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**Medicine, He Avers, Is in an Ev-  
er Changing State; People  
Must Be Taught to Ward off  
Disease by Sanitary Methods.**

The old maxim, "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," was the theme of the address delivered by Dr. Harry Beal Torrey, professor of Biology at Reed College, before yesterday's assembly. Dr. Torrey's subject was "The Future of Medicine."

"The prevailing idea of the medical profession at the present time is to prevent sickness rather than to cure after one is sick. Old-fashioned ideas are rapidly giving away to these new ideas," he said.

"Thousands of doctors are giving their time and money in making scientific researches to discover methods of preventing sickness. These researches are often done with considerable sacrifice. So important has the question of prevention become that recent, well-defined movements have been started to give city health officers special education and to establish a national health department.

"Twenty years ago everyone was an individualist. But times have changed since then and we now consider ourselves responsible for the health of our neighbor as well as our own.

"The case of vaccination is an excellent example of how ideas have changed in the last two decades. When vaccination was first introduced as protection against smallpox, people were very skeptical about it. Today we find vaccination universally accepted as a preventive to smallpox. Its use has also been extended to typhoid fever as well. Statistics show that in Germany, where the vaccination requirements are extremely rigid, there are, proportionately, but 1-17 as many deaths from smallpox as in the United States, where the laws are less rigid; and only 1-67 as many deaths as in Italy, where no vaccination laws exist.

"Medicine is not in a static state but an ever-changing one. Doctors must be progressive and ready to adopt new ideas if they are going to keep abreast of the profession. I have talked with many old doctors who say that the younger generation are outstripping them. They assert that it is due to technique, the invention of new surgical implements and the existence of more scientific text-books. This is not the true reason. It is true that these changes have been made and have affected the profession profoundly, but the real reason is that there has been a revolution in the ideas of twenty or thirty years ago.

"Medicine is becoming a matter of private instruction like music. Doctors are now going to private practitioners for their education.

"The medical department of your University, located in Portland, has its duty to perform. Its duty is to prevent sickness by showing the people of the state the latest sanitary methods. It is up to all colleges in the United States to engage in a similar movement and co-operate with each other in order to obtain the most far-reaching results."

In his introductory remarks, Dr. Torrey alluded to the fact that he was a former instructor of Professor John F. Bovard, head of the University pre-medic department, when the latter was a student at the University of California.

**LECTURE FOR ENGINEERS**

Prof. Dunn to Illustrate Talk on  
"Roman Bridge."

The Engineering Club will meet Wednesday night, January 21, in Dr. Edmondson's room, for the conduct of general business and to listen to an illustrated lecture on "The Roman Bridge" by Professor Dunn. Freshmen engineers are invited to attend this lecture.

**SENIOR COUNCIL WILL  
HOLD SECOND MEETING**

**Hope to Come to Some Definite  
Conclusion on Co-opera-  
tion Plan**

The Representative Senior Council, appointed by the Student Body executive committee, will hold its second meeting next Wednesday evening in John Straub's room. This committee was appointed two months ago; and it was the purpose of their appointment to study student body life at the University and other similar institutions, and form some workable plan by which a closer co-operation among the different groups of the student body might be accomplished.

It is the hope of President Motschenbacher that at this meeting the committee will at least approximate some definite plan of general procedure.

**SWEETLAND-TAKES SIDES  
FOR WESTERN COLLEGES**

**Willamette Coach Contradicts  
Philbrook of Multnomah  
Club.**

Dr. G. J. Sweetland, Willamette coach, takes exception to George Philbrook's claim that Washington, Oregon and O. A. C. could not compete successfully in football, with Michigan, Notre Dame, Chicago and other Middle Western Colleges.

He says that the western teams mentioned rank on a par, with the larger colleges, and asserted that, in his opinion, they could have trimmed the teams of the big middle state and eastern colleges last fall.

He says that if it were not for the western lads, who go eastward to college these big schools would not have their crack teams.

Both Sweetland and Philbrook are ex-eastern stars, and Dr. Sweetland played for years against Harvard and Yale. Philbrook attended Notre Dame, but formerly hailed from Whitman College.

**HESPIANS MAY BARNSTORM**

Prof. Reddie Will Possibly Make  
Booking While in South.

Professor A. F. Reddie left yesterday on a lecture tour of Southern Oregon towns, and will return the first of next week.

While on this trip he may sign up engagements in these towns for the production of the play, "The Professor's Love Story," which he contemplates as the next play after the production of "Strife" for his class in dramatic interpretation.

This will be an innovation in dramatic work at the University, for local Thespians have seldom gone barnstorming previously. The booking will include six or seven engagements, if arranged.

James A. Pack, ex-15, is now working with the Crane Creek Irrigation Company, near Wiser, Idaho, having a position in the engineering department of the Company.

Mr. French, who has been janitor of the men's gymnasium for a good many years, is laid up with a bad case of rheumatism, and will be unable to resume his duties this year. Mr. Preston, who has been employed on the swimming pool job, has been appointed to the position, which he will hold permanently.

La Verne Van Marter, ex-'12, has returned to Eugene to complete his college course. Van Marter will enter college next semester, and in the meantime is taking a course at the Eugene business college.

With 1435 cadets drilling on the campus of the Ohio State University, military science has become the largest and most popular course in the curriculum. The lockers do not contain sufficient guns to arm the entire regiment at once time, for this reason it has become necessary to take the guns away from the non-commissioned officers. This lack of arms persists in spite of the fact that last year 175 new rifles were secured from the government for the use of the companies drilling in the forenoon.

Delta Tau Delta announce two new pledges, Russell Ralston and Willard Carpy, of La Grande.

**HOUSE MOTHER IDEA STARTS**

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pecially in the Middle West, and, I think, Oregon would not err in adopting it.

"Such a plan renders the fraternity life more homelike, and puts the men in close touch with someone who can often offer helpful advice.

"There are two considerations, however; that must be carefully attended to; these are. Suitable, comfortable arrangements for the house mother's living room, and the careful choice of women for the positions. They should have separate suites, with all other conveniences possible.

"For the second point there should be some system evolved that would assure the securing of thoroughly suitable house mothers. The national men's fraternities might co-operate with the national women's fraternities in this matter; that is, the women's fraternities would almost make it a business to select women and offer their names for the positions.

"They should be women who understand thoroughly life in men's fraternities and who realize their proper position as house mothers. There are a great many women who would be glad to take the positions; women of middle age who would like to take work in the University, or elderly ladies, whose experience would fit them for the work."

In some of the fraternity houses at the University of Washington the example set by the women's fraternities has been followed for the past three years, and Washington men who have visited Oregon speak highly in favor of the house mother system.

Miss Ruth Guppy, Dean of women, returned today from Portland where she attended a reception given in honor of Miss Pendleton, president of Wellesley college. Miss Guppy reports a most enjoyable time and states that in addition to the Oregon Alumnae present, there were also many guests from O. A. C. and Reed College. The reception was held at the home of Mrs. Lewis.

Harry Micks, ex-'11, died recently in California. Although only in college about two years, Mr. Micks made numerous acquaintances, and many of the alumni who attended the University in 1908 and 1909 will remember him.



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