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DAILY HERALD

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AMERICAN COLLEGES.

A recent book by Mr. Clarence F. Birdseye, which deals in an able manner with College problems, is attracting considerable attention in the United States at the present time. The author is a corporation lawyer, and although not actively identified with any college administration, he seems to have made a searching inquisition into college methods, their weakness and strength, and his book contains a lot of wholesome truth.

The book is the work of a believer in the effectiveness of college work and the efficiency of college administrations, but with a recognition of their coming far short of their full power, not through individual inability, but through the hampering of false methods.

The criticism is not the censure of a cynic, but the admonition of a friend, a zealous lover of the college, a believer in it as the highest instrument of culture, but one who laments that it is not fulfilling its highest capabilities nor realizing its possibilities as a maker of character and a developer of life. Hardly any phase of college work is unorganized. The relation of the college to the state, student life and community life, the fraternity weaknesses and strength, the vices of collegians, administrative life and methods, finance and faulty methods of business administrations, electives, examinations, the marking system, publicity, the faults of inherited methods, the wastes of false ideals of students and of incompetency and traditional conventionalisms in administration, all are treated with broad generalizations and incisive analysis of details, the book being one which ought to be studied by all the professors who gather around the table in the faculty room of every college and university. Too much cannot be said of the conscientious study that has been of the fine balancing of virtues and faults given by the author to college problems, of college work and life, of the constant recognition of the college as the supreme factor in character making and mind building, and the high ideals which the college is trying, not always with highest effectiveness, to attain.

But the book has the faults of its limitations. There are many obvious advantages in judging institutions from the outside, but only those who wear the shoe can tell where it pinches. The point to which the whole book leads is a reform or recognition of bookkeeping and college financing. There should be a separation of the college and the financial administration. The president should be a seer, a vision maker, an inspirer, broad of vision, a stimualtor of noble purpose, a creator of high ideals, not a procurer of funds, but a spender, a distributor, and administrator. This is a delightful, a millennial ideal, the thing that ought to be, but something that cannot be until human nature becomes reorganized and Christianized.

Behind the twenty-three millions of Harvard stands the noble army of mendicant, martyr presidents, with hat in hand, seeking with prayers that cannot be uttered and sometimes with devices that cannot be mentioned, the sunny side of the millionaire benefactor. Examine the securities of all the colleges and on every bond one finds the finger marks of the college president and with very rare exceptions, the great gifts to the great colleges have come through the direct and indirect solicitation of the man who stands as the head and administrator of the college. Even in state supported universities, where the funds come through the grace of legislators, the footprints of the college dean are in the lobby and on the threshold of the room of the committee of Ways and Means. There are no benevolences that are the creations of syndicates, no art of bookkeeping can stimulate charity and no committee of administration can take the place of the warm, human, personal touch of a vital man whose heart is overflowing with a devoted love for the cause which is intrusted to his hands. The ideal college administrator of this age, the man who has stood for all the high ideals which Mr. Birdseye's book so admirably depicts, the incomparable Dr. Eliot, despite its location in the centre of New England wealth and culture, despite the traditions that the Suffolk County surrogates will not probate a will that does not contain a bequest to Harvard, has been a persistent solicitor of college funds, not less able as a financial promoter than as a shaper of educational and pedagogical ideals. The reorganization of the colleges, in the interest of relieving the college president of the burden of attending to the pots and kettles of the altar that he may be free for the higher interests for which the altar stands, is a consummation devoutly to be desired. Every college president will hail Mr. Birdseye as the new Moses of a fairer promised land and they will devoutly pray for the coming of the day when they can hang their medicant hats upon the wall and see the college treasury filled by some new art of bookkeeping and some new mechanism of syndicate solicitation. But in the meantime the blessed definciency will increase by leaps and bounds, and in the extra onerous work of working the new mechanism they will sigh for the less laborious days of personal solicitation. The treasurer's voice will become insistent and the poor official will take the hat from the wall, and take up again the dreary, weary work of worrying the millionaires. The theory of the book is admirable. It ought to be put in practice. It is a consummation devoutly to be desired, the author has demonstrated that the scheme is practicable and ought to be. But many do not believe that it will work in practice until human nature is reorganized, and this is not a consummation which can be realized in this present year of grace.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Sun: A correspondent writes The Halifax Herald: "Halifax people should look alive or St. John will be getting ahead all the time, unless you can kill Pugsley." It is peculiar, in the circumstances that the effort to "kill Pugsley" comes, not from Halifax, but mostly from St. John.

A swallow taken from its nest in Antwerp and carried a distance of 147 miles made the return trip in 67 minutes, as compared with four hours and seven minutes by the first of 250 carrier pigeons released at the same time. But the swallow was on an errand of its own and the pigeons on someone else's errand.

