

SAYS STUDENT SHOULD SELECT OWN EDUCATION

Whole College System Must Be Reorganized, Declares California Savant.

BERKELEY, Calif. (INS)—Modern education will have to be reorganized before it can fulfill its highest destiny, according to Professor J. N. Britton, associate professor of education of the University of California. "College students, on the whole, are better equipped to deal with the actual conditions of life than any other class of people, as is shown by the demand for their services," said Professor Britton. "But the university will never be able to use the full powers to train the student for his life work until faculty, student and student cooperate to revolutionize the present scheme of education."

As part of this reorganization Professor Britton believes that the selection, dismissal and promotion of professors should all be in the hands of the students. "It is the student, not some member of the board of managers or trustees, who can truly judge a man's ability to teach others," he said.

"University affairs, academic as well as social," he explained, "should be controlled by a group of people selected from both students and faculty. Under the present conditions students have no say in the academic part of university life, but this would make the university a truly democratic and republican body. The elimination of misunderstanding between faculty and students should soon be the aim."

Abolish Degrees

"All degrees should be abolished and diploma awarded only on the basis of accomplishment," continued Professor Britton. "A college graduate applying for a position, instead of presenting an A. B. degree obtained through cramming, would show a detailed statement of what he has learned at college. Studies should be arranged by a committee of the students who always know more than any professor what they wish to study and can best realize what subjects best prepare a man or woman for their life work. For example, a course in commercial Spanish would be arranged not by some professor with a vast knowledge of Spanish literature and no idea of business, but by some enterprising student who is engaged in South American trade."

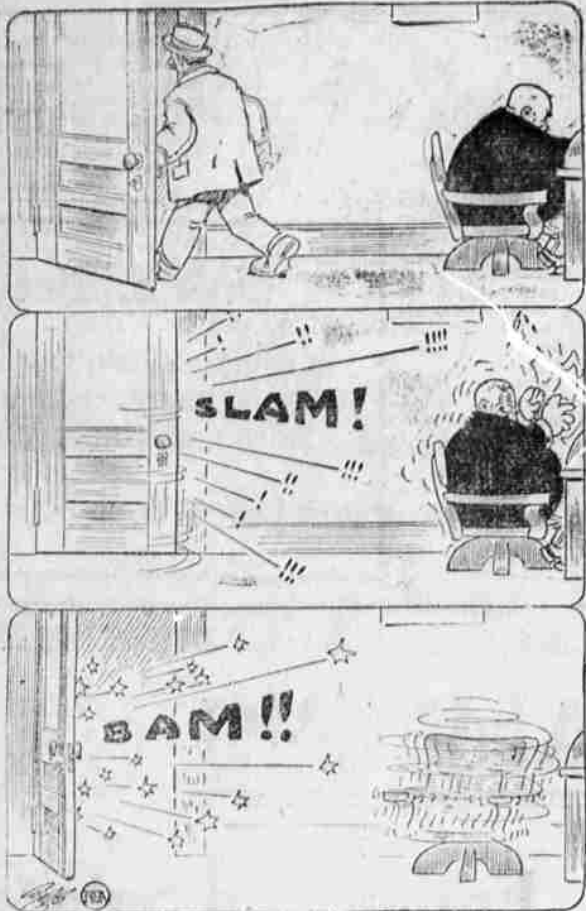
"With the tendency to increase specialized education our colleges have doubled and tripled in practical value," said Professor Britton. "We have colleges of dentistry, agriculture, medicine, journalism and art, from which students are being specially trained to follow certain occupations in life. It is an ordinary college of letters and science that needs reorganization."

Retain Classics

By reorganization Dr. Britton does not mean discontinuance of such subjects as Greek and Latin, he said, for if these subjects emphasize, not their technicalities, but their relation to modern civilization, the classics may have practical value. To make college education practical universities must come more in touch with conditions existing in the world, he believes.

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"The college year should be divided into quarters, and the student should study only three subjects each quarter," he said. "This would enable him to concentrate upon certain definite lines of work and carry on his research, which he cannot do if his attention is on half a dozen different courses. All courses should be elective. In this respect we should copy European universities. In such a university the student who does not seek to accomplish anything during his college life would soon drop out."

PARALYSIS CURED BY FRENCH MEDICS

By Alice Langley, (U.S.S. Staff Correspondent)

PARIS—Thanks to a recent French discovery, two paralyses have been cured of a disease which has been considered incurable up to the present time.

The paralysis, it appears, was caused by tumors compressing the spinal marrow, in these hidden regions the doctors had little means of finding out just where the trouble was. They tried the method of Dr. Sicard, which consists in injecting iodized oil into the bony canal formed by the assembled vertebrae where the spinal marrow is supported as by a cushion of rubber filled with water.

This operation, while very delicate is not very difficult, and every intelligent doctor can make use of it, says Dr. Sicard. By means of this process the radiograph is able to obtain a very clear negative showing the silhouette of the embayments of the tiny particles of iodine contained in the oil.

With the two patients in question negatives were obtained which showed just where the tumors were located. An operation was performed and the men are walking today.

Another important advance in the history of medicine is reported by Dr. Guinès, a Paris surgeon, who has specialized in the treatment of cancer by radium. He has just submitted to the Surgical Congress twenty cases of complete cure of cancer of the oesophagus, some of the patients being only 6, 9 and 12 years of age.

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Alaskan Schooner to Be Gob School Ship

SEATTLE, Wash. (AP)—The auxiliary powered schooner *Boaz*, operated to and about Alaska by the United States Bureau of Education, is to be converted into a schoolship to make seamen of the natives of the State's highest north territory. Navigation and the working of wireless



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