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New York's Position in Higher Education

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City	Endowed Universities and Colleges	Enrollment	Productive Endowment (Pop. 6,000,000)
New York	8	47,000	\$43,000,000
Chicago	6	24,000	\$40,000,000
Boston	9	27,000	\$70,000,000

To bring New York's facilities to a level with those of Boston, her universities and colleges would need a capacity of over 150,000 students and an endowment of over \$400,000,000.

To equal the average of Chicago and Boston, they would need to be at least 50 per cent greater than they are at present.

Can the City of New York afford to lag behind other cities in its support of higher education? History shows a close parallel between educational leadership and material and spiritual leadership.

Efficiency in the utilization of funds and equipment may do much. It cannot altogether offset the great disparity in material resources.

New York City holds a position of responsible leadership in world affairs. This position can most surely be maintained and strengthened by adequate support of New York's great colleges and universities.

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Inmates of City Institutions Gladdened by Charity and Good Food.

BELLEVUE SICK FEAST

Municipal Lodging House Men Called In to Share Turkey and Pie.

DINNER IN THE PRISONS

Salvation Army Distributes Baskets; Music and Vaudeville Given Freely.

Thanksgiving Day ran true to form in the homes, in the churches, the hospitals, the jails and the slums. It was a dank, sodden day, meteorologically speaking. But the brightening rays of good will and the warming calories of good provender penetrated like radium into the gloomiest corners until they were all aglow with the kindness of charity and fraternity.

In the city's hospitals the conventional aroma of iodoforn was smothered in that of steaming turkey and puddings. Bellevue, with its 3,500 patients and attaches, was the scene of one of the most impressive celebrations. It required 10,000 pounds of New England dark and white meat to slake those hospital appetites, to say nothing of 350 quarts of cranberries and forests of barrels of sweet potatoes and other "fixins." These are just a few of the appetites, hors d'oeuvres, condiments, roasts and other forms of sustenance that graced the Bellevue menu: Grape-cherry cocktail (non-alcoholic), turkey with trimmings, creamed onions, candied sweet potatoes, coconut cake, pumpkin and mince pie, candies and nuts, fruits of all kinds, ice cream, cider, coffee, tea, milk and—yes, even cigars.

Feeding the Patients.
Through all the wards Dr. George Hanlon, medical superintendent, and his assistants, Drs. Mark Fleming and J. J. Hill, fitted like the good will of the dream, seeing to it that none of the sick and suffering folk lacked whatever of bounty the good fairies could bring. Then, when the feast was in full swing, through the dining rooms of the doctors, the nurses and the employees, through the endless wards went the "Bellevue Special Police" with their jazz band parties of entertaining specialists, including wonderful solos by "Prof." William Linkletter, harmonica king, and Eddie Burke, "the John McCormack of Bellevue."

As though the great hospital did not have beneficiaries enough of its own, fifty homeless men from the Municipal Lodging House a block away in Twenty-fifth street, were shanghaied and fed copiously. In return for the courtesy the hoboes turned in on the K. P. job and did it in a way that would have passed inspection even by Fershing or Foch.

Over at Blackwell's Island they had a bigger time than usually attends a jail delivery. The Department of Correction was the host. The special feature of the entertainment was a vaudeville show put on by a company of comedians from the Keith circuit under the mastering of E. F. Albee. The island seems to be a popular resort just now. There was such a full house that two halls had to be utilized in which two shows were kept running simultaneously.

For the Alimony Club.
In Ludlow Street Jail, Sheriff Knott, as is his custom, had made ample provision for the gustatory happiness of his fifteen guests—the Alimony Club. Toasts were drunk in hard cider to "our wives," "Good Old Ludlow" and "His Honor, the Sheriff." In deference to the day the club quartet sang a special programme, "The Battle Cry of Freedom," its greatest hit, was twice encored.

A turkey dinner was served in the Raymond Street Jail in Brooklyn to forty-five trustees. The rest of the 341 prisoners, including seventeen women, had to content themselves with chicken. The prisoners, however, were permitted to receive and to ravish no fewer than ninety toothsome packages received from friends on the outside.

