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THE boys of "The Fecit Club" are hereby authorized to accept subscriptions for *The News-Letter*. The club has appointed the following committee to have charge of the work: Allan Schaffler, Willie Wren, Clayton Denman and Allan Flinn. "The Fecit Club" will receive fifty cents on each subscription, which will be used by them in their work for the West Division Street Mission in Chicago.

The High School Graduate

THE following is an extract from an open letter to high school graduates by Edmund J. James, president of Illinois University. It should be read by all who are looking forward to a professional or business career after graduation.

There is today scarcely an occupation in our society which the intelligent and educated young person would care to follow for which he cannot get some definite, special, professional training which it is worth his while to take if he is really looking for the highest type of success.

But there is another and a more fundamental need of the high school graduate than even this need of special and professional education, and that is some further training along general, liberal, cultural, lines before taking up, or at the same time with taking up, the special and professional training. The college in our American society stands for this general idea. It is a continuation, but upon a higher plane, and towards higher ends of the high school course itself. It is an extension, and a completion of the liberal foundation which the educated man or woman should lay securely before building upon it the superstructure of professional training. Our society is becoming with every passing year a more educated, a more cultured, and a more highly trained society. Our fathers got along, and we of the present are getting along in our day and generation with an education and training far inferior to that which you must have if you would succeed. The day of the ignorant and untrained man is passing in all departments of life, from the corner grocery store to the governor of the state. If you desire, therefore, not merely to be successful in a narrow sense in your special calling, but wish to be successful in the larger sense of being leaders in the society in which you will have to live, of being men and women of power, and influence, and authority in your day and generation, you must secure a broader and wider education than was necessary for those of us who are bearing the burden and heat of the day at present.

I wish, therefore, to urge upon you, with all the influence which my words may have, the desirability of your taking, as soon after the completion of your high school course as possible, at least two years in some good college of liberal arts before you think of taking up the special professional work appropriate to the calling you intend to follow, and if you can take four years instead of two, provided you feel that you are profiting by it, you will be the better for

taking it. I believe you will never regret the time you may have spent. "The body is more than raiment, and life is more than food," and if you wish to live in the highest sense of the term you must prepare for living exactly as you would prepare for the narrow duties of some technical pursuit.

There is a common feeling among young people who have reached the senior class in our high schools—a feeling which is sometimes intensified by what they read in the daily newspapers—that when a boy has spent four years in a high school he has reached an age when he can no longer afford to waste time on school training. There seems to be a common idea that the man best fitted for life is not he who makes the best preparation, but he who gets at his work soonest. There can hardly be a more fundamental error than this. Thorough-going preparation by the use of the very best facilities afforded for such preparation is, generally speaking, a better use of the early years of life than the ordinary experience which one gets in those years in an active career. The full benefits of careful preparation reveal themselves in later life when the competition becomes keenest and when the men with limited capacity and limited training are left far behind by those who have extraordinary abilities, or by those who have trained their moderate abilities to the highest point.

One other thing should not be lost sight of, and that is that nowadays any young person determined to get a higher education can obtain it, if in no other way, by his own unaided efforts. Of course, if your parents can assist you in going to college, well and good. I should not advise you to reject such aid, but, if they are not in a position to assist you, that is no longer a reason why you should give up the idea of higher education in this age of the world, when so many opportunities and so many facilities are opened to the determined boy or girl who is willing to make sacrifices for the sake of higher ends. Nearly half the young people whom I knew in my college days, and who have since made what is commonly called a success of life, earned their own way in whole or in part through college, and it is easier today for a young man or young woman to do the same thing than it was thirty years ago when I first entered college.

I feel so confident that the advice I am giving you is good advice that I am certain no one of you twenty years from now who follows this suggested course will ever regret the time and money spent in its completion. Practical men sometimes belittle the value of a college or professional training. I do not think I have ever met a man who actually got in close contact with first-class teachers and investigators during his college and university period who ever regretted for a moment the time and effort and money spent in these years of academic life.

Faithfully yours,

EDMUND J. JAMES.

Pity 'tis, 'tis True

On Sheridan Road in South Highland Park (Ravinia), north of Roger Williams Avenue, there is a long decline or cut which has been graded down to the stone culvert over the ravine which there intersects the road. The opposite side of the road ascends to the original level. The two inclines are each about 100 yards long. Automobiles passing either north or south on Sheridan Road speed up at this spot, thereby getting a considerable impetus in descending one grade which aids them in ascending the opposite side without throwing on the low gear.

Sunday afternoon about 3:30 o'clock a Franklin touring car containing two ladies and two gentlemen passed north over this portion of the road. At the head of the decline they put on speed and descended the hill at a rate fully equal to forty miles an hour. Going so rapidly on a filled road they could not safely swerve even a trifle. It happened that a

red Irish setter dog of ours, for whom we cared a great deal, started across the road at the foot of the decline as the car came on to the top of it. The dog had not seen the car and had no idea of running with it. He noticed its approach while it was about seventy-five feet away. Before he could jump aside it had passed over him and broken his back. He presently died, to our great sorrow.

The occupants of the car, either from carelessness or cowardice, evaded the responsibility that any gentleman or lady would acknowledge as due another whom they had unwittingly injured, and after making the opposite brink stopped and looked back at the writhing victim. Then putting on speed hastened to forget the occurrence and their responsibility by passing beyond evidence of it.

So long as such criminal carelessness exists it seems only just and proper, as a measure of precaution for those who wish to use the roads, and yet have no automobiles, that signs be posted at certain places of unusual danger requesting that the speed limit shall not be exceeded. In particular I request that such signs be placed on this hill portion of Sheridan Road; not only because such an accident might just as easily befall a person as a dog, but also because another street, Cary Avenue, opens onto Sheridan Road in the middle of the southern decline, and Cary Avenue being itself heavily graded at this point to meet Sheridan Road, buggies or pedestrians may easily step directly in front of a too rapidly moving automobile.

R. F. S.

May 22nd, 1905.

The Girl for Me

They may sing of the sunny-haired maid,
The painter her charms may portray;
But my sweetheart just throws them all in the shade,

Be they fair as the roses of May!

She frowns on you never, her voice has a ring;
Beats Patti's cadenzas all hollow;
She's a fellow's best friend in life's winter or spring—

I'm in love with the girl on the dollar.

—Lone Star in the *Atlanta Constitution*.

Lone Star hits the poetic nail on the head in the foregoing effusion. We are all in love with the cold and distant image and woo her assiduously. But, nevertheless, she is a mighty unsatisfactory substitute for the "other girl" these summer evenings.

Notice of Sale of School Property

Notice is hereby given that on Saturday, the 24th day of June, A. D. 1905, at 2 o'clock p. m., upon the premises, the following described Real Estate situated in the Village of Deerfield, Ills., will be offered at public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash only.

Commencing Thirty rods East of the North West corner of Section Thirty Three (33) Township Forty Three, (43) Range (12) East in Lake County, Illinois, thence running West Ten (10) rods and Eighteen links on the North line of said Section Thirty Three (33), thence South Easterly Seven (7) rods and Twelve (12) links thence East Ten (10) rods and Eighteen (18) links to the center of state road, thence North Westerly to the place of beginning containing one-half acre of land more or less, being the Real Estate on which the School House in District No. 109, Lake County, Ills., now stands.

The Trustees reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

By order of the Board of Trustees of Schools of Township 43 North, Range 12 East in Lake county, Illinois.

D. A. HOLMES, Township Treasurer.

Dated at Highland Park, Illinois,
this 3rd day of June, A. D., 1905.