

WHAT IS EDUCATION?

Dr. James A. B. Scherer Delivers Throop Baccalaureate

Dr. James A. B. Scherer, president of Throop Polytechnic Institute, delivered the baccalaureate address recently to the graduating class of the Institute at the Pasadena Presbyterian Church, taking as his subject, "What is Education?" Dr. Scherer spoke in part as follows: "A sprightly story of American college life is just now making a stir. Full as it is of rollicking fun, the motive of the book is serious. In one lively chapter the author, in the guise of a 'ring,' hurls a score of general questions at a group of upper class men, supposed to be educated,—only to get ignorant silence or stupefied protests in answer. The editor of a literary magazine comments that there can be little doubt that these same twenty questions could easily be answered by the average pupil in a German 'gymnasium.' In his book the author critic satirically addresses his fictitious colleagues as follows:

"Our universities are admirably organized instruments for the prevention of learning! What do you know? You know absolutely nothing. Here you are, look at yourselves—four years when you ought to learn something, some informing knowledge of all that has developed during the four thousand years the human race has fought its way toward the light; four years to be filled with the marvel and splendor of it all, and you don't know a thing.

"You don't know the big men in music; you don't know the pioneers and the leaders in any art; you don't know the great literatures of the world, and what they represent; you don't know how other races are working out their social destinies; you've never even stopped to examine yourselves, to analyze your own society, to see the difference between a civilization founded on the will of the individual, and a civilization, like the Latin, on the indestructible advance of the family. You have no general knowledge, no intellectual interests, you haven't even opinions, and at the end of four years of education you will march up and be handed a degree—Bachelor of Arts! Magnificent! And we Americans have a sense of humor! Do you wonder why I repeat that our colleges are splendidly organized institutions for the prevention of learning?"

Technical Schools Best.
"Novels have a serious importance in so far as they portray contemporary conditions as they really are. Mr. Owen Johnson is much in earnest. He is now writing a series of thoughtful essays on the contemporary life of our universities. His words bite too. Less dramatic than Mrs. Leland's, they are intended as sober statements of fact. He says:

"I am still regretfully forced to the conclusion that the universities with the exception of our excellent technical schools, instead of maintaining their ancient authority and inspiration, have surrendered much of their vigor and more of their authority to a rebellious undergraduate standard. Every year the universities of France

and Germany give to their nations their thousands of students, disciplined in the use of their minds, schooled to exact knowledge, with a developed capacity of thoroughness. They carry these rugged, indispensable attributes into every activity of the national life—into their sciences, their arts, their politics, and, above all, into their great world industries. Every year our universities add their thousands to the great army of their alumni, undrilled, unschooled, without serious preparation, totally lacking the essential quality of thoroughness. And these defects they carry with them into the struggle for commercial supremacy with France and Germany. In other words, we are opposing amateurs to professionals.

Opinions His Own.
"I am solely responsible for what I shall say this evening in answer to the question, 'What is education?' My opinions involve no one else, and are entitled to respect only in so far as they are based on a sane interpretation of observation and experience. As Rabbi Wise of New York might say, I have tried to see things as they are, and now will try to say them as I see them. It is for each thoughtful hearer to determine by his own judgment whether I am right when I say, for example, that the crude and rudimentary first step in any education worthy of the name—no matter how it may have been obtained—is an ability to earn a respectable livelihood through trained fitness for some useful calling. You may find many learned doctors who violently dissent from this view. In a popular and otherwise excellent essay Dr. Henry Van Dyke, for instance, sides vehemently with the high-potential mental possibility faction when he says:

"I will not ask whether college training has any commercial value, whether it enables one to command a large wage in the market-place, whether it opens the door to wealth, or fame, or social distinction; nor even whether it increases the chance of winning a place in the red book of 'Who's Who.' These are questions are and beyond the very idea of education, which aims not at a marketable product, but at a vital development."

"Any one who wishes is of course perfectly at liberty to assimilate this sweet little teaspoonful of syllabus. To me it seems a thin kind of thinking that opposes value as an antithesis to life; marketable product is simply an opprobrious synonym for value. Of course education aims at vital development; but is not vital development worth something? How can life develop at all unless it is capable of self-support? Is a parasite a noble type of vital development? Mind you, I don't say that education ought to fit a man to earn a fortune; or that its final and complete mission is anywise accomplished when it merely fits a man to earn a living; but I do say that in the A B C of education the ability to earn a decent, living ranks A. Throop Students Work.

"While one of the most serious problems of the ordinary university is to

get the students to work hard enough, only perfectly possible for a man to be trained to usefulness and also to the deep appreciation of the beautiful, but that the severance of education into two compartments of the practical and the cultural prevents the true development of either hemisphere. Your apple must be whole in order to be sweet; and fruitful; we have had far too much of cut-and-dried-apple education.

