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CHAPEL exercises this term so far
have been taken up in practical talks
to students by the different members of
the faculty, together with scripture
reading, prayer and singing. We have
not a word against the practical in-
struction of morning exercises, for they
certainly have been very beneficial to
the student of all history, but there
may be danger of chapel exercises com-
ing to be looked upon as a kind of nec-
essary evil which must be endured be-
fore the work of the day can be taken

up. In all congregational work the
opening exercises are expected to be of
such a nature as to stimulate and in-
spire further work which is to follow.
We see no reason why the beginning of
school work for the day should not be
of this nature. It goes without prov-
ing that good music is one of the best
means of not only calming the mind
and quieting troubled feelings, but also
rousing the spirit and stimulating the
whole being. Solos, duets, trios and
quartets are excellent things when pre-
pared as such, and properly rendered,
but there is nothing much harder on
one's constitution than to be expecting
congregational singing and then be
treated to a solo, or what is still more
harrassing, a quartette with each of
the respective parts stationed in the re-
spective corners of the room. Certain-
ly real congregational singing would be
an improvement over the kind which
we now enjoy (?). All that is needed
is a little more enthusiasm along this
line, and when we begin to think along
this line we begin to wonder what that
music committee which was appointed
at the first of the term ever did do any
way.

THE recent chapel talks on good manners and rules of etiquette have been much appreciated by the students. Nothing so reveals the true inner being as the manner of conducting one's self in public places. The student of human nature can, to a great degree of certainty, delineate the character of those who pass before him on public occasions without hearing them utter a word. How easy it is for one to show by his actions his utter disregard for the feelings and rights of others, and how easy also to show the character of a true gentleman or lady by giving due deference to others. No one has a right to seek that which is for his own convenience in the little things of life, when in so doing he tramples upon the privileges of others. We are sorry to say that this applies to the pushing and crowding indulged in by some of the students in passing in and out of the cloak rooms and such places. Much of this is done in sport and in thoughtlessness, but it is none the less out of place. A little thought along some of these lines would prove beneficial.

IN a paper read at the educational meeting held during the quarterly meeting, Dr. Jessup made several strong arguments in favor of the smaller colleges. One good point mentioned was that in the smaller colleges the student is brought into a closer personal relation to the professors than is possible in colleges where the classes are

very large. There is, in small classes, an excellent chance for the professor to become acquainted with the weak points of the students and thus adapt his teaching to his class. The students become better acquainted with each other and thus come to have a feeling of being at home, without which the best work cannot be done. In large classes the idler has a good opportunity to shirk, while in a small class, where he is sure to be found out, he knows that he must either get his lesson or fail to pass at the end of the term. The responsibility being placed upon fewer shoulders is apt to be better carried.

THE interest taken in athletics by our students has been criticized by some who seem to fear that we can attend to but one thing at a time. We have at different times expressed it as our opinion that proper physical exercise is an essential to the full development of the intellect, and on that ground we still support the athletic association. Any one who was here last year and saw, during the rainy season, how hard it was to keep up interest in anything, could not help noticing the change this term. Instead of congregating in listless groups during the periods of intermission, the students may be found regaining their energy by a few moments of brisk exercise. We admit the truth of the statement made by our critic, that such things may be carried too far, but no symp-

toms of this kind have been shown in Pacific College. On the other hand, a survey of the study room a few minutes later, will show, in the vigor with which the students are working, the benefits of the gymnasium. Athletic interest, kept within bounds, is a necessity in any college.

THE Crescent Society is doing better work this term than it has ever done before. Besides having a largely increased membership, the quality of the literary exercises is much improved. The cause of this is readily seen in the fact that each one has taken an active part and has tried to make the term a success. The improvement is quite marked and has often been spoken of by those who have attended. Let us see to it that we do not allow the interest to decrease as the term draws toward its close. The prospect of public exhibitions has a tendency to keep before the society the importance of careful preparation for every program. Twice during the year the public will have an opportunity to see the society fairly represented, and we must not expect to make good impressions upon the public mind at these times unless we prepare for them in the drill of general society work. The public will look upon the work of the society as a criterion by which they may judge of the character of the work done by the college in general. Since this is the case it becomes our duty to see that the standard

of the college is not lowered on account of an indifference manifested by the Crescent Society.

