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## ADAPTATION.

O. J. HOBSON.

EVERY living thing has some enable us to estimate present capacity for adjustment to tendencies with any degree of changing conditions. The accuracy. A synthesis of universal wind that twists the fibers of the truth, as far as we can comprehend tender young oak makes the tree it, is demanded. more solid. Use increases the Placed in the midst of forces power of the blacksmith's muscle which limit on all sides the free and the philosopher's brain. He exercise of our faculties and who trains the rose and the one challenge us to encounter, we who cultivates the mind are alike attempt to solve the great problems acting in accordance with this law of life. Conscious of the Divine of animate nature. A glance into presence and regarding all nature history shows that things are now as a continued manifestation of different from what they once were. God's power we reverently inquire Progress in all lines of activity into his methods. A very important law reveals itself at once. All problems increasing in complexity, life is accompanied by a continued all forces quickening and the partial death. Life, that mysterious vital principle, in its essence battles of life waxing hotter, the familiar but interesting question indefinable, can be recognized only arises, "What of the future?" by its manifestations. These manifestations, however, follow in Future possibilities are contained ifestations, however, follow in history alone is far too narrow to We see in every living plant and

animal this organizing force which enables the organism to convert the latent forces resident in lower creations, into those activities which we call life. Vitality in the plant overcomes chemical affinities in the minerals of the soil and transforms the elements into living tissue. In turn animal life seizes hold of this lower organism and lifts it one step higher in the scale of organic complexity and vital manifestation. The contest advances. The entrance into the animal kingdom does not complete the transformation. The higher the organism in which life rules, the more magnificent is the struggle and the greater is the victory of life over other life.

That Man may live some lower life must cease. All life is in a continuous strife with the greatest victory to the one best equipped for the given conflict. The Creator has apparently left no chance to evade this law. Not only has he deemed it wise to provide for rivalry between animals themselves, but the very forces of nature offer opposition to their existence. By the mysterious action of the laws of heredity the universal conflict is carried through the ages. The beneficial and detrimental peculiarities of one generation are transmitted to the next with but slight

modification. Whenever, from any cause, an organism passes the limit of power to resist the opposing forces of its environment the unchanging law says it must forfeit its existence in the natural world. The hopeful truth is—good qualities tend to accumulate through succeeding generations. Before these conclusions can become intelligible to us we must trace the facts from which they are deduced through long periods of history.

As the Creator has placed in the earth the wealth of coals and minerals for Man's material benefit so He has placed there in the rocks, that we may read, the expression of His thoughts in the creation of our beautiful earth and its living forms. These records are for us to inspect as best we may. Mountains are raised to dizzy heights then sunk beneath the sea. The earth in great convulsion rends its crust and at one terrific effort pours forth a hundred thousand cubic miles of molten lava. A great ice-sheet comes slowly down from the north and covers half our continent. As these glaciers recede great floods inundate the land. Thus was our home prepared. But what engages our attention more than these cataclysms in the earth's formation are the less revolutionary changes in the vegetable

and animal life. A few typical examples will suggest the natural history of all. We study a common scene of ages past. On the borders of the many marshes are jungles of giant ferns and aquatic plants flourishing in an atmosphere heavily charged with carbon. Curious looking water-fowls are wading here and there in the shallow water in search of shell-fish. Large animals splash about in the water capturing fish upon which they feed. Time passes, the land slowly rises; the marshes dry up and the accumulated vegetation is covered by deposits from newly formed rivers. Thus the great coal measures of future times are being prepared. The wading-bird's food becomes scarce: the struggle for existence grows fierce, and the birds are compelled to go into deeper waters for the food. Slight deviations from normal structure will give some an advantage in this method of obtaining food and varieties with neck and extremities best adapted to this mode of life will transmit to their posterity the benefits of this handicap. This principle at work through the ages, has produced from the wading-bird the common blue crane. The huge fish-eating animal, by its constant life in the water has lost all use of its organs

