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EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE.

A Conference of the leading educators of the Society of Friends (Quakers) was held in the city of Baltimore on the 21st and 22d of December 1877. Twenty-five were present, and from many other encouraging letters were read. The meeting was presided over by that public spirited Quaker, Francis T. King of Baltimore, and the Secretary was Augustus Taber of New York.

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But it is a place where foundation, liberal and thorough, is laid for future study; and where the mind is well trained, according to the best experience of the world, in those habits and traits which are essential to intellectual success.

THE COLLEGE THEORY.

The college theory presupposes a good antecedent system of schools leading up to it, and formal terms of admission based upon evident fitness for higher work.

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It implies also constant care and watch of good teachers, who have properly a regard, not so much for the advancement of science and the prosecution of research, as for the mental, moral, and usually the religious training of the youth committed to them. It implies appointed courses of study, steady promotion from one grade to another, and final diplomas indicating that the course has been completed.

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Hitherto, a thorough discipline in Latin, Greek and Mathematics has been the basis of instruction, with a superimposed encyclopaedia of history, philosophy and natural science.

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As to the University, he says: "It certainly is not an old college, nor a great college, nor a rich college; it may be a college at all; it may comprehend one or many colleges. Its functions are various, but among the chief are these:—to perpetuate the thoughts and experiences which have reached us from the past,—this is a conservative function; to increase human knowledge by research in the laboratory and the library,—this is its progressive function; to educate able scholars in all liberal sciences,—this is its general didactic work; to provide instruction in professional branches, law, medicine, theology, etc.,—this is its special didactic work; to confer degrees and diplomas as an incentive to scholarship and for the security of the public,—this is its defensive power; to build up libraries and scientific collections and to encourage learned publications,—these are essential conditions of its vitality. Such an institution, as compared with a college, is more complex, elevated and costly. The ideal may never be fully reached,—but the nearer it is approached the better for mankind."

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