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AN ORIGINAL POEM

By H. W. LOHRENZ

Wander o'er the boundless desert,
Linger in the forest shade,
When among the lofty branches
Robins sweetly sing their praise.

Go where'er the wise Creator,
In this wondrous universe,
Left a trace of his own greatness,
And you'll feel inspired by this.

As by overwhelming powers
Will your soul enraptured be,
As a bed of rosy flowers
Will the whole world seem to thee.

Then your heart will not be restless,
Life will then be calm and sweet;
E'en in death you'll not be helpless,
For you go a friend to meet.

Angels then will lead you farther,
Farther in the land of peace
Where your joy will still grow larger,
Songs and flowers fore'er increase.

The Duty Of The American Girl
NELLIE M. HINKSON

Woman stands high today. She has won her place. Won it honorably. When we think of the accomplishments she possesses today it is hard for us to conceive of her as she was in ancient times.

Today she is on the same level with man. There may be some things man excels in, but there are also those in which woman ranks ahead of man.

In Persia as in all Asiatic nations women were slavishly subordinate to men, and excluded from all advantages of education; so it was in Attica.

The Spartan women show an advance. They were not neglected, their physical development was admired by all Greece. Perhaps this advancement was due to their great love for music. Where the people pay much attention to music there seems to be a higher development, both physically and mentally. Somehow it lifts them to a higher plain.

In the best days of Rome the type of womanhood was much admired for her dignity, motherly instincts and domestic virtues. Although we speak of these conditions as having existed in the past we have but to look about us and we find them existing in our beautiful America. But they are not so extensive and at the same time are disappearing.

Woman no longer is so slavishly subordinate to man. If she is, whose fault is it but her own, for on every side her

fellow sisters have united for the sole purpose of helping those who are down.

If we define education as living, why should woman not have the same right to life as man? Has she not the same rights to live? Woman has proved herself capable of appreciating and profiting by all the advantages that are given to man, but the question of today is whether in her thirst for knowledge and her ambition to equal and excel man, is she neglecting her domestic education; those things which have been the duty of women for all ages and should be for all ages to come?

There are such innumerable occupations constantly opening for women that at times it seems as if her domestic training would be among the lost arts.

It is remarkable to find young women fulfilling their natural duties. What is nobler or has a greater effect on character than the devotion of child to parent? Yet every day we see young women on leaving school hurrying off to shop or factory to fit themselves for self-support. Many of these are from families where it is not necessary for them to work. But because of their dislike for home duties they go into some work down town, thus lessening the wages for the poor girl who is obliged to help those at home.

In nine cases out of ten their employment monopolizes most of their time, leaving very little if any time and opportunities for recreation and mental improvement. Their advancement in general is at a stand still, because their work is such that it gives them

no time to think and thinking is necessary to any kind of advancement.

These women are not the ones we find engaged in work for the advancement of the community. They are never at the head of literary societies or charitable organizations.

One way to overcome these difficulties is to create an interest in the natural duties of woman. So often we hear the young woman say, "I would so much rather stand behind the counter all day long and come home tired at night than to do anything connected with house work." At the same time these are the girls who can't see why it is their fathers and brothers don't take the interest in them that some of their girl friends receive from their fathers and brothers. Why is it that these girls are in this predicament? It is simply because they have never learned how to do any of the many little duties connected with home work. There is no work that is so fascinating when once you have learned it.

The American girl of today has not the time to spend learning domestic work as the girl of fifty years ago had, nor does she need it because the advancement along other lines has lightened her work and gives her time to develop her mind along the line of literature, art and science, or whatever is to her liking. But every girl should have a certain amount of domestic training, which should be acquired along with her book-knowledge in order to make her broad and develop her character, giving her insight into many things that otherwise she would be unable to solve. There is no better place

to receive this training than at mother's side or a better time to begin than when you are small and have to stand on a chair in order to reach the table on bake day so as to help mother make bread, cakes and pies. A wise mother will see that taste for these things is developed when young. Where is there a girl that does not wish to do all these many little things which are only stepping stones for larger duties in the future?

