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Beautify the Campus

A significant step was taken by the Regents in the recent meeting when they authorized the erection of two new buildings and provided for a capable landscape gardener to lay off the campus and the land recently acquired by the University south of Thirteenth street.

Few will deny that there is ample opportunity for improvement in the architecture and arrangement of the buildings and grounds. The latter appear to have been laid out without thought of growth and expansion. There is no large plan of arrangement and the buildings seem to have been placed almost at random with little regard for order or harmony. Then, too, they were erected over a period of several decades, each one embodying the architectural ideas of its particular year. As a result the architecture of the university is conglomerate. The grounds are arranged with little attempt toward the artistic and with the exception of the "Duck Pond" are free from landscaping.

Of course, Oregon has gone through a strenuous evolution and has always been cramped and hampered in developing, but it would have made for a greater university had the founders bought more of the then cheap land, planned the campus on a large scale, or erected buildings of one style of architecture.

However, much may yet be done to better these conditions. A certain definite style of building should be adopted and maintained. The later buildings, as the Library and Dorm, harmonize and this simple substantial style should be well adapted to the University as a whole. The campus should be enlarged and unified and an artistic scheme of landscaping supported. This would unite the present campus with the new land south of Thirteenth streets and make one campus. In short the scale of the college should be beautified and enlarged with a view to the artistic and proportionate.

Present conditions have endured for a long time and there are always arguments against a radical change, but a University, like most things, is judged largely by externals and beautiful surroundings have attracted thousands of students to Stanford, California, and Cornell. In the past Oregon must needs get along as best it might but with the new era which is dawning; with the Greater Oregon must come a University built on a larger, better scale.

The landscape gardening and new buildings are steps in the right direction. It is to be hoped they will be only the beginning.

After the vile language the revivalist has applied to the University and all things therewith connected it is sur-

prising that he should risk contamination by actually coming onto the campus and associating with the unregenerate. After the slanders and abuse he has heaped upon us it is equally strange that we should care to listen to him or that the authorities should allow him on the grounds.

This type thrives on persecution. It advertises them and in their own eyes increases their resemblance to the prophets. To most, however, this resemblance will appear faint after listening to their crude harangues, which for logic, persuasiveness and appeal are on a level with high school orations. Before addressing the reprobates at the Varsity Friday Brother Oliver should remember what Matthew, 7:6 has to say about casting pearls before swine.

At the recent freshman dance there was fully as much crowding and confusion as at the old Armory dances where it was always more or less of a gamble whether one would ever recover his coat or partner. In the beautiful new gymnasium there would be plenty of room for everyone, if but a little system were used in the arrangements.

For future dances the arrangement committee could add much to the evening's enjoyment if they obviated this trouble with a little system.

EXAMPLE, NOT TALK, IS MORAL TEACHER--HOWE

Concluding his series of lectures and applying the principles he outlined the week before in regard to mind growth in the child, Professor Howe spoke again last Sunday evening in the local Unitarian church on "The Use of Literature in a Moral Education."

"Education," he said, "is as broad as life. The moral influence of literature is moral influence through personality. A child's moral education is a process of imitation of parents and associates. Literature is, in a way, equivalent to life. It enables us to associate with the great characters of the past as well as those of the present, and with the creations of drama and fiction.

"Aristotle said that the use of tragedy is to purify the heart through pity and terror. It is influential through showing the emotions of pity and terror in the characters portrayed. Mere talk and preaching is no moral education; that is gained only through imitation and through the influence of the personality of those with whom we associate.

"An author writes a great deal of his own personality into his productions, thus unconsciously influencing the personality, the moral education.

"Literature undoubtedly began with the record of human deeds and that is the essence of literature to this day. The records and writings about Lincoln, Washington, Cromwell, Alexander the Great, Luther, Christ, the great leaders of the human race form no small part of the literature of the world.

"The one great value of literature lies in widening the circle of acquaintances and thus in widening our personality. In literature we become familiar with everyone, in all conditions of life from the seamstress in the garret and the miner down under the ground to the prince and diplomat. This is a social value of literature.

"As a child will become wolfish, if brought up in a den, as it grows up human raised in a human family, so it becomes common through association with common people and so it may become elevated through association with the elevated characters of literature, the great men and women of the world."

Yale's new gymnasium pool holds 160,000 gallons of water.

The students at the University of California are working for the adoption of the honor system of conducting examinations at that institution.

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THREE CLASS MEETS FOR THIS SPRING

This spring, instead of the one inter-class meet, which is usually held, class rivalry will be stimulated by three inter-class meets. The first of these is to be held on March fifteenth, while the dates for the others have not yet been set.

The points made by each class in these meets will be added and the winning class presented with a handsome silver cup by Trainer Hayward.

Oliver to Address Y. M. C. A.

Dr. French E. Oliver, the evangelist who has been conducting meetings in the tabernacle for the past month, has been invited to speak at the men's meeting on Friday evening by the Y. M. C. A. Because the speaker must get back to the evening meeting at the tabernacle, the men's meeting will be called at 6:30 promptly, and the address will begin at 7:00.

As usual, this meeting will be held in Deady Hall.

A 79-year old freshman has matriculated at the Ohio State University.

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Y. M. C. A. ANNUAL BANQUET NEXT WEEK

The social committee of the Y. M. C. A. has arranged for a banquet for the men of the school to be held on Thursday, March 10, at 6:00 o'clock. It is not definitely decided where the banquet will be held, but this will be known in a day or two. Two or three of the larger halls in the town are under consideration.

In order that no one will be unable to attend, the plates will be sold for half a dollar, although the quality of the banquet will not be determined by this rate. A good list of short toasts and several musical numbers have been arranged, and there should be nothing to hinder one hundred and fifty men from making an occasion of this event, that will be remembered for some time.

A gift of \$100,000 was recently made to Yale by Alfred G. Vanderbilt, of New York.

Next fall all students of the University of Washington will be fined one dollar for late registration or for change of course.

COLLEGE JEWELRY ON SALE AT DORMITORY

An excellent line of college jewelry has been placed on display at the book exchange in the Dormitory since Christmas. Everything, including classy seal and "O" fobs, souvenir spoons, hat pins of a new and attractive design, match safes, stick pins, etc., are included in the assortment.

The assortment has been placed here by a large firm in Providence, R. I., which makes a specialty of supplying college novelties and it is said that every state university in the country is now carrying a line of these goods. The goods are not of a cheap variety, but are of the best quality throughout and are an ornament wherever they are seen. A number of the students have made investments already and the nifty little fobs and stick pins may be seen frequently about the campus. Because there is no desire on the part of those who are handling the goods to make an outrageous "rake off," the prices are anything but prohibitive.

Every piece is marked in some way with the letter or the seal of the school, just exactly what most students are looking for.