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High School Notes

The school paper has gone to press and will be out by next Friday. It will contain twenty-four pages. The paper used will be deckel-edge. There will be three half-tones of the football team, oratorical team, and the German play. The advertisements of all the enterprising business men of Highland Park will appear in it.

Waukegan High school has submitted the question for the coming debate which is as follows: "Resolved that municipal ownership of public utilities in Chicago is desirable."

Note 1. It is understood by public utilities that gas, telephone, electric light, street cars and water is meant.

Note 2. It is also understood that there is no legal obstacle in the way.

The Trier High school has also asked for a debate at Ravinia Park. There was one held last year between the two schools resulting in an overwhelming victory for D. T. H. S.

The members of the Board of Education visited the night school on Wednesday night where there are fifty-one enrolled.

The following is a report of the Treasurer of the Athletic Association:

MONEY TAKEN INTO TREASURY.

Received through contributions	\$35.00
Dec. 3. Received as proceeds from girls basket ball game with W. T. H. S.	
Nov. 30	3.00
Dec. 7-11. Received as proceeds from boy's basketball game with E. T. H. S.	
Nov. 25	3.90
Received as proceeds from boy's basketball game with Spartans on Dec. 7.	40
Total	\$42.86

MONEY PAID OUT OF TREASURY.

Nov. 1. Paid for carfare of football game to and from Winnetka game	\$3.00
Nov. 17. Paid out for carfare of home and visiting teams to and from Waukegan football game	4.29
Total expenditure	17.29
Total amount taken in brought down of expenditure	\$42.86
Balance on hand	\$25.57

LLOYD C. RAY, Treas.

In Russia an unmarried woman remains under the absolute sway of her parents until her death, regardless of her age.

Each Man Must Define Success

Before a young man can hope to make his first steps toward that more or less undefined thing called "success" he needs to sit down and make his own definition of the word. It does not mean all things to all men. So far from it, there are men who look upon the emphasized successes of life as the world sees them and sigh for the failure of the human lives that have been expended in the attainment of these bare pinnacles of isolation.

What shall be my measure of success? is the one vital question which the young men needs put to himself. If that measure is small he will have all the less effort at filling it. If it be limitless he will have all the more need to weigh the conditions that go with ambition in such measure.

A man may not have his pudding and eat it, too. This is a fundamental adage, applicable to all the philosophies of life. Beginning at the beginning of the life work of the young man, he needs to ask himself the price he is willing to pay for the attainment of his ambitious ends. They may cost him dear. He may have them at their simple face value. But he may hardly hope to have the full fruits of effort at a bargain.

Many a man whose spur in life is a negative ambition discovers that his family is "in the way of his advancement." He pleads the baby act in reference to these members of his household whom he has sworn to love and protect. He is an apologist before every friend and chance comer alike. He will tell how a family is a burden. He will recall how he used to do things before the bugbear "family" broke into his life of accomplishment and made his career a mere existence to be measured by the grocery clerk, the dry goods salesman, the butcher and the coal dealer.

Here comes in the philosophy of the pudding. In the first stages of community life, the mission of the husband was done when he "provided" for his family. It was his chief aim in life. If he died in his maturity, leaving a family provided for against the rainy days of the times, he could be content. Living a life of domesticity was his choice in life's measure. He worked only that he might live as he desired.

But as civilization grew into twenty story depths and as the horizons of the world opened and spread and widened illimitably, the superlatives of material attainments became a new song of the siren. Life became a strenuous effort toward the colossal in materialism. The fortunes of yesterday are not pin money for a year in the purses of children of the millionaires of today. "Millionaire" is a word losing its significance and "billionaire" has become the "excelsior" of the crowding millions. Even the lightness of the word "million" upon the tongue unconsciously is given the new generation an unnatural view of the called "success."

"Success" has no established measure or means of measure. It is more intangible than is the line defined by the geometrician as having length, without breadth or thickness. It is more than is the point, which has position, but not magnitude. Too often the man who has reached the measure of his success will not recognize it and dies a failure.

Young man, where are you going? This is better as a question than was Horace Greeley's advice to the young man to go west. West becomes the same old east again if you only go far enough. Which way are you going and will you know enough to stop when you get there?

Long ago it became common and consistent to ask about a man's success in life, leaving the query as to his family and his domestic relations as an afterthought having no kinship with his success. This is an intolerable condition under any but

those circumstances in which the young man early in life decides to give up all chance and hope of domesticity for that larger prospect of attaining his abstract ambition.

There is a point here that is material. There are individuals who may be of the disposition to compromise between family and attainments in worldliness. There are others who look to domesticity first, taking a mere competency as enough from the world of endeavor. And again there is the type which is actuated only by his overweening ambitions and who should be married to them more strongly and monogamously than church and state together could bind him to a wife.

Out of these individuals the advice applicable to each is simple. To the man who would compromise between family and the attainments of his ambitions I would say, make the line of demarcation that you shall not err in it. Perhaps he has a capacity in the line of his chosen work that will land him upon his pinnacle, even with the incubus of his family. But there are a thousand chances to one that it will have been at sacrifices in his domestic life rather than in the other.

The man who will accept the family life as the measure of his ambitions, looking to the rearing of his children and the comforts of his household as his first duty and the chief ambition of his life, will have a simplified existence. If he shall carry out his aim to the full, even the millionaire and the statesman and the great of the land may envy him in the end.

Of the first necessity the man himself is the final gauger of his own success. Pick out the greatest man in his line in the world's endeavor and congratulate him on his attainments and the chances are that you have embarrassed him to the point of confusion. His embarrassment is an unconscious confession. He has fallen short of his own ideas. There are things that he would know and does not. There are things he would do and cannot. His own question of himself is enough if he can answer it in the affirmative. Have I accomplished enough to have made life worth while to me and to mine and to others of my fellow men?

The man who can answer this in his heart has made a success in life, no matter where has been his field of endeavor.

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