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THE ENEMIES OF GOOD STUDENTSHIP

Learning to use the mind wisely constitutes good studentship. Excepting good health, there is no attainment in all the world so priceless as this. Millions of individuals, with good native capacity, live unsuccessful and unhappy lives, because they do not know how to use their minds efficiently. Any careful observer may find many students in schools, colleges, or social life dozens of cases of incompetent minds that are little less than pathetic. Aside from the comparatively few instances due to hereditary weakness, this need not be so. Bad environment and bad training are the essential causes. This does not, however, mean that the remedy is simple and easy to apply. Just as there are in the air, water, and food, and habits of people legions of enemies of good health; so are there in the family, school, and social life numerous enemies of good studentship.

It would take a whole series of books to explain in detail all the enemies of healthful mental living. Two or three outstanding facts regarding them seem worthy of pointing out upon every possible occasion. The first of these is that healthy mental living is more important than remedial education. The best physicians to-day realize that healthful physical living is far more important than medicine. No one can be doctorized into good health; he has to live into it. In case of ill-health, the first step taken by an expert physician is to prescribe simple living. Diet is reduced, rest is provided, and pure air is supplied. The right kind of food is planned and proper baths recommended. In the normal, healthy individual, mental health is obtained in a similar manner. Mental fevers require mental rest; mental indigestion calls for a reduction of mental diet; mental anemic demands tonic, mental diet and exercise; and mental tuberculosis needs a higher and clearer mental atmosphere. Drugs may be helpful, but they are secondary. It is hygiene and not dosing that is necessary. Like physicians, psychologists are getting this point of view. The public has not grasped the fact yet.

This point of view is very suggestive for the educational psychologist and sociologist. One of the greatest outstanding causes for inefficient mentality lies in the character of the social environment, whether in schools or without. People, young and old, live in a whirl of affairs. Events take place with such a rapidity that the time of awakening to that of going asleep, there is a constant rush of things to do: not a series of co-ordinated activities, but rather a host of unrelated doings. Outside of school, it is labor, clubs, committees, parties, lodges, rides, calls, conferences, lunches, dinners, and legions of others. In school, it is the same: athletic, literary societies, fraternities, parties, dances, committees, clubs, papers, examinations, notebooks, recitations in a hundred or more subjects, and the like. All these introduce mental tension that are not so much a divided attention. No mind can learn to work effectively amid it all. Attention is always shifting from one thing to another. Some minds get a fever; others suffer from indigestion; and still others drop down to a kind of rhythmic routine and go through their work mechanically and conventionally, in a sort of maze as it were. Good studentship can not live in this; the mind can never learn to solve problems in such an environment; it never has time to see one through. The diet must be reduced and the rest increased. The next thing is that called more loudly for the elimination of useless activities than our own. They defeat their own purposes again and again, and yet their number grows. It is quick education and sociology. It is prescribing drugs for a system that is already glutted with them. Instead of looking upon them as secondary, they are being made primary. Nothing but a courageous social movement, something akin to the mental hygiene movement, can rightly begin the fight against these enemies of mental hygiene.

A second great enemy of good studentship may be found in the narrower field of educational activity itself, and may be styled the undoing of memory. This has been discussed in previous columns of this paper, but it needs this time to be explained a little further. As a rule, students do not pass away memory; they just cannot visualize many times, and has been pointed out with great clarity and power. But the great mistake is that memory does not pass away. This has been pointed out in the remainder of his education. A careful observer of children before they enter school will have observed the fact that at the appalling number of things they will learn and retain before they know they have memory. After they leave school, the disease that assails them, the observer will be equally astounded at the appalling number of things they appear to learn and quickly forget. The natural way becomes artificial, and goes on and on, and teachers nurse it. What normal, thoughtful man or woman ever thought of reading history, literature, geography, or Latin just to remember it and give it back to someone? He reads to enjoy, understand, or use subjects. When these are well done, memory will take care of itself. Memory does not pass away, it functions as God meant that it should. The recitation upon memory is not memory as such, it is rather the exaltation of it to an end instead of a means that makes memory a hardship. So many times students are presented with the wrong view in school and then carries it on through the remainder of his education. A careful observer of children before they enter school will have observed the fact that at the appalling number of things they will learn and retain before they know they have memory. After they leave school, the disease that afflicts them is that of memory. It is not memory as such, it is rather the exaltation of it to an end instead of a means that makes memory a hardship. So many times students are presented with the wrong view in school and then carries it on through the remainder of his education.

