

### A Plea

By KATHERINE M. HILL.

Sir Arthur Quiller Couch, noted English novelist, versifier and lecturer, said not long ago, in a lecture to the students of Cambridge University: "I have often wished that some more winning names could be found for the thing we call Education, and I have sometimes thought wistfully that, had we made a better thing of it, we should long ago have found more amiable, a blither name."

I believe most thinking people will agree with the insinuation in this quotation that we have not yet made a truly successful thing of the "thing we call Education," but at least more and more thoughtful consideration is being given to this important subject, and surely the future holds among its mysteries the solution of the problem. However that may be it is certain that in our own Louisiana, interest in education has been growing in leaps and bounds, and it has lately culminated in the brilliant achievement of our Governor in securing the "Greater Agricultural College." To him be the glory. One might venture to wish, perhaps, that it had received a happier name, a name of broader significance, for few stop to look beyond the pale of nomenclature. Of course, the new school will offer to the student, learning, as well as scien-

tific and agricultural training, so unless the word "agricultural" could be stretched far beyond its dictionary meaning, and made to include the cultivation of the mind as well as the soil, the name "Greater Agricultural College" is far too limited.

However, under what name soever, the new school is to be, in the near future, a magnificent fact, and while we rejoice, those of us who love the pleasant shades of L. S. U., which for so long have been one of the beauty spots in Baton Rouge, are wondering. We are thinking, too, and dreams must be dreamed before facts can be facts, why can we not have another splendid dream and work towards its realization? Even two years ago, no one would have believed in the possibility of raising the millions necessary for the new enterprise, but here it is, an accomplished thing. Why, then, be shy or hopeless about going one step further? In a comparatively short time, L. S. U., as we know it, will be a thing of the past, the necessary march of progress will have trampled across its paths and its traditions, and laid them low in the dust of forgotten things. But the beautiful grounds and the valuable buildings will still remain. L. S. U. is almost sacred ground in the wealth of its historical associations, and some of the buildings, notably the Pentagon, are so full of memories, and are of such characteristic southern beauty, that it

would be sheer vandalism to destroy them. So here will be all this riches all ready to be used. Why not utilize it to establish a State University for Women, an L. W. S. U.? Before the days of co-education, L. S. U. was, for many years, a place where only the young men of the state could get an education at very slight expense. Why, when such a splendid, such an unparalleled opportunity offers, should not history repeat itself, purely in the feminine gender, and devote this state-owned property to the young women of the state, its future wives and mothers? Does it not seem the right, the logical thing to do? A magnificent thing for the state could be done at very little cost, as far as location is concerned, some repairs, perhaps, and, in some cases, the installation of some modern comforts, but otherwise, all would be in readiness. Besides, why should not the state spend money, and spend it freely, in such a cause? It might be answered that it is doing that already, through co-education, but can co-education be compared to all the training of young women in such a place as a great University of their own? There is simply no limit to the beneficence of such an institution, the possibilities of enormous growth, the fame it would soon reflect, both on itself and the state. Co-education, as an institution, has, perhaps, come to stay in many places, but for some time, an observer has been

able to note many tiny straws on the stream of educational thought, too small, as yet, to be grasped as concrete things, which show that possibility a great change of heart as to its value is coming. That must be left, however, to future development, for argument, at present, gets you nowhere. But is quite certain that a great many people in Louisiana would highly approve of this new University, and that a great many parents would then have thankful hearts, for only the unreflecting deny that it is a serious matter to send one's daughter, at an impressionable age, away from home influences, to a co-educational institution, no matter how well it is managed. And think what a State University for women would mean otherwise! Picture it all! A great school below Baton Rouge where thousands of young men, free from petticoat distractions, (many of them have been heard to complain of it,) would be preparing with brain and brawn, to develop the amazing capabilities of our state, and a great school above Baton Rouge where young women have the chance to realize their ambitions, these two institutions run on the friendliest lines, but each holding its individuality. Think of the wholesome rivalry that would develop between the two, rivalry so much higher and broader than is possible between a boy and girl in a class room! Think of the literary and legal and perhaps agricultural battles that would be fought between them and the social amusements that could and would be arranged in a desirable way! Co-education would not be in it, with the fun of it all, and there is no doubt that a sounder and more thorough education would result.

This is an appeal for girls, a plea that the great opportunity for them that the present situation has made, be considered and grasped at. Will not some of the powers that be take the matter up, and make it a reality? Will not our Governor consider its possibilities and its value? Think of the glory of having, not one but two enormous benefits to the state inaugurated during his administration! Truly, the future generations would rise up and call him blessed.

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