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ADVICE OF COLLEGE MEN--WOODROW WILSON HAS PROVED IT IS WORTH HEEDING

News and Observer.

Some people distrust the advice of college and university men. They say that these are men of the cloister and that they are not sufficiently in touch with the practical problems of life to be able to suggest wise solutions of those problems.

But ever since the college world gave America and the world Woodrow Wilson there has been less of a disposition to ridicule the contribution of college men to thought on the growing problems of society. Fair-minded men now agree that Wilson will rank with Washington and Lincoln. And until tried in the fire of the most taxing experience that any American has ever undergone, Wilson was thought to be unsuited to public life.

So the nation listens today more attentively than it ever listened before to college presidents when they undertake to tell the country what ails it and what it ought to do to cure its ills. President Faunce, of Brown University, has already been quoted on several occasions as emphasizing the necessity of the American people holding to their ideals and if they can't do that, at least to refrain from besmirching the ideals of yesterday.

President Hibben, of Princeton, in his baccalaureate sermon sounded an even higher note:

There is a cry today which is heard throughout our land, "America First!" If this signifies, as I am afraid it is so often regarded, a self-centered policy and program for our international life, I resent it with all my being.

I believe, however, most profoundly in the idea of America first, if we interpret this national slogan as "America first in the service of the world;" first in its ready response to the world's needs and its wise and generous leading of the nations of the earth into the large life of mutual understanding and concerted action in obtaining the liberty, equality and fraternity which form the reward and the glory of all human endeavor; first to use its great power and influence to realize the desire of all peoples of the earth, the disarmament of the nations and the permanent peace of the world.

Dr. Hibben is not pessimistic about the future if college men will do their duty. He says, "Although the first years of this century are characterized by materialistic doubt and materialistic drift, it may yet be known distinctively as the century of moral and spiritual progress, if you so will it. Although a pagan philosophy of life may seem unduly to prevail in many minds at this time, nevertheless this may still prove to be the age of reviving faith in God and this century the consummation of the promise and the potency of our Christian civilization. The dream may come true--if you so will it."

College men have a great responsibility. Dr. Hibben puts it up to them to make this "the age of reviving faith." How can they do it? Not by making fame and fortune the goal. Fortunately another college president elaborated the thought of Dr. Hibben by giving practical examples of men who had done what Dr. Hibben hinted Princeton and other college men must do. President Arthur T. Hadley this year resigns the presidency of Yale. Here is his farewell:

We have spent these last years together in a place where for

more than two centuries men have consecrated their lives to the service of others; where teachers have worked hard for small worldly reward; where they have been more concerned to follow out the truths of science and philosophy than to gain ease and comfort by so doing; above all, where men of distinguished talents and eminence among their fellows have been making an honest effort to follow the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the measure of their understanding.

Out of their self-sacrifice has grown a spirit of self-sacrifice. By their example even more than by anything that they taught in the class-room, men have been prepared to render public service in church or civil state.

Everywhere there is need for men to do as Dr. Hadley says the Yale professors have done--"consecrate life to the service of others and work hard for small worldly reward." The future depends on whether men as a result of special advantages become more selfish, designing and ambitious for their own advancement or more thoughtful of the common good.

Are men and women becoming worse or better? Are they listening to the advice of the college presidents and other men who think and reflect? There are different opinions. Dr. W. H. S. Demarest, president of Rutgers College, told his graduating class recently that the trend of the world is bad, but it is a trend of lax morals, vulgar fashions and open vice. We prefer to think with Dr. Russell H. Conwell, head of Temple University, Philadelphia, who said in a message to the thousands of university, college and school graduates of the country that the world, sick physically and morally from the 'poison of the war, is beginning to take a turn for the better.

"We have had a pretty bad stretch," declared Dr. Caldwell, "with emphasis laid on murder, robberies, bandits and divorce cases, but that wave is beginning to subside, just as it always has throughout the years. Recently I have been able to see clearly a change for the better. I believe that change will continue to be felt in increasing force.

"I do not think that women are any less virtuous or womanly or moral than they have been. There have always been extremists in style and manners, and after all if we take note on the city streets we see only a few who have adopted extreme and immodest styles of dress and the majority are modest and in good taste."

The country will do well to pay more heed to the college men. They and the preachers and teachers and other men who put service before pleasure or riches are the safe leaders.

Memorial to Lincoln.

London. -- A memorial tablet to Abraham Lincoln was dedicated in the little church at Hingham Norfolk, where Lincoln's ancestors worshipped.

Dr. R. B. Killian, of Lincoln, returned to his home Monday after a short visit to his New River farm. He has recently sustained quite a loss, the effects of a cyclone that passed over his farm in Lincoln county. A large barn on his plantation was badly wrecked; two fine mules killed; his wheat crop, already harvested scattered far and wide over the big farm, and other damage done to growing crops, etc. Fortunately, his home was out of the path of the storm and sustained no injury.

BOLD ROBBER ENTERS STORE AND BRUTALLY ASSAULTS PROPRIETOR

One of the boldest crimes of which we have heard in this immediate section was perpetrated at Pineola on Wednesday night of last week. Bartley Bean, owner of one of the local stores in an effort to apprehend and effect the capture of some person, who had been relieving him of some of his wares at regular intervals for some time, concealed himself under a counter to await the coming of the thief. About 2 a. m. his lonely vigil came to a climax when the door was opened by means of a latch key and a handsome, strong young man, soon recognized as one Harry Pritchard, entered and coolly and deliberately began to fill his gunny sack with provender. Bean kept still while the sack was being filled, but when the offender came closer to get a can of coffee he was startled by a wild shot fired within a few feet of him, but he regained his equilibrium in a second and with cat-like agility sprang at Bean, seized his revolver, hit him twice with same and after inflicting other minor injuries, made his getaway.