Education Is Defined.
"Education is the training that fits for a calling, imparts culture, and develops character. It is an ordered discipline resulting in trained capacity illumined by imaginative vision and grounded in the character. It is that living drill, no matter where or how acquired, that adds to trained fitness for a useful calling the charm of culture and the crown of character. This brings me to the last general point I have to make. In a large and important sense it is the first. The education that is not rooted and grounded in character had better never be given at all, for it is a curse to the world instead of a blessing. One hears a great deal in these days of 'efficiency'—the ability to get profitable results with a minimum of friction and waste. This is a tremendously important thing in the modern world, impatient as it is to make progress, unfriendly as it is toward the sluggard and the dolt. But there are things that lie deeper than efficiency, qualities without which the nimblest hand and most alert brain may belong after all to an unhappy and impoverished spirit, bankrupt in character. Let me speak briefly, before I conclude, of what I conceive to be the four foundation stones of strong character.

"Simplicity. This rare quality has been admirably described by a recent biographer of Washington. 'Its luster seems to shine in every page that Washington writes, and in all his dealings with men, with ideas, with himself. Our fathers had more of it than we of today, and it would be well for us if we could regain it. The Englishman of today is superior to us in it; he has in general, no matter what his station, a quiet way of doing and being, of letting himself alone, that we lack. We cannot seem to let ourselves alone; we must talk when there is nothing to say; we must joke—especially we must joke—when there is no need for it, and when nobody asks to be entertained. This is the seriousness of democracy; we are uncertain if the other man thinks we are 'as good' as he is; therefore we must prove that we are, at first sight, by some sort of performance. Such doubt never occurs to the established man, to the man whose case is proven; he is not thinking about what he thinks of him. So the Indian, so the frontiersman, so the true gentleman, does not live in this restlessness. Nor did Washington; and therefore he moved always in simplicity, that balance and wholesome ease of the spirit, which when it comes among those who must be showing off from moment to moment, shines like a quiet star upon fireworks."

Simplicity and Honesty.
"With simplicity, let us place honesty. An honest man is careful in his speech, even though he live in California, where envious Easterners say that there is an epidemic of megalomania, 'booming' and 'boosting' are bad if they mean exaggeration, for that is only a euphemism for habitual lying.

Understatement is better than overstatement, any day. One of the fine things about Pasadena Hall at Throop Institute is that it has four stories or thereabouts, and shows off only two. We ought always to give a little more than we promise. One thing let us remember: dishonesty cannot be concealed by the thin veil of a slang or comic word. 'Booty' or 'booble' or 'graft' all spell theft; and the student who 'swipes' at school is simply stealing, like the 'high financier' who achieves a dishonest 'deal,' or 'lobbies' to build up a 'thievish tariff.'

"The honest man is the man whose conduct needs no veil. List once said of Chopin that 'his character in none of its numberless folds contained a single movement, a single pulse, which was not dictated by the nicest sense of honor.' And honor, as Weir Mitchell says, is simply 'the honesty of a gentleman.'

MUSICIAN TAKES FIRST VACATION IN 22 YEARS

After twenty-two years of continuous service in the band, Lazaro Salamanca will take a vacation, the first he has had in that length of time, and will leave for Manila today on the transport Logan. Salamanca expects to be in his native city for four months and will spend the time visiting relatives and friends and renewing old-time acquaintances. He is taking his daughter with him.

WILL GO ROUND WORLD ON TIPS

New York Waiter Plans Eight Years' Trip of Globe-Trotting

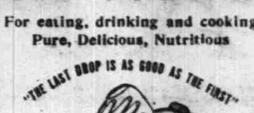
NEW YORK, N. Y., June 29.—Walter Alvarez, No. 302 at the Hotel Astor, Manuel Alvarez, has saved his tips and is about to make a tour of the world on the proceeds of that saving. He will visit every country, he says, and take eight years to do it. "Life is nothing without knowledge," is his motto.

Alvarez mentioned the trip to guests at dinner last evening.

"Why are you taking this trip?" someone asked.
"What for?" Alvarez replied. "Why, I want to see how these other fellows live. I want to see the Transiberian railway. I want to see how they mine diamonds in Africa, and what the German Emperor looks like. I want to see the Japanese and the Chinese, and how they live and what they eat, and the Turks, them I must see—such a funny people. I am a Spaniard. Besides Spanish, I speak French and English. That is enough to take me anywhere. Spanish and English are spoken in most parts of the world, and French is the international language. But when I get to Germany I am going to stop a while and learn German well."
"Won't all that cost a lot?" ventured the other listener.
"What's the matter with you?" Alvarez demanded. "I have been a waiter here, and I got money. If my money ever gets low, why, I can stop a while and work and get more to go on with. But I got plenty, don't you fear."

Men sitting in the Waldorf the other day got into a guessing match with one of the managers as to the amount in tips a waiter received a day. They guessed from \$6 to \$10. Their guess got into the papers, but perhaps it was far too low. Alvarez yesterday refused to guess how much he averaged in tips. His opinion was that he got "a reasonable amount."

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