of locomotion on land hence the modern whale possesses only rudiments of these parts. Changes like these, only in infinite variety, are recorded on every page of geologic history. With the many influencing conditions and the wide range of inherent tendencies to change have come out of the past the many beautiful examples of adaptation existing today. Homely truths like these reveal the unity and exquisite harmony of God's ways of doing things. They predict what history verifies: in the economy of God there is no loss. The lower lives and dies for the higher. Man will cherish his heritage more when he realizes what his existence has cost. Many theories attempting to explain the phenomena of life have been given to the world but truth-seeking science has pronounced these inadequate to account for all the changes in adaptation. But in the great fabric of error elaborated much important truth resides. The very incompleteness of these theories point to one grand conclusion: There reigns in the system of morphology a more occult principle than any thus far recognized. Environment originates nothing. No rational theory of development ever demanded it. But environment invites and limits

changes which are the result of the competition. God might have action of some inscrutable force. taught men science; but He choose Now we call this force the power rather to give His highest creation from above and tardily honor the the power to voluntarily choose efforts that have been patiently him and follow His thoughts. He arming our faith and lifting us gave life and conditions for growth above Fetishism. Skepticism shall and life increases. He revealed never again claim the right to draw truth and gave a capacity to find its weapons from the armory of out truth and truth multiplies in nature. the earth. Primitive Man was an

This principle of differentiation embryo of potentialities. He operates in all observed nature. might have been innocent, but, "Tis not a mere poetic fancy that lacking the conflict with evil, he "through the ages one increasing could not have been virtuous. He purposes runs." Neither was it might have been perfect mentally the enunciation of a harsh and and physically, but he lacked the cruel law when Christ said: "Un- mastery of self and of nature to him that hath shall be given, which the severe discipline of the and he shall have abundance: but years alone could give. History from him that hath not shall be records the ascent of Man from the taken away even that which he simplest social, intellectual and hath." It is a demonstrated fact spiritual condition. From that of history and a sure prophecy for time till now the struggle against the future. adverse conditions and strife for

The law of life and death, the advantage has driven the mind to method of growth and adaptation, greater attainments. The incen- the law of conflict and victory, is tive to endeavor still is the tenden- exemplified and grandly con- cy in normal conditions, for those sumated in the various phases of best qualified to find the best the life of Man. His supremacy places. The rapid intellectual de- as an animal established, his bat- velopment of recent years is but tles are now fought on a higher the result of increasing demands upon individuals to adapt them- plane. His social, intellectual and selves to rapidly changing social moral natures have developed to- environment. Increase of knowl- gether, each being at once the edge reacts and causes in the so- keeping pace with the severity of cial organism increased specializa-

tion of functions. The high men- Here is the highest conflict. What tal tension in the industrial strife more exalted conception than of this has brought us to a crisis in social majestic, ascending series. Each life. In this day when so many individual striving to gain a higher men must loose their identity to plane. God is the author of all accommodate themselves to the re- good. Each step toward Him is a requirements of the minute division re-incarnation of the Divine in the of labor we could excuse pessimis- world. Surely the Creator who tic views of life if we had no prescribed this order takes pleasure in the struggling creatures opening no better way could the great their eyes to his boundless truth!

#### Y. M. C. A. Notes

After being out of school for a time, a great many of us have a better appreciation of our Tuesday evening prayer meeting. We are glad to see several of our new students taking a deep interest. They are times of real spiritual uplift. And they give us an opportunity to be mutually beneficial to each other. This we are doing although we may not know it.

All men whether they are in college or not are invited to be present at our Sunday afternoon meeting, at 4 o'clock. The devotional committee are procuring excellent leaders.

While football and many other things are very attractive and even necessary in their place. No young man can afford to miss our Tuesday evening prayer meetings.

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THE CRESCENT greets its friends in this the first issue of its ninth volume. We wish to thank you for your much appreciated support and co-operation which have made our college paper attain to its present standard. One which we hope to maintain or even raise during the ensuing year. The aim of the management is that the literary work of the paper shall be the best in our history: the intent to be open and fair with all—commending the good and condemning the bad: the wish to further the common interests, supporting all that is true and manly and dis-

couraging smallness where ever it may be found: the expectation, to receive the hearty co-operation of every student. We ask that you do not dissappoint us. A paper of value will be the result of your assistance.

