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## STATE COLLEGE CALENDAR

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 3**  
4:30 p. m.  
Newman Club Meeting... Room 211.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5**  
4:45 p. m.  
Y. W. C. A.—Silver Bay Meeting.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7**  
11:35 a. m.  
Student Assembly.  
4:15 p. m.  
Music Club Meeting... Room B.  
8 p. m.  
Freshman-Sophomore Get-Wise Meeting... Gym.

## DR. BRUBACHER SPEAKS IN STUDENT ASSEMBLY

1925 — Back to Work Class

Friday morning in Student Assembly we showed the freshmen what snappy songs they have inherited as frosh of S. C. T. We sang the Alma Mater first, of course. Then we all joined in singing to President Brubacher. Someone has been heard to remark that the song to Dean Horner is appropriately written to the tune of "Smiles." For, whoever saw Dean Horner when he wasn't smiling? We also sang our Basketball song just to give '25 a taste of the spirit that prevails while a close game is being contested in the Albany High gym. Lastly, we sang "Pack Up Your Troubles in Your Own Kit Bag" because each frosh is taught to believe that the "really only truly trouble" is practice teaching, and that does not descend upon the frosh for several years.

President Brubacher believes that he has added one more duty to the numerous activities of a college president. Since he called the class of '21 the War class, the class of '22 the Victory class, the class of '23 the Peace class, and the class of '24 the Pilgrim class, he just had to give a suitable name to the promising class of '25.

Mr. Schwab believes that half of the difficulties of these trying years of the Reconstruction period would be solved if people were more economical and more earnest in their attempts to increase the productivity of the country. So, as a watchword, the class of '25 is called the "Back to Work" class. This is a fitting name for a college class, especially for a class of State College. Our students are rated as the best teachers, and we want future graduating classes to be "better than the best." We also want to eliminate the mortality of the baby class. This can be accomplished if the energetic frosh will listen with attentive ears to the "teachers" of the college faculty, if they will visit the

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## NEWS BOARD COMPETITION ANNOUNCED

### Point System To Attract Sophomores and Freshmen.

The State College News announces the opening of competition for editorial appointments to candidates of the two under classes. The awarding of credits which is explained elsewhere in the paper is expected to draw many try-outs for positions on the board upon which it has always been an honor to serve.

Rules governing the competition are:

1. Students of all classes may offer themselves as candidates by submitting their names to the editor-in-chief early in the first semester of each year. A request for candidates will be printed at that time in the "News."

2. Candidates will then be assigned to do specified work; those who wish to compete for business managership under the direction of

the business manager and the others under the direction of the managing editor.

3. In May of each year at least five of the sophomores will be chosen, on a strict basis of merit, to permanent positions as associate editors—provided, however, that at no time shall the board contain more than five seniors, six juniors, four sophomores, and four freshmen.

Names should be handed to the editor-in-chief or the managing editor early this week.

English majors ought to be especially interested in this opportunity to learn something of journalism. Teachers of English in the high school are often called upon to direct the publication of the school paper. Often they are called upon to instruct students in this branch of work.

## JOURNALISM COURSE REVISED

### CREDIT GIVEN TO PUBLICATION BOARDS

Members of the Pedagogue, Quarterly and News Boards met with Miss Murray and Dr. Brubacher to learn concerning a change in English 23 at the President's office on Wednesday afternoon.

Dr. Brubacher has long been interested in the publications of State College and has desired that college credit be given, to those working upon the various boards. It is thought that such a plan would also result in the bettering the issues.

Miss Geraldine H. Murray, instructor in English, who is giving the present course in journalism, explained the proposed change. The editorial staffs are to meet separately with Miss Murray for class periods, the number per week of which is to vary according to the frequency of issuance of the

papers. A schedule of work done by a student on his publication will be accepted in lieu of class assignments.

Since the idea is just being developed, full details have not yet been arranged.

