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A NATIONAL LOSS

DEATH OF DR. HARPER

Dr. William Rainey Harper, president of Chicago University since its inception in 1891, formerly president of Masonic College at Macon, Tenn., at one time Wolsey professor of Biblical literature at Yale, regarded by many as the foremost Hebrew scholar in America, and equally renowned as business man and educator, died last week at his home on the university campus in Chicago.

It is no marvel that the entire civilized world mourns the taking off of this great man, a man precocious, tireless, original, strenuous. A man whose life teaches helpful lessons accomplishes good, but he whose life is lived for the uplift of man accomplishes the greatest good.

Throughout the country on Sunday eminent divines, university presidents and authorities paid tribute to the memory of this departed leader. Though some there were who sought to calumnize him, with the rest of us they must feel the same sorrow for his short life, the same wonder for his master mind and the same worshipful respect for his many great works. But we can offer no defense more impregnable and no eulogy more grand than that anxious utterance that fell from Dr. Harper’s lips in the hour of his passing—"I wonder if there is anything that I have left undone." From the Evening Star we take this excerpt:

**His College Career**

Dr. Harper entered college at the somewhat early age of eight. He attended Muskingum College, a United Presbyterian institution at... (Continued on third page.)

Possibilities of College Women

Many hold that the college woman detraets from rather than adds to the well-being of society—that her college experiences result in loss of health, womanly charm, desire for matrimony and taste for domestic life. Yet, what wonders are expected from the four short years of college life! She is supposed not only to have stored away the wisdom of a Solomon, but, in addition, must be a paragon of excellence in all things.

The community too often, forgetting that the college cannot add to the brain capital of an individual, but only direct toward a better use of it, expects the college graduate to be possessed of a certain definite amount of learning and culture just from the mere fact of the four years spent in college. This is not the case; if it can, and does, present to the student the vast collection of knowledge that has been forming thru the ages and help her in an orderly and systematic way to make it her own. This is the aim of the college—direct the college graduate to be possessed of a certain definite amount of learning and culture. The college is formed to teach the student the value of knowledge, not to add to or detract from it. The college-woman must not fear being degraded should her first occupation be a meager one; any occupation will be respected if it is held respectable. Opportunity is always ripe to make her qualities felt wherever she goes or in whatever she engages.

The college-woman makes an ideal mother. She takes up the duties of wifehood, not because she has nothing else to do, but because she has a special disposition so to do which indicates that they will be lovingly and carefully fulfilled. From her college training she has learned of the complexities of the human mind, the human body and human society. She knows the difficulties of her task, she studies the mind and body of her child to assure the most perfect and harmonious development of each. The college-woman finds that here the traits which her training tended to develop, gives her power over her child. Her training has made her... (Continued on fourth page.)
The Silver Loving Cup

At the close of the football season Mr. Oliver Randolph, Law '07, through The Journal, suggested to the student body that a silver loving cup be given ex-Capt. Shorter as a testimonial of our regard for him and our appreciation of his great football ability and meritorious handling of the team during his two years of captainship.

Mr. Randolph accompanied his communication to The Journal with a dollar—for the fund was to be raised by voluntary subscription. We think now as we did then that the idea is a good one, and ask that the remainder of the fund be immediately subscribed.

We feel that not only Mr. Shorter, but all our athletes who prove themselves exceptionally worthvought to be made to feel their efforts and abilities are appreciated.

Men great in athletics in greater schools are amply rewarded by the world. Don't let our athletes, equally as great, equally as deserving, more meritorious because of unfavorable circumstances, go unwept, unhonored, unsung.

Co-Education in Colleges

A question oft before the public is the desirability of co education. At one time the opinion of its defenders predominates; at another its antagonists have the field. Thus opinions change. We take it that co education in colleges is desirable. Here men and women meet who have been drawn hither by the same common impulses. The palm is to him who is most deserving. In the arena of college life,
Dr. Harper's Death

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New Concord, Ohio, his birthplace. He was graduated at fourteen years of age, after completing the Muskingum course of six years—two preparatory school years and four regular academic years. That his rapid advance was due to a prematurely developed mind, and not to any laxity of the Muskingum curriculum was demonstrated by his taking the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at Yale at nineteen, an age at which many young men are struggling violently to pass their entrance examinations. His subsequent career was marked by a great seriousness and a certain absence of that playfulness and warmth of heart which are often characteristic of the very greatest scholars. Dr. Harper's admirers always explained on his behalf that he never had any time to learn to be a boy.

His energy, his fearless originality in departing from traditional methods of instruction, his scholarly independence of Biblical criticism were made a name for him among educators. In 1875, when he was twenty years old, he became president of the Masonic College at Macon, Tenn. In the meantime he had married the daughter of President Paul of Muskingum College. He attracted the attention of the trustees of Denison University in Ohio, and they were soon persuaded to make him a teacher in their preparatory department. The president of Denison then was R. Benjamin Andrews, who was within a decade to be outstripped by Dr. Harper in the contest for educational prominence.