THE need is for genuineness. Do not for policy sake or for other reason be unnatural or deceptive. Openness and frankness should be cultivated in every character. In any disagreement with a fellow student make him your confident in regard to your opinions. It will save some one else the trouble of telling him and thus becoming soiled with your dirt. In the long run or the short run, while a sprint may be serviceable at the time, the other fellow will respect you more, and there will be more of you that is worthy of respect.

CONSCIENTIOUS discharge of duty is an evidence of a character strong in a very important respect. Any thought that a delegated service requires anything less than our best effort is unbecoming, and harmful. Committeemen should be held responsible for the discharge of their duties and in case of inefficiency be placed where they may be more useful. Let us be faithful in all that we do as students. A task

half done means so much last from life.

COLLEGE spirit is in a healthful condition this fall. In no way is this more evidenced than in the zeal with which the students are taking hold of athletics. A spirit of business enterprise characterizes the work of individual men. This is very encouraging, as the snap and vim of our teams must surely depend on that of the men composing them.

Foot ball work has been going on for a little over a week. This year's experience is more convincing than ever that this sport is an essential of college life. Neither should there be regret that such is the case, for no man can play foot ball as it is played on our campus without being benefitted physically, mentally and morally.

In regard to the need of such an exercise physically there can be no doubt. During the few days of the term before practice began some few cases of illness were reported among the stronger class of our men. These were those having become accustomed to the vigorous work during vacation. Many of those not sick complained of drowsiness and general ill feeling. It is a significant fact that there has not been so far the slight-

est indisposition among the men who play foot ball since practice began. The reason is apparent. Their systems were accustomed to stirring physical exercise while the mind had not been so actively engaged. Now, reversing these degrees of activity suddenly is a severe strain on the constitution—one indeed to which many succumb.

In regard to physically injuries—football we may truly add that such are rare indeed. Of some twenty men playing for last year's team places, every man finished the season in much better condition than that in which he entered. Doubtless some of these were subject to strains which without proper training would have been very harmful, but that the training was efficient is witnessed by the result. So far the condition of the men is very encouraging this year. In all probability every man that plays will be benefitted and no man injured in our season's work. Of course there are accidents to which all players are liable. Foot ball players have a few times been killed in playing, yet no one will doubt that a ten times greater number of students die for want of some such exercise. All told with the last decade or two but since men have lost their lives as the re-

sult of football, while thousands in its practice. The fact, that a "hue after life have lived in a vigor due and cry" against football is popular, induces many cheap magazines and newspapers to publish long articles expatiating on the brutalities of the game. Few things could reveal to a greater degree, the writers ignorance of the subject in hand than such editorials. That there has been brutality in certain games is not to be denied, but we must assert with equal fervor that to one case of brutality the history of the sport reveals a hundred of manliness. The opportunity for meanness is much greater in football than in other games. The temptation to foul is doubtless strong, tho continued cheating is impossible in almost every team. In proportion to the opportunities for evil are the positive demands for self control and fairness. Men must learn to receive blows without returning. They must attend to their own business come what may. The tempter must be controlled, grit must be cultivated, cheating discountenanced. In proportion to the opportunity for roughness and wrong football is as free from objections on this score as any game or sport under our knowledge.

But mentally, how shall a student reap this kind of benefit from football. First we should say in directly. The support of a strong body is necessary to the best mental action. This many attain and retain by football practice. Again the drill in keenness and alertness of thought that is unquestionably good. Quick and accurate decisions are absolutely necessary. Without them the best muscle is inefficient. The need for such qualities means their acquirement, if the demand be continued. But beside these the ability to observe widely and correctly and to plan and judge in accordance with one's observations is cultivated in the game as it is in few others. No man can afford to miss the mental benefits of such exercise.

Tho perhaps the greater number would agree in regard to the benefits of football, physically and morally, possibly some might question similar statements in regard to its moral effects, altho in these there is no less good to be expected from

THE OLD saying "Competition is the life of trade" is as true in college life as it is any where.