This makes one of the real high spots towards athletic results and one of the most delightful evenings of the year.

FOOT BALL BANQUET

The Ladies' Aid provided a most delightful and substantial banquet for the foot ball players at Williams Hall. True to form these 25 men simply cleaned things up.

Prof. Beyermann acted as toastmaster. A short speech by Capt. Chueas, who introduced our 1921 foot ball captain Skibbie. Coach Jean is not only an able coach, but an eloquent speaker.

Pres. Williams gave a very optimistic talk of our athletics, present and future, concluding to do all they can to make B. G. rank high in athletics. At 8:15 a search began for coats and hats as the children of Williams Hall had been up to mischief. Then joined by the Ladies' Aid, students and faculty repaired to the gymnasium to trip lightly to the music. This makes one of the real high spots of the year.

MENS' GLEE CLUB

On Monday, Nov. 15, Mr. Tunncliffe held a meeting for the purpose of organizing a Glee Club. Voices were tested and the material looks promising.
The Biennial Budget for 1921-23 is in course of preparation for the Budget commission and the Finance committees of the General Assembly.

In respect to the physical plant the two (2) outstanding needs are: 1st, Dormitory for women, and 2nd, allowance for improvement of the grounds.

The Budget carries a request for $200,000.00 for maintenance, additional women’s dormitory and $90,895.00 for landscape development. A request of $200,000.00 for a Library building is also included. In the way of additional equipment for various departments, play-grounds, equipment for athletic field, power-house, etc. requests are about $25,000.00. In addition to these items the institution requests $153,140.00 for the year 1921-22 and $163,840.00 for 1922-23 for personal services.

The request for maintenance are $55,000.00, year 1921-22; $55,420.55 year 1922-23. The biennium requests roughly amount to $950,000.00 for 1922-23 for personal services.
ATHLETICS

On Saturday, October 23rd, the Defiance college game was hard fought from start to finish, the forward pass accounting for the scoring of both teams. Defiance had a better defense against the aerial game than Bowling Green and was able to keep their score down.

Defiance won the toss and Capt. Clucas kicked off for Bowling Green. By a series of line backs and forward passes, Defiance scored in less than two minutes. By the same methods two additional touchdowns were scored in the next five minutes. The score at the end of the first quarter was 27-0.

The Normals showed more fight in this game than in any previous game. Theweak defense against the forward pass accounted for their defeat. The lineup was as follows:


Substitutions.


BOWLING GREEN

McDermott L.E., Fulcher.

Smalley L.G., Nos

Wise L.C., Bistline


Wiser L.H., Skibbie.

Lutz L.H., Marce.

Raberding R.H., Raberding.

McDermott, R.T., Lake.

The game with Ashland College scheduled for Armistice Day was cancelled and the football season was at an end. Coach Clucas took the ball over the goal but the ball was declared dead on the one-yard line. Kent immediately kicked to midfield where the game ended.

The Normals played like a new team. Every man tackled low and hard and many spectators cheered for the visitors because of their good work against the heavy Kent team, who outweighted Bowling Green twenty pounds per man. Etoll, playing his first game at center against so many plays, Raberding and Skibbie held down the ends well on the defense. Fry and Moore played well in the line. Bowling Green lineup was as follows:


WILSONIAN SOCIETY

The Wilsonian Literary Society met in regular session on Thursday evening, Nov. 4th. During a short business meeting the following officers were elected:

Faculty Advisor—Prof. Tunncliffe.

Critic—Ivan Lake.

Sergeant-At-Arms—John Fuller.

Prosecuting Attorney—Lloyd Miller.

Representative to the Executive Board of the Woman’s League—Angela Fischer.

The program was as follows:

Prof. Carmichael—Intercollegiate Debating.

Piano Solo—Miss Hatcher.

Reading—Miss Blue.

Humorous Sketch—Mr. John Fuller.

Thanksgiving Solo—Miss Lantu.