## DR. PAINTER IN HOSPITAL

The faculty and students of the college are very sorry to hear that Dr. G. A. S. Painter, professor of philosophy, is seriously ill in the hospital. It is hoped that he will be able to return to his duties at least by next week. Sincere anticipations for a speedy recovery are extended to Dr. Painter from State College.

Mr. Brown will meet the psychology classes in the meantime, but the other two courses in philosophy will not be held until further notice.

## ANNUAL FALL DANCE

On October 14th Gamma chapter of Kappa Delta Rho fraternity will have its annual fall dance. Contrary to custom the "hop" this year will be held in the gymnasium. A limited number of bids will be available to college students not members of the fraternity. These can be secured upon application to any K Δ P man.

Those who have been to these dances in the past know that, if they go, they can't help having a good time. They will not be disappointed this year. There is going to be good music, a good crowd, and lots to eat and drink. The jazz band will start at 8 o'clock and will continue to syncopate until midnight.

Those of you who are new at college and are looking for a good time had better take a tip and buy a bid before they are all gone. The price will be \$1.50. Remember the date, October 14th.

## FROSH! GET WISE!!!

Now that the Freshmen class has had time to get its bearings, and has grown accustomed to running into welcoming arms at every corner, the Sophomore class feels that it is about time this order of things should change—and the baby class be taught its duties as well as its privileges. Therefore, at 7:30 on Friday, October 7, the Sophs will show the Frosh what the spirit of State College can and will do if her sacred traditions are not given due respect. Also—they will show how weird and dismal are the tortures inflicted by the spirit of the Sophomore class if her august decrees are not fully observed. All Freshmen of valiant hearts and strong arms will come out to meet the Sophs, of course—and they are free to thrill or be thrilled as the case may be.

## NOTICE TO FRESHMEN

Due to the large registration of the freshmen class, Miss Pierce will meet all freshmen, both men and women, in the auditorium at 4:00 p. m. on Thursday. Attendance is required of the men as well as the women at this meeting.

## STUDENT LOAN FUNDS

Senior and junior students needing funds to meet their college expenses may apply to Dean Pierce in writing, stating their need, status in the college and the amount of loan desired.

Applicants having good scholastic records, a reputation for reliability and faithfulness in meeting obligations and a satisfactory endorsement of their note will be awarded the loan, in order of their applications, at five per cent. interest, payable one year after graduation.

## NEWMAN CLUB MEETING

The regular meeting of the Newman Club will be held this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, in Room 211.

## TENTATIVE BASKETBALL SCHEDULE, 1921-22

Sat.	Dec. 3	.....St. Michael's.....	at Albany
Thurs.	Dec. 8	.....Clarkson.....	at Albany
Sat.	Dec. 10	.....Union.....	at Schenectady
Sat.	Dec. 17	.....R. P. I.....	at Troy
Thurs.	Jan. 12	.....St. John's.....	at New York
Fri.	Jan. 13	.....Pratt.....	at New York
Sat.	Jan. 14	.....Open.....	at Albany
Sat.	Jan. 21	.....St. Stephen's.....	at Albany
Sat.	Jan. 28	.....Alfred.....	at Albany
Sat.	Feb. 4	.....Alumni.....	at Albany
Sat.	Feb. 11	.....St. Lawrence.....	at Albany
Sat.	Feb. 18	.....Conn. Aggies.....	at Albany
Sat.	Feb. 25	.....St. Stephen's.....	at Annandale
Sat.	Mar. 4	.....Open.....	at Albany
Sat.	Mar. 11	.....Open.....	at Albany
	Mar. 16-18	.....Alfred.....	Western Trip

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### 1925 ATTENTION!

Now then you frosh lend me your best ear and seriously meditate on what I have to impart to you. Open your "Freshman Hand Books," turn to page 35 and read what you will see there, provided your eyesight is good. When we say "The following have been accepted as College traditions," we do not mean accepted by the class of '24, or the class of '25. We mean that they have been accepted by every class that ever helped wear a path to the mail box outside the News office. Also, we mean that they are to be accepted by the class of '25.