THERE are a great many "side studies," and much work outside of text or reference books which should be taken up by the thorough student. We know of no better way of combining real pleasure with true mental culture than the benefits which come through a well selected lecture course. It is not only of worth to the individual student, but it gives a certain dignity to a college to have it known for a truth that a good course of lectures is sustained by her. Pacific college is just now in need along this line. There is plenty of the proper kind of material to be found in the country for such work, if only the trouble be taken to hunt it up. And to be real plain about the matter, we don't see why we cannot have a Lecture Course. The athletic association has taken hold of the matter, and if proper support is given, a good course will be carried out this year. Some of the best speakers in the state have been secured, and it is hoped that others from a distance may be obtained. It rests with the students and friends of the college to make the course a success by attending them. All who attend will certainly be amply repaid, besides having the satisfaction of knowing that the proceeds are to be used in fitting up the college gymnasium.

INCENTIVE TO STUDY.

This is a day and age when we must have an education if we expect ever to accomplish any very great results in this world, and the best and most sure way of obtaining this education is by study. By study we become strong intellectually, and if we do not study our intellects become weakened. The brain, like any other member of the body, will become weak when not used. These are days of action and competition, days when moral courage and brain power count, days wherein those that survive must be strong mentally as well as physically.

We must qualify ourselves for the battles which must rage within the world's great arena. If we do not do this we will surely be left in the rear or trampled upon by those who have studied, and by so doing have obtained an education. We need this education whether our lot be cast in some of the professions or the no less honorable field of home toil. We need an education that will enable us to compete with the best.

Some may be bright naturally, but if we have nothing but our natural talent to help us there will surely come a time just as we are mounting highest, when our lack of education will handicap us.

Some may say that they do not have the privilege of attending college. This may be true, but we do all have access

to some good library, or a newspaper, which is not a bad substitute, if we use our brain and hunt up allusions that are new to us.

Our education should not stop with simply going through college, for this is only a beginning.

It is true that in our development of the mind we should not neglect our physical bodies, for to have a strong mind we must be strong physically.

Let two young men start out to find employment, their natural talents being the same, but one has an education while the other has not. The latter stands but little show with his educated friend. It is true he may find employment, but not the kind of employment that will bring the salary that his educated friend receives. So "a lesson learned is money earned."

O. J. HODSON.

The virtue of a man ought to be measured, not by extraordinary exertions, but by his every day conduct.—Pascal.

If we are ever in doubt what to do, it is a good rule to ask ourselves what we shall wish on the morrow that we had done.—Sir John Lubbock.

God mingles the bitter with the sweet in this life, to set us seeking another life where there shall be sweet alone.—Augustine.

Do well the little things now, so shall great things come to thee by and by, asking to be done.—Persian Proverb.

OVER THE FENCE IS OUT.

E. J. E.

AS I passed by a playground I saw some boys engaged in a game of ball. While I stood watching them, one of them sent the ball flying across the grounds into the street. I thought he would surely make a "home run" and win a victory for his companions, but instead of that he threw down his bat and gave up his place to some one else.

"Why did he do that?" I asked of one who stood near. "Oh," was the reply, "over the fence is out."

In trying to gain honor this player had overstepped the bounds and forfeited all chance of winning the game. He was not careful to keep the ball within the lines, though he knew that to send it outside meant failure.

All humanity is surrounded by a fence; high, it is true, yet it does not shut out the sunlight and beauty of all the world. Inside, the game of life is continually in progress. Millions are engaged in it, all striving for the same ends—success and happiness. How much greater are these than the pleasure gained by winning a game of ball? Yet the same rule applies in both cases—"over the fence is out." The prizes can only be won by keeping within the bounds laid out for us by

God, as well as man. Many fail of this simply because they carelessly ignore the rules and, regardless of consequences, step over the lines.

There are many attractions to lure us out of the right way. Outside there are flowers blooming, seemingly more beautiful than those that grow inside. Trees with beautiful foliage grow beside calm rivers. In these waters fishes swim gaily about, and seem to invite the Rambler to catch them.

