International.

That a peculiar condition faces America with regard to the Venezuelan affairs is cognizant from the position taken by President Castro, of Venezuela, the gaudily of international politics, who continues to treat with indifference and even contempt the various European powers whose subjects have business relations with this South American Republic. By his interference with the French Cable Company he has aroused France to unfriendly action and alienated her sympathies. A few months ago two warships were ordered from the Mediterranean to Venezuelan waters to put an end to such intolerable conduct. Two years ago when protest and diplomatic representations were unheeded, three combined powers of Europe, Great Britain, Germany and Italy, blockaded her ports in order to obtain redress for a long succession of grievances. Besides refusal to pay its legal obligations, the Venezuelan Government subjected foreign creditors to various inconveniences and insults. The powers were bent on teaching Venezuela a lesson which she would have never forgotten. By hostile demonstrations and reprisals the unfortunate autocrat was at his wit’s end, when, thanks to the good offices of America, a settlement was arrived at. But President Castro not only continues to evade the full payment of his debt, but also has brought down the disfavor of the United States who lately threatened him with an ultimatum. Since the enactment of the Monroe Doctrine which without the co-operation and moral support of Great Britain might never have been possible, Venezuela has relied implicitly and openly upon the United States to champion her cause against the world. But now, making every allowance for the peculations of American companies in Venezuela, Castro has lost confidence of Americans. The big brother with the big stick is now tired of his junior’s antics and is not willing that he should be taught a lesson. And here the delicate question comes, “who is to administer it”? A military expedition, involving temporary possession of territory, is the most probable means that could be employed with desired effects. But as military occupation is liable to become permanent, the Monroe Doctrine issues its veto and the power or powers inflicting punishment are soon regarded as “committing an unfriendly act to the United States” Thus a situation at once grave and delicate is created. It is upon this that President Castro’s presumption rests; and so long as the Monroe Doctrine, which bids fair to become a part of the law of nations, remains a fixed purpose of the United States Government, and President Castro’s irresponsible and indefensible con-duct imposes the necessity of coercing him to respectful behavior, then America will have to act as a Court of Appeal between Europe and the South American republics and will also see that “awards” are not rejected but only kept and respected. As Mr. Root said, last year, in support of this view: “If we say to the powers of the world that they shall not put their remedies for wrong against the republics to the point of occupying their territory, we are bound to say that whenever the wrong cannot be otherwise redressed we ourselves will see that it is redressed.” In other words, the United States must be the stern disciplinarian when occupation of South American territory is the only alternative left a strong opponent of any of those factious states. In England there is no desire to acquire another inch of South American soil and if the United States would guarantee the good conduct of the Latin republics, such a development would avoid the unpleasant feelings and unfriendly criticism which characterized the events attendant upon the joint blockade of Venezuelan ports a few years ago.

“Happy is that child of fortune whose duties and pleasures always coincide, but blessed is that son of toil who stops his ears from hearing the siren’s song as he sails by enchanted isle of pleasure on the homeward way.”

Eye Language.

From the Popular Science Monthly.

No part of the human countenance engages our attention so frequently as the eyes. When face to face in conversation we do not look at the lips—although, as a rule, the attention is very quickly taken by any movement—but at the eyes of the one with whom we are talking. So much is this the case that the habit of many deaf people of watching the mouth always strikes us as peculiar. In fact, one usually feels that there is a sense of incompleteness in the association of mind with mind by means of conversation if there is not a continual interchange of glances making a kind of running commentary on the words spoken. The same may be said of ordinary greetings when two people shake hands; unless there is at the same moment a meeting of friendly looks the ceremony loses much of its meaning.

Now why is there this continual meeting of eyes accompanying all kinds of human intercourse? Partly, no doubt, it is attributable to certain habits of comparative recent date. The eye, “the window of the soul,” is a more truthful exponent of the inward thoughts than the tongue, and seeing that speech is very frequently used not to tell the thoughts, but to conceal them, we look to the eye for confirmation of what our ears are ‘taking in.
The University Journal.

The following persons will receive degrees at the University Commencement to be held on Thursday evening, June 1, at 8 o'clock, at the Convention Hall:

IN THEOLOGY—James W. Manoney, Samuel B. Ross.


IN PHILOSOPHY AND PEDAGOGY—Albert A. Brown, J. G. Logan, Mary Curtis.

Notice.

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Dr. Roht. B Tyler, an instructor in the Department of Pharmacy, has a number of requests for graduates of Pharmacy to assist or take charge drug stores. The Doctor's interest in the student does not stop on Commencement day, but he takes pleasure in recommending and assisting them to secure lucrative positions in their chosen work.

Keep your eyes open and your ears clear; something is going to drop.
Discipline.

Everyone feels the need of a certain amount of college spirit and most of us can appreciate a large degree of freedom, a few liberties, and to a large extent being trusted and placed on our honor; but few of us, I am sure, approve of leniency, that borders on disinterestedness and lack of discipline that is the result of disregard for authority. The older students are constantly made to fear lest they lose some of their privileges and opportunities on account of the abuse of their younger and less thoughtful companions. It seems that there is some need of instruction in manners and polite behavior. This instruction, indeed, must come from those who are obeyed, respected and revered. Their relation must be essentially parental, ours filial. Such being the nature of the relation, it is the duty of the instructors to enforce obedience and of the pupil to render it. It would be easy to show that on the fulfillment of this duty on the part of the instructor the interests of education and the welfare of the young vitally depend. Without discipline there can be formed no valuable habit. Without it when young persons are congregated together, far away from restraints of domestic society, exposed to the allurements of present temptations, and excited by the stimulus of youthful passion, every vicious habit will be cultivated. We may applaud negligent and pusillanimous authority; but when we, no longer young, suffer the result of that neglect and pusillanimity, we will mention the name of that person with bitter execration.

It is proper here to explain that we do not believe in passive obedience in every case. Do not always submit to authority. No! not at all. Every reformation is preceded by an insurrection, a rebellion against authority. We believe in obedience that comes from respect, from love, if you please, and not from fear of punishment—and no one can govern well unless he can command respect.

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There dwelt a sage called Discipline.
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Played on his lips; and in his speech was heard
Parental sweetness, dignity, and love.
The occupation dearest to his heart
Was to encourage goodness. Learning grew
Beneath his care, a thriving vigorous plant
The mind was well informed, the passions held
Subordinate, and diligence was choice.
If ever it chanced, as sometimes chance it must,
That one among so many overlapped
The limits of control, his gentle eye
Grew stern and darted severe rebuke,
His frown was full of terror, and his voice
Shook the delinquent with such force of awe
As left him not till penitence had won
Lost favor back again and closed the breach."

—TACT.

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And that the wrong—
Though now it triumphs—wields no sceptre long,
But right will reign,
Throned where the waves of error beat in vain!

—Frank L. Stanton.

Twelve young men will graduate in Pharmacy this year. Some of them have already secured good positions.

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