You as freshmen should feel as much of a thrill when you fulfill one of these traditions as you will when you break a sophomore rule. Do not expect the sophs to enforce traditions. Enforce them yourselves! The sophs have a measly 150, as compared to 260 in the class of '25. What chance have they of enforcing traditions? None at all! Therefore get busy. See to it that all your fellow and sister frosh live up to every tradition from number one to number ten inclusive.

Also in conclusion let me state that we expect you to start now and keep right on enforcing these traditions until June 25, 1925.

E. C. Osborne, '22.

### A SHORT TRIP ON A THOUGHT LIMITED

The talk which Doctor Graves gave in the first Assembly certainly opened the way for considerable cogitation upon a worth while subject. Every one of us who claims even a passing acquaintance with self must have been aware that the announcer of his or her trains of thought reported the opening of several old and new lines and announced that very special accommodations would be made up at the will of that subjective self that wanders so purposively thru the realm of consciousness. Unfortunately, however, the nature of these accommodation-specials is such that, while the lines of thought are open, the trains cannot be dispatched without the volition of this strange traveler, who is not only a passen-

ger, but also engineer and conductor. All aboard!

Especially interesting is the idea that the elements of character exist or function in antithetical pairs; that character, or nature, or self, as you will—is never simple but always complex. We are each of us possessed of a dual personality. Who is by nature honest, is also dishonest by nature, but the manifestation of the one element or the other is dependent upon habit of thought. We are all acquainted thru personal experience with the varying quality of honesty manifest under differing circumstances. With our dearest friends we are certainly more square than with those to whom we are indifferent. Yet honesty in any final analysis or ideal sense must be absolute. We are honest or we are dishonest, according as we react. The line between honesty and dishonesty is sharp and well defined, and our reactions place us irrevocably on the one side or the other, according as they are in strict accord with an intelligent ideal of honesty, or are in some phase or other of doubtful fairness. It is well, then, to give a little thought to the various phases of our dealings with others, at least until we have developed habits of thought that will permit of deviation from the right side of the line. If we would be square to ourselves, we must be square to others.

Station is Space-limit! All change to your own individual trains of thought for other points along the line.

### Y. W. C. A. RECEPTION

"Get Acquainted"—the Slogan

Y. W. C. A. entertained delightfully the freshmen and the Association members in the gymnasium, on Friday evening, September 30.

Shortly after eight o'clock the evening's events began with a talk by Eunice Rice, president of Y. W. C. A. Then the entertainment committee announced a grand march, so arranged that several sets of partners were chosen at intervals, thus causing a constant interchange of groups.

Booklets were distributed containing ten questions. A prize was given to the one obtaining the answers in the shortest time. Then everyone was sent to seek out his birthday month which was represented by one or two girls wearing appropriate costumes. The Junes, Octobers, Februaries, and the rest chatted with those born in their month, forming new acquaintanceships.

Professor York followed with some of his funniest pianologues which so delighted the students during summer session.

The last number was the dramatic and musical rendition of "John Brown's Body" by a select chorus.

A Virginia reel, a Paul Jones, and more modern dancing filled the remainder of the evening, until eleven.

Helen Leary, '23, chairman of the social committee had charge of the refreshments, assisted by Delia Hadsell, '23, and Katherine Russell, '24.

The entertainment committee had Dorothy Dangremond, '23, as chairman, Dorothy Bennit, '24 and Mary Vedder, '25.

Decorations were arranged by Laura Ebell, '23, Leila Lester, '23, Elinor Buell, '23, and Ethel Mead, '23.

### HOME ECONOMICS NOTES

On Wednesdays, from three until five, Professor Gillett will be "At Home" at 151 Western Avenue. Come and see how homelike the Home Economics Department can be!

The new Home Management house is located at 151 Western Avenue. Senior students will be commencing their practice in Home Management this week. Professor Gillett is in charge of the course and will live at the house, with the group of students, as advisor.