AN ABLE MONEY COLLECTOR

For this he needed money. His fellow enthusiasts said that money could not be raised for such a purpose. He sought out pious folk to whom his work would appeal and got subscriptions from them which enabled the campaign to go on. He delivered lectures of great brillian-

The Falling Mask of the Years

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Century upon century the sunlight has marked the hours on old dials in English gardens; but where is the record of their numbering or beginning? Wrapped in the earth, there are ancient memories which have been more or less successfully deciphered; and for a part of their life men have kept a record of their thoughts and achievements; but no one knows the beginning or foresees the end of time. So accustomed are we to its divisions that we forget it has no real existence outside of our minds. It is a universal convention, long accepted and convenient, set by our limited knowledge and vision in antithesis with eternity.

This time sense is important, because it helps us to give our lives order and to mark our progress in working relation with our fellow man; but it is the great sense of eternity which makes possible nobler thoughts and higher aspiration. Time, a little section of the great whole, keeps its mask immovable, but is eager in removing the mask and disclosing the secrets of most, if not all things within its boundless confines.

Men, communities, countries, nations rise in the scale of material achievement and vie for positions of honor and rank. Time removes the mask and reveals the aspirants to criticism and comment of the age. They weigh full measure, or, are found wanting. Time is pulling the mask from a people, pleased to be called Americans, yet called many other things; and, ere the mask falls to their feet, they are overcome with criticism by the wise and otherwise, who have started the confusion which accompanies such a revelation with utmost exactness. We now must prove our fitness to survive the falling of the mask, which not only shows us to the world as we are, but gives us a chance to see ourselves reflected and the world's disposition towards us; and to see things as if their time relation expressed their real significance. To value our opportunities, tasks and burdens as if they were related to the years which we number, is to put a part in place of the whole and miss the meaning and glory of crushing the monster of chains and shackles; to lose the sweetness and effect of long continued prayers of hopes and longing of the bond and fettered. The mask falls and with it wanes the too much depended upon northern philanthropy and cherished political advocates, the fiction of time which gave way to stern realities. The greatness and terror of the "Divine Comedy" lies in the fact that it dispels time's fictions and makes us suddenly aware that today calls for that which is best in us, today is eternity. The "Last Judgment" fills one with awe, not because it bespeaks a great event in the far future, but, because it teaches that to day, we are sifted, tried and judged, hour by hour.

With the falling of philanthropy and (promised) political advocacy, the youth of color is driven from

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Possibilities of College-Women

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conscious of her power of control; she is above the level of her child and does not feel at a disadvantage in the presence of the growing and expanding mind of the child. This mother with character and opinion of her own wins her child's respect. Her mind always is ready with some device whereby to amuse her child and keep it from developing that spirit of laziness which leads to many evils; she can keep him at home, until, under her careful attention and instruction, some leading traits of character have been formed and established and he will be fitted better to receive and be benefited by that educative influence that comes from beyond the home's bounds.

Leaving the mother's sphere, let us examine society at large. On every hand we find a place, aye need, for the resources of the college-women. In the cities a great many evils arise from failure to distinguish between the fine and vulgar, the neglect of rejecting the one and demanding the other. This is occasioned chiefly thru ignorance. Here is a great task, the diffusion of the appreciation and yearning for the beautiful into the minds of those in her community.

The college woman who returns to a quiet country home, enters perhaps, the broadest and most delightful field of all. There are interests springing into life and new interests to be developed. For the young reading circles may be formed, home study clubs, debating societies. In ways innumerable she can help young and old to lead the best life.

To her who is to be a wage-earner, it may at first seem unnecessary to devote so much time to things, which, perchance, she may never use directly. She finds, however that the college-woman is made the most complete person. Her richness of resource, her perfect self control, her power to observe, generalize and form accurate judgements, her discipline of temperament all developed in ever collegiate course, make her of all women the best fitted to fill whatever station she may hold in life.

THE ALUMNI

'73 L. Mr. Jas. C. Napier, of Nashville, Tenn., was in town last week on business. Attorney Napier has been very successful in the practice of law since leaving Howard.

'04 L. Mr. Edmund Hill jr. was duly sworn in as a member of the Bar of the district of Columbia on Monday last before the Court in general term.

'05 L. Mr. Thomas Beckett also is now a member of the legal fraternity of Washington.

'05 M. Drs. Edward V. Fitzgerald and S. Bernard Hughes, having passed the examinations prescribed by the Medical Board of Maryland, have been admitted to practice.
The positive side involves certain indifference to the general movement, indifference, not of contempt, but of preoccupation with higher things, a certain disregard of outside opinion, not due to selfishness, but because one’s ideal and opinion are fashioned on a different basis.

At the mask’s falling the oppressed Young American must stand in view ready to weather the roughest sea whose winds and storms must be matters of as little consequence to him as to the great ocean lines which sail to their havens in sublime disregard of external circumstances, other than the course they follow. Then, this soul in full view, the man will be seen as a man under the aspect of eternity.

Let the fiction fall; let us be filled with a spirit in our University which will influence our after life; let the mask fall and make us men. Men emancipated from fear of men because men can neither make nor mar a career. Let the only source of fear be disloyalty to one’s purpose, womanhood, Alma Mater, the race; and that is a fear which guards and protects rather than oppresses. Such an one is not disturbed by the confusion of aims about him; not moved by waning philanthropy; he thinks fearlessly yet generously of friends, and is lifted far above the material changes of fortune by the wholesome spirituality of the end he has chosen to seek.
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