We begin humbly in other arts why not in this? When the American girl is so noted for her wideawakeness, physical and mental activity it seems strange that so many do not see or seem to see the need and not only the need but the good the excellent benefit that is derived from this knowledge. If she is to be a college student no matter along what studies she may pursue, literature, geology, chemistry, physiology, or botany, the better she is familiar with home duties, the easier it will be for her to solve the problems and understand the illustrations.

If you have had your flower garden botany will be more fascinating and much easier. What do you suppose God put the flowers here on earth for if he didn't expect them to be loved and cared for. And who is better suited for this work than the girls.

Beecher has well said, "Let your flowers so shine that men seeing them will go and make gardens for themselves." The development of the good and beautiful is what causes man to rise and woman is the sole agent whose duty it is to keep this standard high and progressive. We cannot expect to

teach that which we do not possess. If the American girl spends her time in shallow society where the farthest the thoughts reach is to dress, light talk and gaiety she cannot expect to possess these qualities.

Let the American girl have a college education the more the better. But while doing this do not neglect her home training. Let the two be gotten together, not waiting to receive her domestic training after she leaves college, for it like other arts is not gotten by a single bound. Let her not lose the many precious jewels which are so dear to every girl's life and which she may possess if only she will pursue the two lines of education together.



O R A T O R Y

McPherson College is proud of her Oratorical department. Prof. Loewen is untiring in his efforts to help each individual student and to strengthen the course. He requires some study in literature even in the beginning classes. He has several large special classes and over 175 enrolled in Physical culture. Miss Florence Upshaw presides at the piano. The class gave Prof. Loewen and Miss Upshaw each a token of their appreciation in the form of a Christmas present. The following extract sets forth the value of oratory:

The department of Oratory is designed to teach Oratory as an art. It is to develop in the student a knowledge of his power in expression. Whether as a creative thinker or an interpreter. The orator must illustrate in his art the same steps of progress which govern the growth of other arts. The principles of

natural evolution have been applied to the study of Oratory. Applications of these laws as first set forth in the four volumes of Emerson's "Evolution of Expression" are perfected in the four volumes of "Perfective Laws of Art." This course points out to the student those steps of expression in which he is most deficient, thus inspiring him to work until the strain and roughness disappear and the animation is made attractive.

Mr. Beecher has so well said, "The greatest thing in Oratory is an orator." The individuality of the student is of the first importance. The orator is educated, not by fashioning him after a certain model, but by quickening and developing all intellectual faculties, cultivating the imagination, disciplining all the agents of expression, and then leaving him free to express his thoughts and emotions in accordance with his own temperament.

Oratory combines all arts. It is the music of speech, the painting of thought and the sculpture of form. It teaches one how to think in form and color and how to picture the thought into the minds of others. Two things are necessary to place one who desires to become a good reader in the ranks of the hopeful—ability to think and ability to feel. We are apt to be satisfied with outside effects. Goethe says: "Effects, effects. What are they?" Reveal the cause not merely effects.

The study of Oratory means the opening of the mind to receive truth, the gain in bodily responsiveness in the expression of truth, and the end in service through influence. The first law or condition of success for the orator, is a clear and healthy mind in a clear and healthy body. At the root lies physical training. Greek architecture, sculpture, oratory, painting, poetry, had behind them the most perfectly cultivated body the world has ever seen.

EXCHANGES

Why is a Johnny cake like a caterpillar?

Because it makes the butter-fly.—Ex.

Judge—What is your profession?

Witness—I'm a poet, your Honor.

Judge—That's not a profession; it's a disease.—Ex.

Meekness is the mark of might.

Keep in mind the old Spanish proverb:—Sow a tho't and reap an action; sow an act and you reap a habit; sow a habit and you reap a character; sow a character and you reap a destiny.