Sermon (Negro dialect)—Mr. Lake.

Impromptu Speeches—Members of Society.

EMERSON MEETING, NOV. 16, 1920

The Emmersons met in room 315 on Tues. Nov. 16, in a regular meeting at which time the following program was carried out:

Piano Solo—Flossie Phillips.

Debate, Irish Independence—Chas. Clucas and Ada Blakely.

Talk—Dr. Kohl.

Sang, Emerson Sextette—Keys of Heaven.

Lilt Jack Horner—Arline Poe.

Prof. Fry and Prof. Moore.

Ruth Eldred, Esther Ayers.

The program on the whole was very much enjoyed and was well planned and given. The next meeting will be in two weeks from the above date and will include music, a humorous reading and a mock faculty meeting.

WILSONIAN LITERARY MEETING

Nov. 16, 1920.

The northeast snow storm which was the first of the season, had no terrors for the red-blooded Wilsonians for they were out in good force Tuesday evening. After a few lively songs, Misses Vermont Stove and Frances Colter gave a prophesy which was followed by a piano solo by Miss Mary Loomis. The program ended with many praises to the people who took part. After a few more songs the society was adjourned.

EMERSON SOCIETY

First program, Thursday, Oct. 29th.

Hiram Jones' Bet—Arline Poe.

Wilke and Orville Raberding.

Inceptive of Athletics—Howard Ham.

Eulogy on Athletics—Esther Brown.

Miss McMurtry was elected a member of the executive board of the Woman's League.

The third regular meeting of the Country Life Club was held on Tuesday evening, Nov. 5, 1929. The following program was given:

Summary of Current Events—Mr. Clucas.

Piano Solo—Miss Hatcher.

Reading—Miss Hostetter.

Songs—Miss Hostetter.

The Club then went to the gymnasium, where a very pleasant social hour was spent in games and dancing.

English Professor: "If you take note you can always discover a man's occupation by the figures of speech that he uses."

"What then, would you imagine, sir," inquired a mild looking student, "to be the occupation of a man that is always talking of peaches, and prunes, and pippins and dates?"
A MYSTERY

Has it ever occurred to you that both Kent and Bowling Green can win the debate to be held at Bowling Green, Dec. 15th, 1920. Bowling Green is sure to win the one at Kent, but both Bowling Green and Kent will win the one held here. This is an absolute fact not to be denied. It is very evident that we will win both debates but as an act of consolation we placed on the affirmative team a very able man by the name of Kent Moore. Altho we win both decisions we can share the glory with the eastern town as "Kent" is sure to win.

LOYD D. MILLER.

GIRLS' PARTY

On Friday evening, Nov. 12th, all the "kids" assembled in the parlor of Williams Hall, "Boys," as well as girls, were all cleverly attired. Hair raising feats were performed by the clown during the circus parade and the performance of the jazz band. "Sleeping Beauty" was dramatized, the actors showing wonderful dramatic ability. Several selections were given by the "Ukelele Club." Dancing was enjoyed by all. One of the pleasing events of the evening was the movie. Refreshments consisting of all-day suckers and little cakes, were served. At a late hour the party came to a close.

VISITORS AT B. G. N. C.

Oct. 29-30.

Ursula Dempsey, Sandusky.
Eva Schwemer, Kenton.
Ruth Kanney, Napoleon.
Helin Heinhausner, Clyde.
Clara Schroeder, Celina.
Clara Kehn, Fremont.
Florence Randall, Pioneer.
Ila Randall, Placid.
Nov. 14.

Mrs. Murry, Bluffton.

The first number of the College Entertainment Course, given Wednesday, October 27th, was a lecture-demonstration of the work of a sculptor by Lorado Taft, America's foremost sculptor.

Mr. Taft came supplied with several figures in clay at different stages of completion, which he used in demonstrating the process of modeling heads and full figures in moist clay. One of the finished pieces was used to show how molds and casts are made from plaster of Paris. Another model of a face was used to demonstrate the ease with which a master hand can portray human emotions by a few slight changes in the moist clay.

The lecture was made entertaining as well as instructive by the numerous quaint and whimsical remarks which interspersed it.

Mr. Taft was ably assisted by one of the students in his Chicago studios, who displayed considerable ability in modeling in clay.