What has become of Mr. Brown, late Government candidate in York, late inspector of schools, and now supposed to be in the employ of the Annuities Department of the Government at ten dollars per lecture? Have the orations begun?—St. John Standard.

Mr. Brown is at home minding his own business—an example which a certain inquisitive Tory editor would do well to emulate.

The recent election in Newfoundland has killed forever the confederation scare which has been used by the demagogues for the past forty vestige of sectarianism the strongeest vestige af sectarianism the strongest Catholic Premier, the first the an- Catholic Premier, the first the ancient colony has had in fifty years. Sir Robert Bond, the late premier, is a Methodist, and his predecessors in office as far back as 1860, were Anglicans.

Transcript: The utter inconsistency of the Hazen government in connection with the gerrymander of Westmorland was effectively dealt with at the Sackville Liberal rally. Premier Hazen is one of the representatives of Sunbury and represents less than eight hundred electors. Yet he says that Westmorland county, with a population of forty-five thousand, shall have only four representatives in the legislature. The Hazenites are struggling to serve party ends by this trickery. They are determined that fair play shall not be shown the people of Westmorland.

VICTORIA DAY.

The attraction of the evening and probably of the day of the 24th will be the Tournament and Festival at the Arctic Rink. The main features will be the marathon ending in the rink and open only to boys under sixteen **who have not got** first, second or third place in any previous Marathon, and the big team relay race, a new feature for Fredericton and one which is sure to prove most exciting. There will also be a match between Fredericton and St. John Volley ball teams, a voting contest for the most popular teacher, games of guess and skill, old and new. Refreshments will be well provided and music by the 71st Regimental Band. Admission 20 cts. for adults and 10 cts. for children. Entries for the races are being made with Jas. McMasters at Gibson's & Sons store or with the Y. M. C. A. Secretary.

THE BARONY.

May 14.—Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Gerow and son spent a few days with Mrs. Gerow's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Roach and son leave to-morrow for Plaster Rock where Mr. Roach is engaged in railway work.

Mr. Grant has had to stop rafting on account of high water.

Miss Susie D. Ebbett, of the Private Hospital, Fredericton, is home on her vacation.

Fred Ebbett and Wm. Duncan went to the city last week on a business trip.

Miss Alice Moore of Scotch Lake is here at present taking music lessons.

Wind Lifted Sidewalk.

Oil Springs, Ont., May 17.—Mrs. Richard Swain, a resident of Oil City, was almost instantly killed, and her niece, Miss Josie Truan of this village, was injured here about 5.30 Saturday afternoon in a very peculiar manner.

They were on the way to the station when a severe storm came up and picked up the sidewalk on which they were walking and hurled it across the street into a deep ditch on the opposite side.

The ladies were carried with it, the sidewalk striking Mrs. Swain on the head and crushing her skull. Miss Truan was not seriously injured.

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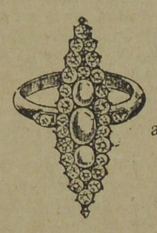

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WATER SCHEDULE.

Fixtures	Annual Rate
Faucets	$5.00
Additional Faucets	2.00
Bath	3.00
Additional Baths	2.00
Closets	5.00
Additional closets	2.00
Wash-Bowl	2.0
Set-Tub	2.00
Urinals	2.00
Heaters	5.00
Horse	4.00
Cow	1.00
Beds for Boarders	1.25

SEWER SCHEDULE.

Fixtures	Annual Rate
Kitchen Sink	$2.00
Additional Sinks	50
Bath-Room	2.00
Additional Baths	2.00
Closets	
Additional Closets	2.0
Additional Wash Bowls	1.0
Set-Tubs	1.0
Urinals	2.00
Slop Sinks	2.00
Beds for Boarders ...@...	25

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NOTICE

The annual general meeting of the New Brunswick Telephone company, ltd., will be held at the company's office, Fredericton, N.B., on Thursday, May 20th, inst., at 9 o'clock p. m.

ALFRED SEELY, Sec-Treas.

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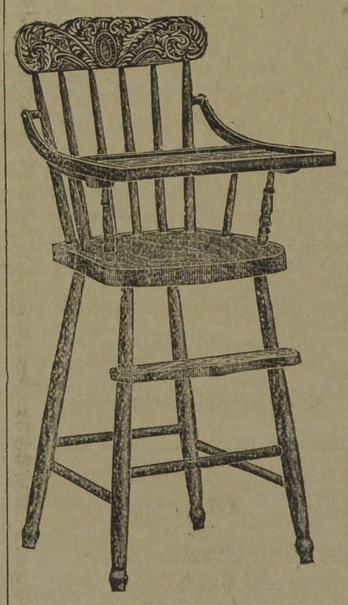

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