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"Suggestion is the tapping of hidden springs," says a certain instructor at Chowan. By suggestion we control our likes and dislikes; we build character, and form new habits. We lay aside the things that are hurtful to the up-building of a strong and noble personality; on the other hand, we take unto ourselves the traits or habits that will tear down a fine character. The mind works through suggestion; the body is influenced by suggestion. A child may be told not to do a certain act, and the mere suggestion will bring the possibility of doing this act to the mind; and hence, the doing of the forbidden thing.

NEW CONDITIONS ARE FACING WOMEN

Is the lady a vanishing type? This was a question raised by Dr. Liddell in a chapel talk recently. The passing of the type of old fashioned womanhood so much admired is an apprehension that is justified, in view of the changed position that woman is rapidly coming into. The opportunities that have been opened to her for education and careers in business, professions, and politics bear with them added responsibility, Dr. Liddell stated. "The greatest thing to be thankful for today is to be born a woman," she continued. "There is no question that now men must take a second place." With apology for seeming to project an opinion that men are on the downward row, while women are stepping up to take the upper hand, she further asserted that the above is true because everything great in man's capacity has already been done. There is no frontier land left for them to claim. It is true that there have been some women whose great achievements have won for their names immortality in historical records of honored ones, but they are a minority few as compared to the mighty and superior types of men, whose honored names are legion.

The speaker made it clear that the field of accomplishment is yet before woman. She is just beginning to enter upon it actively and aggressively. This new condition necessitates a change in her life. This is where the problem of retarding the vanishing of the lady type enters. Can the woman preserve her former charms and graces of womanliness in her new pursuits? In giving up the private life of the home for the public life in a career, the question as to whether some of that fineness of the bloom of womanhood will be effaced from her personality, is a sentimental one. "For all those things that a woman gives up she finds new interests," said Dr. Liddell. She showed how this follows in line with the universal principle of compensation. For every loss there is a compensation. The last chapter of the Book of Proverbs read at the beginning of the devotional period gives the qualities of a virtuous woman which may well be applied to retain her old-time charm of virtue despite any adverse tendencies that accom-

pany her new relationship and occupations.

HOW MANY REALLY USE THEIR BRAINS?

Looking down the future line of descent, can it not be possible to see some species of the human race appearing minus that part of the constitution now used by a few as thinking property? According to some theory of evolution, nature has a way of eliminating dead wood from the human system by allowing parts to atrophy by continued disuse. How few people really think? Someone says that a person is thinking all the time that he has consciousness. This is a mistake. According to the definition of thinking given by psychologists, no one thinks all the time. Surely they are aware of something, awake and capable of responding to stimulus that may happen along, but a state of lethargy better describes the condition of the mind much of the time than to say it is engaged in thought.

The so-called opinions boasted of by a great many people are only rubber stamped editions copied from somebody else's pattern. Such opinions, however, lend themselves quickly and easily to alteration. It takes only a whiff of wind laden with a reeking rumor, false or confirmable, to stir a sensation that results in a turn of the mind as readily as a windmill. Students, as well as people in other walks of life, who engage in original thought and act with initiative do not have the easiest time of it. They have a rather lonely road to travel sometimes. Fidelity to one's own opinion when it is opposed to the popular mass requires a streak of unflinching courage.

It is really deplorable to take account of how few of the students reason things out for themselves rather than accept the thing that strikes them, which is too often a conclusion, not reached by calm judgment, but only a sensation aroused within the emotions by the excitement. Following the crowd is more complacent. One sheep jumps over the fence, and other follows, and so on the whole flock is lead blindly into something. That's the easiest way.

It is not always reprehensible, however, to be allied with the majority group. The question is, is it the right side? Will it get you there? If you can glide along in a soapy smooth groove and reach your goal, well and good. The trouble comes when a snag is reached. At some time or other you will come to the end of your nice slick aluminum lined road. Then you will have to decide what to do. Realizing your position, you attempt to manipulate the belt that throws the thinking machinery into motion. Friction! It's all rusty! How painful are the arduous efforts at thought, should one attempt to surmount the obstacle instead of giving up entirely, for there may come a complete deadlock and disaster in the crisis.

A few primary lessons in the art of thinking taken while in the plastic age, followed by occasional practice, make excellent preparation for that dangerous curve ahead.

STANDARD OF CONDUCT FOR THE MODERN GIRL

Yes, we have no tropical edibles today, but we have the newspapers and radio. If we can't go to the barbecue we can read about it or hear about it over the wires that race in currents through the cosmos. To keep the public informed and attempt to mould its opinion rightly is a task worthwhile, which is a laudable justification for the existence of the press. The radio, which has joined the confederacy of instruction, is proving a very significant educational instrument.

