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ADVICE TO STUDENTS.

BY REV. E. O. HAVEN, D. D., LLD., Former President of the University of Michigan.

About fifty thousand young men in these United States are students in colleges. About one-fortieth of the entire male population between the age of fifteen and twenty-one years are enrolled on the college books. Not more than two-thirds of these complete the course of study upon which they have entered, so as to become alumni of a college. In this estimate we do not include the students in academies, high schools and seminaries, which embrace, perhaps, as many more of the same age, but we confine our attention to colleges. Nor do we include in this estimate the great body of students of medicine, law and theology, but simply undergraduates. We find here an army at least fifty thousand strong.

Perhaps a hundred thousand young men are now deliberating whether or not to "go to College," and many of them are readers of the New York *Ledger*. For the advantage of this great multitude of young men is this article written.

"Why should I go to college? It will consume at least four precious years of time. If I am unprepared, it may require six years or more. It will cost, including expenses for clothing, books and travel, even if I seek the cheapest college, at least two hundred dollars, probably three hundred dollars a year. All this must be taken out of the morning of my life. Will it pay?"

To answer this question, consider a few facts. These facts illustrate a principle:

In Lanman's "Dictionary of the United States Congress," published in 1864, the names and short biographies of three thousand eight hundred and ninety-two men (if we count right) are given, who have been members of the United States Congress from 1789 to 1864. Of more than one thousand of them it is expressly stated that they were educated in college. About as many more are said to have been well educated (probably some of them in college), and of many no information is given except the date of their office and the States which they represented, the fact whether they were educated in college or not being unknown, while a considerable number reached their honorable position by the reputation acquired by success in military pursuits. Colleges are now more numerous relatively to population than formerly, and we are sure, from a careful investigation of the matter, that considerably less than one in a hundred of the men in the country have been graduates of colleges.

Following the general average, therefore, less than one in a hundred of the members of Congress should have been educated in college; but the fact shows more than one in three, perhaps nearly one in every two! This fact deserves attention.

In like manner, according to the general average, only one in a hundred of our Presidents of the United States should have been educated in College, and it would not have been strange if as yet not one such person had been chosen; but, in fact, of the fourteen men elected directly as Presidents, all but five were graduates of college, and three of the five non-graduates owed their influence to their reputation as military leaders acquired in war, and the fourth, Abraham Lincoln, not able to go to college, surmounted difficulties by hard work and made himself a statesman and an orator and to a large extent a scholar. Nine out of the fourteen is the number educated in college, instead of one in a hundred! The same thing would be found true of governors, judges and other such officers.

Again: Take such a book as Allibone's History of Authors, and as you cast your eye over the catalogue of distinguished names, observe that nearly all of them have been educated in universities. All preachers, physicians, lawyers, teachers, and editors, at least, should have a systematic education equal to that obtained in college.

"But," says the hesitating young man, "I know of many exceptions." Of course you do. Many have achieved success in literature and science and in the professions by obtaining their training and skill in some other way. Generally by reading books written by college educated men, and by actual contact and work with such men. But this is a kind of left-handed operation. The man works at a disadvantage. If he is very plucky he may succeed, just as one can learn to play on an organ without a teacher, or learn to speak a foreign language without a grammar. But why adopt this difficult and incomplete method when a better way is offered? You can travel from New York to California afoot if you please; better earn some money, buy a ticket and go by steam vessel and railway.

Perhaps many a young man would reply to this: "I do not aspire to be a member of Congress, or the governor of a State, or an author, or editor, or teacher, nor am I anxious to enter any of the professions so-called. There are lawyers and physicians enough, and I am not called to be a preacher. Is there any reason why I should go to college?"

I reply by asking you a few questions: Do you wish to lay in store a good stock of valuable mental power? Do you wish to train your mind, as well as your body, to act skillfully? Do you wish to learn the laws of thought, of language, of nature? If so, and your circumstances allow it, go where you can accomplish this end the best—to college. As it regards time, the best use to be made of the years of youth is discipline. Who likes to see a precocious boy? A monstrous infant, from five to fifteen, as dignified and precise and grave as an old man? Who would not be shocked or moved to laughter to see a child of this age gray-headed, and his face clothed with a full beard? But why should the mind outstrip the body, or the occupation oustrip the mind? It is wrong for a young man to be in a hurry about assuming the cares and success of mature life. These "men of business" from eighteen to twenty-three years of age generally go to seed early and bear a small crop. What man, whether merchant, farmer, or whatever his business, ever regretted spending too much time in obtaining an education? Those who start at twenty-five well educated generally outstrip those who start earlier uneducated.

"But I am poor. I shall have to earn my own expenses."

Do it, then. Thousands have done so—strong, successful men. If you cannot take this advice, do the next best thing: Be studious. Read and think systematically. Do not be in haste to get rich. There is true wealth in bodily health, in a well-stored mind, in a genuine religious character. With these life is essentially noble.

"But WHAT SHALL I STUDY, if I enter college?"

A few years ago, this question would have been about as superfluous as for a soldier with regular rations or half rations before him to ask: What shall I eat? All had one prescribed course. Now, however, there is a variety. The student now must inquire: Shall I study the good old time-honored classical course, with its Greek and Latin? or a scientific course, embracing Latin? or one excluding Latin and substituting modern languages? or civil engineering? or mining engineering? Do not decide this question hastily. Consider your ultimate purpose. Are you young, or do you wish to "intermeddle with all wisdom?" Take the old course. Have you no taste for Greek or Latin? Select one of the other courses. At any rate, lay a good foundation. Pursue your preparatory studies thoroughly. An extra year spent on them is not lost. Finally, if you cannot complete a college course, take such a part of it as you can. Wherever you leave off, the thought you have acquired and the discipline you have gained will be a perpetual profit.

I cannot conclude this condensed article—and, therefore, liable to be misconstrued—without remarking that I entertain no illiberal spirit toward those who attain true scholarship out of college. Manhood is what we want, however acquired, whether in the printing office, the blacksmith's shop or on the farm. Strong men overcome all obstacles. Wise men, however, choose the easiest paths. Would you like to be a first-class boat-rower, pugilist, musician, painter, or anything else? You would avail yourself of the best instruction. A true man respects manhood wherever found and however gained. If in one who "never went to school a day in his life," still if has a healthy brain and a good soul, he deserves honor. All we advocate is a practice based on sound common sense. Inquire how you can make the most of yourself, for man and God, and perseveringly pursue that course.

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