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The Educational Calling of Our Schools

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I THINK that some words should be written about the educational importance of a holiness school. Almost always when reasons are set forth why one should attend or support our schools, the reason given is their spirituality, their emphasis on the personal salvation of the students. No one believes more in that aspect of the schools activities than the writer. In fact, I believe that without deep spirituality our schools have no place in the educational field. But I also believe that educationally our schools have much to offer.

After all our schools are *schools*. Their primary mission is to educate. The Church has found that in order to produce pastors, evangelists, missionaries and teachers who not only shall believe in the doctrines of the church, but also be able to efficiently take their place in the world of men, they must educate their young men and women. To obtain a point of contact with an increasing number of men and women today one must have an education. The Church has learned that the Spirit of God works through human beings, and that the better educated the human being is the more efficient instrument he makes for the Holy Spirit.

And the curriculum of these schools must include more than knowledge of the Bible. God has not confined his revelation to the world in one printed volume. The student must be able to see God in the wonders of his physical environment, and in the profound depths and infinite mysteries of human nature. The sciences, the liberal arts, the fine arts must contribute their share to the fu-

ture preachers education, broadening his sympathies, enlarging his vision, and making the Bible a much greater book than it otherwise would be. The literature of the world with its portrayal of the ideals, tragedies, struggles, and victories of mankind will open up to the student great and noble views of Christ's relation to the world. The phil-

osophies, the theories of life that have been evolved by the mind of man in his struggle to find a satisfactory solution to the problem of life, will open up fields as profound as heaven, but only prove the sublime truth of Jesus Christ, "the same yesterday today and forever."

The tragic tale of mankind through the ages will demonstrate the inevitable result of sin. The principles and laws of society, of social institutions and conventions, will emphasize the true beauty of the Kingdom of Heaven. The forms of expression, oratory, music, art, and such like will enable the student to use that know-

ledge he has acquired and to effectively reach his generation. And so on through the entire range of education the student in a holiness school may learn those things which will make him a successful "fisher of men." Some have felt that a liberal education would tend to work against spirituality. In a school whose faculty was not Christian and whose purpose was solely to educate this would obtain. But the appeal of our schools is that they have faculties who not only believe in, but actually have the experience of entire sanctification.

But the purpose of an education is far greater than the mere reception of (continued on page 2)



Idaho State Capitol, Boise, Idaho. Where the State Legislature is now in session.

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Editorial

We feel it proper to say a few words about the recent move toward civic righteousness in our city. It is concerned with that doubtful institution—the pool hall. At the January fifth meeting of the city council, the six local halls made application for license renewal. They were refused this by a four to two vote of the council. The action was taken without debate and went into effect immediately.

We believe that this is good legislation and we stand back of our officials in the attitude that they have taken toward an institution which is anything but uplifting and ennobling to the lives of men.

Dr. Wiley left on the twenty-sixth of December for an extended campaign covering most of this educational district. He was followed the next day by J. E. Janosky, the college Bursar, and a mixed quartette from the school. John Mandtler, Minnie Hess, Mildred Bangs, and William Penner were the lucky ones. Ruth Van Zandt is traveling with them as pianist. The quartette party and Mr. Janosky, with John Mandtler as driver, traveled overland in the Paige belonging to the Christian Workers Band. The party expect to visit as many churches as they can on the Northwest, North Pacific and Idaho-Oregon districts and assist them in raising their local budgets. We are expecting them also to stir up no small enthusiasm and interest for N. N. C. as everyone of them is a booster.

The word received from them so far has been encouraging and we are glad that God is helping them and is making them a blessing to the churches of these districts. Our next issue will present the trip more in detail and maybe we can persuade Mr. Janosky to write it up for us. You would enjoy it. We'll see what we can do.

We cannot emphasize too much the experience of entire sanctification. We

must not forsake the old fashioned way of heart purity. The heart of man is still depraved despite all modern theories to the contrary. The blood of Jesus can and does wash away our transgressions, but there yet remains, after this work, that principle of evil, that something which is "deceitful above all thing and desperately wicked." We hold that only the work of the Holy Ghost can cleanse this evil nature and change a man's desires, thoughts and motives and make them like God's.