In the Ellis Island immigration station 1,370 immigrants, including twenty-five prospective deportees, absorbed the customary nutriment and holiday delicacies. Then they enjoyed—at least those who have muscle in their souls did—the first recital on the handsome pipe instrument installed in the grand auditorium as the gift of Robert E. Tod, Commissioner of Immigration.

Marines Are Entertained.
Those lucky "devil dogs" of the U. S. M. C., who are here guarding Uncle Sam's mail sacks were so overwhelmed with hospitality that long before taps last night they all had to let out a notch or two in their belts. There were 268 of the marines and New York did all she could to keep them from missing too keenly the comforts of their own firebases. They were fed and feted and amused at both the Red Cross Club and the Soldiers and Sailors Club. All the traditional good things sacred to the day were thrust upon them until for the first time in their lusty young lives some of them flew the white flag. Then all this joy ride was topped off with unlimited cigarettes and with the smiles of the women and girls of the "Last We Forged Committee" and other patriotic coteries.

"Hark, from the tombs a doleful sound!" They didn't give the prisoners down there any turkey. This is all the poor fellows behind the bars had to eat: Soup, chicken, fried or fried-ice; baked sweet potatoes, mashed turnips, apple jelly, celery, hot mince pie and coffee. The keepers, turnkeys and the rest of the bourgeoisie had just the same as they gave the proletariat except that they fed on turkey instead of chicken. The St. Andrew's Society gave its thirty-fifth annual dinner at 31 East Eighth street, where it fed 2,000 of the more or less hungry. Baskets of food for poor families also were sent out in large numbers by the society to private homes, and food and drink were supplied at its street coffee stands. The Salvation Army distributed more than 50,000 baskets, each containing sufficient food to appease the appetites of a family of five persons—with a tidbit or two left for the dog. A thousand men were provided for in the Bowery Mission's forty-second annual dinner, where an address was made

by Ernest L. Crandall, director of the Board of Education's lecture department, and music was furnished by Hans Kronold, cellist.

At Service Men's Clubs.
It was "open house" with the service men's clubs, with turkey dinners, "beaucoup" smokes, entertainment and dancing provided for nearly a thousand soldiers, sailors, marines and disabled former service men.

All day yesterday the Red Cross Club, Lexington avenue and Thirty-ninth street, presented a picture of homey hospitality. Wood fires blazed in all the sitting rooms and every chair, couch and available lounging place was filled by a marine in khaki, a marine in blue, a soldier or a civilian wearing a silver star in his coat lapel.

From 12 to 3 o'clock there was served a Thanksgiving dinner, coursing from eggs a la Russe through turkey, with all the trimmings, to the plump pudding with brandy sauce, fruit and nuts. Later in the afternoon tea was served by a number of overseas Red Cross women workers. The entertainment of the men was arranged for by Mrs. James A. Blake, director of the club, and Mrs. Lucy W. Phister, assistant director.

The Last We Forget Committee of the club, headed by Mrs. Arthur Terry of Short Hills, N. J., gave dinners to twelve disabled men brought to the club from Fox Hills Hospital. Forty men from the Brooklyn Naval Hospital were dined in the evening.

An entertainment programme was arranged for the afternoon by H. E. Nicolai, director of the club. The talent, which was professional, included punsters, singers, players, dancers and impersonators. For the early evening another entertainment programme was arranged for by Mrs. Francis Rogers, chairman of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Club committee. This consisted of numbers conducted by well known singers and concert players. The night wound up with a dance attended by Red Cross workers, Junior League members and welfare workers from other organizations.

The Navy Club, 15 East Forty-first street, served a turkey dinner for fifty cents, both in the middle of the day and in the evening, to well over two hundred "gobs" from ships now in port.

At Newsboys' Lodging House.
One hundred and fifty boys had Thanksgiving dinner at noon at the Newsboys' Lodging House, 244 William street, Turkey, cranberries and all the usual dishes were served. Only the boys who live at the lodging house were invited this Thanksgiving, because, as W. L. Butcher, the superintendent, explained, all the resources are being conserved for later on in the winter, when a good dinner will mean more than it does now. Plans are already being made to have six hundred boys at the house for Christmas dinner under the direction of Thomas W. Lamont.