But these pleasures are all false. When they are gone a little sting is left that far outlasts the enjoyment. The reproof of an outraged conscience is harder to bear than being deprived of an imaginary satisfaction. There may be pleasures in the ball-room and its associates, in the theater, at the gambling table, but the feeling that follows is not the joy that accompanies an evening spent in good company.

The rivers of dishonesty look smooth and inviting. The fishes seem to be of the best kind. But when they are caught they prove to be poisonous creatures whose very touch contaminates the mind of the captor. The stolen prize, whether it be gold or time, may be beautiful to look upon, but its very presence strikes terror and remorse to

the heart of the possessor.

The river that looked so cool and inviting rises in turbulent waves to overpower the weary traveler who would seek refuge on its bosom.

When cares press heavily on the mind and dishonesty seems the only way to avoid a crash, the burdened heart is tempted to try it, but what looked like a blessing becomes a curse.

There are many people on the outside who would be our associates. They seem to be as good as anyone at first, but soon the veil is drawn and their true character is revealed. We must shun them as we would serpents, for they lead their companions in wrong paths. Even their companionship is hurtful. It destroys good morals, high ambitions, honesty, everything that we must possess to hold a place in good society.

When once the line is crossed, these must be our constant associates, leading us on, farther and farther from the position of honor that was held before.

The easy road to wealth lies close to the river. It is broad and smooth. There seemed to be nothing to hinder a pleasant and happy journey. But look more closely. The flowers that send out their perfume are poisonous. They receive nourishment from the river of Dishonesty. The road is paved with stones, the warning and pleadings of those that have gone before. Deadly serpents leave their dreaded trail across the path, and the birds, instead of sing-

ing, scream their displeasure at the presence of a human being in their dominions. The traveler, his whole energy bent on getting the particles of gold that glitter among the flowers and rocks, does not heed these things.

This way, instead of leading upward to the Heights of Honor, gradually leads downward by an imperceptible descent until at last, when the pilgrim is aroused to look about him, he finds that he can no longer see the pure, true life he used to live, but it is hidden from him by the hill that he has descended. His senses are steeped in the vice that surrounds him, till he could not enjoy the pure atmosphere if he were in it. He sees no pleasure in the companionship of good people. Behind him is the dazzling light, before is midnight darkness. Many prefer darkness to light, and persist in their wayward course.

On the other side, although the road is rough and steep, wealth, when gained, is useful and enjoyable. Here, all attractions are honest and real. An honest, upright life is a constant pleasure. The comforts of good society cannot be found elsewhere. Colleges and schools are inside of these enclosures, and all educational privileges may be enjoyed. Without education of mind and heart no one can reach the highest usefulness. The useful life is the successful one. Here everyone is trying to help some weaker one, to lift up some fallen brother, strengthen a discouraged one, and point to paths of

peace. There each one is trying to lead the unsettled astray and drag them deeper down into disgrace and sin.

The fence that shuts us off from the world is not a common one. It does not prevent communication one with another. It is very easy to get outside. Any departure from truth and honesty leads one over it, even without his knowledge. By continuing in this way he is drawn on till he is one among the evil doers—living as they live, thinking as they think. Idleness, carelessness, deceit and negligence are all stepping stones to the dark beyond.

It is not so easy to return. The victim must break the bonds of habit in which he has allowed himself to become entangled. This is hard to do, and many fail in the attempt and give up in despair. After these are discarded he must live down his bad reputation. It is human nature to think that a man once fallen does not truly wish to reform, and he is met on every hand with doubts and sneers, scorn and discouragement. With his enemies trying to win him back, he has really a hard task to perform. Patient and persistent effort must be employed, and it must be proved to the world that steadfast purpose lies underneath.

Thus an entrance into good society and good life may be regained, but, the best of life is past. The mind and body are perhaps wrecked. With no education to aid in the strife, nothing can be

accomplished except by hard work.

In contrast to this, one that has carefully avoided contact with evil, lived up to his privileges and tried to improve them, may live a grand life. By applying the faculties in youth, instead of wasting precious moments, the mind may be educated and fitted for the pulpit, the schoolroom or the counter. Or, if not in public life, culture enables one to be useful and happy in seclusion.