Dr. Herman H. Horne, professor of history of education and the history of philosophy, New York University, who recently broadcast a series of four talks on a "Parent's Philosophy of Life," feels keen appreciation for radio service in bringing the modern university and the people of today into immediate contact. "The radio is a source of fine entertainment and recreation, a means of refining musical taste, another prophecy of universal knowledge, another herald of social progress and another tie that binds together the citizens of the American Republic and the nations of our little earth," quoting from a printed edition of one of his four talks, the subject of which was "Standards for My Daughter."

Having three daughters himself (as well as one boy), Dr. Horne is well qualified to speak as one with authority concerning proper standards of conduct for a young girl to follow. When mother's example and father's counsel are right Dr. Horne says, there is just one principle behind both: "Our daughter may do anything, everything, that truly enlarges and perfects her womanliness, her personality, her individuality. The emphasis is placed on expression, creative self-expression; with only so much repression as is necessary for right

expression. The flowing river is expression, the retaining banks are repression. Each is necessary. There must be growth, expansion, development, and there must be guidance, control, discipline."

Speaking from the parents' viewpoint, he emphasized the efficacy of love and reason to avoid any clash of wills. "Never lay down a law for children without open love and unimpassioned reason as its manifested basis." When there must be a refusal he suggests that first one try to think of a substitute—"No denial without a substitute" is a good maxim. "This does not dam up the river without outlet, leading to overflow, but redirects the course of its flow."

"After her education is completed (and every girl should have just as much education in school, college and professional school as she can take and wisely use), she will be in the home as wife and mother, or in an occupation of some kind outside the home as some ten million of her sisters are, engaging in and succeeding in every occupation known to man; or indeed, as a few exceptional modern women are able to do, motherhood and a career may be combined. Our daughter's destiny we hope is to make her contribute in some worthy way to the world's welfare. To do this she must have a strong body, a knowing mind, a pure heart, a good will, a clear conscience and clean hands. She openeth her mouth with wisdom and on her tongue is the law of kindness." (Girls, you may find the ancient Hebrew standard for woman in the last chapter of the Book of Proverbs.)

"Our society puts a premium on the attractiveness, winsomeness, grace, charm, beauty of women. Every woman wants to be as beautiful as nature and art allow. This is natural and proper. Someone has said, 'Woman is her own masterpiece.' "The real question here is 'What is most becoming to woman?' and 'What will most enhance her riches of personality?' "It is to be admitted, I think, that it is more difficult (I do not say impossible) to cultivate and retain the graces of womanliness in a public career than by the hearthstone.

"Our daughters in high schools, co-educational colleges and business are challenged by circumstances to remain womanly women. They meet the rough and tumble of life and the bloom is so easily rubbed off. "To be specific, as I believe you want to be, a woman is less charming in proportion as she imitates the so-called 'modern' of the modern era. The modern era is an from old restrictions. It is much easier for her to come down to man's level than to lift man to hers; so much easier to interpret 'this freedom' (to borrow Hutchinson's title) as man interprets it for himself than to maintain her full worth under novel modern circumstances.

"The girl who smokes, or drinks, or swears, or tells vulgar stories, or permits the fellows to tell them to her, or dresses loudly, or uses cosmetics too conspicuously, or dances too intimately, or puts sex forward or, allows personal liberties, is really missing what she most wants, to be beautiful, to be attractive, to win the fullest respect of a worthy man. Men will usually not fall in love with them; the business world, while somewhat indifferent, puts no premium on such qualities, and most significant of all, this girl is not maintaining the highest respect for herself.

"It is not a question, girls, of your having as much right, or as little, to do those things as the men have. It is a question of your finest womanliness, the enhancing of your grace and charm, the perfecting of your own personality. "Let me tell you what a mere man somewhat cynically wrote the other day in our university paper: 'The trouble with the modern girl is that by the time she is old enough to know better, she knows everything!'

"Repress? Yes, in so far as repression is a necessary condition of highest expression. Don't get hard-boiled, or even run the risk of doing so. Refinement, on or off the stage, is a girl's biggest asset. "I have amused myself by asking the question, 'What if you had been born a girl?' A part of the answer is, 'I should always help my parents in any way possible to the limits of my ability without contradicting the preceding principles. I should try to find sermons in stones, books in running brooks, and good in everything.' By nature I should probably be a Martha, but I hope by grace a Mary. I should never cease to be grateful for being a woman and especially in these days of woman's emancipation from all improper restrictions.

