THE CARLSBAD CURRENT

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Honorary Degrees

With scarcely an exception, those who have received honorary degrees from the colleges this spring deserve the distinction. The same was true last year and the year before; it is true every year. Yet does the supply of men worthy of honorable distinction grow less? Every year many men who have been seriously developing themselves to their work are found to have done so far above the average level of their fellows that a recognition of their achievement is appropriate. They may not have attained great eminence, but they have distinguished themselves, and have attracted attention as men who have done and are doing. Recognition of their achievements is gratifying and encouraging. The colleges perform a public service in decorating them with a doctorate of laws or philosophy, or science, or letters, or divinity. It may be urged that the desire to be called an honorary "doctor" is ridiculous. It may be admitted that it is ludicrous such a title as the mere utterance of a word to people at large. Yet men are so constituted that the most of them need encouragement and the inspiration of appreciation to do their best work. Therefore the practice of conferring such degrees as will attract the attention of the drowsy crowd, and continue in the memory of the dreamy crowd, is not unfortunate. It is not unfortunate that the daughter is called a "doctor" of music, or the son a "doctor" of divinity, or law, or letters, or science, if the world is to be moved to recognize the worth of such men and women. It is those who do not realize the distinction of honorary degrees, those who consider the conferring of the appellation of "doctor" upon a man who has not spent years in study and research for the purpose of adding to the sum of human knowledge, who are inclined to be critical of the practice. But they are few. The rank and file of the people are not critical of the practice. They like to see men and women honored. They like to see men and women who have been seriously developing themselves to their work and who have done good work, receive a public recognition of their achievement. It is appropriate. They may not have attained great eminence, but they have distinguished themselves, and have attracted attention as men who have done and are doing. Recognition of their achievements is gratifying and encouraging. The colleges perform a public service in decorating them with a doctorate of laws or philosophy, or science, or letters, or divinity. It may be urged that the desire to be called an honorary "doctor" is ridiculous. It may be admitted that it is ludicrous such a title as the mere utterance of a word to people at large. Yet men are so constituted that the most of them need encouragement and the inspiration of appreciation to do their best work. Therefore the practice of conferring such degrees as will attract the attention of the drowsy crowd, and continue in the memory of the dreamy crowd, is not unfortunate. It is not unfortunate that the daughter is called a "doctor" of music, or the son a "doctor" of divinity, or law, or letters, or science, if the world is to be moved to recognize the worth of such men and women. It is those who do not realize the distinction of honorary degrees, those who consider the conferring of the appellation of "doctor" upon a man who has not spent years in study and research for the purpose of adding to the sum of human knowledge, who are inclined to be critical of the practice. But they are few. The rank and file of the people are not critical of the practice. They like to see men and women honored. They like to see men and women who have been seriously developing themselves to their work and who have done good work, receive a public recognition of their achievement. It is appropriate.

The Capital

The Boston Christian says: "The Portuguese of the capital is one of the oldest towns of great importance in formation. A Portuguese writing with reference to Lisbon makes his appearance in it with a smack of [illegible]. The Governor who has been sitting in the room with a capital letter speaks once the small "a" in writing it." The Spectator records as far as it is in the use of the personal pronoun when it comes to the first person. Joe Jefferson, a veteran who for the Chicago Herald, while the Chicago had was also [illegible] whenever the [illegible] [illegible] and many other educated people forget the capital letter early at times. It would break their hearts to be told what bad Frenchmen they used when saying "je ne sais pas," "je choisis," and "je veux." [illegible] and [illegible] even in the sacred shades of Cambridge have these terrible errors been found. Though why, for in Cambridge? There are others.

Brazil began to celebrate on July 14 the one hundredth anniversary of King John's proclamation opening the ports of the country to the world. King John VI. of Portugal fled from Europe to his South American possession to escape Napoleon. He de Janeiro became and remained for a time the Portuguese capital. Although Brazil is no longer a Portuguese possession, the anniversary of the priority position was selected as the date for the opening of a great national exhibition of the products of the country. The only foreign nation invited to participate is Portugal. Dom Carlos had accepted to be present, but his assassination has so affected affairs that the mother country will be represented by special officers sent by King Manuel. Much of the 20 states of Brazil has a characteristic exhibit in the grounds of the fair, and a suitable place has been assigned to the Portuguese exhibit.

The pope is credited with the remark that if the Roman Catholic church could be as highly respected in other countries as in the United States he would be in favor of the separation of church and state everywhere. The church is respected here because communities of the United States all began with a policy of religious freedom, and have never tolerated a state church. In the other countries, where the supremacy of one church was established by law, it is not easy to hold respect when the preference is withdrawn.

THE WORLD IN PARAGRAPHS

BRIEF RECORD OF PASSING EVENTS IN THIS AND OTHER COUNTRIES

IN LATE DISPATCHES

DOINGS AND HAPPENINGS THAT MARK THE PROGRESS OF THE AGE.

WESTERN NEWS.

Miles City, Montana, reported a fifth breakout of the disease July 31st.

Col. R. T. Kennedy of St. Louis, well known owner of railroads, banks, mines and newspapers, has filed with the secretary of state of Missouri a formal declaration of his candidacy for the Republican nomination for United States senator.

On the 5th inst. the annual corn [illegible] was held at the public of Santa Catalina, about [illegible] south of Santa Fe, N. M. For the first time a [illegible] "[illegible]" was withdrawn to admit crowd of people.

At Los Angeles, Wednesday, Harry Lauder, Alvin H. Parker, Democratic candidate for President in 1904, [illegible] the Democrat of the present Congress, in behalf of William J. Bryan and Thos. W. Kern, before an [illegible] at Chapin [illegible].

A [illegible] Mrs. Wm. H. Taft for [illegible] Wm. H. Taft, [illegible] Mrs. Alice Roosevelt, who accompanied him [illegible] Lake some two weeks ago and disappeared from the Natrona hotel on Tuesday night.

Chief Engineer R. Falkner, who has been [illegible] of the command of the Department of the Pacific, to take charge of the cavalry school at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., was given a farewell reception Wednesday on the floor of the Merchants Exchange to the officers of the Department of San Francisco, [illegible].

The [illegible] Independence, Iowa, [illegible] of Kansas to [illegible] a population of 2,300, [illegible] Mr. Wanamaker is being urged, and a [illegible] committee [illegible] to Philadelphia [illegible] the Democratic party. The committee [illegible] headquarters [illegible].

[illegible] Vice President of the Illinois Steel Company, [illegible] the Illinois Central Locomotive Engineers [illegible] Mr. Morris [illegible] Company [illegible] Mr. Morris [illegible] Illinois Central [illegible] Illinois Central [illegible] Illinois Central