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The spirit of the times, and the nature of this occasion, concerns to draw attention to the present stage of society and the American Republic, which may directly lead to the consideration of American Merit. To-day is a grand epoch in the history of nations. The power of the sword is being laid aside and the weapon of intellect substituted. The great nationalities of Europe and America, yea of the whole world, are all alive to the spirit of progress. China and Japan are being resurrected from the slumbering torpor. Germany is throwing off the girdles of rationalism and putting on the more comely dress of evangelical energy. France is learning the emptiness of vanity and superficiality, of mere noise. England is still struggling with materialism, but only to prove to herself the reality of a profound spirituality. But America is the common battlefield for all intellectual warfare, the nursery of scholarship, a field of great political triumph, a bane for brave and free. National Merit may be estimated from comparison with other nations, but the proper test of all merit is truth, and it is only in the light of this standard that the just preeminence of American Merit can be made to appear. To enter upon the track of our country’s marvelous growth and brief though eventful career it is not necessary to explore the dim regions of antiquity. The facts of her history are comparatively recent. To those who chiefly value facts as illustrative of principles, and see in the course of events the grand problem of humanity, what have America and the spirit of the times, and the nature of this occasion, concerns to draw attention to the present stage of society and the American Republic, which may directly lead to the consideration of American Merit. To-day is a grand epoch in the history of nations. The power of the sword is being laid aside and the weapon of intellect substituted. The great nationalities of Europe and America, yea of the whole world, are all alive to the spirit of progress. China and Japan are being resurrected from the slumbering torpor. Germany is throwing off the girdles of rationalism and putting on the more comely dress of evangelical energy. France is learning the emptiness of vanity and superficiality, of mere noise. England is still struggling with materialism, but only to prove to herself the reality of a profound spirituality. But America is the common battlefield for all intellectual warfare, the nursery of scholarship, a field of great political triumph, a bane for brave and free. National Merit may be estimated from comparison with other nations, but the proper test of all merit is truth, and it is only in the light of this standard that the just preeminence of American Merit can be made to appear. To enter upon the track of our country’s marvelous growth and brief though eventful career it is not necessary to explore the dim regions of antiquity. The facts of her history are comparatively recent. To those who chiefly value facts as illustrative of principles, and see in the course of events the grand problem of humanity, what have America and the spirit of the projected a civilization which, though as yet but the infant stage of society and the American Republic, covers in the realm of chemistry. Europe teems with the material products of American genius. In a word, America is the leading nation in all matters of material invention and construction, and no other nation rivals nor approaches her.

In the higher departments of intellectual effort our country has kept equal pace with her growth in riches. Her literary efforts are marked by rude and untutored vigor, by charity and breadth of sympathy. The American is not a bigot to his own country. He recognizes no one person as the personification of government. The intellect and soul are nobly developed. The names of our painters and sculptors, architects and poets, historians and scholars, are familiar to all. Certainly our record is one of peculiar grandeur and substantial victory of truth, inspirations of faith swelling up in the heart of the watcher, as he scans the deep blue dome of the coming day.

THE CHOICE OF A PROFESSION.

One of the first questions that meet the student, and one too, second in importance only to the question of his personal salvation, is the question of his life calling; the proper decision of which demands his best thought and the closest scrutiny of his natural endowments and peculiar traits of character, as well as his acquired ability. Notwithstanding the importance of this question, and the difficulty of his proper decision it meets us at the very threshold of life. It must be decided before one can safely and wisely go forward. A failure here has not only a weighty influence over the whole career of life, but little of the task of life accomplished. Whether or not this question should be decided before the student enters upon his college course, when the mind is yet in an undeveloped state, is a debatable
question, but there can be no doubt that, when he goes forth from his alma mater to take his place as an actor in life's drama, he should know what part he is to play.

In considering this matter, the question should not be "What profession shall I adopt that I may pass through life in kid gloves and satin slippers?" or "What shall I pursue in order to amass the greatest riches, or gain the popular applause of the multitude?" but "What shall I do that I may be most useful to man and best glorify God?"

