Some of Life's Ideals

By Miss Ethel Tremaine Robinson

The first need of the individual is a lofty and definite ideal. A river never rises higher than its source, a man never higher than the ideals of his life.

In the days of long ago, when men embraced voluntary poverty with all the enthusiasm that they now seek wealth, the idea was that if one first sought the kingdom of Heaven all else would be added. But in these days, with scientific speculation rife, and the modern spirit of commercialism dominating all, the maxim of the world seems to be: "First seek ye the kingdom of gold and all else will follow; for in these days happiness and power are quoted at market rates and a life's success is looked upon as a matter of financial resource.

Now it would be worse than foolish for one to throw away all of his earthly possessions in order to secure happiness, for sordid care and pettiness of spirit are found as often in the home of the poor as in the palace of rich, but on the other hand, the idea that the mere possession of wealth can supply the demands of the soul, is a grave misconception. The only source from which one can derive any real or lasting happiness is found in the constant endeavor to realize the potential self, in the careless striving to reach the ideals of the soul; the ideals of truth, beauty and goodness, and these can not be gotten for gold, neither can silver be weighed for the price thereof.

Truth is the basis of all virtues; it means vastly more than fact; for it means a full understanding of the relations of facts, their signifi-

ance and consequence.

Mere facts in themselves are of little value; the fact that an apple fell, that a chandelier swung or that the lightning struck an old key, or that the hieroglyphics on an old musty Egyptian tomb mean thus and so, are, as mere facts, not worth noting; but when one can see beyond these facts the perspective and the law, beyond the tomb of Egypt the life of the ancient world, then one knows reality without delusion, then we have the truth in all her significance, all her beauty and glory. As it has been aptly said, it is not because we find "made in Germany" on so many useful articles that the world reverences Teutonic genius, but because the whole atmosphere of the Western hemisphere has been created by Goethe, and Schiller, and Kant, and Hegel, and Wundt, and Helmholz and Virchow.

The glory of material possession is fleeting and fragile, but truth, the human spirit's inalienable wealth, is a glorious and eternal possession.

The world is full not only of truths to be known, but of values to be felt. Hence another of the riches with which Heaven has endowed the soul is the power to appreciate the beautiful; the beautiful in the world of the is and the beauty in the world of the yet to be.

The simplest, poorest of earth's creatures carries within an inexhaustable source of happiness; if he can drink in the glory of the sunset and of the starlight, if he can feel the beauty of the bird's cheerful twitter at morn, or the whippoorwill's lonely cry at twilight's solemn hour, if he can hear the message of Beethoven, of Mendelssohn, of Lowell, or of Tennyson.

It is not gold, it is not material possessions of any kind that can awaken the soul, call forth the tenderest emotions, or fill the heart with joy. 'Tis something far better and finer and higher, and for the wanting it may be had by all.

We cannot all be learned, we cannot all be beautiful, we cannot all even be healthy, but we all can be good.

Goodness does not mean mere innocence; it does not mean mere keeping out of the wrong, nor yet does it mean a strict and automatic obedience to a set of rules of any kind, whether they be moral or secular, but it does mean that one at the heart of him is dedicated to the best he knows, and that, in spite of difficulties that beset him along life's way, he is steadily striving to follow righteousness, for the sake of righteousness alone, and not for the sake of reward either on earth or in heaven.

One cannot always derive peace or happiness from mere material possessions, but if each day's efforts are prompted by the noblest impulses, from this fact alone one can derive the power to rise above care and fretting—power to escape the clutches of circumstance, to stand serene and strong amidst earth's turmoil and vicissitude.

The true, the beautiful and the good—these are the highest ideals of the soul, and their achievement is the goal of life.

President Thirkield addressed the Y. M. C. A. at True Reformer's Hall last Sunday at 3 p.m. His address was brilliant and was greatly enjoyed by those present.