What's the difference between war and marriage? In war the fighting comes during the engagement; in marriage after the engagement.—Ex.

I am heir to the cross as well as to the crown.—Bernard.

President Harper's recent call on John D. Rockefeller resulted in a christmas gift of \$8,000,000 for the University of Chicago.

The World's estimate that the total war debt for the century is not far from \$1000 for each of the 297,580,000 families of the earth cannot be far wrong. What will the outcome be? The world is armed to the teeth and strengthening its war footing every day. There is talk of peace, of arbitration and disarmament; but it seems little more than talk.—Houston Post.

Uncle Jack: "It is very good lemonade, I'm sure; but tell me, Bonnie, why do you sell yours for three cents a glass when Charley gets five for his?"

Miss Bonnie: "Well you mustn't tell anybody, Uncle Jack, but the puppy fell in mine and I thought it ought to be cheaper."

"Shall I brain him?" cried a Hazer, and the victim's courage fell.

"You can't, it is a freshman. Just hit him on the head."

"You will excuse me friends," the orator at the political meeting apologized, "if I remove my coat. It is very warm, and I haven't a dry thread on me."

"The thread of your argument is dry enough."—Ex.

Stella—She's a mean thing—I told her not to tell you I told her.

Ella—Well! I told her I wouldn't tell you she told me; so don't tell her I did.—Ex.

"Have you been through Calculus?" inquired the college professor

"Not unless I passed through at night on my way here," replied the new student.—Ex.

"What would you say," began the voluble prophet of woe, "if I were to tell you that in a short time all the rivers of this country would dry up?"

"I should say," replied the patient man, "'Go thou and do likewise.'"—Ex.

"Lapland is a strange and remarkable country," said the eminent explorer. "The customs of the people are extremely odd, especially during courtship."

"How is that?" we ask.

"At that time every girl sits on her own Lap."—Ex.

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E D I T O R I A L

Cramming is one of the most vicious of all the habits that the average student has to guard against. It is so easy to form, so seemingly innocent and so helpful in a pinch that the victim is easily beguiled. There is, however, no form of temptation to induce one to leave the narrow track which does not appear plausible and attractive from a superficial point of view, and the temptation to cram is by no means an exception. Cramming is to the mind what gorging is to the digestive system—it is like a periodical spree, or like

putting off the routine duties of a week until the last hours, and then pitching into the pile of them in feverish applications, taking no rest or food until the mess is cleared up. Genius may sometimes seem to work this way, but the conditions are different from those that surround the average mortal. The only sure plan for the student is to work faithfully, day by day, trying to assimilate all that is acquired at the time of its presentation and striving to make it a permanent possession, a part of the fiber of personality rather than to drift indifferently until warned of some approaching test. This is the whole moral of cramming and it reaches through all the years of a life time; for he who puts off his school tasks for lighter pursuits and consoles his conscience with the pleasing sophistry of the crammer finds that in after years he has an almost irresistible tendency to proceed in like manner in his business or profession. Such a man is the hare whom even the tortoise outstrips in the race—he is a disappointment to himself and a hindrance to any institution with which he is identified.

Kemp Pleased Them

Although the night was cold and the snow deep, the chapel was filled on last evening to hear Mr. Kemp. He gave that matchless story "If I Were a King," in his usual masterly and pleasing way. Although he has always been very popular yet he won new laurels in

his entertainment last night. The production is very strong and the characters so very different that it requires great power to represent each. Mr. Kemp is developing in his power of impersonation and we feel certain that he will continue to grow stronger and in favor with the people. He goes to Georgia next week to fill a month's engagement in the south. Next summer he will conduct several Chatauquas and he has an engagement at Portland, Oregon, during the Lewis and Clark exposition.—Daily Republican.

Bible Study Department

This department keeps pace with the other departments of the Institution. The enrollment is very large and about ten states are represented including North Dakota, Michigan, Tennessee and Canada.