Friends heard the cries of the suffering man and rushed in, by which time, his assailant in all probability was many miles away. A very liberal reward has been offered for the capture of the culprit, and it is hoped and expected that he will be brought to justice before many days.

LATER: Pritchard was arrested at Edgemont Saturday, taken back to Avery, given a preliminary hearing, and in default of bond was placed in jail at Newland to await the next term of court.

Big Whiskey Plant Destroyed.

Sheriff Edgar Young and Deputy Newton C. Greene, "landed a big one" in the way of an illicit distilling outfit (save the copper); on Wednesday of last week; the catch being made near the head of the famous Longhope Laurel. The officers were searching through Tuesday night, and, in some way, the blockaders got wind of their presence in the community, and when the plant was found the following day, it was discovered that the still had been removed on a sled to a public road, where the "ground wagon" was left, and the precious copper transported to a place of hiding which couldn't be discovered by the officers. Deputy Green says the plant was a good one and the still must have been of considerable capacity, as something like 600 gallons of beer was destroyed. The large shed was covered with roofing, and as there was no signs of any adulterants about the plant it was taken for granted that the booze produced was of a good quality.

Found Trousers that He Owned in France.

One of the most surprised young men in Charlotte is, Walter F. Stanley a member of Horner's Nest post of the American Legion, who went to an army salvage store and bought the same pair of trousers he wore October 7, 1918, at Ballacourt, France, when he helped the 30th Division break the Hindenburg line.

Stanley was wounded and gassed in the offensive. He was taken to a British Hospital where his own uniform and clothes were taken away and the British hospital clothes placed upon him.

There was a spot on the hip of the American trousers and a torn place in the side of the right knee. The most distinctive mark

of all, however, was his own name which he had written on the bond of the trousers in indelible ink.

When Stanley went to the army salvage store to buy a khaki uniform to wear in an American Legion parade the clerk showed him khaki trousers, with a patch cleverly inserted covering the right knee. There was also a full brown spot on the hip.

"By George, that looks like a pair of trousers" exclaimed the veteran.

It was nearly two years and nine months from the time he parted with his trousers until he picked them up here again. He says he will keep them as long as they hold together. -- Winston-Salem Journal.

About Truthful Singing.

Monroe Enquirer.

Lord, I care not for riches, neither silver nor gold!" The words in quotation compose the first line of one of our church hymns. The Enquirer man cannot sing, but if he could sing equal to any of the noted singers, he positively would not sing that line, for if he knows himself he does not want to lie. He heard a congregation sing that hymn not long ago. Joining in it were men of means, women of ambition to outshine the neighbors, owners of business, bent on making money, employees who the week before had demanded a raise in wage. And they all sang, "I care not for riches, neither silver nor gold." Did they tell the truth in the singing of that song? They


did not. Every mother's son and daughter of them wanted more money and then some. Even the preacher in the pulpit, who joined with such zest in the singing, had just a short time before that passed the word out to the officials that higher salary was a necessity. Yes, we all love money, and he who says he cares not for it, lies. Dr. William E. Barton, in a recent article points out some things that money cannot buy, and they are the best things in life, too. All the money in the world cannot buy a breath of fresh air. The poorest among us can enjoy, and that without price, these balmy June days. And yet, after all, the things that money cannot buy are enumerated, the poor devil who has them all and nothing else is in a slow way. Raiment to put on, shelter overhead, food to eat, books on the table, means of conveyance, these things money can buy and we need them. No man ever got to heaven, no, nor has he ever become a better man by singing, "I care not for riches, neither silver nor gold." Samuel Johnson said that few men are so harmlessly employed as when they are making money. The old bum, loafing in the shade, caring nothing of his personal appearance, too lazy to wash his face, even when the weather is hot, not worrying about where his next meal is coming from and not having the price of a biscuit in his pocket, is about the only one who can truthfully sing, "Lord, I care not for riches, nei-

BOONE AND GOOD ROADS

Johnson County (Tenn.) News.

Accompanied by David Atwood the editor made an auto trip to Boone, N. C. last Thursday. This was his first visit to Boone, which is picturesquely situated more than 2,200 feet above sea level. The town is forging ahead at a good gait since it has made railway connection and has been encompassed with good roads. The Appalachian Training School is one of its valuable assets and "Bob" Rivers, the genial editor of the Watauga Democrat, has done and the surrounding country a desirable section of the Appalachian range of mountains. An ideal graded road leads from Trade to Boone and at no distant date the good roads advocates of Watauga expect to hard surface this particular section of road. They are very anxious that our county make haste and build a good road from Trade to Mountain City. This very important section of road no doubt will be constructed in the near future, as Johnson county has already complied with the requirements of the Federal Government and State Highway to build a road from the Holston River to Trade.

ther silver nor gold." A congregation made up of specimens like him would be a sweet-smelling, eye-pleasing aggregation. No, for one we do not want to look upon a congregation who can truthfully sing, "Lord, I care not for riches, neither silver nor gold."



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