Mr. John Geary, A. B. '06, has returned and will enter the Dental Department of the Medical School.
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GLEE CLUB

Among the additions at Howard under the new regime is to be a first-class glee club. Miss Childers, director of music, who will also direct the glee club, is anxious to organize and begin work at once, and desires that all male students who sing either tenor or bass should see her immediately.

Last year, under her direction, the greatest musical festival in the history of the University was prepared and executed in the rendition of Mendelssohn's "Elijah," and she is also capable of training a glee club that will be a credit not only to its members, but to the entire University.

This is one thing in which Howard is behind other schools of its kind. Glee clubs are a conspicuous part of nearly every large college or university in the land and are among its greatest and most effective advertisements. Yale's glee club is almost as well known in the country as the Yale football team, and from Fisk came out singers that sung Fisk into the recognition of the world. Howard can do and will do as much.

Therefore it is hoped that the young men will respond readily to the call of the director and that a first class glee club will be formed that will not only be heard around Howard but will also have the opportunity of singing in other cities.

GYMNASIUM

The Athletic Association has started a fund for the erection of a gymnasium. Altho the Association is involved in the expenses of the football season, as an evidence of good faith it has set aside one dollar as a starter, and a friend has subscribed five dollars toward that same end. We are bound to have a gymnasium, and that right soon. The Journal will make public acknowledgment of gifts for that fund.

WAKING UP

In last week's issue we announced the intention of the administration to clear the slope of the campus leading down to the reservoir, and erect a band stand, from which concerts will be given on moonlight evenings in spring and autumn. Lack of space prevented us from making any comment on the project; but to day we take the opportunity to offer a word of commendation. It has always been a puzzle to us to find out why, in all the efforts made to improve and beautify the campus, that portion now under consideration was, for years, a negligible quantity, seemingly not worthy of a passing thought. True its character as a slope prevented it from being utilized for athletic purposes, but if not useful it could at least have been ornamental. Its close proximity to the beautiful reservoir and surrounding walks was a strong argument for an attempt to improve its condition; but none, apparently, was ever made. The authorities, however, are now "waking up" and promise to give more than that for which we had dared to hope. The scheme, even in its embryonic state, is commendable; we readily give our meed of praise.

AFRO-AMERICAN COUNCIL

The Afro-American Council held its yearly session in New York City on Oct. 9-10 11. The meeting of this prominent organization was attended by distinguished men and women of the Negro race from many States of the Union. There were present also several friends of the white race who are actively interested in the welfare of their colored brethren.

Prof. Kelly Miller was one of the leading spirits of this convention. On Thursday evening the 11th, he delivered an address entitled, "An Open Letter to John Temple Graves." This remarkable document will be published soon. Prof. Miller was chairman of the Commit tee on Address to the Public. Other notable persons who were present and made addresses are Mrs Mary Church Terrell, Dr. Booker T. Washington, Rev. Geo. W. Lee, Mr. A. B. Humphreys, sec. of the Constitution League, Mr. John D. Milholland and Mr. Oswald Garri son Villard, a grandson of William Loyd Garrison of anti slavery fame.

One of the important acts of this convention of the Council was the appointing of a paid secretary with offices in Washington. Dr. L. G. Jordan was appointed to this office and will devote his entire time to the affairs of the Council.

FOOT BALL

On Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock there will be a game of football between Howard and Annapolis High School. Admission 25c.
**FRESH MEAT NIGHT**

Last Friday night the Y. M. C. A. gave its annual reception to new students, and incidentally the old students “received” as many of the new students as they could possibly get their hands on. While the reception was at its height, in Miner Hall, cries of “Fresh meat!” were heard on every side. When the crowd left the hall not a new student could be seen. But that did not matter, for a howling mob of “old ones” rushed into Clark Hall, up the steps, and soon had forced a door open, there to find a shivering freshman in bed. It was the work of but a moment to hustle him out to the field. Hasty preparations were made for poor “freshie” to run the gauntlet. But meanwhile word was brought that two “belligerents” were fortified in the hall with tonsorial weapons. A wild rush was made for them—the captured “freshie” was forgotten. After a little preliminary skirmishing the warlike surrendered. A short consultation was held. It was decided not to make Victim No. 1 run the gauntlet, as he is a candidate for full back on the ‘Varsity and might get put out of condition. So he was allowed to sing his way free. And there, under the starry sky he poured forth his soul in the plaintive strains of:

