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A FRIENDLY REPLY

At the annual meeting of the Methodist conference this fall at Cottage Grove a friendly attack was made on the University by Rev. Fletcher Homan, President of Willamette University, on the ground that "the state institution is not doing complete work because it does not teach the spiritual life." Had the good doctor in his speech stated that the State University was not doing complete work because it does not teach "religious life" no comment would be necessary—every man may have his own opinion. But on the other hand, when the assertion is made that the University neglects "the spiritual life" this assertion may be summed up to mean a neglect of that pertaining to the intellectual and higher endowment of the mind; mental; intellectual—an assertion which merits consideration.

What is the spiritual life? Is not the essence of spiritual life as Carlyle says, "merely transcendent wonder"? Can the spiritual life be taught? Can it be learned? Cannot the spiritual life, the knowledge of the Omnipotent, be learned as truly and as well by examining things of daily life beneath the power of the glass as by word of mouth? Is not a man, after having studied the flowers of the field, the formation of the rocks, and the orbit of the stars, the combinations contained in the very food we eat, better able to testify that there is an omnipotent than the theological student? The one is taught God. The other has seen his works.

The good doctor undoubtedly confuses the terms religious life and spiritual life. In respect to religious life, we believe that every man may choose his religious belief as he sees fit. A fundamental principle of our national and state governments is an absolute separation of all manner of religious belief, in so far as a particular creed or dogma is taught, from any state institution. The idea prevails in every branch of state activity. It governs the state university because in it are trained the men who are to take the active part in the government of their state. Meanwhile, as long as college men meet in their daily life, if not the Word, on every side the manifestation of the Word; as long as the State University maintains its Oregon Spirit, the spirit which may be summed up in the words "Do unto others as you would that others should do unto you" the good doctor's fear for the spiritual life of those in the State University is groundless.

THE UNDER DOG

We will not criticize the faculty. They did what we expected. They attempted to placate two almost irreconcilable forces—public opinion against hazing

and student sentiment for the hazers. And they succeeded.

By expelling no influential students or needed athletes, they aroused no determined opposition. By punishing the most fractious among the hazers, they enforced the anti-hazing rule. We hoped for leniency to all. But we knew that we hoped in vain.

The four students who are suspended knew, as we did, that such would be their fate when they handed in their names. Not more than one fourth of those guilty were known. Reckoned by the theory of chance, three of these four could have escaped.

Sophomores, these three men sacrificed themselves that eight of you might remain in the University. It is not your place to ridicule and scoff at them. You owe them a debt of gratitude that you can never repay. Your sympathy at least should be with them. You should encourage them in every way; lend them a helping hand if you can. If you have friends in the universities where they go, see that they are treated right.

Men who are suspended, you acted nobly whatever may have been your former faults. Do not be discouraged. The world is before you. Take this as a lesson in after life and remember that human nature is ever ungrateful. When all else desert you remember that two friends remain. You can never lose them—your father and mother. Write to them confidently; you know you will do better. Say,
I'm sitting alone in my room tonight,
Puffing my old briar pipe;
I'm dreaming, dad, of the days to come
When I'll go out to struggle and fight.
I wonder, dad, if the worlds just as here,
Are there briars and brambles and bogs?
I wonder if the same thing prevails,
Do they all kick the poor "under dog"?
The things that I've done, dad, are not of the worst;
Though some gaze at me quite askance,
I've not spent my nights in carousing and booze,
Nor sneaked to a questionable dance.
I followed the line that any man will
With a laugh and a dash through the fog,
But, dad, it's hard for a one night's prank—
Hard on the "under dog".
There's chaps that said when the thing began,
"Why it's just got to be done!
"You guys go ahead, do your duty as men,
"We'll back you till old kingdom come."
It's not that I kick on the deal that we got;
We played the game—we won't "log",
And I think, dad, I'm glad to remain as I am,
A man—if I am "under dog".
I've heard, dad, some talk, it were best for the school;
Best we were fired and then
Best that we "beat it" as soon as we can,
Give more room to "honorable men."
But, dad, now just between you and me—
I've not gambled, fought booze, or flunked—
And, dad, if I am a poor "under dog",
I'd rather be that than a skunk.

The Emerald is making special arrangements with the universities and colleges of the Northwest to have all news of interest to its readers sent to it by special correspondents, by wire when necessary. This is the result of a movement begun by Roy D. Pinkerton, editor of the Pacific Daily Wave at the University of Washington. With the splendid facilities afforded him, Mr. Pinkerton can do much that we cannot hope for in this regard, but we believe that at least a beginning can be made for future editors of the Emerald to extend as the University of Oregon grows.

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FOR FAIR VISITORS

University Men to Have Unique

Exhibit Showing Educational

Progress of State

Seattle, Oct. 6.—As an educational exhibit the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition has secured something unique for its last two weeks of existence, by arranging for the publication of The Pacific Daily Wave, the University of Washington daily, in the Educational building on the fair grounds.

Arrangements have been made with the United Press whereby the daily receives the full 12,000 word telegraphic report of that news agency, direct wires connecting the office with all the world. Western Union and Postal wires run to the building and the paper thereby is enabled to maintain a "special" telegraphic service with the other colleges of the Pacific coast, a feat never yet attempted by any college publication. Students in the journalism department have full charge of handling this telegraphic copy, thus getting a practical experience that used to be obtainable only in the offices of the metropolitan dailies.

An appropriation of the last legislature provided a thoroughly equipped printing plant as a laboratory for the journalism school and the linotype, presses and other machinery is already installed in the Educational building. Beginning yesterday, the first day of the college year, the Daily began issuing from its new home.

This plan of teaching the profession, which was originated and worked out by Professor Merle Thorpe, was unanimously endorsed and commended by the Washington State Press Association and the National Editorial Association last summer. Since the inception at the University of Washington fourteen other universities have installed similar courses. The school of journalism at

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Washington has been growing rapidly, nearly 100 students now registering for its courses and two additional instructors have been elected by the board of regents. These men are both experienced newspaper workers.

While the technique of the business is taught by the department of journalism the students are left perfectly free in the handling of news and in shaping the editorial policies of the paper.

William Barker, Jr., who graduated last February is now assayer for a large mining firm at Juneau, Alaska. Barker went to Alaska about six months ago and opened up an assay office. Being unaided by experience, his rapid advancement can be attributed only to the splendid training of the University of Oregon Mining department.

"Billy" Woods is doing construction work on the Deschutes R. R.

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