Although the glory of God and the good of man in view, there is great danger of a mistake in the choice of a profession. Many a young man, with an earnest desire to be useful, has been led to adopt a profession to which he had but little adaptation, simply because it seemed to be the most direct route to the accomplishment of his purpose, and the one in which success had been attained by others, forgetting that what is an efficient means in the hands of one may be very inefficient, and even destructive in the hands of another. A helot of houses, a cost of meat, and a sword of steel, may be the armor for a Saul, but David will do better execution with his staff, a shepherd's bag, and a sling with a few pebbles from the brook. While the learned professions offer abundant opportunities for usefulness, all cannot be doctors, elsewhere were the patients? neither all can be lawyers, or preachers, elsewhere were the clients and the parishioners? nor indeed are all, or even a majority, proficient in any of them.

Men to-day practicing within the bar whose burning eloquence ought to be calling to sinners from the pulpit. There are others in the pulpit who, though they are inferior preachers, might make first class physicians, and in each of those professions there are men who ought to be teachers, farmers, mechanics, merchants, or something else for which they are better adapted. The world is wide, and the work to be done is varied, but equally varied are the talents and idiocynracies of men; so there is a legitimate work for every man, and a man for every legitimate work.

And men are more employable in which the faithful workers may become useful and even renowned than of all we have "dreamed of." But the question still comes "What is my work? and how shall I find it?" As I have already indicated, society expects a careful analysis of the peculiar organism and temperament of the mind; a candid consideration of the wants of men, and last but most important, a willing and cheerful submission of the whole man to a Divine Providence who has promised to guide us into all truth. No man should be a preacher or because a fond and doting mother, or some other cherished friend told him when a boy, that he would make a preacher; nor should any one adopt any other calling for a like frivolous reason. We should be if possible what God would have us be. Having thus carefully and prayerfully chosen our calling, we may reasonably hope for success, if, with a proper devotion, we pursue the work before us. A man must throw his soul into his business if he would succeed. He must "be a hero in the strife," let us then, be up and doing. With a heart for any task, still achieving, still pursing. Learn to labor and to wait.

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THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

By J. HAYWOOD.

The philosopher the study of mankind in its phases which become conspicuous in a heated, political contest leads to some conclusions which are not very creditable to our nature and not cheering to our patriotism. Were it possible to believe that this earnestness and enthusiasm were called out in the effort to secure for our country the very best and wisiest men to be found, the case would be different. But when there is so much self-seeking, then it requires a very high birth in the Divine Providence to attributes to rest satisfied, that in all this turmoil the highest good of the race is the result to which we are tending.

But leaving that phase of the subject let us look for a moment at the Presidnental office. This is considerrable by our politicians as the highest prize in the political pool. The eagerness, the agony with which so many struggle for the office, and even for the nomination are, I think, on any correct estimate, out of proportion to the value of the prize. Some have labored so ardently to attain this, that health and life were sacrificed; and still the prize was not attained. But if it had been attained, still it would not have been worth the sacrifice. If duty calls one to a position of sacrifice, of danger and of death, he can well afford the sacrifice. But no earthly honor or office or sacrifice that is not planted in us for a good purpose; and if we give it only legitimate scope confine its action within national bonds; we shall do well.

This leads me to the consideration of the way men ought to look at such positions as are considered prizes. They are places of great responsibility need, ing for the proper fulfillment of the duties pertaining to them, great wisdom, great virtue, fortitude, a spirit of self-sacrifice, patience, and shall I say my modesty or at least so much humility as will prompt one to stay back until he is called to the position. If men thus qualified should be brought to the front in the forthcoming election, we could well afford all the cost.

SOCIAL INSANITY.

By W. M. B. 76.

As a sound and well developed mind elevates the individual, so a deranged state of society elevates the nation. As an insane mind degrades the individual, so a deranged state of society degrades the community and the nation.

Social insanity manifests itself in several ways. It is social insanity when society makes it an end, in saneness. True culture chiefly ennobles society and makes it excellent. It is that which the individual has in him and not on him that exalts him and society.