The Broome Street Life Savers, Captain John Stern commanding, celebrated their twenty-fifth annual Thanksgiving dinner in their log cabin at Broome street and the East River. From noon until mid-afternoon they entertained children of the neighborhood. Among the guests who visited the cabin later were a score of persons who had been rescued from drowning. Guests of honor included former Dock Commissioner Alben Spooner and State Senator Bernard Downing.

At St. Mark's Chapel, avenue A and Tenth street, two hundred and fifty men of the ranks of the unemployed "army" first organized by Urban Lehoux prepared and served their own Thanksgiving dinner from turkeys and supplies furnished by the chapel. Of these one hundred and fifty were of the regular ranks which are being housed and fed by the chapel, and one hundred were recruited from a broad line that formed nightly at St. Mark's Church, at Second avenue and Tenth street.

On Staten Island.
At the United States General Hospital, Fox Hills, Staten Island, forty patients benefited among private families in New York, went to matinees and had dinners at the homes of their hosts.

WORSHIPPERS GIVE THANKS FOR PEACE

Outlook for Results From Arms Parley Is Basis of Many Sermons.

Admonitions that despite the convulsions which have shaken the world since 1914 mankind has every reason to be thankful was the keynote of sermons in most of the churches of the city yesterday.

At St. Patrick's Cathedral a special mass of thanksgiving was celebrated. At its close the congregation joined in prayers, led by Mr. Michael J. Lavelle, offering thanks for the liberties and blessings bestowed on the American people. The sermon, preached by the Rev. Daniel C. Cunnion, called on all Catholics in the United States to remember their fortunate condition and how different it was from the situation of people elsewhere throughout the world in every way as worthy as themselves.

In the Cathedral of St. John the Divine Bishop William T. Manning preached on the significance of the armament conference. He said: "We should give thanks for the privilege of living and having our part in the work of the world in these wonderful days. The week commencing November 6 will be remembered for all time. The Washington conference opens a new era, and the act of President Harding in calling it and the statement of Mr. Hughes at its opening will stand among the great events of history."

"We give thanks to-day with our whole hearts for the conference for the leadership of our own country in it and for the new hope which it offers of fellowship and peace among the nations of the world."

At union services in the Marble Collegiate Church congregations of the St. Nicholas Collegiate and the Fifth Avenue Baptist churches participated. Dr. Cornelius Woelfkin, pastor of the Fifth Avenue Church, preached. He urged the necessity of keeping the fires of gratitude and faith alive in the souls of men and women. In the stress of modern life, he said, there is a tendency to overlook the many reasons humanity has for humility and gratefulness.

Like Bishop Manning, Dr. Woelfkin pointed to the international negotiations as the outstanding sign of the longing of men for justice and brotherhood and that the principles of righteousness laid down in the ancient commandments are the only possible foundation of a secure and lasting peace among men.

Many Jewish congregations joined in special services at Carnegie Hall, with Dr. Henry N. MacCracken, president of Yassar College, delivering the address. He insisted that the armament conference was potentially an event so overwhelming as almost to justify the war which had preceded and made it necessary. He saw in it also, he said, a symbol in a large way of the spirit of tolerance which seems too to have been born of the war and which is spreading over the world. He went on: "I thank God for the spirit of tolerance that has been making so strong a fight this year and for the dispersal of so many spectres and ghosts which, it was once imagined, would submerge our institutions. God help us to keep clear of such nightmares and put away childish fears and be brave and have faith in humanity."

Many preachers insisted that a great cause for thankfulness was a reviving interest in religion and a reawakening to faith of people who seemed to have lost it permanently. Bishop Manning, making special reference to it in his sermon, declared: "We must give thanks especially for the widespread return to faith in God and religion among our people. Fanatics of various sorts and enemies to right living may tell us that the Christian religion is out of date and the Ten Com-

mandments obsolete, but in the meantime the American people are doing more to maintain the work of their churches than any nation ever did before.

"We should give thanks for the progress that we are making toward Christian unity, for the increasing spirit of fellowship among Christians of all names and the growing desire for visible unity

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