The total registration of students for Home Economics has increased 100%.

Extension courses in Home Economics will be given in Schenectady this coming year.

Professor Gillett will give a course in Teachers Training. Miss Soden will give a course in Dietetics and Nutrition for Teachers and home-makers.

The dressmaking shop, which is a practice field for students in clothing, is located at 385 Washington Avenue. Shop customers will please register at the office of the Home Economics Department, where orders will be taken. Suggestions in designing and assistance in shopping may be had. Garment construction and renovation will be carefully supervised.

Your patronage is solicited.

### MEETING OF ATHLETIC COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Athletic Council on Friday, Edward Sherley was elected secretary of the council.

### SILVER BAY MEETING

Y. W. C. A. will have an outdoor Silver Bay meeting and frankfur roast, Wednesday, October 5, at 4:45. We will meet in front of college and go to McCowan's grove where we will eat, sing, and hear about Silver Bay around our camp fire. Everyone is invited.

### CHEMISTRY CLUB

The first meeting of the Chemistry Club was held Friday, September 30, at 4 o'clock. Current topics were given, constitutional amendments proposed, and important business transacted.

### JUNIOR BASKETBALL SQUAD ELECTS

A meeting of the Junior basketball squad was held Thursday noon. Ethel Seymour was elected captain. May Wood, manager.

### FOOTBALL

This year may be the beginning of a new epoch in the history of State. You cannot help but know that something is going to happen. It is in the air. It is football. State has fine prospects of having a real football team, if not this year, at least next year.

It has been said that no college is a real college if it has no football team. This statement may be a little exaggerated, but football certainly means a great deal to a college. Can you imagine what will be the result of this action to have a varsity football team?

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citement. The Purple and Gold is lined up for the final play. It is near the end of the last quarter. The score is 6-0 in favor of the opposing team. The signal is given. There is a scrimmage. But look, there goes a man wearing the uniform of State. He has the ball and is running down the field. He crosses the line for a touchdown. The score is tied.

The teams line up for the kick for goal. You hear a dull thud and see the ball arch neatly over the crossbar for another point as the whistle blows for the end of the quarter. The game is over and State College, your college, has won.

On Friday you will have a chance to decide whether this can ever come true. Be a real sport and support football. Don't turn it down. Give it a fair start and see what will happen.



**CONCERNING COEDS,  
ED. SAYS:**

Gez whizz Louie,  
You want me to write you about the "fair sex." They aint no such animal. I never seen so many un-fair ones in my life, not that they aint purty and all that; but you never seen so many unreasonable ones in all your born days.

Why, the other day I went into the auditorium—you knew that that's what they call the assembly room, didn't you Louie? So did I, well, anyway, as I was going in they was two sweet young things sitting on the stone door step.

"Oh, look what the cat brought in," one of them says.

"And wouldn't eat," says the other.

"Look's if he came from Keeley Collige," say the first.

Now, Louie, did you ever know they was a Keeley Collige? Neither did I.

The second one says, "Taint where he came from, its where he's goin to," and then she says to me, "wanna hear a joke, Rubie?"

"Shoot," I says, you know how I am around the wimmen, Louie, eh? Gol darn it. Put a purty girl in front of me and I'm liable to say most anything, aint I Louie?

"Well, here it is," she says. "Jack and I sat on a bench in Washington Park the other night. We didn't know that it had been painted, so Jack got his suit all covered with paint, Hal Hal!"

Say, Louie, I don't see anything in that to laugh about, do you? Neither did I. So I says to her, I says, "You must a had those cootie garages o' yourn over your ears when that joke was finished," I says.

"He wouldn't wink if he had a cinder in his eye," says her companion. "Let's go for we get any hay seed in our hair."

I never see such a gang in my life, Louie, why, they're allus takin me for a frosh, and you know as well as any that they aint no green in my eye, is they Louie. I'el say they aint, gol darn it.

