Upper Iowa university, Fayette, Ia., has completed its additional endowment fund of $150,000, which President William A. Shanklin has been raising the last year.

New York will send fifty teachers to Europe to study the schools, the names having been selected from among 300 that applied. Most of the large cities of the country will send teachers, but New York will send more than any other city.

President L. Clark Seelye has followed out his long-cherished wish of retiring when he had reached the age of three score and ten, and has resigned as president of Smith college. He now feels that a young man should be put in his place.

President Hadley of Yale has announced as "an event of the highest importance" the selection of Prof. Frederic Schenck Jones of the University of Minnesota, to succeed Prof. Wright as dean of the college. Prof. Jones will assume his duties at the close of the next academic year.

The summer session of the University of Chicago has in attendance more than 1,000 students, chiefly instructors in high schools and academies seeking to become more proficient in their work. Many university students are also in attendance to make up deficiencies or secure extra credits.

Charles R. Richards, at present director of the department of manual training in Teachers' college, Columbia university, has been appointed director of the institution for the advancement of science and art, New York City. He has long been interested in industrial education and has traveled extensively in India, China and Japan.

Miss Stella Schaffer delivered the valedictory address for the graduating class of the Eclectic Medical college of the city of New York, at the recent commencement exercises. It is the first time in more than ten years that such an honor has fallen to a woman. Miss Schaffer was also the winner of the electro-therapeutic prize.

Approximately 13,000 graduates of Yale university are living. Of this number the class of 1878, of which Mr. Taft is a member, contribute ninety-six, the original count of the class having been 128. The thirty-year reunion at New Haven has just called together eighty of the boys of '78, a fact which is noted as making something of a record.

Five distinguished men will act as judges to award the Chester Pugsley prize for the best essay on international arbitration offered by the Lake Mohonk conference to American college students. They are: Andrew Carnegie, William J. Bryan, John W. Foster, Judge George Gray and President Butler of Columbia. The prize is $50, but the honor of winning it is great.

THE MAKING OF THE WEST

Pioneer Hardships from Which Springs Western Greatness and Power.

I recall one woman I met in a little gravel-roof log-house in the dry hills of Idaho, eighty miles from the railroad. She had a singularly attractive face, and her home, though poor, was as neat as a pin. She probably did not see a visitor once a week, and during the day, while the men were at work, she was entirely alone except for her two small children. I asked her if she did not grow lonely.

"Oh, no," she replied; "there are the Peterses over there"—a speck on the sage-covered hills—"and the Warrens over there"—and she shaded her eyes, and looked off across the sun-blinding plain to another speck on the horizon—"and nearly every day some team passes on the way to the Basin."

The nearest school was twenty-six miles away, so she had to teach her own children; the nearest doctor was eighty miles. She told me with a catch in her voice how one of her children, a little girl, had been down with scarlet fever the winter before. The snow lay deep on the hills, so that even the mail-carrier, who usually came through twice a week, could not break a road. Her husband, however, saddled his horse and started, leaving her alone with the child. He was gone four days, and when he came back, half-dead with fatigue, having walked the last twenty-five miles, for his horse was utterly worn out, he brought only the word that the doctor would not come. And so they watched at the baby's bed until the little thing was out of danger.

It is difficult for people in an old, settled country to realize what pioneering in the west, even today, really means. For though the country is rapidly settling up, the distances are enormous, the roads often rough, and communication with the outside world is uncertain. Some of the counties of the northwest are as large as the smaller eastern states. From a place where I once stopped in Wyoming it required five days' hard traveling to reach the county seat, a distance, by the only road, of over 150 miles. I was told of a sheriff in Harney county, Oregon, who traveled 170 miles to summon a juror. One can imagine the cost of litigation under such conditions, and the temptation to resort to the easy and speedy court of the six-shooter.

But it is by these hardships of the trail and of the pioneer home that the west is coming to greatness and power. The floater is one of the most evident signs, himself somewhat of a failure, of the invading army of civilization. He is the spume which the inundating wave of humanity throws up; the wave itself will soon lie deep and lasting over all the west.
—Roy Stannard Baker in the Century.

Animals that Earn Their Living.

The number and variety of four-footed creatures on the stage or in the circus and earning good salaries for their trainers is astonishing. Lions, tigers, elephants, bears, horses, clown mules, Shetland ponies who dance the lanciers, in sets, acrobatic dogs, horses that do fractions and monkeys that accomplish some feats that require almost human intelligence and ability are legion. Good animal actors are always in demand, and the salaries they command are powerful incentives for trainers to rack their brains to hit upon some new and amusing act. It is not the cleverest act that wins approval so much as the most original and amusing.

There are two universal rules among animal trainers. The first is to become familiar with the animal and to know his temperament and to make friends with him. The next thing is to make the animal understand thoroughly what it is that you want him to do and to make him do it. The animal must be made to feel that the man is his superior; then unremitting labor and infinite patience are required if a successful result is to be obtained.—Leslie's Weekly.

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