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ELON COLLEGE LETTER.

This government of ours is straining at a gnat and swallowing a camel in its effort to bring about freedom of opinion in religious matters.

Christmas day it does not make a holiday, because that would be to keep a day not kept by the Jewish element of our citizenship, but it has no hesitancy about keeping New Year's day, for which there is no warrant in sacred associations nor holy traditions, unless it be that the month is called after the two-faced pagan god Janus.

Democracy is founded on majority rule, and this rule we try to follow faithfully, till it comes to religious matters. Here the minority rules. The minority do not believe in Christ, and so we can not keep Christmas as a national holiday.

The situation demands thorough consideration and heroic action. It cannot be always thus and our institutions and our selves be free.

W. A. Harper.

THE DISTINCTIVE AIM IN TEACHING.

The teacher who comes to the school prepared to feed the hungry souls of the children upon the real bread of life will be inspired by the higher and larger vision of a completed, full-rounded human being as the finished product of training.

The distinctive aim of teaching is not, therefore, to enable the individual to make a good living but to enable him to live a good life. The chief fault of the trade school is its low aim. It concentrates all the thought and effort of the learner upon the problem of mere self-support.

We are forced to admit the expediency of the trade school training. Great numbers of the young are growing up in the cities. Some one must feed and clothe them or they will become public charges.

So the distinctive aim of the school should be that of rounding out the whole inner life of the individual, including as a matter of course the bread-winning quality. In realizing this higher aim of the schools, labor and industry will be dignified and exalted.

Pres. W. A. Keener in Normal Instructor, Donsville, N. Y.

INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR FIRES.

Can any real progress be made in checking our fire waste, enormous as it is, until the man who has a fire ceases to be regarded as an unfortunate and is looked upon as a public offender? Individual legal responsibility for loss by fire seems a drastic correction, but is it not the real remedy?

Under the Code Napoleon in France a man is held responsible for fire damage to his neighbor. Each fire is investigated and the owner or the tenant of any premises must show he is not responsible for a fire starting in any premises occupied or owned by him.

In France the tenant usually insures by one policy the following items: (1) His own property; (2) The risk of re-

sponsibility for damage to the building; (3) The risk of responsibility for damage to property of his neighbors. A landlord insures in one policy the following items: (1) His own property; (2) His responsibility for damage to the property of tenants; (3) His responsibility for damage to the property of his neighbors.

Why should not this be so, when 50 per cent. of our fires are due to gross carelessness? Why should we pay our immense loss by fire when practically two-thirds of it is preventable by the exercise of proper care and foresight? The loss by fire in France is about one-eighth of that in the United States.

Nearly all of our cities and towns make some provision for putting out fires after they start. This is wise and all right, and few of them spend enough in fire equipment. Money properly spent in preventing fires will go further in saving life and property, and yet our officials and people do not seem to take it in and do what should be done along this line.

In North Carolina less than 50 per cent. of our property is protected by insurance. A loss here falls heavily on our citizens and the State, country, and cities in loss of taxable property whether the fire is caused by malice, carelessness, or thoughtlessness.

Insurance Department, Raleigh, N. C.

SIGNS OF CONSUMPTION.

How to Detect It Early.

Be on the lookout for consumption. Four out of five early cases can be cured, but only about one out of five late cases survive. The mortality from consumption would be reduced immediately if the disease were easily recognized in its early stages.

There are a number of signs of consumption, but none of them are infallible. One of the earliest signs is an unwarranted tired feeling. Tiring easily is always suggestive of consumption, but it may also be an indication of many other things. It may suggest hookworms, and we know that some people are "marked for rest."

Whenever suspicion is aroused the body temperature should be noted five or six times a day, and if the morning temperature is as low as 98 and the afternoon temperature as high as 100, consult a doctor at once for a more thorough examination. While the temperature sign is not conclusive, it is more reliable than the easily tired symptom.

When the germs of consumption are found in the system, no further evidence of the presence of the disease is necessary. The only trouble is that this is not a very early sign. The important thing is to recognize the disease early, so that we may lock the stable before the horse is stolen.

Consumption is frequently contracted when one has been closely associated with consumptives, particularly careless, coughing, spitting consumptives, or when one has been otherwise exposed to the disease or to dusty, unsanitary places. We are especially prone to contract the

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disease when we are physically run down, hence the importance of always keeping one's physical vigor up to the highest standard.

So called consumption cures are fakes. They take people's money, stimulate them for a short time, and leave them in worse shape than they were before. Fresh air, abundance of good, pure food, and rest, all under the direction of the competent doctor, are the chief factors in the cure of consumption.

Free Health Almanac.

The State Board of Health is just issuing a free health almanac for 1913. This marks a new departure in health literature for this state. The almanac is intended to replace the time worn patent medicine almanac. Besides being an almanac, it gives a lot of valuable information on the common diseases, minor ailments, and just such practical things about health and disease as every member of the family should know.

DR. SUMMERBELL AT ELON COLLEGE.

President Martyn Summerbell, of Lakemont, N. Y., visits the College from Sunday, January twelfth, to Wednesday, January fourteenth, coming in the capacity of non-resident Professor of Church History and Biblical Literature.

On Sunday morning at eleven o'clock Dr. Summerbell will deliver a sermon based on Romans 8:32, using as a theme God's Gift in Jesus. Sunday evening at seven o'clock an address on Christian Education in our Christian Schools promises to be an interesting topic.

Monday morning at eight Lecture I. will be given on "The Protestant Preparation in England." Lecture II. Monday evening on "Henry VIII. and the Break from Rome." Lecture III. Tuesday morning will be on "Henry, Edward VI. and Mary" and Tuesday evening Lecture IV. on "Elizabeth Establishing Protestantism."

Dr. Summerbell is one of the most distinguished and scholarly men whom Elon people are permitted to hear and without a doubt, a goodly number will avail themselves of this opportunity.