

Prexy's Preachment



To favor religion for the use which may be made of it smacks of hypocrisy in an individual, but perhaps in the case of a college, it may be more pardonable. Of what value has been the reputation of State College for looking after the moral instruction and character-building of her students?

The entire system of state-supported colleges is not much over seventy years old, that of church-controlled colleges is over three times as old. The former had a hard struggle to overcome competition with the latter because it was supposed that a church-less college was naturally a God-less college.

In this long contest, the state institutions had to depend upon the Y. M. C. A. to prove their contention that they were inter-secular colleges and not non-secular. No class of institutions owes as much to the Christian Association as do the state colleges. Penn State has attracted thousands of parents who knew of the work of the college Association and were willing to trust their children to it.

Once in Glacier National Park, a man from New York, with whom I chanced to be talking asked me if Frank Buchman was still Association secretary at Penn State. I told him he was. Then he inquired who was the president of the college. I gave his name whereupon the man remarked, "I think I have never heard of him." A contrast between the fame of the college executive and the Association "executive".

"Just remember, there are examinations again next June." What was your feeling as you read this slide.

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head in a recent number of the COLLEGEIAN. Probably Mr. Thorough said, "Another week or ten days lost when we might be reviewing. Of course, I'll be exempt but I am being punished for the benefit of those who can't or won't do the work day by day." Mr. Holliday explains, "Another visit home if I can't only work the instructor for an exemption. Anything to get out of work." Mr. Thorough sees a chance to bring up his grades in some manner to the passing mark and not pay the penalty of just loafing.

Perhaps some instructors, appreciating our crowded curriculum, begrudge the loss of from two weeks to twenty days out of barely thirty-four weeks of the college year. Others find solace in the possibility that some of the students may sometime or somehow take a civil service examination; or that even good students occasionally raise their grades in the finals. (Queers—Of what value will two additional per cent be to a graduate ten years hence compared with ten days of additional training?) Some say instructors have been known to argue that examinations under the honor system are easier than teaching and even permit a brief absence. This charge is unthinkable.

It is unlikely that all will think alike, even if most know who will pass before the finals are held. But all will agree on the absurdity of a system which exempts some entire classes and holds others entire, which rewards the crosshopper and punishes the ant.

W. F. DUNAWAY WILL, STIPENDIARY DR. ZOOK. Mr. W. F. Dunaway has lately been added to the Liberal Arts faculty as a successor to Dr. C. F. Zook. Mr. Dunaway comes from Columbia University where he was teaching while taking a post-graduate course.

DR. FORMAN DISCUSSES TRADITION AND PERDITION

"A compromise is necessary between Stagnation and 'Acceleration'", was the conclusion that Doctor L. L. Forman, head of the Greek department, arrived at in his lecture last night on "Tradition and Perdition".

Doctor Forman introduced his subject by a definition of the words tradition and perdition. He stated that there is a conflict between Tradition and the Age of "Acceleration". This great modern break with Tradition dates from Darwin's "Origin of Species", published in 1859. The foundations of Western civilization are being challenged by this new spirit. "That is, our ideas of marriage, family, private property, commonwealth, criminal code, education, art, and religion are changing. A similar crisis occurred in the fifth century, B. C., in Greece. In solving this question, the best parts of Stagnation and "Acceleration" must be kept. In doing this, good and bad traditions must be distinguished. If a few of these traditions were called before the bar of Common Sense and

ated, some good would be found in several that America has rejected. The is a need of State philosophy in the transition period. Just as in the transition from paganism to Christ, but

STAFF OF DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION INCREASED

Mr. P. H. Quinan has been appointed to assist "Doc" Lewis in the Department of Physical Education. Mr. Quinan is a graduate of the Springfield Y. M. C. A. College in the Department of Physical Education. While there, he was captain of the football team and a member of the wrestling and swimming teams.

NEW MILITARY INSTRUCTOR

Captain Carl L. Adler, U. S. A., has been detailed from District Headquarters District No. 7, Chicago, to report as assistant professor of military science and tactics at the Pennsylvania State College. It is not known when he will arrive.

DR. MOORE ATTENDS MEETING

Dr. E. S. Moore, Dean of the School of Mines and Mr. Wm. D. Chedoke, Professor of Mining, spent a few days the early part of last week in New York City, attending the Annual Meeting of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers.

FRESHMAN CLASS MEETS

The Freshman Class held its most important meeting of the year last Thursday evening in the Old Chapel. The regular routine of business was followed after which came the election of class officers for the year, as follows: President, W. H. Payne, Vice-President, J. H. Linn, Secretary, J. K. Hoar, Treasurer, J. K. Hoar, and William Ross, historian who were elected earlier in the year, thus completing the organization of the class.

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