“Oh Lawd! these dogs of mine!
They worry me all the time.
I bathe them in rain water,
Rub them down in snow,
Even scrub them off with Sapolio.
I beg to be excused,
Can’t wear no high-heeled shoes.
Oh Lawd! how the sun do shine.
Even the electric lights hurt ‘em.”

This met the hearty approbation of the crowd, and nothing would do but more “music.” The “Prof.” obliged them with another, entitled “Moving Day,” after which he was unanimously admitted to the “Klew Klucks Klang.”

Victim No. 2 was then brought on and allowed the same privilege of singing to save his skin, and had justice been done his “singing” would never have passed. But the crowd was good-natured. He spoiled Bert Williams big song hit, “I May Be Crazy, but I Aint No Fool,” and cruelly murdered that beautiful ballad, “In Dear Old Georgia.” Poor Davy, he certainly let St. Louis down in the music line. But, as was said before, the crowd was jolly, and Davy went free, it being hard to decide who was the worse tortured, Davy or the crowd.

Next on the scene was a poor “Prep” whose voice, he said, was in the hospital. And so it was. He couldn’t sing, but said he could run. He was told that if he could outrun any two men in the crowd he could go free; if he failed he must run the dread gauntlet. He unwittingly picked out two track team men, each of whom can do the 100 yards under 11 seconds. “Nuff ced.” Poor “Prep” had done well, tho, and he was despatched in the chase for another “fighting freshman.” But fun was chopped off by an old student with a big red fire-department ax, who was defending his classmate. He stood in the hall with ax drawn back and declared that, “so help me Texas,” he would convert the hall into a battlefield.

Then the lights went out.

New students: look sharp! learn a song; for “not yet but soon!” your turn is coming.

Duke ’08, College.

**HE DID HIS BEST**

A hungry Irishman went into a restaurant on Friday and said to the waiter:

“Have yez any whale?”

“No.”

“Have yez any shark?”

“No.”

“Have yez any swordfish?”

“No.”

“Have yez any jellyfish?”

“No.”

“Then give me ham and eggs and a beefsteak smothered with onions. The Lord knows I asked for fish.”—Ladies’ Home Journal.

**THE MASS MEETING**

A mass meeting under the auspices of the football department of the Athletic Association was held last Saturday evening in the Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel. Manager Graves presided. Plans relative to the success of the present football season were discussed, and yells and songs were practised. Short talks were made by Coach Washington, Captain Moore, Mr. A. D. Tate, Mr. Randall, Prof. C. C. Cook and President Thirkield.

President Thirkield spoke words of greeting to the association, and promised to duplicate all contributions to the gymnasium fund made thru the Athletic Association during the next three months.

**MEDICAL NOTES**

The class rolls have been completed and placed in the hands of the professors and quiz masters. All lectures, recitations and other work are now being conducted on scheduled time.

Unusual excitement prevailed in one of the lecture rooms recently, when Dr. Shadd announced that he had forgotten the name of the student who had deposited one hundred dollars with him for safe keeping. The words had hardly left the Doctor’s lips when a worthy freshman identified himself as the depositor of this desirable sum. He, probably, had not forgotten the name of the man who had his money in custody.

The wire hedges are being removed from the campus. It is hoped that all will refrain from trampling on the lawns.
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First, we must take into consideration that young men are in Howard; second, that Howard has not the restrictions that a few other colleges have on young men; and third, that our young men need some protection and there is no greater protection for them in Howard than the Young Men's Christian Association.

