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BACK AGAIN

For several days the students of '14, '15 and '16 have been returning. With them have come the blushing, the ambitious, the indifferent, the diplomatic and the awkward freshman. Hundreds have arrived since Saturday and today they are arranging class schedules for another year of work. Hundreds more are expected before the close of registration Wednesday.

To all of you, Columbia and the University of Missouri extend a hearty welcome. In fact, Columbia has missed you as much as you have longed for it. The city rejoices at your return and extends cordial greetings to those of you who have arrived for your first year of study.

Indications point toward a most successful year at the University with at most only a slightly decreased attendance. Again to all, old and new, the spirit of "Old Missouri" is voiced in "Welcome Back Again."

The day of the hermit nation is past. Each nation grows in strength as it enters more deeply into the life of other nations.

The number of charities in any community is frequently the measure of that community's demoralization.

"PRACTICAL" SUBJECTS

Many young men entering high school of college this month will be urged by parents and friends to be sure and take "something practical." Why, they will ask, should anybody study Latin when he isn't going to use it? Or mathematics? Or physics? says the Kansas City Star.

Those questions are all very well if the word "use" is given a wide enough meaning. Our job is living, and we use very many things in living that may not help us directly to earn money. Gladstone is usually accounted a successful man. He was a fine Greek scholar. The Greek never helped him in framing a British budget. But he got such satisfaction out of it that he probably counted it an important part of his equipment for living.

Mr. Balfour, who has been a prime minister of England, writes books on philosophy. President Wilson studied many subjects that have been of no "practical" use to him, but he urges young men to get a college education if possible. Colonel Roosevelt has written on the Icelandic sagas. Dr. Richard Cabot, a highly successful Boston physician, is a specialist in philosophy as well as in music. And so the list might be indefinitely extended.

These names are cited, not to prove that a liberal education was the cause of success, but to indicate that men whose opinion is worth something have found a wide variety of studies valuable to them in the business of living.

Teachers insist that the mental training furnished by these studies is important. A fierce discussion is raging around that point at present, and it is not here considered. But it certainly is true that a young man ought not to go through high school or college without getting some idea of the important departments of human activity, the foundations on which civilization rests.

The modern world is built to a considerable extent on science and its achievements. So an educated man ought to have a notion of the methods of science, of physics or chemistry or biology or botany. Mathematics has been a great factor in the world, and mathematical methods are important. So he should become familiar if possible with the theory of some branch of higher mathematics. An understanding of English is much helped by familiarity with its mother tongue. The study of Latin gives an insight into the principles of language and its development that can hardly be obtained in any other way. The same considerations apply to history and economics and literature and music and painting and working with the hands.

If the world, as Mathew Arnold said, is a darkling plain on which ignorant armies clash by night, it is evidently worth while for us to light up the darkness to the extent of our possibilities. We have an entirely natural and wholesome curiosity about the methods by which civilization has worked itself out. We are fortunate if we have a chance in school to get even an imperfect idea of the way in which mankind has be-

gun to win its mastery over nature and of its achievements in making life far richer and more interesting than it was to our ancestors who fought for existence back in the old Stone Age.

It remains true as ever that wealth, not poverty, is the national danger.

RED CROSS DRIVERS TO FRANCE
Seventy-two Men Will Carry Supplies In Motors There.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—Eleven experienced American motor truck drivers have just sailed for France, where they are to serve in the Red Cross Transportation Service. Sixty-one more men are being trained by the Red Cross in motor car factories at Cleveland, Detroit and Buffalo, and are to sail soon. The seventy-two men have been recruited in response to a cablegram from Major Grayson M. P. Murphy, head of the Red Cross Commission to France, asking for expert motor truck drivers without delay.

Owing to the congestion of the railroads in France, large quantities of Red Cross supplies are being transported by motor truck from seaports to Paris and other distribution centers. Drivers are being organized into crews, and will be handled on a military basis, working as a part of the Red Cross Transportation Service, under the command of Major James H. Perkins. Major Perkins went over as Deputy Commissioner with the Red Cross Commission to France, and was commissioned in the Quartermaster's Corps attached to General Pershing's staff. He is vice-president of the National City Bank, New York City, and is an authority on industrial organization.

To meet the salaries and transportation expenses of the men now being

added to its foreign motor Transportation Service, the Red Cross War Council has voted an appropriation of \$17,300.

Will Teach at Mount Holyoke.
Clarence L. Northcutt, A.B. '14, University of Missouri, has been appointed instructor in sociology in Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, Mass. Mr. Northcutt took honors in sociology in his undergraduate course at the University.

LAWYERS TO DISCUSS WAR AID
State Bar Association Will Meet In Kansas City This Month.

By Associated Press
KANSAS CITY, Mo., Sept. 17.—How the lawyers of Missouri may assist the government in prosecuting the war against Germany will be one of the principal subjects of discussion at the annual convention of the Missouri State Bar Association here September 27 to 29. Proposed legal reforms, especially revision of the state code also will be discussed.

That the lawyers of the state already are playing their part in the war was declared by association officials, who announced that more than 150 members will not attend the convention as they are on service in the military branches.

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