The uneducated man who is careful to live a blameless life, by his example encourages many to struggle on "till the crown be won."

Every blessing that God has given to be enjoyed by his children is on the inside of the fence. The sun shines more brightly, the flowers are sweeter, the rain falls more gently here than out in the world where there is no protection. The one that is over the fence is out of the shelter of all these good influences and must bear all the storms. The beauty of nature is more apparent when the sight is not clouded by guilt. The song of the birds is sweeter when the mind is at rest and free from fears of discovery. Prosperity is better appreciated by the upright man than the evil one. When the wicked are successful it only encourages them to commit greater wrongs, while to others it is an incentive to more good works.

Deep and bitter sorrows come into every life, and at times dark clouds seem to have put out the light of the sun. At these times the man that is

not under the good influences gives way and sinks under the weight, while the other can see rays of light shining through the darkness, and, clinging to them, rise above his grief.

Each victory won is a strength for the coming conflict, but every yielding to temptation detracts from the power of resisting evil.

Since the consequences of getting "out" are so direful, is it not wise to keep away from the borders of the forbidden ground?

It is so easy to neglect some little duty, or do something that should be left undone. How little effort it takes to leave a lesson unlearned, a study hour unkept, to omit speaking a kind word, or to offend some one intentionally. Yet every act of this kind only paves the way for a greater evil.

The only safe way is to keep away from the low places in the fence by

watching the path and the place it leads to. If it points toward a possible opening into error, take another course and leave a danger signal for those that follow. Many a one has been led over the fence, when a timely warning would have caused the course to be turned. It is the part of those that know the way to direct weary feet to the right paths and help them to shun the pitfalls that await the unwary.

How, then, shall we wish others to follow in our footsteps if we take the course that lies close to the boundary? Will they not take one step more, and justly blame the leader for this fall?

Then let us live up to the duty of keeping so far away from the fence that no one can cross over while looking to us for example. Let us do our best to use our influence for good, and keep on the right side, for

"Over the fence is out."

INFLUENCE.

Influence is a power that we exert over others by our thoughts, words, actions and by our lives. It is a silent, magnetic, most wonderful thing. It is invisible to us, nevertheless we exert it for good or evil over our fellow men. Some say they do not think they have any influence over any one, but they can not say it from their hearts, especially after they have looked about them: even nature contradicts it.

Upon everything God hath written, "Nothing liveth to itself." Upon the flower which sweetens the air with its odor, upon the pebble in the stream, upon the beautiful foliage of the trees, upon the breeze which plays among its boughs, upon the wind which rocks the great steamer that is plowing its way through the foamy deep, upon the

ocean, over which the Master of all the earth holds full sway, and upon the penciled shells along the shore. It is written on everything.

The mother lays her child to rest in the quiet churchyard and returns to the solitude of her home; no little feet are heard pattering through the halls, no childish prattle breaks upon the ear, but the influence of that babe still lives in the mother's heart.

The friends with whom we took sweet counsel have passed away, but the lessons they taught, the sentiments they uttered, their actions, their smiles, their frowns, are ever fresh in our hearts and nothing can erase them.

"Living we act and dead we speak." It was for this reason Tom Paine, on his death bed wished that all his works on infidelity could be gathered up and burned. He realized fully what his influence had been and also that it would not perish with his body.

Everything leaves behind an influence and a history. The rolling rock leaves furrows upon the mountain, the river, its channel in the earth, the animal, its bone in the stratum. Every footstep in the snow marks out its line of march. The sun sets, but its rays guide the wanderer home. The coral insect dies, but its reef is left along the continent, or the island in the ocean. The influence of great men stands like monuments of enduring energy. The golden words that good men have uttered live through ages. They are

stamped indelibly upon the hearts of all; they cheer us along the rugged road, often keeping us from giving up in despair, and hovering over us in the hour of death.

We may never be known outside of our own community, but act we must, and that continually.

A glass of wine offered thoughtlessly to a young man, may blast his future and send him unrepenting to a drunkard's grave.

Shall our influence be on the side of good, or evil? Good, we all reply in one voice. Then let not a word or act of ours sadden the hearts of any. How terrible it is to think that one word spoken merely in jest may start some soul on the downward road.

