

Wise College Boys.

Young men, when entering college, often think themselves wiser than their teachers. They know what studies are needless, and what are helpful. A large part of the prescribed course they would gladly omit as dull, as unprofitable. Twenty years later, they look back with remorse on their youthful folly. Dr. James W. Alexander, one of the most accomplished scholars of our country, thus refers, in a letter, to his fancied wisdom: "Like most brainless and self-conceited boys, I undertook to determine that such and such studies were of no importance, and made this as an excuse for neglecting them, although the wise in every age have united in declaring their utility. I was foolish enough to suffer almost all my previous knowledge of classical literature to leak out, and consequently I found myself a much greater dolt when I was invested with the titles and immunities of an A. B. than when I entered a humble freshman." It required several years of hard study to retrieve his neglect of the prescribed studies. Young men need to have respect for the wisdom which has established a regular course of study, and which has been justified by the experience of centuries.—Youth's Companion.

Glucose manufacture is making an excitement in the maize districts of the West, the factory at Buffalo and its remarkable success being the prime stimulant. Half a dozen establishments have been planted within a month in Indiana, Illinois and Iowa. Cyrus McCormick and others, it is said, have put \$650,000 into one at Chicago. It is to have a capacity of 20,000 bushels a day, which is the equivalent of 300 tons of sugar. A bushel of corn, costing about forty cents, produces thirty pounds of grape sugar or three gallons of syrup. This sugar, which costs them not two cents per pound they can sell at from three and one-half to four cents while the three gallons of syrup can be sold at from thirty-five to forty cents a gallon. This new industry promises to dispose of the "overproduction" question, and it will probably henceforth not be cheaper to burn corn than wood in Central Iowa.

A man who firmly believes that a second flood will come next November, to cover the whole face of the earth, is building an ark at Helena, Texas. The craft is intended to hold fifty persons, with food for forty days and forty nights, and he proposes to take passengers at \$500 each. Every other vessel, he explains, will be wrecked. No doubt a few lunatics will pay down \$500 and take passage. We presume he will carry an organ with him, and take up a collection before he starts.

There are now 20,000 Jews in the Holy Land. The London Times says: A negotiation is said to be on foot between the members of the house of Rothschild and the venerable Sir Moses Montefiore on the one hand and the Ottoman Government on the other, for the cession, under certain conditions, of the Holy Land. The Ottoman Government is already at its last gasp for want of money. The Jewish race wish a habitat of their own as the Greeks, though a scattered people, living for the most part in Turkey, have a Greek kingdom, so the Jews wish to have a Hebrew kingdom.

Without moral principal education only makes a man more dangerous to the community, while at the same time ignorance is the curse of the country and aims a death blow at our national prosperity and life. This true, what a tremendous responsibility rests upon those, not only who have in hand the charge and general oversight of our common schools as guardians, but also those who are placed in charge of them as instructors. The measure of ignorance and immorality that shall characterize the next generation depends upon the generation of to-day.—Ez.

Until the rising generation, the young men and women of our land can be made to realize that the religion of the Bible is both a noble and manly thing, that appeals not only to their soul's inner life, but to their courage, giving widest scope for adventure, arousing all the chivalry of their souls to the noblest work of life in doing good to themselves and others, one of the chief reinforcing causes of crime low in operation will continue in force. A boy who acquaints himself with the Word of God, and shapes his life in accordance with its precepts will not be like to fill a felon's cell, or dangle from the hangman's rope.—Ez.

While good men sit at home not knowing that there is anything to be done, nor caring to know, cultivating the feeling that politics are tiresome and dirty, and politicians vulgar bullies and braves, half persuaded that a republic is the contemptible rule of a mob, and secretly longing for a strong man and a splendid and vigorous despotism, then remember it is not a government betrayed by intelligence. It is not the victory of the sinners it is the surrender of the schools. It is not that bad men are politically shrewd, it is that good men are political infidels and cowards.—George William Custis.

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