The classes continue throughout the year and one can enter at any time and find classes to suit. The entire course is free and is supported by donation. Besides about ten ministers of the Brethren church there are several ministers of other denominations in the city who are taking some of the work. The following classes are offered during the present term. "Old Testament History" from time of the Exile to N. T. times; "Study of General Epistles," Peter, James, Hebrews, etc. "O. T. Prophets," Ezekial, and Post-exilic prophets including Haggai, Malachi, etc. "Life and Epistles of Paul," "Church History," Newmans Second

Volume; Reading in Greek N. T. Besides these classes a special class will continue the remainder of the year in Philosophy of Religion. These classes are taught daily in the curriculum. Besides this there is a five year's course offered by the Y. M. C. A. which is pursued by ninety young men and about eighty five young women. These courses are largely devotional and are outlined for daily private study. Then they are divided up into small groups with competent leaders which convene for one hour each week to discuss the week's work. In addition to the above there are over one hundred and forty enrolled in weekly mission study classes. Last year we ranked first in America in the percentage of Bible Study and Mission study and all agree that this is by far the best year in the history of the institution, for which we are extremely grateful to our Heavenly Father who doeth all things well. To Him be all the Glory.

I wish to personally thank all who have so kindly and generously donated to McPherson College and especially to the Bible Department. One of our dear old brethren, just last week had me make a codicil to his will leaving a nice sum for the Bible Department. The Lord has been gracious to us in our past years work and has given us needful blessing; being blessed, we wish to bless others. We do so by putting forth our efforts in sustaining a Bible Department free the entire school year. We know of no other college that is conducting a free Bible De-

partment the entire school year. Again allow us to thank you and may Rom. XV:13, be yours abundantly.

S. B. FARNSTOCK, Sec.

NEWS NOTES

Mr. Wm. S. Strickler, and his cousin Miss Maude Stouffer of Ramona spent Sunday at the college. He and his brother, S. J. Strickler own and operate a furniture and undertaking establishing at Chetopa, Kan.

Mr. Earl Bowers and G. C. Dresher recently spent a few days at their Alma Mater and with friends on college hill.

Several fires were started in town during the holiday week. One burned out Baird's candy kitchen and Temple's shop. The loss was partially covered by insurance. Since only the frame buildings on Main street were fired it is thought that the fire was started to get them out of the way.

Mr. D. H. Arnold returned to his home in Russell Co., Col., to look after his mining interests.

Y. W. C. A. NOTES

Since holidays are over Mission and Bible study are renewed with vigor. Some of the mission classes are beginning new studies.

Miss Harter's Bible class in the study of Mark spent the evening of Dec. 21, at the home of Grace Vaniman. Time passed pleasantly in reviewing the work

done, followed by games and music.

The girls feel deeply what the Y. W. C. A. means in their Christian experience in college and can heartily recommend it to the new students.

On Sunday afternoon Jan. 15, Mrs. Schnacke addressed the girls on "Afterwhile." Those who were not present missed a treat.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES

A great interest is being taken by the boys in all of the Devotional meetings. As the young men go away from McPherson College, the one thing by which they will remember their Sundays will be the hour spent in the Y. M. C. A. room.

The reading room is being furnished with more magazines. Quite a number of the boys are taking advantage of the opportunity offered.

On Jan. 15, the Missionary committee had charge of the religious service. A brief review of the past was given. This was followed by an outlook toward the future.

The heathen world is praying for 50,000 Christian men to be sent to them with the light of the Gospel. The International Mission Board is praying that this call may be filled within the next year. From where shall come the response to this call?

The State Convention will be held at Salina Feb. 9-12. Rev. C. S. Nussbaum will conduct the music, assisted by the Nussbaum Male Quartette.

The basket-ball team is arranging for a number of games with other colleges. The membership of the association is now 112.

SOCIETY NOTES

ELITE

More progress, better work, greater success.

The Elite moves on slowly and surely; good interest is being taken and the majority of members are with us to improve and with us a class of energetic society workers. the Eureka of 1905 and '06 will surpass the progress of 1904 and '05.