Why, only the other day one of them wanted to send me down to the boiler room to get some steel wool off the hydraulic ram.

"How come?" I says to him real hard. You know me, Louie. I can be hard when I want to, huh? Always for peace, but I'm a hum dinger when I'm rattled, eh Louie? You bet.

"You're a frosh aint cha," he says to me then.

"A frosh, be I? Well I haint no sechthing," I answers him back.

"Well, here comes one," he says. "Watch me get him."

And he did, gee, Louie, some people is offyl dense, aint they? Ketch you o' me doin that, eh Louie? No siree, we'd ketch on right away, wouldn't we? I would, anyway.

Well, outside o' bein mistaken for a frosh, and havin to dance each Friday noon to music that sounds as if someone had put a cracked soup plate on a Victrola, I kinda like it here.

The nicest part of it all is that they aint no Sunday chapel to take the Sun out of Sunday, and chickens? Say, Louie, they got so many here that they call the college store "the coop."

Am havin a awful time gettin all my lessons. Hopin you are the same.

Yours till it rains home-brew,  
EDDIE.

**FOOTBALL NEWS**

This fall State is going to have some real football battles. With the increased number of men the possibility of a good Varsity eleven has been made a reality. Every afternoon there is a good sized squad of men practicing at Ridgefield.

Coach Snavelly has already found some "star" material among the candidates. With these as a nucleus he expects to get together a strong lineup. No schedule has yet been arranged, but there is every possibility to believe that several games can be secured. A full schedule cannot be expected this year, but it is a start toward that hope of years, the day when football will be a major sport at State College.

**ROUND ABOUT COLLEGE**

May Truman, '21 and Dorothy Wemple, '21, are doing home demonstration work on the extension service staff of the University of Vermont.

Eleanor Hees, '20, spent last week-end at the K Δ house.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Nathan S. Parsons, (Mabel H. Holliday, '18), a daughter, Barbara Ellen, on Thursday, September 22.

Theodore Arthur, '23, Cornell, was the guest of Mildred Stetson, '22, last week.

The following girls are living at the Eta Phi house, 53 South Lake Avenue: Ethel Huyek, '22, Helen Van Aken, '22, Viola Holmes, '23, Ethel Rusk, '23, Marjorie Sibley, '23, Eyra Williams, '23, Jane Green, '24, Jane McKennan, '24.

Eta Phi welcomes as pledge members Florence Dorsey, '23; Jane Green, '24; Jane McKennan, '24.

Evelyn Gardner, '16, of Crisfield, Maryland, who is doing graduate work at Columbia University, recently spent a few days at the Eta Phi house.

Marjorie Potter spent a few days at the house. She is on her way to teach in East Hampton, L. I.

Lela Cakener, '22, spent a few days in New York last week.

Mary Grahn, '21, is visiting at her home in Albany. The Edmeston High School in which she is an instructor is closed because of an epidemic.

Chi Sigma Theta extends its best wishes to Edna Maneth, '21, whose marriage to Herbert H. McCaffrey, occurred September 24.

Chi Sigma Theta is pleased to announce the marriage of Florence Quinlavin, '18.

X Σ O regrets the temporary absence of Elizabeth Carey, '22, from college on account of illness.

X Σ O welcomes Elizabeth McManus, '24, as a pledged member.

The new girls living at the X Σ O house are Anne O'Neil, Genevieve Zimbar, Martha Parry, Mary Maher, and Ada Busse.

Gamma Chapter, K Δ P, is glad to welcome Bentley, '21, and Flinn, '23, back to college. Both these men are athletes. Tom will make things interesting in track events while "Lefty" Flinn, pugilistic champion of Lansingburg stands ready to defend his title against all comers.

Gamma welcomes Lawrence W. Hill, director of Physical Education in the City of Albany, as an honorary member.

**AS TO THE CAMPUS TAX**

The funniest thing I ever heard has lately been announced.