How cheerfully we would, if we but had the power, erase a hasty word and replace it with a kind one, blot out a frown and rewrite a smile. Oh, could we but erase harshness and write gentleness. But alas! what is written is written and can not be erased.

M. A. P.

Again our Eastern exchanges ring with the reports of victories and defeats of foot-ball teams. This game seems to be an important feature of college life. Foot-ball, when not carried too far, with college students is a desirable game. But as yet we will not caution the members of the Athletic Association, for if any one thing is needed it is encouragement and help.

Exchange.

Benjamin Harrison is a graduate of Miami University.

The Chicago University opened October 1st with about 800 students and a corps of 100 instructors.

There are 3,000,000 young men of marriageable age in the United States and a greater number of young ladies waiting to see what they are going to do.

Women of today are, on an average, two inches taller than they were twenty-five years ago. Surely then girls can say they look down on their mothers.

We welcome to our table The Psi Phi of Lafayette Seminary. Although it does not expect to visit us monthly, yet a good paper every other month is better than a poor one every month. We wish you success, brother.

We notice a memoriam in the Phoenixian of Barnabas C. Hobbs, one of Indiana's leading educators for years. He was a leading member of the Friends' church, and one recognized by the public as one of the best educators of his day. When such men leave

the scene of action the whole educational world feels the loss.

It is now a day of small things with us; but who can tell where unto these things shall grow? No man can foresee the future into which this institution, now launched, shall develop; but as one has said, "here lies coiled up a spring whose uncoiling shall become a wonderful uplifting power."—*E. C. Hewitt in Journal of Education.*

The world is now lamenting the death of two of the last great poets, John Greenleaf Whittier, "the Quaker Poet," of America, and Lord Alfred Tennyson, Poet Laureate of England. The loss in these two men is great and someone must take their places or the world will be taking a backward step in literature. Who will this be? This can be answered in time only. But he who is the most worthy will be the one.

French chemists have demonstrated that it is possible to produce heat without fire, and the discovery is to be used on railways. The device consists of a block of acetate of soda which is plunged into hot water. As it solidifies after the immersion it gives as much heat as a coal fire for five or six hours. There is no danger from fire, and the same material can be used a number of times making its cheapness a good recommendation.—*Young Men's Era.*

Local and Personal.

—Some thin things are very thick in the Botany class.

—The Trustees of Pacific college were at chapel November 4th.

—Miss Howard's music class will give a musicale on November 23.

—The gymnasium is moderately well fitted up now and has great attractions for the young men.

—Ask the Librarian for privilege to examine the books in his charge and see if it insults him.

—A literary entertainment will be given by the Crescent Literary Society on December 23, at 7:30 p. m.

—All young men of the college should join the athletic association and receive the benefit of the gymnasium.

—Dr. Jessup has returned from a trip through the East in behalf of Friends' church, he was a visitor on the 14th.

—Someone says, "anyone that cannot learn English under Miss Hinchman's instruction is surely not an American."

—The College had several visitors at general exercises last Monday morning, among whom was the board of trustees.

—Will Allen fell from the horizontal bar, while hanging by his knees, badly bruising his head, but nothing serious.

—The new chandelier, which was placed in the literary room, gives good light and adds to the appearance of the room.

—Miss Clara Haines has been absent for the past week, on account of sickness. It is likely she will not re-enter school this term.

—About a half dozen young mustaches in school preparing to face the cold winter which is coming on. The question is, can they stand it?

—A bulletin board has been placed in the college hall where the program of the literary for the coming Friday evening will be announced.

—The sidewalk from town to the college is now completed and students can go from college to any part of town without becoming loaded with real estate.

—Prof. Vance has charge of a class in a Sabbath school up on the mountain. He says it is his first missionary work of the kind, and it proves to be a delight to him.

—The ladies of the college have organized an athletic society, of which Prof. Howard is leader. They have ordered material for suits and hope to be ready for practice soon.

—Mrs. Edwards and Mrs. Newlin visited the Caesar class Wednesday evening last. Caesar, as is his wont, indulged in some of his most fluent language in an extraordinary manner, which the class found, to their chagrin, to be beyond their comprehension. We invite them to call again when Caesar will be more on an equal with the class.

