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DEMOCRACY—THE TASK OF THE UNIVERSITY

To all those who are interested in the University,—its work, its needs and its aims,—we earnestly recommend a careful reading of the recent President's Report.

In the President's Report proper, President Graham first tells of the activities of the University throughout the year, then of its needs. The University, however, is not an isolated institution, but is "a part of the organic life of this State." We here are confronted by two questions: Does the State need what the University is giving it? and What is the task of the University?

President Graham answers both as follows:

"There is no other issue in North Carolina public policy today but this fundamental issue of education. The permanent names in North Carolina statesmanship are those of men who put not words alone but their lives behind the great steps in our educational progress. This is plainly because the fundamentals of democracy have all of their vital roots in education. Equality of opportunity is there, and there alone. To talk of equality of opportunity in circumstances that now exist in our Southern States is political cant.

"Our own situation is well known. If we were not callous to it by repetition, if we truly saw it, and keenly sensed the fact that in full and free education of our people lies the whole secret of progress for which our State exists, we would courageously declare now and make effective a policy that would startle the nation, and make this section what by right it ought to be, the center of the next great forward movement in American progress.

"Education is not a local issue. Its standards are relentlessly set in the markets and open forum of the world. A thousand times over we have paid the price for our blindness in the past, and daily for every dollar we save we now pay tribute ten times over. The immediate future will put us under far greater tribute. The issue is but a new form of the ancient issue of slavery and freedom. An ignorant people are as truly in slavery, economic and intellectual, as if they were in physical bondage. An educated mind is the genius of democracy. . . . It is the only dictator that freemen acknowledge and the only security that freemen desire. Without it there is no freedom.

"To make actual, vital, and complete through education this ideal that is the common hope and faith of all patriotic North Carolinians is the single-minded mission of the State University.

"But neither in North Carolina nor in Virginia could the univer-

sity exist as a representative democratic institution until the civilization of which it was the expression was truly democratic. That understanding and support of the university came first from the Western States, and from there came a new interpretation of 'making stated and secured provision for the higher needs of a civilized community:' that it means not merely the needs of the higher and more fortunate classes, but the higher needs of all classes in a civilized community—recognizing in actual fact that the higher needs of all men are identical in direction and equal in impulse.

"To catch the true import of that simple and necessary thought is the supreme achievement of democracy. To realize it as an actuality is to get public ownership of the tools of progress. To understand it is to understand the task of the University."

BOUQUETS FOR SERVICE

The University of North Carolina is loved by her students, faculty and alumni as few institutions are loved. Practically every man who has been connected with Carolina loves it with a love that is clear-sighted, fine and strong,—a love that is a union of many different elements, among which are pride in Carolina's democracy, independence and service, and sympathy for her limited means.

Those, then, who feel this love will probably gladly reread the following selections from Press Comments, contained in the January Alumni Review.

"North Carolina," says the Charlotte Observer, "may well be proud of her University. Last year it instructed twenty-five hundred and thirty-six people. The plant does not stand idle any month in the year. The instruction is reaching every county in some way. The doctrine at Chapel Hill is that North Carolina youth must be trained well enough to compete and hold their own with the products of the best institutions in the United States."

Progress, the organ of the Southern Sociological Congress, says: "The University of North Carolina is perhaps at the present date more nearly a university of the people than any other Southern institution. To fulfill the ideal of what a university should be and to serve the people of the State as it should serve them, the university has enlarged its campus to include the entire State. From Chapel Hill there goes out a feeling that no part of the State is separated from any other part and that all the State has the same birthright to progress that any one individual has."

"Instead of looking down upon a fellow who is working his way through, they rather look up to him at the State University." This is the sentiment that prevails at Chapel Hill, we are told by one who is in position to know because he is doing that very thing, working his way through the University. There are thousands of such boys in North Carolina who would never have opened up before them the opportunity for education but for the splendid undertakings at the University." That is what the Charlotte News says. * * "Gradually it (the University) has democratized itself, until under the splendid policy of President Edward K. Graham it has become in deed and in truth the college of the common people," says Charity and Children.

"The people as a whole who have been alienated from the in-

stitution because of its rather exclusive policy in the past, are warming toward it, and beginning to find that it is a college for the masses rather than for the classes. For this reason we have no doubt the present General Assembly will pursue a generous policy toward the institution and no objection will be raised in any quarter to reasonable appropriations from the public treasury to meet its growing needs." — Charity and Children.

"No one can spend a while at Chapel Hill without catching a vision of the greatness of our State University," says the Carolina Mountaineer, "and he cannot leave there without feeling proud of his State and the army of young men who are preparing themselves for the serious problems which are sure to confront our Southland in the future."

These appreciations from the press we mention, not in the spirit of boastfulness, but that they may inspire some of us to help the University work out more broadly and perfectly its great program of service.

"What is a colonel hereabouts?" asked a Northerner in North Carolina, and there immediately followed a discussion. Finally a colored attendant was drawn in.

"Well, gents," said the negro, "dere's lots of ways to answer dat question. Is knowed folks what was born kunnels—it jest run in de blood foh generations. An' I'se knowed folks what was jest appointed to be kunnels. An' yit others what was made kunnels by bein' kind to niggehs. Why, gents, any man dat give me a dollah is a kunnel to me hencefo'th foheveh!" —Everybody's.

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INTERESTING MEETING AT Y. M. C. A. TUESDAY

Dr. Moss led the discussion Tuesday night at the Y. M. C. A. before one of the largest crowds of the year. Progress was the idea of his talk. "We should look forward," he said, "and find out ourselves." Continuing he said, "Too many men stay within themselves—we should look beyond ourselves. The man who looks beyond and pours himself wholly into his undertaking, can accomplish the impossible. And, too, it is the spirit in which he goes about a task, that feeling that cannot be explained, or seen, whose dwelling is the light of the setting sun—the soul of things."

The attendance at these weekly meetings continues to grow, and many boys are beginning to realize the value of these instructive lessons and are fast taking advantage of the opportunity.

The Tar Heel has recently received a communication from "Fleet" Williams, '10. He expresses regret that Carolina did not beat Virginia while he was a member of the team, and wishes that he could have shared in the victory this year. Mr. Williams was a varsity man in both football and baseball. He is now engaged in the wholesale grocery business with his father-in-law, in Gadsden, Alabama.

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