We stop far short if we do not insist upon this experience of entire sanctification for everyone. The backsliding, the indifference and the formality of the present age are results of the neglect of the church to maintain this blessing. It cannot be too often repeated: "Remove not the ancient landmarks." The personal indwelling of the Holy Spirit is fundamental. Let us insist upon it.

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knowledge. The test of a true student does not lie in the quantity of facts that are at his command. No, unless an education teaches a man to think it has failed. The advantage of an education is that it helps us to live better, to successfully adapt ourselves to our environment. The aim of a holiness college should be to produce men and women who can independently think through problems. The real worth of all the facts the student has acquired lies not in just knowing them, but in being able to reason with them. The

supreme task of the mind is to discover the truth which makes men free and to interpret the truth which will create and sustain the fullest and richest life. The Bible is the preacher's and the missionary's and the teacher's great book of principles, but to interpret those principles and truthfully apply them to the needs of mankind needs a mind that is educated.

The Church of the Nazarene has not solved all of its problems. There are some staggering ones facing it just now which cannot be avoided. They must be thought through. The leaders of the church are looking to the schools for the men who will be able to do this. What an opportunity and privilege it offers to its young men and women. Here is a field for true and unselfish service and a challenge to every thinking mind.

I contend therefore, that the Northwest Nazarene College, as well as every other holiness college in the land, has an educational calling. It has a duty to fulfill. I would say to the young people of the Church of the Nazarene that they should attend our colleges, not only because we believe in a Christian Experience but because we can train them to think. We can guide them through the broad fields of knowledge, make their world larger and their vision deeper. We will teach them to know God through personal communion, through His Word, through the wonders of their own soul and the design of their own environment. We will teach them to understand man and his world, and teaching them that, start them fair on the way to be true ministers of "our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ."

DISTRICT Y. P. S. CONVENTION

The semi-annual convention of the Nazarene Young People's Societies of the Idaho-Oregon District, opened Wednesday evening, January the seventh in the Nampa church with an enthusiastic sermon on the old fashioned experience of Holiness by Miss Fairy Chism of the class of '24.

The morning sessions held in the church were devoted to reports, papers, and addresses. Afternoon services were held in the college chapel. At these meetings Rev. Donnell Smith, the general N. Y. P. S. president gave the young people heart to heart talks on the corner stones upon which the N. Y. P. S. is laid and must continue to grow. We all agreed with him that the salvation that Jesus died to procure is the only salvation for the world, the church, and the young people. District Superintendent A. E. Sanner delivered a message Friday morning which those who were for-

tunate enough to hear, shall not soon forget.

The convention did not stop with just discussing means to be used in winning people for the Lord, but by way of practicing what was taught, evangelistic services were held each evening in which services several prayed through to definite victory. Rev. Smith preached Thursday and Friday evenings.

Practically every church on the district was represented and an increased interest was manifested. Through such conventions, we hope to unite our efforts in making the work of the Nazarene Young People's Societies more efficient and lasting.

District officers for the coming year were elected as follows: President, Rev. J. Clarence Anderson; Vice President, Lida Chism; Secretary, Rev. Fairy Chism; Treasurer, Percy Bartram.

—Ruth Born.

ALUMNI NOTES

Edited by ROY SWIM

Why We Believe It

Roy E. Swim, Froid, Montana.

Some time ago I met a man who by the accent of his speech and the spelling of his name evidently had come not long since from eastern Europe. Our conversation finally drifted to religion. My friend didn't believe in it. I did.

As I cast about for reasons "for the hope which lieth in me," and looked to the Lord for guidance there was only one thing on which I could stand with absolute assurance; and that was my own religious experience. And although I could prove very little to him, I could point out to him the method whereby he could prove to himself the truth of the gospel.

As far as I am concerned I have no other argument. I believe in Jesus Christ, the Savior from sin. Why? Because He has saved me. I chose one day to venture my whole confidence in Him and He proved Himself true. I believe the Old Book from cover to cover. Why? Not because of an inference drawn from external, internal, historical and collateral evidences, but because I have put it to the test and proven it true in every instance. I believe it because I want to believe it; it satisfies my heart. I believe it because I have proven it; it satisfies my mind.

Class of '24

The '24 chain letter passed by not long ago bearing the following items:

The Fritzlans are back among their beloved people in Eastern India. They were joyfully received "home" by many of their former converts, notably a band of one time criminals, now Christians.

