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## The Future? - - - Not So Dark

Everyone is looking forward to spring time which is just around the corner of a few days. In looking forward to spring (the time of year when nature throws off the dark, gloomy characteristics which winter has imposed, and when the flowers are budding and the trees are shooting), we should all throw off any barrier that is keeping us from doing our best. We should let our minds unfold and "bud-out" with new inspirations; set high targets to shoot at, and shoot with diligence toward our goals.

A "what's the use" attitude is the wrong way to look at our problems of today. We must admit that the world has many very urgent problems, and that the United States is going so far into debt by spending and giving away so much more than they take in, that it is hard to see a way out. But since the beginning of time, every generation has had urgent problems to face. Each generation has thought that its problems were greater than those of preceding generations. Our problems are no greater to us than problems in history were to those who had to face them. The debt of the United States is great, but the income of the people in the United States last year is even greater. Some of our politicians and other government employees may be dishonest, but as long as it is big news when a dishonest employee is found, our system is still good. You may hear talk about more and more people leaving God out of their lives completely, but in a recent survey, it was found that for the first time in the history of America, over 50 per cent of the people in America profess to attend some church or other place of worship. This should sound encouraging.

If we look at our problems as compared to our advantages and opportunities, they may not be as bad as we thought. We, that have the opportunity of attending college should work hard and take full advantage of our good fortune—The boys especially—The leaders of our country have seen that more lives can be saved and fewer dollars spent if they permit some of the more energetic young men to remain in college. The youth in college, today, will be the chemists, engineers, and some of the leaders of tomorrow, all working together to save our lives and to make the problems of the world easier to overcome. We should all ask ourselves the question: "Have I done my best today?"—(G.W.)

## Where Do You Stand??

With the dawning of every new decade, the world has become confused and confounded as to what the solution for its problems will be. Each time it had been a different problem and each time the world has survived to face another. Each time there were those who said there was no solution and each time they were the ones who would not admit that they were a part of that problem. These people seldom saw any hope for the future unless they were given the right to stand at the helm. They were as the blind who wanted to lead the way. There was the only Utopia that could save the world and without their contribution, the world would always remain in a state of perplexity. They could see very well the mistakes made by others and were quick in pointing them out. They saw others who reached out toward a goal which was being pursued and viewed with contempt the progress that was made. Yet they partook of the fruits of their labor and seemed to enjoy them. They gathered where they had not sown and reaped where they had not labored.

Today, these people are still a reality in the lives of all of us. We do not have to look into the far corners of the earth to find them. They dwell within the walls of our democracy. They have infiltrated the campuses of some of our greatest schools.

They will not be the reward for being peacemakers. It is their nature to rebel whether it be against God or man. God has no place in their lives. With arrogant pride they lift themselves above God and proclaim their social order to be the only hope and refuge for humanity.

Their presence among us demands we face the issue and answer the question. The issue: Satan and Communism or God and Freedom; the question: WHERE DO YOU STAND?—(T. R.)

## It Comes With Spring

If you have gazed on the O. Max Gardner Building from a distance when infant Spring is ushering in the beauty that always succeeds the not-so-glamorous days of winter, you know how lovely a campus we really have. When the green grass begins to appear, it seems to give new life and meaning to the whole curriculum. It is a feeling that no one should miss.

The countenance of the face of any individual, whether it be bright or dull, reflects the true character within him. It has been said that "if you will tell me the kind of expression a man carries on his face, I will tell you the kind of man he is." That is a thousand times more true as a principle than we realize.

When a lawn is beautiful, it reflects hard work and diligent care on somebody's part. Likewise, if, when spring re-animates nature's production on our campus, we can boast of such fortune that is possible for us to have, it will depict our having taken good care to make it so.

If, however, it comes upon us with worn paths across the lawns and the like, our irresponsible and "I don't care" attitude will be as salient as the ugly lanes themselves.

Right now is the time for us to act. We must commission ourselves to be careful with the infant blades, to nurse them until they are grown, and able to withstand rough treatment.

All around the campus, grass has been planted, and there is still more to be planted. Let us this day make ourselves a covenant. Let's make it a part of our inner code, that we will preserve the grass and the property. Let's have an understanding that we will not let our campus be negligibly mutilated, or even transgressed.

We who appreciate the value of nature love its works. Will you try to help us now so that we may enjoy it in the future. If you will but pause for a minute, you can reminisce on a relaxing, enjoyable, beautiful memory that nature has provided you with. Revere is one capacity of the mind that is as valuable to us as logic itself. Nature can obsess us with the beauty of venus, in revere. Wondersworth in his day said that "We lay waste our powers; little we see in nature that is ours." I don't believe ole' Bill was saying that to me. Was he saying it to you? We'll know by the way we care for "what is ours."—(G. P.)