Ira Arnold has produced more original poetry.

Glen Buckman will be a renowned editor if he utilizes his talent.

Mr. Bashor produced a paper before the society last term that showed thought and careful preparation.

The Elites are not far behind in musical talent. Music gives life to our society.

The officers which have been installed for the next term will surely put forth new energy and still keep the light of our society shining with the others.

Mr. Ira Vaniman caused many a good laugh by his humorous readings.

As far as the social realm is concerned the Elites stand first.

Mr. J. F. Suderman produced some good argument in debate last Monday evening.

IRVING

Irving Memorial is still prospering and progressing. Members who were away during vacation have returned with new spirit and determination. We are very glad to note this and especially are we gratified to see it so manifested in our weekly programs. Although we have had no special programs during the past month, yet each one has been up to the standard of such. We have had a good variety and an abundance of music which has been much appreciated. We are very grateful to all who have so kindly helped us in that respect as well as in many other ways. The attendance has been good and our crowds are on the increase.

Progress has been made along other lines also. The society having purchased paper for their hall, the few loyal Irvings who were left about the college during the holidays rallied together and did the papering. We now claim that we have one of the finest or possibly the finest library hall in Kansas. Come and inspect it.

The debate contest which is to take place in February is being thoroughly prepared for and promises to be a success. There is to be a special Kansas Day Program January 28.

The straight Womans Rights slate of officers was elected for the coming term: President, Verna Baker; Vice President, Jessie Harter; Secretary, Dottie Wheeler; Chor., Minnie Bartels; Librarian, Lulu Gilchrist; Mergemants, Anna Newland and Emma Beckner.

Is our spirit waning? Well I should say not! Are we progressing? Well I should smile!

It's easier to show you than to tell it.
Come and see.

EUREKA.

The Eureka Society work is moving along so smoothly that we have nothing for which to complain nor boast. We like to see it this way, then there is a little time for meditation. It has been our fortunate privilege in the past to have the opportunity to come in contact with almost all kinds of human life and how alike are the two societies: The active human society and a college literary society. We hear it said that college life is a preparation for the active duties of life. It seems to me we may also as truly say that college life is a beginning of actual life. In college we are forming habits which are not a preparation but are themselves the actual. A literary society is almost a true reflection of the college life. In it we find as in the latter life all the different traits of character, the different conceptions of life, its duties and its responsibilities. In the latter life we find those conscientious individuals that take upon themselves their duties and responsibilities with a true and brave purpose. They are those that do the right thing at the right time. And so in society there are those in whom dependence may be placed. They are those who never miss an opportunity to improve an opportunity and aid others.

Then in the latter life we meet the over-ambitious, those who if they can't be at the head in this community, if they can't "run" things to suit themselves will use their short slighted influences to keep the other fellow down. And so the same exists in any large society.

Then in latter life we meet the med-

iocre, generally a jolly good natured fellow, he does his part in life, and is completely satisfied. He is the tool of the master, and only needs a suggestion and then like any other machine will go to work as long as the fuel lasts. He is the fellow the preacher talks to. Yes, we must admit he is in a large majority, he becomes the politician, and a faker prey. But having much company he is usually contented. And so in society, these form a necessarily large majority. And then in both cases we find the plodders, the shirk, the skin brilliant, the don't cases, etc.

And then in latter life we find the individuals who "do things," the originators, the masters, the leaders if you please, and so they must of necessity exist in society.

We, in our meditation are not complaining or finding fault. We must in later life, have all the classes and so in any well organized society. But unlike the passive tree, we are active and have the power to become what we wish to be to a very large extent. Our very walk, a voluntary action, indicates our class. And our inner thoughts become evident in our visage.

And then if this is true is it any wonder that the Greatest Teacher could say: "Thou art simon the son of Jonah, thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, a stone."

COLLEGE NOTES

We just learned of the marriage of C. E. Lemon to a Miss Younce of Nebraska. We congratulate the happy couple.

