General College News

BEREA GATHERING IN CHICAGO

Berea is quite well represented in Chicago, as was shown by the number of former Bereans who enjoyed hearing and meeting President Hutchins on January 22.

About a week later, January 30th, a group of us gathered at the West Side Y. M. C. A., where two former Berea men are secretaries.

The Berea picture, which recalled many pleasant memories of our school days, was shown.

After the pictures we had a jolly time renewing old friendships and playing games that we used to play in Berea.

Among those present were Berlin E. Rivenberg, College; Mrs. Elsie Marsh Rivenberg, Normal-College; James Jones, Vocational; Mrs. Helen Kneeland Jones, Normal-Vocational; three little Joneses; Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Pement; Gertrude Green, Academy '13; Dr. Dennis, Normal; Anna Robertson, Academy; Lambert Johnson, Academy; Elizabeth Johnson, Academy; William Dizney, College; Homer McCann, College; Axel Ernberg, Academy; Edith E. Frost, College; Warren Smith, Pres.-Sec.

FIRE ON COLLEGE CAMPUS

The members of the College Fire Department did themselves credit Friday morning when by their quick work they saved the College Girls' Gymnasium from burning to the ground.

The gymnasium caught from the combustion of a stove. Late Thursday evening a lot of coal had been poured into the stove and all the drafts shut off. The stove held until about 6 o'clock Friday morning, when the explosion came and the fire started. The beaver board lining in the gymnasium encouraged the spread of the flames, and it took fearless work to save the walls. It is estimated the building can be put in shape for use again at a cost of about $450. The gymnasium equipment which was destroyed by the fire is estimated at $300.

RECEPTION FOR MR. AND MRS. OSBORNE

A very happy surprise was given Mr. and Mrs. Osborne last evening by a reception given in their honor at the home of President and Mrs. Hutchins. They were dinner guests at the President's house and the surprise came when the Convocation began to assemble at 7:30.

The immediate occasion of the reception is the fact that the Osbornes are planning to leave next Wednesday for a somewhat extended vacation in California, where they will visit their son and his family, also Mrs. Osborne's mother and sister, and many other friends.

The well wishes of those present were very pleasantly voiced by President Hutchins, Dean Matheny, and Secretary Vaughn, and Mr. Osborne responded in his own happy manner. No one present could mistake the very large place which Mr. and Mrs. Osborne have in the hearts of the people of Berea.

The Valentine spirit was opened at Prof. Dix's on Chestnut street Wednesday evening when Professor and Mrs. Dix gave a most delightful Valentine party and served refreshments to his Social Science class and other invited guests.

Richard H. Howard, graduate in Carpentry, 1912, and student in College, writes from 587 W. 177th St., New York. He is happily married and making good in the great city.

The College

Feaster Wolford, Beckham Robertson and Sidney Caudell of the University of Kentucky, former Berea students, spent the past week-end with Berea friends.

Miss Edna Turner, of the freshman class, has returned to her home in Virginia. Miss Turner has been in the hospital several days.

Oratorical Contest

Last Monday evening the Home Oratorical Contest was held in our Chapel. Kappa Sigma was represented by Hugh O. Porter and Noel D. Moran; Alpha Zeta by John H. Welsh and Randolph L. VanScoyk; and Phi Delta by Seth C. White and Robert A. Brown. It was a contest consisting of the best class of orations we have had for some time. The speaking of all was commendable. John H. Welsh of the senior class took first place. His subject was, "The New Conscience." He made a very forcible and convincing speech of it. Seth White took second place with "America's Greatest Conflict" for his subject. Third place was awarded to Randolph VanScoyk.

We hope that Mr. Welsh can bring back the laurels from the State contest as did our man last year.

This is our first contest of the year, but we hope to meet the debates which are before us with as much interest as have been inter-society debates heretofore. This will be our first year for inter-collegiate debating.

SPIRIT FREEDOM

How useless our attempts at perfect truth,
To still them in perfect musical beauty.
How fatal to human to fuse
It with God and with duty!
We fret at its limitations
As a child at a simple life
And would fain hurl aside the nations
To run with free spirits rife.
To swell with the oceans in gladness,
To move with the storm wild and free,
To feel in our spirit madness,
The touch of worlds that be.
To dash over wide engulfings,
To leap to heights unknown,
The whole of the universe trappings.
Ah! this is the spirit's home.

