

Plan of the University.

The projectors of the Liberal University of Oregon, propose to develop a new centre of Liberal and higher education out of the school they have already successfully conducted for the last two years at Silverton, and in which they have fifty scholars already engaged.

A proposed plan can only be preparatory and tentative, but the lines are sufficiently indicated by the work already being successfully prosecuted. The course and curriculum will be modified to suit future additions and conditions, but the plan indicated in the present prospectus is to be followed.

The three terms per year should be continued by the student for three years as the condition of graduation—which should signify that he has had a substantial initiation into the three grand departments of human knowledge, viz.: (1) Mathematics and the Physical Sciences. (2) The Organic World of Biology, Physiology, Psychology, etc. (3) The Human Sciences of Sociology, Language, History, Politics, Economics, Law, Aesthetics and Ethics. Thereafter a year for general education and the practical application of the special knowledge attained to the profession or occupation of life to be pursued by the student is strongly recommended. Opportunities for exercise in the art of teaching and general technology would be afforded during this last year, and a special diploma awarded.

In the first year as above indicated, the larger part of the time would be devoted to mathematics and the systematic study of the physical sciences.

In the second year the emphasis would fall upon the organized world, i.e., biology, physiology (hygiene), comparative sociology, etc.

In the third year the attention would be directed more especially to human history and sociology, the religions, governments, politics, economics and ethics, with philosophy and linguistics as a general accompaniment, ending with aesthetics and fine arts in view of the future forms of religion and human aspirations.

The fourth, or post graduate year, we have already indicated to be devoted to a general summing up and direction of studies to the particular business or profession of life.

In each year the studies of general emphasis, as above indicated, would be accompanied with lectures and exercises in English and other languages, and with general practical knowledge, so that the student would become generally informed as to the subjects which would successfully occupy his attention.

The University laboratory, workshop, garden and farm would constantly afford technical knowledge and practical skill by way of diver-

sion and exercise in the place of very much of the useless athletics with which much valuable time is now wasted in many educational institutions.

This University is designed to be substantially co-educational as to the sexes, and the preparatory school is now largely composed of girls, with three admirable lady teachers, and with a kindergarten as the preparatory stage of the whole course of education.

It is proposed to have three presidents; that is, a president shall be chosen to preside over and have general charge of each of the three Grand Divisions of the systematic University course, as above stated, and that they will preside in rotation, each during one of the three terms of the year, as president of the faculty and corporation, and at other times be acting vice-presidents. Thus securing an equal and just recognition and emphasis upon the grand divisions of human knowledge, with a variety and yet a general unity in the instruction and the administration of the University.

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