

NEW YORKERS KNOW LEAST ABOUT CITY

NO TIME TO EXPLORE

Residents in U. S. Metropolis Said to Have Less Knowledge of Its Features Than Outsiders

New Yorkers know less about their own city than the residents of any other city in the world, in the opinion of Frederick Lewis, who has been surveying a score of America's "big towns" for the Woman's Home Companion. It is significant of the city's ignorance of its own history, he points out, that the Dutchman Petrus Stuyvesant is always called Peter, and the Englishman Henry Hudson is always called Hendryk.

Long before the battle of Lexington, patriotic New Yorkers fought the British regulars at Golden Hill, and this was the first bloodshed of the War of Independence. But New York promptly forgot all about it, just as she has forgotten most of her great men and left it to other cities to honor them. Mr. Lewis adds:

"Who in New York knows that Central Park was planned by a committee consisting of George Bancroft, the historian, William Cullen Bryant and Washington Irving? Who cares that George Washington once went picnicking on the grounds of the Jumel mansion with Thomas Jefferson, John Adams and Alexander Hamilton? Who ever visits the Hall of Fame?"

"It isn't that New York is indifferent or forgetful. It is not indifferent to the present nor forgetful of the future. The trouble seems to be that the future is always so enticing that New York has no time or taste for the past."

Mr. Lewis is not much impressed by the New York "rush." He analyzes it thus: "This crowd on the street moves nervously; the feet, when they advance at all, make quick energetic strides; the faces take on the grim determination of a runner about to breast the tape. But in the last analysis the crowd makes astonishingly little progress. The same is true of the traffic. The drivers of the taxis are keen-eyed and tense; they are continually squinting around the corners of their windshields; continually getting out of line and in again; sometimes by a quick arc they manage to get ahead of the car in front; but always they are behind the one in front of that. By spurts they smash every speed law known to man; by averages they crawl. In short, the rushing of the New York crowd is mental, not physical."

MINISTRY HAS FIVE IMPORTANT FACTORS

"There are at least five great inspirational and challenging factors in my profession," answered the Rev. Frank Pitt of the First Presbyterian church of Highland Park, when asked what opportunities there were for a young man in the Christian ministry.

Motive Is First Factor
The first factor of this life work is the motive which leads a man into the ministry.

"That motive," Rev. Pitt explains, "is the desire to be of service to the kingdom of Christ. There never has been a minister, and there never will be one, who exemplifies this motive to the full. A minister is of the same human nature as other men, sharing their temptations and mistakes; but if he is really honest with himself he is dominated at all times by an ideal which reckons life only in spiritual terms."

Loftiness of the subject matter to which a minister devotes his time is the second factor. Instead of studying the material and economic side of life, he studies the varying phases of the spiritual side of life.

Studies Human Destiny
"He is constantly studying," Rev. Pitt continues, "the supreme themes that concern human destiny. Everything that provides a clue to a deeper understanding of the higher reaches of experience, the topmost levels of life, is grist for his mill."

"There is no bond more intimate than the bond which unites a minister with those whom he seeks to serve," Rev. Pitt went on to explain. "As the years pass, the minister learns the tremendous meanings of friendship, and his friends include the worthy ones of the past whose lives

have been preserved in books, such as Francis of Assisi, David Livingstone, Father Damien, and the mighty host of great men who have lighted the pathway for us all. The deepest and most intimate is the minister's friendship with God."

Deals With All Types
Continuing, Rev. Pitt pointed out that the minister deals with people in all the walks of life; he sees them at their worst and at their best; he deals with them both as they are and as they ought to be; he is associated with small children, youth, middle age, and old age.

"If," Rev. Pitt states, "he is to build the unseen foundations of the kingdom amidst such variety, he must walk with his feet on the ground and his head above the clouds."

Offers Unique Opportunity
"In combination of these five factors," concludes Rev. Pitt, "I believe the Christian ministry offers a unique opportunity to any young man. It will test his powers. It will introduce him to human life in all its phases. Its rewards will not be reckoned in financial terms, but they will be great and satisfying."

Is Deerfield Alumnus
Rev. Pitt, who is an alumnus of Deerfield-Shields high school, graduated from here twenty years ago and says that he associates this school some of the happiest days of his life.

"How do you suppose the apes crack the hard shells of the nuts they pick?"
"With a monkey wrench, of course."

Servant: The doctor's here, sir.
Absent-minded Professor: I can't see him. Tell him I'm sick.

Ignorance of the law excuses no one—but knowledge of the law confuses every one.

EROSION DAMAGE IS DIFFICULT PROBLEM

Reforestation Advocated As Best Means of Combating Danger

Damage resulting from erosion is one of the problems of the Department of Conservation. Reforestation is being advocated as the best method for stopping the damage.

Slowly, but ceaselessly, vast quantities of Illinois land is being carried away year by year by surface water. Outstanding instances of serious damage have come to the attention of the Department of Conservation from Hardin, Union, Jackson and Carroll counties, and reports from other sections indicate that few countries are entirely free from this danger.

Erosion occurs when land that is too steep and of too light a texture is cleared for farming. Deprived of the tree roots that has held it together, this land is gullied by heavy rains. When a gully is once formed, the step banks continue to fall in and recede until many acres have been devastated. A re-establishment of the natural cover is the best method yet devised to stop erosion.

Illinois has approximately five million acres of broken uplands that needs cover crops if they are to be kept from eroding. Grain and pasture, carefully managed, will answer in many instances, but a timber crop will prove the safest and most profitable way in keeping the steep slopes from washing away.

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The bill, identical in phraseology, carries with it the appropriation of \$15,000 to the Department of Purchases and Construction for the erection of an equestrian monument to the memory of "Gen. John A. Logan and Mary Logan, the volunteer soldiers of the United States of America, and the mothers, wives, sisters and daughters of such soldiers," to be erected on the school grounds at Murphysboro. General Logan was born at Murphysboro and spent the greater part of his life in that city.

The bill was referred to the committee on appropriations of both house and senate.

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