The Martins have by now become fairly acclimated to New England's atmosphere and are enjoying their work in Lowell.

Miss Ingler has been studying music in Salt Lake City.

Miss Wiley is spending the winter in California.

Miss Barnett is at home in western Kansas.

Miss Aikens determines what the "club" boarders shall eat.

Miss Shern and Miss Chism vie with one another telling "bear stories."

From E. E. Martin, '24

Lowell, Mass.

Dear Alumni:

Greetings from away out East. We are near Boston and the seat of much of the oldest American culture and education. Harvard is a word frequently on the lips of "knowledge seekers," as Miss Gustafson is wont to say; and a sort of exalted charm seems to be attached to anyone who has gone or can go to the wonderful Harvard. Just incidentally speaking, we have been to Harvard too, though we fail to carry the much desired charm, for our attending Harvard was for an hour's visit in the campus square and especially in the magnificent Wildever Library.

Then we are impressed with the delightful way that even the small school children, in fact everybody can say "half," and "passed," and other words when the letter "a" gets its full value in broad and better English. One thing I do not quite understand however, is how "er" can also carry a long low vowel "a" sound; but you have only to hear the good New Englander say "din-

na" for "dinner" to realize that it is all right and proper in Boston.

A further fact I must confess I did not previously know about Boston's cultural features is the prominent place that music has in New England. Boston conservatory is the synonym for the best in American music, and music-lovers abound who can appreciate the classical masterpieces. Of course the greatest artists are frequently within a "stones thrown" of even New England towns.

Finally you would almost think that so called pure culture has become our chief ambition since arriving in the East. But we are the same "holiness folk." We have not yet found time nor money to hear a great masterpiece, not to cultivate "high browism." We are preaching holiness and shouting the victory and keeping true to the holy life and spirituality taught us at our Alma Mater.

Miss Fairy Chism, class of '23, was a visitor in chapel the sixth of January, and gave a clear and victorious testimony. God is giving her success in her pastoral work at Halfway, Oregon.

Miss Florence Southwick, a graduate of '24, was a visitor at Hadley Hall during the holidays. She has been doing home mission work while teaching school in Fruitvale, Idaho.

Miss Dorothy Sheldon, class of '23, was seen renewing acquaintances around the college one day just after the holidays. She is teaching her second year in the high school at Parma, Idaho.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Sharp, of New-bridge, Oregon, formerly N. N. C. students, spent the holidays in Nampa with Mrs. Sharp's mother, Mrs. Steere. Guy is a member of the class of '23.

Our Teachers Say

Professor R. H. White, professor of Education and English.

The educated person must know facts, he must know how to use facts and he must use his knowledge and skill in ways harmonious with man's best experience and God's revealed will. Knowledge furnishes the tools for successful living, but skill is necessary to use these tools in the right way. A man might know the theory of electricity, but unless he could fix the electric iron his knowledge would profit him little. But knowledge and skill alone will not make successful living. A man with an encyclopedic mind and a highly trained hand might drop poison gas on defenseless cities as a pastime. Something more than knowledge and skill are necessary to give a man power to control his vagrant impulses and make him want to do right. In religion alone can a man find continuous power to do the hard right thing, when it pays to do the easier wrong thing. Because the Religion of Jesus can furnish young people with right attitudes and give them power to apply their skill and knowledge in the right way, religion is put first at Northwest Nazarene College.

A good deal of live interest has been manifest lately in the organization of debating clubs. We feel keenly that the ability to speak effectively and forcefully and to put our message "across" is no small achievement. Paul speaks to Titus of "sound speech that cannot be condemned." We have the message, now to tell it.

If a tree is known by its fruit, then a college is known by its graduates. One of the best things that can be said of an institution is that its alumni make good in real life. To a large extent, they make the college what it is. Our graduates will bear scrutiny. God is helping them to succeed.



SCHOOL NOTES



Academy Debating Society

A debating society has recently been organized in the Academy. Mr. Clenard Price was elected president—an office for which he is qualified as his past records show. Miss Mable French was chosen vice-president, and Miss Avis Carr, secretary-treasurer. Ines Peck, George Bauerle and Allen Howard make up the program committee.

One debate has been rendered under the auspices of this society in which marked talent was shown. Additional debates are being planned for Tuesdays of each week. We feel that we have a purpose as a debating society and that with good hard work, success will be ours.