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Our school life would certainly be sluggish and dissatisfying without class spirit and enthusiasm. But the value of class zeal depends entirely on the quality and the way in which it is manifested. The popular idea of such loyalty is far to current that it means continual strife, intrigue, jealousy and enmity. Carried to such an extent as this, it is just as injurious as it is beneficial when directed in the proper channels. During the school year we will doubtless have class rivalry but need have no class enmity. Any display of passion shows a littleness and meanness in character. In political life we wish others to give us the freedom of conviction. The case of college life is analogous. We must not forget that ours is not the only class. Besides, a display of anger is a betrayal of the profession which most of us make. Such a spirit can not be consistent with an earnest Christian purpose. Again, class spirit does not mean a renunciation of all other ties. The class is not the only organization which can profusly lay claim to us. College loyalty is one of the first requisites of a healthful organism. All must be a unit in this, and class spirit properly maintained will be a service to this end. Then we owe a social duty to all the stu-

dents which class affiliations must not hinder the performance of. If we will have a healthful, inspiring state of college life we will be broadminded, tolerant and consistent.

#### Y. M. and W. O. A. Reception.

The annual reception of the Christian Associations occurred in the college chapel on Friday evening, Oct. 1st. As an object these socials have the cultivation of mutual friendship and intercourse among our collegiate body. They are a time for meeting new students and for renewing old acquaintances. Forty-five students were present, however the acceptable presence of a number of the alumni, faculty and board of managers swelled the total attendance to sixty.

After a time of general conversation, games and music were announced. The former consisted of naming of favorite flowers, sending telegrams, guessing noses through a sheet, etc. Several of the telegrams and choices of flowers showed a good vein of wit and originality. Mr. Jackson as vocal soloist in "The cat came back" was heartily applauded. Miss Hendershot kindly accompanied her brother and Mr. Stanley in their duet. This song was also well received. Later, Miss Edwards sus-

tained her reputation as a solist, in rendering "Pass under the Rod." At 9:30 the guests and hosts were dismissed by prayer. A general good feeling seemed omnipresent.

Taken as a whole the reception was unique—we believe valuable. Some lack of foresight was evident but much more in evidence as witnessed by result was the fact of otherwise good management.

Those who miss these Christian association receptions fail in receiving all the benefit that our college influence offers.

#### Athletic Notes.

Prof. Jones, Penn College '96, is a valuable addition to our athletic force.

Football engrosses the attention of most of our athletes, tho preparations for tennis are being made.

Three of our best men, Walter Macy, Van Leavitt and Melvin David have not yet entered school. We hope they will be with us in a few days.

Hugh Nelson is playing in his old time fashion. He is undoubtedly one of the fastest men we have ever had. He is competent as end or half back.

At half Martin and Hester make a fast strong team. Metcalf has been playing fullback with them. With sufficient practice he will be an efficient man at the place. He is also an able tackle.

Roy Chapman is in school again. So far he is playing in good form. We prophesy that Mr. Chapman will make as good a quarter as P. C. has ever had, providing of course that he continues practice.

Taking prospects as a whole they are favorable for a good season's work. Tho the team has not yet been made out certainly the large number of good men practicing insures a good one when the choices are made.

In the line Larkin has just begun practicing, but will doubtless soon pass his last year's work. Townsend is a new man but with his ability stands a good chance as guard. Roberts may represent us on the first team.

One dozen new football suits have been ordered. They are badly needed as those having been used for the past three years display quite a tendency to part company with their wearer, even under the most embarrassing circumstances.

#### Alumni Notes.

Where the graduates are and what they are doing.

#### CLASS OF '93.

C. J. Edwards, B. S. is superintendent of the N. P. B. & T. C. Co., which work he took up very soon after graduating from college.

A. C. Stanbrough, B. S., A. B., returned last spring from California where he went for his wife's health. He has accepted a position as principal of the school at Aurora, in Marion county.

#### CLASS OF '95.

The class of '95 mourns the death of Mrs. Dasie Lewis, A. B.

Miss Ella F. Macy has given up her place as teacher in the Newberg Public School and has accepted a position as tutor in Pacific College. She is also doing some post work.

W. F. Edwards, B. S. has been running a tile factory at McMinnville, Oregon, for the past eighteen months until quite recently when he sold out and returned to Newberg. What he expects to do we haven't heard.