There are a great many temptations in the city of Washington which the students are liable to fall into at any time. And the Young Men's Christian Association's chief aim is to rescue men and to restore to them the things that are necessary, and above all to bring them into fellowship with Christ and to become reconciled with God his maker.

If we expect to be 'successful in our undertaking in life, no matter what our profession or occupation may be, we must study with interest the mind of God concerning our work and problem, and the Bible is the principal source of revelation. The Young Men's Christian Association Bible study gives us a practical systematic study of the Bible. Without progressive Bible study there is danger that the student will practically lose his reverence for the Bible his respect for it and ultimately his faith in it.

The reason the Bible loses its hold on so many students is that they do not apply the same methods and interest of study to it that they devote to other things. Some students will give a whole night's work to some geometrical or algebraic problem, while another will dig and dig down into the bowels of the earth for a fact, and yet they would not give fifteen minutes to the study of the Bible; therefore he can have but vague conception of it. But let him treat it as he does other great works, and see how it will stand the test; his admiration and enthusiasm for it will never find bounds.

If there is one place more than another where a young man or boy is in danger of losing his spirituality, that place is the average college. A keen and unbiased study of the Bible, therefore, is the only bulwark for the highest spiritual betterment of mankind.

And I feel that the Y. M. C. A., with its present officers, led by the invincible chiefain J. C. VanLoo, like a Hannibal who knew no Alps, or an Alexander the Great who knew no defeat, is determined to extend its bounds, or "report to God the reason why."

J. Francis Vanderhorst, Stroudsburg, Pa.

ALPHA PHI

At the meeting of Alpha Phi Society to-night the following program will be rendered:

Address, President McMurray
Piano Solo, Miss Lewis
Recitation, Miss F. Brooks
Reading, Mr. O. Randolph
Critique, Miss Bibb

Y. M. C. A. NOTES

The Y. M. C. A gave its annual reception to the new students of the University on last Friday evening in the dining room of Miner Hall. The young ladies were present at this reception—a new feature. The program consisted of music by the Y. M. C. A. orchestra and short addresses by Mr. F. D. Whitby, Mr. R. M. Duke and the president of the association. After the program the company partook of the good and bountiful refreshments, which had been prepared.

The Religious Committee of the Y. M. C. A. which is responsible for the devotional meetings of the organization met Tuesday evening of this week and selected the following young men to lead the meeting for the next two weeks:

Ex-pres. A. D. Tate, Sunday, Oct. 21
O. M. Randolph, Sunday, Oct. 28

Further appointments will be posted later. It is earnestly hoped that a large number of the young men will be present at these meetings. Strenuous efforts are being put forth by the president of the association and all the committees to make this the banner year in the history of the organization.

TEACHERS' COLLEGE

The faculty of the Teachers' College has recently been strengthened by the accession to its ranks of Miss U. Isabella McNear and Miss Mary H. Pratt. These ladies come to their work with preparation and experience which inspire both hope and confidence.

Miss McNear is a graduate of the Boston Normal School of Household Arts, spent one year at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in study of English, Chemistry, Biology and Sanitation, attended Harvard Summer School two years and took special work in the New York Medical School.

Miss Pratt is a graduate of Miss Lucy Symond's Normal Kindergarten School, and has been for ten years principal of the largest public kindergarten in Cambridge, Mass. She has taken courses at Wellesley and Radcliffe Colleges in Philosophy, Logic and Psychology and spent one year in Germany. They have both entered upon their work with enthusiasm and consecration.

The Journal desires to become the medium thru which the alumni may learn of the location and work of one another. To this end all alumni are requested to send information concerning themselves and fellow graduates to the Editor and to address to The Journal questions concerning graduates of the University.

Mr. Hassie R. Miller, A. B. '03, and Mr. Wm. H. Craighead, Prepr. '00 Mass. Agricultural College '06, are engaged in the real estate business in Harrisburg, Pa.

Mr. Miller was in Washington this week.
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