—James Shaver.

The College Debating Club

A debating club in Northwest Nazarene College Yes! Certainly! And a good one too. January the seventh was the red letter day, when Prof. W. W. Myers, the faculty coach, installed the first group of officers and the club became a reality. Membership in the club is limited to twenty-five according to the constitution recently drawn up and adopted.

Meetings of the organization are held every two weeks, and under present plans, one formal debate will be held every month. Intercollegiate debates are to be held by the club also, as soon as proper arrangement can be made. This will be an innovation at N. N. C.

It is not the purpose of the club to train silver tongued orators, the department of oratory will do that, but to train young men and women to debate from the public platform. To meet an opponent, see his view point, and answer his argument, is our objective, which we feel to be a worthy one.

The officers of the club are: President, Frank True; V. President, Mark Cole; Secretary, Mae Walton; Treasurer, E. G. Wooten; Sgt. at arms, Wm. Collier.

—Mark Cole.

The Mischke-Otterbein quartette sang and Rev. Nolt, the pastor, preached during the ten days meeting in the Nazarene Church at Weiser, Idaho. With the exception of a couple of nights, the meetings were well attended and on the last night the house was full. Conviction was deep at all times and several found sanctification at the altar.

The quartette was the recipient of generous hospitality and report a very happy and profitable vacation.

The work on the north side has been organized. The Nampa Church board has granted to the Young People's Society the privilege of conducting preaching services there in a mission hall. The work will be under the supervision of Rev. Plumb, our pastor. It is expected to conduct both afternoon and evening services with a regular student pastor in charge.

Messrs. Harold and Clarence Bottemiller, Miss Olive Bottemiller, and Miss Beatrice Bauer, all of Portland, Oregon, spent the Christmas holidays at home. While on the coast Mr. Harold Bottemiller is holding a ten day revival meeting at Camas, Washington.

Chester Wales of Council, Idaho, has lately joined our ranks as an academy student. He heard of N. N. C. through one of our student pastors, W. A. O. Wilson, who was pastor at Council last summer.

Nampa had its share of the cold wave which swept the northwest during the last part of December. The coldest weather came during our vacation so we did not have to stir out to attend classes. The low temperature did no permanent damage to our heating or water systems. We, of Idaho, not being accustomed to such a descent of the mercury, were glad when our thermometers moved back up to normal.

The Meridian, Idaho, Nazarene Church raised practically all of its budget. Dr. Wiley and Bursar Janosky held a week-end meeting December 19th to 21st in the interest of the college. They were assisted by a mixed quartette and the Girls Glee Club.

In the absence of Mr. Bottemiller, Hr. Percy Bartram preached at Wilson school house on January 4th. The converts of the recent revival, with Prof. Erdmann as evangelist, are holding true and are eager to push ahead to deeper things.

The College of Liberal Arts has adopted a standard class pin to be worn by its Seniors from year to year. The pin is to become a college tradition and twenty years from now when we meet a man over in the Old Country, or down in the South Seas, and we see on his coat a small triangular pin with the letters N. N. C. in raised gold and above them a number representing the year he graduated; we will greet him as a brother and immediately start to talk over old times and faces.

The Class of '25 is proud to be the first to wear the new emblem.

Cards have been received from Miss Winchester stating that she spent the holidays in the city of Washington, D. C.

The Canadian Band had charge of two chapel services recently on days when the thermometer was steadily descending toward the thirty-below mark. The Canadian discussion had a very appropriate setting and created a real interest among students and faculty.

About forty-five dollars was raised at the close of a very interesting chapel service on December the 31st. for the support of a native worker in China. This field was ably presented to our attention by Miss Florence Southwick of the Class of '24, and Professor Norris of the Faculty.

The Strollers Notice:

That the sidewalks are icy

That its no mean feat to keep on your feet

That we wish it would thaw

That Paul White has the small-pox

That Professor White is staying at the Boys' Dorm

That he also spoke in chapel

That Frank True had a moustache

That he shaved it OFF

That someone whispered three times in the library

That that is one time too many

That the beau parlor at the girls dorm is occasionally lighted up

That someone must be using it

That "midnight oil" is being burned.

That the second semester is coming

That thats the reason

That Prof. Myers is executive head of the college in the absence of Dr. Wiley

That the days are getting longer.