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I APPRECIATE MY ADVANTAGES

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We should all strive to get a good education, because by doing so we are equipped for life; that is, we can have the higher opportunities of life, and one made dependable. It should be the aim of every nation to afford to every citizen an equal opportunity to make the most of himself, and to make its people self-governing. Education must be widespread, and must develop the power of self-direction. It must train leaders, and enable the people to choose their leaders intelligently. To be safe and efficient, every one must have a reasonable education to put him on the same footing with people all around him, and that education must be the kind that will fit a person to play his part well in this world.

It is a part of the business of education to fit every citizen to earn a living, and to be self-supporting and to contribute effectively to the productive work of the nation.

It seems we are always much happier when we can satisfy our own desires, and can choose wisely just what we want, and we see higher things in life which we should strive to reach and accomplish.

The United States government has done everything possible to fix things so I can get an education easily, and I should try to grasp everything that is put before me, because later on in life everything learned while in school will be a help in some way.

While young people are spending most of their time at school, their parents are usually chiefly occupied in making a living or earning money. Children as a rule are wholly dependent upon their parents for a living, but during that period they are gaining skill and experience in school and industry which later will enable them to earn their own living and that of others who in turn become dependent upon them.

One should use his education for the betterment of his community, and every Indian pupil should feel the government is interested in his individual prosperity and happiness. While we are educating ourselves we are causing all the people around us to feel the result of our efforts. We should live up to the highest standards of life because it is always the best that gets the best, and by doing so, we will never become a burden on society.

By having a good education we are equipped for

life and can enjoy the comforts which may come to us more than if we didn't have it. We should always try to help people who never had the chance, that our lives may teach them to secure the higher advantages of life.

If we once get a good education it can never be taken from us, and if we use it in the right way, we are always sure of making good.

"VALENTINE" IDEA NOT MODERN

Just how some customs get started is a mystery. We carry the custom on and on, year after year, and never pause to consider just why we do so. We take it for granted that "ours is not to reason why." Well, so far as the observance of St. Valentine's Day is concerned we admit that it is a "lovely" custom and does no harm. A few pit-a-pats of the heart, more or less, will harm no one, but to some of our readers a little data now and then is of interest. A recent Associated Press dispatch sent out from New York throws some light on the subject and it is as follows:

Just as for the last 2000 years, maidens tonight were entertaining pleasurable expectations, for tomorrow is St. Valentine's Day. Youths who dispatched dainty messages to the ladies of their choice were following a custom which according to some authorities, had its origin in the time of Romans, when the youths of that day on the feast of Februata Juno used to draw the names of girls to whom they were to devote themselves during the coming year.

The tradition that the day is sacred to lovers may have arisen from a conventional belief prevalent in England and France during the middle ages that on February 14 the birds began to pair.

The question of which St. Valentine gave his name to the day is debatable. At least three St. Valentines are mentioned in the early martyrologies under the date of February 14. Little is known of any of them.

As the custom of sending Valentines progressed it changed somewhat. The present trend seems to be away from the frilled lace, heart-bedecked creations of a few years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Mason motored to Monmouth on Sunday afternoon for the express purpose of returning Miss Flora Dexter to the State Normal school, as she is attending that wonderful institution. Accompanying the party were Miss Josephine Sommers and Mr. John Dexter.