The cause of social insanity is with the individual. Society is just what the individual makes it. As a disordered member of the body often induces insanity of the mind, so a disordered member of society frequently brings on social insanity. As for the one, so for the other a hospital for the insane is the best place. Both need medical treatment, or as Governor Kirk of Illinois has said, "we must get the rebels out of the North was for the young women not to marry any of them and there would be a final extermination." But these groups and money-minded persons out of society is for the socially sane not to marry any of those who would be exterminated. For, if they do marry among themselves, it will be all right, for the socially sane is just as hardy an extermination. But in the end they make it end it is insane. True culture chiefly enables society and makes it excellent. It is that which the individual has in him and not on him that exalts him and society.

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The exercises of Commencement week occurred in the order announced in these columns last month. A detailed description of them is given in another department of this issue.

Many of our former students and alumni are attending the Centennial Exhibition at Philadelphia. The present writer met some of them there June 21st, and they seemed to be enjoying the show.

Unavailing were all efforts to find a certain Professor of Latin on the Centennial grounds, whether we were informed that he had gone. A search through the great halls and the Art Gallery with its annex failed to unearth him, and the conclusion was forced upon us that he had succeeded to the enticements of the Trois Freres Provençaux.

The buildings and grounds of our University are now fresh from a thorough cleansing and dressing. In the long vacation they wear their most attractive appearance, situated as they are in the midst of a sea of foliage.

The exercise of the year was delivered before the lecture association of future years, we pronounce Yale College a good institution, which all pronounced excellent.

Hymn to "O. U."

To thee, O Otterbein, Fair wonder, holy shrine,
Our song we raise.
Dear are those halls of thine,
Bound too our hearts entwine.
Sweet memories combine
To chant thy praise.
Our mother thou hast been,
Protector from all sin—
And doth in thee,
Our teacher in the way,
Our guide by night, by day;
When e'er we went astray
Thou did'st pursue,
Us still with strength endue,
With faith and courage true.
From day to day;
Oh! may thy circling arm
Shall shield us from all harm,
And every foe disarm.
A long life's way.
Oh, may thy position be
Sweet peace and harmony
Through all the years.
May fortune's sun still rise
To shed on all our eyes,
Delight from thy gaze.
Darkness and fears.

Commencement.

To those who were in Westerville from May 24th to June 2d "Commencement" is an old story. Yet perhaps not all the readers of the Dial were thus favored, so that a short article upon the subject may be interesting.

The exercises of the week really began on Sunday, but the societies Thursday and Friday evenings put on holiday smiles, and the President's reception on Saturday evening for the Seniors and others is said to have been a pleasant affair, by those who attended.

Sabbath evening, Rev. J. H. Snyder, of Westfield, Indiana, preached. Monday evening the joint anniversary of the four literary societies was held. The speeches were very good, but some of them entirely too long. Right here I might mention that more of
the former students returned than is usual. The exercises on this evening were mostly by graduates or old students. One of the attractions of the Commencement was the meeting of friends, long sepa-
rated. Some were here who attended school over twenty years ago, while almost all of last year's class were back, and held a reunion, as also did some of the other classes.

Tuesday evening, a lecture before the four societies by the Rev. W. Langdon Sanders upon the subject "Backbone." The audience was of good size and very attentive to the interesting words and manner of Mr. Sanders. After the lecture the societies pre-
sented their graduates with diplomas.

Wednesday morning the grades for the term were read. That afternoon was "class day." Members of all the class had exercises. The "History" was amusing, if not all literally true. Alumna meeting in the evening, the oration by Mr. Funk-houser, and history by Mrs. Landon, were very enter-
taining and instructive. The poet, D. Surface, was present, written which was a grand composition. On that day too, intelligence was had of the death of a former student, Wm. Kaman, which saddened many hearts.

Thursday, at 9 A.M., the proper Commencement exercises, which can not be described here. There were fifteen graduates, and all did well in their performances. After conferring degrees by President the Rev. W. Sanders was called out, and made a pleasant and effective speech. He is a very lively, sociable, English gentleman, and made many friends during his stay here. Look for his name next winter in the lecture course. Alumna business meeting at 3 P.M. The concert in the evening under the auspices of the senior class, closed the exercises of the day and week. The "Baracks band" furnished the music on Commencement day. All acknowledged that this was one of the best Commencements Otter­bein had ever known. And now vacation is at hand, the music on Commencement day. All acknowledged

The Pres. unable to procure brushes for the Senior
class, sent them a lot of cow-plasters which might prepare them to travel more successfully the rough
paths of life. How generous.

