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Will It be Taft.

Honors as a prophet have never been sought by The Republican, but if the Hon. William H. Taft, secretary of war, is nominated for vice-president at Chicago this week, this paper will be the only publication in the United States that can say, "We told you so." Several weeks ago the nomination of Secretary Taft was predicted in these columns, the prediction being based on accurate information as to the personal wishes of the president. A number of papers in the east commented on The Republican article at the time, but until yesterday, when the Hon. John D. Long, former secretary of the navy, announced the candidacy of Taft, not a word had been heard from Washington concerning the possible nomination of the popular secretary of war.

College Presidents and Their Addresses.

College presidents, like college graduates, do not always strike original or interesting notes in their graduation addresses, but in the baccalaureate talks of this year there is not a little food for thought. One thing is especially noticeable; the men at the head of the principal seats of learning in the United States no longer indulge in the spread-eagle, Fourth of July bombast which in former times was considered the proper thing to deal out to the young men who had just taken their college degrees. A sober appreciation of the fact that conditions in America are by no means ideal and that a heavy responsibility rests upon the young men of the country seems to be characteristic of this year's addresses.

"The American nation is regarded by impartial observers as agile rather than profound in intellect. We are a people of quick perception, sensitive temperament, swift to respond to our environment, and with peculiar versatility in resources. Yet we still stand outside the realm of ripened wisdom and assured and stable conviction. The national mind plays over the surface of things with wonderful brilliancy; it does not penetrate them with any great depth. Hence we see around us much disordered opinion much vacillating endeavor, many scattered insights, and we seem to walk by the light of flashing meteors rather than by the glow of ancient and ordered constellations. We have marvelous inventors, but few scientists of the first rank; excellent writers of school books, few authorities in education; admirable preachers, few theologians whose voice is heard in Europe, skillful expositors in philosophy, no thinkers who rank with those of lands where thought has time to brood and ripen before action begins."

Ripened wisdom is the one thing lacking, and through this alone comes intellectual freedom. Dr. Faunce describes it a little differently when he says that the only way to such freedom is through discipline to those far greater than ourselves, but we take it that through this comes wisdom and through wisdom freedom, and that the form he preferred was chosen as leading directly to the application in a religious sense which he was preparing to make. And yet wisdom and religion go so hand in hand that there is no separating them, unless the attempt is to deal only with one form of religion. President Wilson, while admitting many tendencies of an unpromising nature argued against the conclusion that this is an age given over to materialism.

"The accumulations of wealth, the vast material equipment of civilization of our day, ought not to mislead us into supposing that this is an age gross and material beyond precedent; more debauched by greed or intoxicated by material power than any that has gone before it. It is not. Though its spiritual impulses and conceptions and undertakings do not run so exclusively along the old hallowed and familiar ways of religion as in some noted days gone by, the spirit of man has waxed as strong in our time as has his hand, and has given itself to works as mighty and as influential."

But of this it is possible to make the criticism that although this age is not "gross and material beyond precedent," it does show some of the symptoms that have usually marked the period when decadence was beginning. The hope in the situation is that while it does show these it also exhibits a remarkable persistence of the higher moral qualities. Side by side with conditions which suggest a crumbling empire flourish as never before in a great nation the feeling and practice of that form of virtue which proceeds from love of one's neighbor and respect for one's self. As Dr. Wilson said, in another place: "It is our modern philosophy that virtue is not for the cloister and the convent, but for the open field and the dusty road and every place of work and intercourse." We believe this to be a just statement. It is also a return to the more primitive conception of Christianity. It is the substance rather than any particular form that is represented, and it is for this reason that the statement will not wholly please those who fix their attention too much on the form.

The Advantage of Position. The Equitable Life Assurance company of New York has a capital of \$100,000, which is restricted by law to 7 per cent. per annum dividends. The "Wall Street Journal" calls attention again to the fact that a while ago \$15,000,000 was offered for the \$50,000 par value of Equitable stock that carries with it the control of the concern. This \$15,000 is entitled to just \$3,570 a year and yet somebody stood ready to give for it a sum of money on which the return would be about one-fortieth of one per cent.

What it means, of course is that controlling the Equitable affords enormous financial opportunities, which would enable the person in control to make so much that the entire transaction would even up things and show a profit. The Equitable holds nearly \$400,000,000 of assets, and these represent controlling interests in concerns whose capital totals much more. The question arises as to what are the "financial opportunities" which the control brings with it. What, asks the Hartford Courant, can they be but "inside information," and what is using inside information except making the position of trustee available for taking personal advantage of those one is trustee for? That is really the size of it. The fact that a man can offer that which should earn at least an income of \$450,000 a year for that which is allowed to earn only \$3,570 a year is itself suggestive of commercial dishonesty.

External Autopsy. Drs. Soller and Comar, both Parisian specialists in the study of hysteria, state that they have discovered the existence of a new and remarkable sort of power of second-sight in certain patients. Instances of the form of vision in which the seer perceives at dusk, under certain conditions, his own double are well known to the scientific investigator as well as to the romance writer.

This kind of vision has been named "external autopsy" and is supposed to be due to a peculiar development of the physical sense of the ego, or the physical consciousness of self. The new phenomenon just discovered is "internal autopsy." Certain female patients observed by the two doctors have been found to possess when in a hypnotic trance what appears to be the extraordinary power of seeing inside their own bodies. This is introspection in a literal sense. Uneducated women knowing nothing of anatomy have described, for instance, in their own language, using no scientific terms, the exact process of the circulation of the blood in their own bodies. As they talked they seemed to be following with the mind's eye the pulsations of the heart, the working of the valves, the arteries, and the veins, picturing the whole morphology of the circulation with extraordinary accuracy, though in their own popular parlance. The most remarkable case observed was that of a woman who, being taken with the first symptoms of appendicitis and afterward put in a trance, gave a detailed description of the internal effects of the malady, and said notably that she saw a small piece of bone which was causing her suffering. Eventually it was found by the doctor, when the woman had recovered, that the appendicitis was precisely due to the presence of a piece of bone exactly tallying with the description given by the patient. This was introspection with a vengeance.

"Why don't you buy an automobile?" a New Bedford reporter asked Hetty Green Monday afternoon. "I'd rather have a donkey," replied the richest woman in America. "Autos are extravagant things. They chug, chug along, wasting money, destroying nerves, breaking down and smashing property. It's a wonder there are not more law suits for damage. Autos often break down and they kick too much."

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more than miles do. I never heard of an auto without learning that it had broken down or run away. Then there are the extra expenses of a man to run the vehicle and the repairs. I guess it's cheaper to ride the way I do."

The Cincinnati Methodists gave Bishop Moore recently of Shanghai, a great reception in the Music hall the other afternoon, and he talked to them about the far east. He's an ardent admirer of the Japanese, and expressed a hope that they may swarm over the ramparts of Port Arthur as they did over the wall of Peking. "China is a most wonderful country," the bishop said. "No wonder its people built a wall around it, for within that circle they have everything. The wealth of China is incalculable. All the country needs is the quickening power of the gospel. When China is converted to Christianity it will become the greatest nation on the face of the earth. I love Chinese and believe in them. God has had a purpose in saving them these many centuries."

Bryan calls Parker a speechless candidate. Well, wouldn't the people appreciate one campaign led by speechless candidates?

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