

SLANG

Slang and profanity are members of the same family—cousins, if you will. Wherever one goes he is pretty certain to hear slang, and even profanity seems in more abundant use than in the recent past. Why is this? There is no use denying this assertion, for it is based on truth itself. Something is amiss. Some agency, or agencies, in the scheme for human progress are not registering, or functioning, properly. What is wrong?

Our public schools, our colleges and universities, lay great stress upon their departments of English. If one were to judge these departments, and those who teach in them, by the language used by their students the rating accorded would certainly be low. Some of our students are practically unable to make themselves understood without resorting to slang. And again it would appear that they understand slang better than good English. In these so-called courses in English the best books are read and the best authors and authorities cited. But reading is not sufficient—study is necessary.

It appears that everything is on a false basis—superficial. To master language, as to master astronomy, requires time and study—time to study. Look where you will and you will always see the same rush. Nothing is immune from rush. Nothing seems of sufficient moment or merit to be given the time or consideration due it. The student rushes always and never stops to give anything its value, or a fitting place in his scheme of things. It is so as regards his vocabulary. It is patent to all that slang is more easily acquired than good English, hence slang is used. From slang to profanity is a short step.

A fine list of words is necessary in the vocabulary of every-one who aspires to be able to express himself correctly at all times and on all occasions. Let nobody fancy that slang can ever approach in beauty the flow of pure English from the lips of one who is a master of the language. Slang is harsh and coarse, and is the language of the buffoon, or of those who lack something—we will not attempt to say what. Let us all strive to acquire such a vocabulary as will render it unnecessary for us to resort to slang. Do not use slang, do not express slang even in your actions. Avoid slang on account of where its use will place you. If slang is a first cousin of profanity, it is a second cousin of vulgarity. Shun it as you would the plague.

BE FAIR

Be fair to others if you would be fair to yourself. If you cannot be fair to others it is a sure sign that you cannot be fair to yourself in the highest sense.

If you cannot be fair to yourself you cannot be fair to anybody.

Being fair is being true and worthy in all things, both to others and to yourself. No man in all history was ever classed as great if he was not fair in his dealings with his fellowmen. One who is unfair is little, mentally—can a little mind be identified with a great man? No. They have nothing more in common than have oil and water. Aim to be fair if you would cultivate an attribute necessary in the development of the highest class of manhood and womanhood.

PROGRAM FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

- December 22, Sunday Night:
Sacred music and exercises symbolizing the birth of Christ
- December 24, Christmas Eve:
Christmas entertainment.
- December 25, Christmas Day:
Christmas carols early in the morning.
Christmas trees in buildings and distribution of presents before breakfast.
Band serenade at 10 o'clock.
Dinner at noon, with employes in attendance.
In the afternoon there will be athletic stunts in the gym:
Basketball—Mitchell Hall vs. Brewer Hall.
Contest in athletic games—Small Boys.
Christmas night—Social in gym for larger pupils.
- December 26, Thursday:
Afternoon—Athletic stunts in gym; Basketball, McBride vs. Winona; contests in athletic games; Winona's basketball relay; relay races.
Evening—Senior play.
- December 27, Friday:
Afternoon—Athletic feats in gym: Basketball, Carpenters vs. Painters; contests between McBride and Winona, bat ball; basketball relay.
Evening—Spelling match, in auditorium.
- December 28, Saturday:
Evening—Reception by Mitchell Hall and larger Brewer Hall boys to McBride Hall young ladies, in Mitchell Hall. Social for remainder of students in gym.
- December 29, Sunday:
Devotional.
- December 30, Monday:
Afternoon—Athletic feats in gym: Basketball, Engineers vs. Tailors; tug-of-war, 7th grade vs. 8th and 9th grades; tug of-war, gardeners vs. dairymen.
Evening—McBride Hall reception to Mitchell Hall boys and larger boys of Brewer Hall.
- December 31, Tuesday:
Afternoon—Athletic stunts in gym. Basketball, Blacksmiths vs. Printers; Companies A, B and C will each put on some stunt.
Evening—Costume party. (Masquerade)
- January 1, New Years Day:
Afternoon—Athletic feats in gym: Companies A, B and C, cane wrestling, cane twisting, cane pulling; bucked single pole pushing; cock fight; one-legged tug-of-war siege.
Evening—Moving pictures.