Strange what effect classes organizations produce.
Such a case has been made for one morning, that the Scribe took charge of the West Pointer's list
during Commencement week. What next?

Messrs. Price and Terrier, immediately after the commencement exercises, took their departure for the "Centennial" also to some of the principal cities of New York. We wish them a pleasant time.

A FRESHMAN in one of our Sunday Schools
told his teacher that the heart did not change
by conversion, which led some to remark that the mutation in the Freshman's conversion was not
perceptible.

A PREP having waited for some time on Thurs-
day night for his Juliet, even until etiquette seemed
to require an entire night, of course, and at last, by
paternal mansion, he took the lead, opened the
doors and left Juliet to bring up the rear. If Young
America has not cheek who has?

The commencement exercises of the class of '76
were the most interesting we have had the pleasure of witnessing, having surpassed all others in remem-
brance. From the conversations on the streets, we
would judge that every one was well pleased with
the exercises, and that they exceeded their expecta-
tions.

The prep bid defiance to all rules of the college
on Thursday night before commencement, about five
minutes before the adjournment of the ladies' society, and could be seen hoisting around the college building—some of whom were humming "Waiting for Thee," while others were whistling,
"Thou art so near and yet so far." "The reward of
the faithful is sure.

JUSTICE—A member of the class of '76, in a "care
fully prepared" ex temporaneous speech of eight
minutes, delivered before one of the ladies' societies, said that his connection with the society had been
very pleasant. Will the ladies explain why this act
of injustice and why this deviation from their society
laws, and relieve the minds of a large number of
students?

UNGRATEFULNESS—Presents are always accepta-
able, and the person who does not thank the donor
certainly lacks that characteristic of a gentleman,
good-breeding. Why was it then that a member of
the class of '76 did not thank a certain lady for the
"mitten" which was knight expressively for him a week
or so before commencement? Was it because he did
not appreciate the "mitten?"

By request, Rev. H. M. Robertson, gave a lecture
on that "mathematics" Junior "parting was such
sweet sorrow" that as he stays with one long and
longer clinging glance, he exclaims, "O blessed, blessed
night! it is but a dream, too flattering sweet to
be substantial."

All was silent. Expectation was on tip-toe.
Bar's, eyes and mouth were all openly awai-
ing the next witty remark of Rev. Sanders, and all of
a sudden the stillness was broken. Day was presen-
t.

One Senior was married on Commencement day
did not make any fuss about it, either, but had
a private wedding and did not tell any body for about
a week after it was over. However they are safely
married. May peace and joy go with them.

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just what they agree to do. We have bought from them,
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farther particulars see their statement elsewhere.

DIXON & DAVIS having purchased the grocery formerly
owned by Clark & Bedding, intend to carry it on in good
shape. They mean to sell whether they make money or not.
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be made so low you will be ashamed not to take the goods.

Dr. J. S. Curren takes as much pleasure in looking
into a man's mouth as any man we have ever met. If
you doubt it, try him.

If you want to make money, advertise in THE DIAL.
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you don't want. They would buy well, but would always
be missing when pay-day comes.

Have you seen the new advertisement for showing
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rather we should say over crowing—is due to the fact
that the interior of her room has lately been remodeled, so as
to display the fine assortment of military goods which
she has on hand. If you are in a hurry better not stop.

If not already a subscriber to THE DIAL, take occasion
during Commencement week to become one. Don't de-
depend on reading your neighbors' paper.

No Man who expects to make life a success can al-
ford to be without WATER.

If not ready for Commencement, without further de-
lay call on GOTTES & REAL, and have yourself put in
proper trim.

If any of our readers have given up the idea of going
to the Centennial, and put the "Black Hills, consult the
L. E. & W. Notice in another column.

Before you start either for the "Black Hills or Philadel-
phia, insure your life against accident in the
Philadelphia Accident. Mrs. E. Wrenn kat will tell you all about it. It won't
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it will be a nice thing to have $2,000 or $3,000 as a re-
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St. Mary's Church,
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