J. R. Johnson, B. S. is working on his father's farm near Carmel, Indiana. This in connection with some official county Sabbath school work occupies most of his time.

We haven't heard the exact date but rumor has it that he is soon to be married.

H. F. Allen, B. S. has been working in an Allen fruit evaporator during the summer, at Eugene; but now that the fruit season is over he is at home again and will probably spend the winter in Newberg. Later—He has obtained a good position with Spencer, Clark & Co. of Portland.

#### CLASS OF '96.

O. K. Edwards, B. S. is secretary and treasurer of the N. P. B. & T. C. Co.

H. F. Ong, B. S. is in Scotts Mills, Marion county, Oregon. Harlon was in Newberg smiling on his friends last week.

Miss Lida Hanson, A. B. was canning peaches according to the last word received, at Haviland, Kansas, where she has been employed to teach the public school.

#### CLASS OF '97.

O. L. Price, B. S., is purser on the steamer Grey Eagle.

D. P. Price, B. S. is doing some work on the city water works since his return from Eugene. He spent the summer there.

O. J. Hobson, B. S. is still in

Newberg but expects to go to Woodburn very soon to assist his father in a photograph gallery.

W. G. Allen, B. S. has been working in connection with the Allen Evaporator Co. during the summer but is in Newberg at present.

H. S. Britt, B. S. is taking a course in civil engineering and free hand drawing at the State Agricultural College. H. S. expects to attend Berkeley University next year.

Miss Sadie Bond, A. B. lives in Whittier, California. She holds herself in readiness, all arrangements having been made, to respond to a call from England to prepare for the mission field in India.

S. L. Hanson, B. S. was married very soon after commencement and has been spending the summer very happily at Marion, Oregon, but expects to go to Minnesota very soon to take charge of one of his father's farms.

C. B. Wilson, B. S. will be found at the Willamette Valley Telephone Co.'s office when not engaged at his father's store. Miss Myrtle Gardner a former student is now Mrs. C. B. Wilson. Their wedding occurred early in vacation.

## EXCHANGES.

The Crucible is an up-to-date paper, and worth reading.

The CRESCENT extends greetings to our many exchanges.

We gladly welcome the return of the Penn Chronical to our exchange table.

The Purple and Gold contains an interesting piece about Phillips Brooks.

There is an interesting account of the life of Prof. Edgar McClure in the Oregon Teachers Monthly.

Student (translating from a German novel.) I threw my arm about her (hesitating, then to Prof.) that's as far as I got. Prof.—That was far enough.

Dr. Cuyler says: "What a young man earns in the day time goes into his pocket, but what he spends at night goes into his character.—Ex.

"This is the fifth trout caught this year from the same 'hole' the total weight of which is six pounds." "Good," says the Otawa Citizens, "now we know what a hole weighs."

## Y. W. C. A. Notes.

A very pleasant reception for the benefit of the new girls was given at Canyon Hall Sept. 25.

We are very sorry to lose our vice-president, Miss Bessie Avery, who has returned to her home in Washington.

It has been decided to hold the Sunday afternoon meetings at private homes instead of at the church as was the custom last year. There is now some talk of converting this meeting into an hour for the promotion of Bible study.

The outlook for the Y. W. C. A. is very encouraging this year. Committees of actives have been appointed. Ten new members have been received into our association among whom are Mrs. Cook, Evelyn Kair, Edith McCrea and others.

Our Sunday afternoon meeting this week will be led by Miss Stella McDaniel in Miss White's room at Canyon Hall. Not only College girls, but all girls of the neighborhood are urgently invited to be present, as a special effort is being made to make our meetings not only instructive but pleasant.

## LOCALS.

We feel at home again.

Everybody has settled down to steady work.

"What is school without Wiley?"—Snyderless.

Prof. Jones goes about football like he had seen the game before.

Canyon boarding hall is fuller now than it has ever been before.

Douglas Taylor, a nephew of Prof. Douglas, is taking academy work.

Vinnie Vincent and Merrill Heaton of Middleton are both in school again.

Edwin Hatch son of ex-state senator Hatch of McCoy is a new student.