Messrs M. D. Miller and O. D. Yoder of Monitor visited friends at the college recently.

Rev. F. D. Saylor of Zion, N. D. has enrolled in the Bible department. Our Bible course is an excellent one and it is recognized abroad.

Among recent visitors at the college were C. O. Brubaker and Alphens Brubaker who intend to enroll next term.

Mr. J. Haugh has a new telephone and now you can secure his service by wire.

Miss Myrtle Stump visited on college hill last Saturday.

Frank Van Riper has again enrolled and will complete his course.

R. W. Dettler spent a few days in Missouri.

Mr. Roy Hodge spent holidays in Oklahoma.

Mr. Frank Bowers spent a few days in Nebraska.

All rooms on the third floor dormitory will soon be occupied.

The clock which regulates the class bells has been placed in the commercial hall.

Many students from other institutions visited the college during the holidays.

Mr. Frank Van Riper was a student in 1900 and is now back to complete the commercial course.

Miss Van Dyke and Miss Dell of Colorado have been here visiting friends and relatives on the hill.

Those who spent their holidays in the dormitory were Misses Norah Gray, Jessie Harter, Verna Baker, Edna Zeigler, and Lulu Hildabrand. Messrs. Foster Cline, Furman Cline, J. H. Bashor.

Those who enrolled Tuesday were as follows: Frank Van Riper, Milburn, Kan-

sas; Ralph H. Cornell, Reading; C. Peel, City; James Riley, Little River; Adolph Carlson, Marquette; Alonzo Staussel, City; Geo. Osborne, City; and Archie Miller, Homesville, Neb.

Audrey Hill was a visitor in the commercial department Friday.

Miss Anna Bartels and her friend, Miss Finch, spent Monday at the dormitory.

Mr. Jones, traveling secretary for the Society of the Friendless, visited the institution last week.

Last Saturday many of the students were made glad by having with them one of their old students, Jas. Ferris.

Mr. Chas. Ardinger returned home for a short time where his assistance is needed owing to the illness of his mother.

Misses Pearl Fisher and Myra Bixby, Messrs. I. D. Yoder, N. L. Lindberg were visitors at the college Saturday.

W. H. Clark, one of our junior normals left over the Santa Fe Monday for his home in Tenn. He takes with him the best wishes for success.

Prof. Loewen's beginning class in elocution entertained the students with some excellent readings. This class has been doing some good work this year and many of those in the beginning class will take advanced work next term.

One of the students of the Bible Department who was called home holidays writes: "After getting used to the promptness with which things were done at the college I was disgusted with the way things went on the railway. I expect to be back when the summer normal begins. I send my best wishes to all the school. May all succeed. I will always remember their kindness to me."

ALUMNI NOTES

Dora Sherfy Steinour writes that she and her husband intend to move to the Snake River Valley, Idaho, next spring. They look forward with pleasure to their home in the west.

We are glad for the good wishes of Misses Alice and Lucetta Johnson. They are teaching in Wichita and enjoy their work, but are not too absorbed in it to have some time to devote to college friends.

Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Haugh are enjoying scenery, house work, and all that there is to be enjoyed. They say "This world is a grand old place."

J. Z. and Hattie (Yoder) Gilbert live in Los Angeles, Cal., where Prof. Gilbert has a good position in the city schools. He has been promoted three times since last April, and the fourth promotion is near at hand. Mrs. Gilbert teaches the primary department. Harry, Walter and Mary, "the finest children in the world."

Our old friend Prof. C. E. Kemp, gave us another rare treat on Wednesday evening in the college chapel. He read for us, "If I Were a King,"—a strong selection, and one which brings out Mr. Kemp's talent in a new and interesting light. We always welcome him.

On Dec. 28, our friend Jesse Wagoner was married to Miss Anna Gauss, of Centerview, Mo. We join in wishing them a life of happiness and usefulness.