Ouida Midkiff

The Academy

ACADEMY BOYS UP AT 3:00 FRIDAY MORNING

The boys of our Academy certainly do know how to do the handsome thing—at least some do. Thursday morning seventeen of them assembled quickly at the Boone Tavern to see Dr. Stockdale off on the 3:27 and to bid him God speed. Incidentally there was not a person more pleased than Dr. Stockdale and our genial President, when the boys received them at the bus with a genuine whole-hearted and whole-voiced college yell which nearly awakened the whole town. Rex Ballard, as spokesman for the boys, presented the doctor with a fine enlarged picture of Berea, taken by Dr. Rexford Raymond and called "The Promise Land." In his neat little speech, Mr. Ballard said that we all hoped the doctor would soon come back, that we all were profoundly grateful to him for his coming, and that we would never forget him. Then Dr. Stockdale asked the boys to sing with him the new Berea Song—and the writer wonders if there ever was enacted a prettier, a more impressive scene, at the station than the one on that morning when the beautiful song rose to the star-lit sky as a happy tribute to the alma mater, as a deeply felt appreciation to the author and composer of the song.

THE VALUE OF COMPETITIVE SPORTS

The competitive spirit of American sports is not a modern innovation and to be ruthlessly thrown aside as debasing and of no value in character building. The spirit of competition in play and sports has stood the test of youth thruout the ages. The charibt races of the ancients, the foot-races and weight throwing contests of the Greeks and Romans, tests of skill in archery and wrestling among the Teutons and barbarians of the wilderness, the flower of knighthood throuout the Middle Ages, and I might continue on indefinitely along these lines down to the present; all of these show that the spirit of competition is not new and our insatiate desire to manifest this spirit makes us but the heirs of our ancestors.

There are people today who disparage the worth of competitive sports. The spirit of competition of the American games has made the American youth the most progressive and energetic in the world Yet there are some people who would advocate labor as a means of exercise and recreation. I want to evaluate in the course of this discussion the comparative values of labor and the spirit of play in competition. Do not think that I would disparage the value of labor, but solitary labor as a means of exercise is to be tabooed.

No sport or recreation of any kind in my estimation can outweigh a duty. If helping the old folks at home is your assigned job, then do it, as the following article is not applicable as far as you are concerned. If your playmates are foul-mouthed and ungoverned, the solitary woodpile is far better than the gridiron. But my remarks are not confined to major sports of the gridiron, but they are much greater in scope, taking in play as a means of health and recreation.

The hunger of play in children—and God pity the adults who don't feel this hunger quite frequently—is but a normal and universal tendency which they have been so fortunate to inherit. The responsibility of our social and moral life in a large measure depends upon those who wisely minister to this need. The spirit of play permeates the animal life with its vitality and exuberancy.

Accrediting Mr. Henry Louis Smith in the Washington and Lee University Bulletin for the inspiration of this article, I will quote a summary of the comparative values for the special consideration of all public spirited men and women who are progressive and realize that play is as essential for the American youth as food.

Lessons Learned at the Woodpile or Solitary Labor

1. The boy who spends his afternoon at the woodpile under compulsion is 'certainly learning to work' rather than play.

2. He is learning valuable lessons of self-denial and of submission to lawful authority.

3. Compared with lazy or smutty companionship, street, drugstore or hotel loafing, cheap novels and cheaper trashy movies, such daily labor, even under compulsion, is to be highly recommended.

As a part of a day's work, therefore, it may be admirable, as a recreation, or as a substitution for recreation, ranks at the very bottom of the scale, affording neither happiness, relaxation or diversion, and furnishing no training or development for the mind, the emotions, or the social nature.

Football, baseball, basketball, tennis and many other sports that the American youth engages in, are a great asset for moulding character. When a youth refuses ice cream, candy and cake because he is in training, and must not be disloyal to his self-assumed obligations, when he leaves a party before refreshments are served to go to bed early that the team might not find him wanting in the crucial moment of the coming contest, the up to-date dietician might smile, and a fool may even sneer, but those gifted with true vision can see, perhaps thru glistening eyes, the very crown jewel of manhood glittering.

What, Then, Are the Beneficial Results From Competition In Games?

1. Habitual and willing deference to the opinions and guidance of an expert. Applicable to good teaching of any subject. Test it out here.

2. Prompt and cheerful obedience to self-chosen authority, honor rigid and unsparing.

3. The habit of self-control, of subordinating the present to the ultimate future, the body to the spirit, the desires and the emotions to the will.

4. The frank acceptance of the truth that no partizan can or should decide his own case. The spirit of universality.

5. The ability to fight an opponent to the last gasp, yet without personal hostility or unfairness, and to lose without bitterness and hatred. The vision of one of the greatest lessons of life—good sportsmanship by players and spectators.

6. The sacrifice of the individual for team work and the common good, and unselfish loyalty. True patriotism, the song of the poets of all ages.

7. The inculcation of that keen sense of honor and personal responsibility. The flower of knighthood in its sweet essence.

Professing, as we all do, that character building is the highest and most fruitful of all the ends of education, is it not strange that even our professional "educators" should so thoughtlessly undervalue and neglect an educational opportunity of such tremendous possibilities, and even belittle and forbid such priceless training as "a foolish waste of time" because a student hasn't a book on some cultural subject directly under his nose all the time. Remember the days of thy youth, when the adult days draw nigh and the years lie heavy on thine head, because thou hast failed to profit by the pleasures of thine youth in thine old age, for thou hast forgotten how to play.