SECOND NUMBER ENTERTAINMENT COURSE

"The Crisis" was well received by a full house. In fact, many lingered after the play was over.

The Second Annual Intercollegiate debate will be held on Dec. 15 with Kent State Normal College. The question is on that phase of the Transportation Act of 1920, which deals with the means of settling disputes between employers and employees. The issues swing around the proposition of whether this act will be beneficial to employees, employees and to the general public.

Inasmuch as this question is both new and vital, especial interest attaches to the coming contest.

The lineup will probably include the following students:

Affirmative—
Kenton Moore.
Moses Lane.
Royd Miller.
Miss Sherborne.

Negative—
Howard Hamn.
Ralph Schuller.
Mr. Canary and Mr. Richardson.

The negative team will journey to Kent while the affirmative team will give battle on the local rostrum.

On Friday afternoon, November 19, the Critic teachers of the Training School entertained the mothers of the pupils in the Training School. The early part of the program consisted of an address of welcome by President Williams, two readings by Professor Carmichael, two folk songs sung by Miss Light, accompanied on the piano by Professor Tunncliffe, and a number of songs in which all present joined in singing. After this the guests were served sandwiches, pickles, marguerites and coffee by Miss Hestin, of the Department of Home Economics. There were more than fifty mothers present and the occasion proved to be not only a pleasant, but also a profitable one, as it enabled the mothers and the teachers to become much better acquainted than they had been previously.

PERSONALS

President Williams recently spoke to Bellefontaine, O., Chamber of Commerce, and while in the city visited Miss Cleo Hardin, who is giving satisfaction. She has grades three and four of North school.

President Williams attended the memorial services of the late President Alston Ellis, Ohio University, Nov. 17, 1920.

Miss Drua Williams of Findlay, Ohio, B. G. student 1919-20, at present teaching grades one and two, Benton Ridge, Ohio, visited the college Saturday, November 13th.

A freshman girl went into Froney's store the other day and asked the clerk for a pair of heavy stockings for "gym." She was very much astounded when the clerk brought her out a pair of heavy wool socks and sweetly said, "Do you think he would care for those?"

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Claus says that there is a place in baseball for the curve pitcher, but not for the crook pitcher.

Once upon a time folks considered a dry cellar a fine recommendation for a house—but now?

A woodpecker sat on freshman's head, And settled down to drill; He drilled away for a half a day, And finally broke his bill.

Mr. Beattie (at the college banquet in Toledo), "We would be glad to hear of the death of any of the alumni. Just send the word to Miss Mercer."

Some of the students are troubled to know whether our president-elect Harding would endorse the battle-cry of the six-hundred, "Half a league, half a league, half a league onward."

Teacher (trying to review a few facts in geography before attacking the class problem): "What do you mean by the prime meridian?"

Pupil: "It is the meridian going thru Greenwich."

Teacher: "And where is Greenwich?"

Pupil (in astonishment): "Why, don't you know?"

What is the trouble with our teachers? A report came to the authorities in one of our Ohio schools that the reason one of the girls had "quit" school was because she didn't "like the looks of her teacher."

Jimmie, one of the training school youngsters was sitting on the curb, when Bill came along and asked him what was the matter.

"Oh, I feel so bad 'cause Major's dead—my nice old collie." sobbed Jimmie.

"Shucks!" said Billy. "My grandmother's been dead a week and you don't catch me crying."

Jimmie gave his eyes and nose a swipe with his hand and looking up at Billy, sobbed despondingly.

"Yes," but you didn't raise your grandmother from a pup."

Famous Goats.

Billy.
Nanny.
Scape.
Angora.
Husband.

The Ultimate Consumer.

Fact!

A perfect state of bliss is his, But he rides to a fall; The biggest ignoramus is The man who knows it all.

A young lady "central" had gone to church and perhaps by reason of loss of sleep occasioned by overwork, had fallen asleep. After the usual prayer the pastor picked up the hymnal, "Brethren and sisters," he said, glancing first at the choir and then at the congregation, "we shall sing hymn three hundred and forty-three—hymn three hundred and forty-three."

"The line is busy," said the young lady suddenly waking and hearing the preacher's last words. "I'll call you."

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