"I should co-operate in all work making for better citizenship, and I should try to assist in the preparation of woman for the duties and responsibilities of citizenship. I should stand for eliminating the conditions of life that impoverish true womanhood and beautiful childhood. "And all these things I am sure I should find just as difficult of

accomplishment as any one of you in my vast audience. But as part of my experience, if I had been born a girl, I should certainly want to be an American woman, with the opportunities of the world open to her, and never cease to be grateful. Oh! women of America, be womanly, and so leave your land better—than you found it."

COLLEGES STUDY WORLD COURT

In 12 conferences held in various parts of the country over the last two week-ends, students from every type of college and university studied the World Court. Plans for campus investigation on the subject were set up and the work is already under way in a number of schools. Approximately 450 of the keenest student minds decided that the educational campaign which is being sponsored by the Council of Christian Associations during the fall months is a worthy enterprise and that they will give their fullest co-operation.

The special World Court conferences of the past week-end included two in Nebraska, one in Oklahoma City, one in Galesburg, Ill., and one in Sioux Falls, S. D. An average of 50 students attended each of these regional and state gatherings and considered the World Court. During the latter part of October and the first half of November, between 35 and 50 similar conferences are planned in line with the accelerated interest in international affairs focusing on the opening of the Senate debate on December 17th.

During the first two weeks of December, a national poll will be conducted by the New Student and the Council of Christian Associations' World Court committee, which will be the culmination of weeks of study and discussion. In the poll, students will express their approval or disapproval of the entrance of the United States into the court.

This intensive series of meetings has grown out of the resolutions passed at the recent annual meeting of the Council of Christian Associations in which the student leaders from campuses from all quarters of the country expressed the belief that the United States should enter the World Court at the earliest possible date. This conviction resulted from a study of the situation as it exists and was followed by a plan whereby students all over the country may have a chance to educate themselves on the issue and to mobilize whatever thought may result from the study done on local campuses and in conferences.

The conviction that students should take a continuous interest in things international and that they should exert a vital force in shaping of policies led to the purpose that the intensive educational campaign should be only the first step toward the continuous influence of an intelligent and active student opinion on all matters of international concern.

Raymond Fosdick, Ivy L. Lee, Irving Fisher, Manley Hudson and Ex-Governor Sweet, of Colorado, are among those interested in the stand the student movement has taken on the World Court issue, and are lecturing and supplying expert help in the regional and state conferences. The full-time speakers for the campaign include Kirby Page, Mrs. Laura Puffer Morgan, chairman of the Women's National World Court committee; Alden Alley, Frederick Snyder, J. Nevin Sayre and George Collins.

Those who have observed the interest springing up immediately among students wherever World Court has been mentioned attribute it to the fact that this is the first great national issue that has presented itself since the presidential election and that it carries a more vital interest since the presidential election was a more or less foregone conclusion. Student interest is increased by the fact that the outcome of the Senate debate may result in definite and far-reaching action on the part of the United States Government toward the assumption of greater international responsibility.—The New Student.



Among those present at the World Series was the proud mother of the famous Bucky Harris, kid manager of the Washington Senators. Guess who she rooted for.

FOR A CALM AND PEACEFUL OCT. 31st

By A. B. CHAPIN



Intercollegiate News

A most deserving criticism, Loudspeaker. The truth of the matter is, however, that there was so much other material that the jokes were ruled out. We notice no dearth of jokes inside your pages. Your contributors must indeed be a lively bunch of fun-loving youngsters. Be that as it may, we appreciate your suggestion and shall profit by it.

Soccer is fast becoming a more and more popular game. It must be all right for a college game, since the North Carolina State College students have started an Inter-class Soccer League. What would you do with a challenge from us?

The Beta Chapter (Georgia) of Phi Beta Kappa, the National Honor Society of the American College, will be installed at Agnes Scott sometime in February. Members for this society are chosen primarily from the best scholars of the class, from the scholars among post-graduates, and lastly from alumnae prominent in letters, science, education or political science.

The point system is used in many colleges, and many others are thinking about adopting it. It is a plan to more equally distribute the prestige and burden of office upon the students. At Furman College, S. C., the faculty has valued each student office at so many points, and limited the aspiration of each student to 30 points. At the University of Minnesota a point system is being devised for the women. Offices are divided into their classes, and students will be limited to a certain number of offices in each class. The Women's Council at Stanford proposes a similar point system.—The New Student.

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