Harrison W. Miller, a successful banker of Hinton, Okla., spent a part of his holiday vacation with his parents and friends on the hill.

Prof. J. A. G. Shirk spent holiday vacation with his parents and friends at this place. He enjoys his work very much,

yet retains a warm place in his heart for his Alma Mater. We wish him the success he so abundantly merits.

Miss Anna Fakes is pursuing her studies in music with the pleasure characteristic of Anna in all her work. She is also doing some literary work under the direction of the literature teacher of the Missouri State Normal at Warrensburg.

Lester and Susie Williams are enjoying life on a pleasant country home near Belleville, Kan.

J. H. Tracy is a successful merchant in Sabetha, Kan.

We are glad for the presence of Edna Suffield among us occasionally. She enjoys her teaching in the city.

Prof. J. A. Clement, and Corda spent an enjoyable vacation with their brother J. H. at Anthony, Kan.

C. H. Slifer is doing some advanced work in the college, in addition to his teaching in the city.

J. H. B. Williams is pursuing his collegiate studies with his characteristic vim and push. He is also one of those to be "counted on" in the young men's work.

Walden College Dedicated

We are pleased to welcome our sister college in our beautiful city.

The Corner Stone was laid on Dec. 28, 1904, with imposing ceremonies. Prof. Nyquist of Chicago presided at the exercises and delivered an excellent address. The college is under the auspices of the Swedish Mission Church and is to be built at a cost of \$75,000. The material used will be cement stone which will make it a very beautiful edifice.

The site is located in the south part of town and is a very beautiful location. The college will make a specialty of music.

Supt. R. M. Killion conducted the Chapel exercises this morning and gave an excellent address on the advantage of the Denominational College as compared with the State institutions. We note with pleasure the fact that the chapel is filled each morning which is quite a contrast with former years when chapel attendance was compulsory. Now no record of attendance is kept and every chair is filled. Prof. Muir conducts the song service and the singing is excellent. —McPherson Republican.



Disgraceful Deficiencies

The following is taken from "Success" and contains so many things applicable to progressive student life that we publish it entire:

IT IS A DISGRACE:—

- To half-do things.
- Not to develop our possibilities.
- To be lazy, indolent, indifferent.
- To do poor, slipshod, botched work.
- To give a bad example to young people.
- To have crude, brutish, repulsive manners.
- To hide a talent because you have only one.
- To live a half life when a whole life is possible.
- Not to be scrupulously clean in person and surroundings.
- To acknowledge a fault and make no effort to overcome it.
- To be ungrateful to friends and to those who have helped us.
- To be grossly ignorant of the customs and usages of good society.
- To kick over the ladder upon which we have climbed to our position.
- To go through life a pigmy when na-

ture intended you for a giant.

Not to be able to carry on intelligently conversation upon current topics.

To ignore the forces which are improving civilization in your own country.

To shirk responsibility in politics, or to be indifferent to the public welfare.

To be ignorant of the general history of the world and of the various countries.

To know nothing of the things we see, handle, and enjoy every day of our lives.

Not to know something of the greatest leaders, reformers, artists, and musicians of the world.

Not to have intelligent knowledge of the general affairs of the world, and the inter-relations of nations.

To vote blindly for party, right or wrong, instead of for principle, because you have been doing so for years.

To be grossly ignorant in these days of free schools, cheap newspapers, periodicals, and circulating libraries.

Not to know enough about the laws of health, about physiology and hygiene, to live healthfully and sanely.

To be so controlled by any appetite or passion that one's usefulness and standing in the community are impaired.

To be totally ignorant of natural history, to know nothing of the science which underlies the beauties and the marvels of nature.

Not to know anything of the movements for human betterment and not to help them along to the extent of our ability in time or money.

Not to have an intelligent idea of the country in which we live, not to know its history, its industries and the conditions of its people.

To live in the midst of schools, libraries, museums, lectures, picture galleries, and improvement clubs, and not to avail oneself of their advantages.

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