Senior Martin is doing good work in foot ball this year. He's little, but Oh my!

Let everybody subscribe for the college paper and keep in line with college life.

Charlie Redmond, our star runner will not be in school until after Xmas, he writes.

The lost hope of the seniors, Miss Effie Jackson is teaching in the public school.

The CRESCENT extends a warm



welcome to all new students. The more the merrier.

We are indebted to W. F. Edwards '95 for the alumni notes found in this issue.

Misses Clara Stratton and Edith Minchen are new students in the academy department.

Miss Sylvia Metcalf called on her girl friends at the college Friday afternoon of the 1st.

Young people do not lose anything by attending the Tuesday evening prayer meetings.

G. T. Tolson A. B., '97 is taking some scientific work and is making a Greek professor out in'o him.

Roy Chapman entered school on the 5th. He is a candidate for quarterback on the football eleven.

The Sophomores miss Deach from their class this year. He is teaching a school in West Chehalem.

The election of Cox as manager of the football team for the coming season meets with general satisfaction.

Roy Stratton has not entered college yet, but is in the trusted employ of Mr. Williams, the city drayman.

Miss Clara Hodson is librarian this year. What an opportunity

she has for studying the philosophy of accidental occurrences.

The Seniors are reconciled to fate and have about concluded that single blessedness is not so bad after all, that is if it is a case of necessity.

Our unmarried professor receives two pictures in one day—sends letters to the post office unsealed—is homesick and eats pickles—What's the matter?

Miss Ella Macy was ill on the 27th but bravely attended her classes on the following Monday. By the way she has expressed a fondness for tu-lips.

Miss Pearl Cummings called on her friend Miss Olive Stratton at the college Thursday afternoon. We would be glad to see Miss Pearl in school again.

Miss Nellie McGregor of Vancouver, British Columbia, is a new student and a welcome one as is every new lady student, such are at a premium with us.

Three brothers, Sayre, Earl and Carl Rhinehart of The Dalles are in the academy department, and are bright, quick witted students. Earl and Carl are twins.

George Tolson is playing football this year. Strange to say he is reputed to be good on the tackle.

But don't embarrass him by asking where he got his practice.

Miss Clara Hodson, Fred Jackson and Maurice Townsend, all of them late from Hoosierdom, are in college, the first two being Juniors and the latter a Sophomore.

From present indications no one need be surprised to smell scorched cat fur along about the noon hour. But then of course it will be the result of accidental meetings.

Miss Maud Wills of Chehalem Center, with her sister Miss Mildred who attends the public school, is living in the Miles Reece property, being thus handy to school.

We've heard it repeated that "He who can sing and won't sing ought to be sent to Sing Sing." May we add that he who can't sing and will sing would be fittingly ticketed for Singapore?

Miss Clara Vaughan who has been out of school a year is most heartily welcomed back again by everybody. There is no monopoly on this welcome either, for all of a classical alumnus.

The former local editor announces himself responsible for this month's locals. The new news man has not yet been chosen, but a good one may be expected for next month's work.

Marion and Libbie Cook who were students three or four years ago, have entered school again. In the meantime they have formed a mutual trust company, to the end that "united we stand etc."

The Misses Edith McCrea and Rose Metcalf and Marvin Blair, Roy Heater, Elmer Cummings, and Clarence Price, all of whom were public school students last year, are now in the academy department.

Arthur C. Richie of Scott's Mills visited us during the first week of school. He has been working in a smelter at Butte, Montana, for the past year with excellent wages, and will return again to the same work.

Well yes, it is rather amusing to watch the gyrations of the Senior and Junior around the Sophomore class. But then lower classmen should remember that they are not supposed to disturb so powerfully, even to distraction the mental equilibrium of the time-honored Senior.

Sunday afternoon—An enterprising Sophomore calls on a fair Freshman lady. He finds a little Freshman minister from a neighboring college already in possession. Endurance and staying qualities are thoroughly tested and the persevering Sophomore comes out ahead. P. C. forever!

# Morris & Miles.

We are so busy we haven't  
time to write an Ad. this month.

# Morris & Miles.

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



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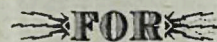
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