—Prof. Vance takes a very active part in literary work.

—Foot-ball was on the roll for awhile but seems to be laid away for the present.

—The students who do not belong to literary are now called upon in chapel exercises.

—Prof. Tibbits of California addressed the students in chapel exercises October 31.

—Spencer Haworth and another gentleman whose name we failed to learn, called November 7.

—Callers on October 31 were Thomas Brown, George Mitchell, Mrs. Anna Miles, Mrs. Trueblood and Miss Moore.

—Ernest Hofer visited college on the 4th of November. He expects to enter college the beginning of the winter term.

—Pearl Hadley is now attending Earlham college. Miss Hadley and Robert Samms are in the Sophomore class together.

—Miss Jennie Larson called on her friends in college November 7. She commences teaching school in Marion county soon.

—It is a nice thing to know how to express your own opinions on a subject and allow others the same privilege without saying or doing anything that would afterwards cause shame. So do not tear the pictures down, they will come down soon enough by the proper authority.

—Will Baillie has proven himself to be quite proficient in the use of the apparatus in the gymnasium, at least for one who knows nothing about them, as he says.

—Miss Halcyon V. David was a visitor on November 15. Miss David is spending the winter in Portland, taking lessons in piano and guitar music and painting.

—The Crescent society convened an hour earlier Friday night in order to complete the program in time to adjourn and attend the Bible School conference at 7:30.

—There is a little too much noise in certain parts of the study room to give assurance of good words from the monitor to the faculty. A good dose of correction by the monitor would surely either kill or cure.

—The musicale given by the music class the 23d inst. under the supervision of Prof. Howard, was both instructive and entertaining. The proceeds will be applied toward the purchase of a piano for the college.

—Mr. Weesner who has interest in the Friends' mission in Alaska and who has recently returned from that place, gave a lecture at the college from 2:30 until 4 o'clock p. m., the 11th inst. He described his trip to Alaska, that country and the mission. His talk was interesting and was very much appreciated by the students.

—Mrs. Judd was a visitor the 21st.

—New students continue to fall into line.

—Frank Vestal has been absent for some time.

—George Tolson was in town on the 13th, shaking hands with his many friends.

Miss Emmel and Messrs Walter and Herbert Stratton are the latest arrivals at college.

—Fetter walks down Chehalem every morning to school and back again in the evening.

—E. O. Hobson, of the music department, is teaching a singing class out in the country.

—Edith Ellis attended quarterly meeting. She reports good success in her school work.

—Tad Hoover has been visiting his friends in this place. He has been attending Penn college.

—J. C. Haworth is able to be on the streets again, but will probably not re-enter school this year.

—There are no flies on the physiology class, but at one recitation recently it was in order to remark, "rats."

Miss Mary Cook was one of the successful applicants for teachers' certificates at the county examination.

—Rev. Thomas Brown conducted the morning exercises on the 17th, and remained during the hour of bible study.

—Pacific College has a wide patronage for an institution of its age. We have students from Indiana, Minnesota, Iowa, Washington, Kansas, California, Illinois and Oregon.

—Marguerite Price was called on to take charge of the school at Champoeg, the teacher having resigned. She accepted the offer and will perhaps not re-enter the college this year.

—A number of Miss Jennie Burgen's friends commemorated her birthday anniversary on the eve of the 18th inst. They report a complete surprise and a pleasant time. Miss Jennie was formerly a student of the college.

—Politics was well discussed among the students during the election and a few days previous. Question of great importance were considered and decided upon. But when the legal contest came on the 8th but few took part.

—The "combination" on the lock to Prof. Jessup's door has been lost, and some difficulty is experienced in gaining admittance. No reward has yet been offered to the finder, but he will receive the thanks of Professor's classes.

—The debate at Society on the night of the 18th, Resolved that a high protective tariff is not beneficial to the citizen of the United States, was well handled. Amos Stanbrough and Lewis Hanson were the speakers on the affirmative, and Harry Allen and Ollie Hobson on the negative. The decision of the judges was in favor of the affirmative.

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