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it is about childhood that essentially all the problems of race development are fought out, and in which its most signal victories are won. Those who are now consecrated to the God-life may appreciate afresh that the open door for entrance into the kingdom of righteousness is the right training of children. The Heaven of this modern world lies beyond that open door—a joyous Heaven because of its innocent, cheery, enlivening companionship.

"The curriculum of instruction is rapidly improving. Formerly it was devised by adults who had forgotten how it seemed to be a child. The almost uniform methods and subject matter for all ages of pupils testify to this fact. If Nature chooses to produce children differing much in every way from adults and has the patience to take twenty years or more during which to attain the estate of manhood and womanhood, surely we should have the grace to follow this long course of growth, patiently and lovingly, doing our best as Nature's helpers to tend, guard and nourish them through stage after stage of their maturing.

"Herder, a century ago, and later, John Fiske, have placed us in a position to see the whole world drama, with its increasing culture and passion for progress, centering in helpless babyhood and an ever-lengthening period of infancy. This revelation is working a Copernican revolution in our attitude toward the training of children. Religion and education, the greatest human agencies for realizing ideals and idealizing the real, must become child-centered instead of adult-centered.

"There was, once upon a time, no proper infancy. Offspring were hatched or born doing everything adults do. 'They got their education' as Fiske says, 'before they were born.' There was no parental care. By accident, if there was such a thing—parents guarded the off-spring for a season. This worked so well that selection turned the course of development in this direction, until, at last, children are born almost entirely helpless and the period of infancy has stretched out to a full third of the average duration of life."

Efforts are being made by Professor C. C. Robinson, director of the department of music, to have Penn State's famous male quartet come here for a concert during the summer session. The students arrived in New York last Saturday after touring the Panama Canal Zone under the auspices of the government Y. M. C. A. On June 23 they were given a dinner by eighteen Penn State alumni at Balboa. Enroute across the Zone, concerts were given at a leper colony and at a native prison at Gamboa, in addition to stops made at the various Y. M. C. A. branches.

FACTS ABOUT STATE COLLEGE

Concrete Statement Regarding Resources and Development of Institution Founded as "Farmers' High School.

In 1914-15, the faculty numbered 261, the four-year students 2,017, and the "short" course and summer students 1,428. There were more than 5,000 students in the various correspondence courses. The endowment was \$517,000, the income was \$639,739, and the value of the college grounds, buildings and equipment estimated for the past year was \$2,167,750. The library contains 67,560 volumes.

The college owns 1200 acres of land, 100 acres of which are set apart for experimental plots and an equal amount for a campus on which are located 34 college buildings. There are 41 courses of four years each offered in the five schools of agriculture, engineering, liberal arts, mining, natural science, and the department of home economics. All courses in the school of liberal arts lead to the B. A. degree; those in all other schools lead to B. S. Graduate courses are offered leading to the degree of master of arts and master of science, civil engineer, electrical engineer, engineer of mines and mechanical engineer. Extension work is conducted throughout the State in agriculture, industrial education, mining, institutes and lyceum courses. Experiment stations are maintained in agriculture, engineering and mining.

The Pennsylvania State College was established in 1863 by joint action of the Federal and State governments under the land grant act, although a beginning had been made between 1855 and 1863 under the title "The Farmers' High School".

Two hundred and seventeen summer students are enrolled in the various music courses. This is a decided increase over former years.

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and reindeer. The herds are in charge of native herders who are trained under an apprenticeship system. White men are not allowed to have anything to do with the reindeer except general supervision, but it would undoubtedly be much better if the industry could be placed in the hands of competent white men, for the natives are irresponsible and permit the herds to run down.

"Little has been done in Alaska toward the development of agricultural lands and it is doubtful whether the tilling of the soil will ever assume much importance except locally to supply mining camps. Grazing, however, may become an extensive industry and may go far to solve the vexing meat problem now existing in the States.

"The proposed Government rail road, for the construction of which 35 millions of dollars were appropriated by Congress cannot be said to be even under construction as yet, but will when completed go far toward bringing Alaska into her own; then and only then will the mineral resources of this vast territory begin to develop and those who have waited so long will reap the reward of their labors in striving to build up a new Empire in the far northwest."

Summer session chorus rehearsals are under way, with 150 voices already participating. Director Robinson anticipates further registrations.

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