No Luck.

Blackstone—Heard you had an accident with your car. Was it damaged much?

Webster—No such luck! The best I could get from the insurance people was a new coat of paint.—New York Sun.

Pressing a Proverb.

"Our somewhat tricky friend always assumes that the end justifies the means."

"I am afraid," said Senator Sorghum, "that he sometimes goes further than that and assumes that the end justifies the meanness."

Money's Worth Demanded.

Fashionable Patient—This bill is exorbitant.

Doctor—But——

Fashionable Patient—You'll have to cut it in half or find something else the matter with me.

Every Dollar Buys a Dollar's Worth

February Bargain Sale

Every Article in Our Store Priced RIGHT

Saturday, February 4, was the first day of our Old Fashioned Bargain Sale

Values resplendent in their stately glory will bring back to you memories of bygone days when the dollar commanded full value. If it is only one piece of furniture, rug or stove you need you can purchase advantageously by attending our bargain sale. See the prices quoted on the various items below, then you can judge for yourself how important it is for you to come every day during our sale which will continue until February 25 at 3 o'clock when the sale closes.

STOVES

Heating Stoves, Box Cook Stoves and Ranges. We include in this Special Sale some of the best stoves made, such as the Majestic Range, Favorite Range, Presto and Smino Ranges.

Below are a few of the prices we are making:

Full Size Range for $34.98
Box Stove, $35.00 Value for $18.50
Heating Stove, $65.00 Value for $38.50
Heating Stove, $35.00 Value for $18.50
Galvanized Coal Hods, $1.25 and $1.50 Value for..... $ .75
Coal Hods, $1.00 Value for ..... $ .50

PARLOR AND TABLE LAMPS

$20.00 Table Lamp for $15.00
$25.00 Lamp for $12.50
$30.00 Lamp for $15.00
$50.00 Lamp for $25.00
$60.00 Lamp for $30.00

MATTRESS

Fifty Pound Weight Mattress, rolled edge, guaranteed not to knot or lump, February Bargain Price ..... $ 7.50

FLOOR COVERINGS

We list below a few of the many bargains in these rugs:

27x54 Rag Rugs, each ..... $ .98
27x54 Velvet Rugs ..... $ 1.98
27x54 Axminster Rugs ..... $ 2.98
9x12 Straw Matting Rugs ..... $ 3.98
9x12 Imported Japanese Grass Rugs $6.98
9x12 Wool-Fiber Rugs ..... $ 7.98
9x12 Tapestry Brussels $16.50
9x12 Fine Axminster Rugs $26.98

We have in this selection of lamps some of the best that we can buy, with fine silk shades and also in the metal shades.

STEEL COTS

All-Steel Cots are always nice to have in the summer to lounge on. They make a nice day bed by putting a nice mattress with cretonne covering over it. We are making a special of these for $2.25

COMFORTS

$6.50 Comforts for $2.75
$7.50 Comforts for $4.50

PLAYER PIANOS AND ORGANS

Good Used Organs for ..... $15.00 and $25.00
Good Uesd Piano, in good condition, good tone, walnut case For $98.00
New Upright Piano, during the February bargain sale, for $298.00
New Player Pianos for $398.00

DAVANETTES

Special February bargains in Davanettes, nice Golden Oak and Mahogany finish, complete with mattress for $35.00
Nice Golden Oak Library Tables During the February Sale For $14.98

We are receiving each day big shipments of our spring rugs and linoleum. We have the most complete line we have ever had since we have been in business, of rugs and floor coverings, including straw matting by the yard, ingrain carpet by the yard, linoleum and texolium by the yard, straw matting rugs, Japanese grass rugs, woolen fibre rugs, all-wool rugs, tapestry Brussels rugs, Axminster rugs and Wilton Velvet rugs.

ROCKERS

Wood Seat Rockers for ..... $3.98, $4.50 and $6.00

$25 Richmond Store

$50.00 IN GOLD TO BE GIVEN AWAY FREE ON THE LAST DAY OF OUR SALE AT 3:00 O'CLOCK

$25 Berea Store

There will be two prizes. To the person holding the first lucky ticket will be given $15.00 in gold, and the person holding the second lucky ticket will be given $10.00 in gold, at both the Richmond and Berea stores. Each and every person coming to the store eighteen years of age and over will be given a ticket free. Be sure and get your tickets as they are free.

A word to our out of town friends. We will pay railroad fare one way to anyone coming a distance up to fifty miles who makes a purchase of $25.00 or more.

BOTH RICHMOND AND BEREA STORES INCLUDED IN THIS SALE

MUNCY BROTHERS

BEREA, KY. RICHMOND, KY.
FURNITURE AND UNDERTAKING