The Sophs would collect a campus tax, so on us Frosh they pounced. Well, I laughed till I nearly cracked my sides, for such a thing must mean

That their bank account is all used up, and so the Sophs have seen That the best thing was to tax the Frosh for 50c each one;

Two hundred Frosh at four bits each would make a goodly sum. Now, Sophie, dear, I much regret that you are so near broke

But, if you have to get the "dough" of course it is no joke. I've scratched my head and thought a bit, and the only thing I know For you to do to get the coin is—

Well, now, I don't know That I'd better go and tell you for I don't suppose you'd care

To take advice from Freshmen, and, too, 'twould not be fair

To deny your minds the chance to work—it's seldom that they do; So now I guess I'll close my poem and leave the rest to you,

To think out how to start the thing and how to take it through So don't give up; there are other ways; here's best of luck to you.

The Wandering Poet,  
A Freshie.

**STATE COLLEGE STUDENTS TO BE FEATURED**

In last Sunday's edition of the "Knickerbocker Press" photographs of several groups of college students from the Capital District appeared.

Watch the Sunday paper for the next week or two, for State is to be represented, too. Several groups posed for the photographer last week.

**TO BE ENTERTAINED AT LAKE GEORGE**

Mr. Sovereign, the director of physical education in the public schools of Glens Falls will entertain the Northeastern New York Physical Education Association at the Y. M. C. A. camp on Lake George the week-end of October 7. Several of the girls of the physical education department at State will attend.

**MUSIC CLUB**

Music Club will meet in Room B, the music room, Friday, October 7th. All college students may attend this meeting, and if you wish to become permanent members, please hand in your names then. An interesting series of programs is being planned for the year.

**SENIOR GIRLS' BASKETBALL**

The senior girls have already started preparations for the coming basketball season. At a recent business meeting, Genevieve Zimbar was elected to captain the team for the year. Helen Walsh was elected manager. Practices have started beginning last week. Senior girls, watch the G. A. A. bulletin board in the lower hall for announcements of practices, and come out with everyone with lots of pep. We are going to be champions this year, but we need the help of every girl. Do your best!

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**DR. BRUBACHER SPEAKS**

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museum and library at the Education building, and if they will note the numerous spots of local historical interest. Then there is just one other "burdensome duty" of a frosh. That is to reserve sufficient time for recreation. Not that it is a burden to choose a jolly good time, but it is difficult to choose a really worth while amusement when there is a movie house on each corner, and it is so convenient to go to the "Colonial" when a person has only seventeen cents to his name.

After the "family talk" we all sang to the profs, even those who give us D's, and to wake up the sophs we cheered for the freshmen.

**ORGANIZATION OF FRESHMEN**

There was a meeting of the freshmen Monday afternoon immediately after history lecture in the auditorium. The purpose of the meeting was the organization of the class of '25.

**CHEMISTRY CLUB NOTES****Plans for Year**

The first Chemistry Club meeting of the year was held in the chemistry lecture room Friday afternoon, September 19, at 4 o'clock. Nearly all of the members were present. Committees were appointed to take charge of the activities of the club during the following year. Miss Florence Robertson, '22, was elected librarian. After a short business meeting Miss Eleanor Guittenan gave a paper on advances in the study of leprosy.

Chemistry Club meets every second and fourth Friday in the month at 4 o'clock. All who have had Elementary Chemistry and are having or have had another course in Chemistry are eligible. Those who cannot satisfy these requirements, but are interested and desire to join, may do so by presenting an original paper on some field of Chemistry before the club.

Any who are interested may see Mr. Kennedy or the Committee on Membership, consisting of Miss Deutl, Miss Tenny and Miss Robertson, as soon as possible.

The officers for the coming year, who are now preparing an excellent and varied program for the year, are:

President, Gladys Lodge, '22.  
Vice-President, Malevina Lemmler, '22.

Secretary, Emma Deutl, '22.  
Treasurer, Edmund Osborne, '22.  
Reporter, Margaret Betz, '22.  
Critic, Mr. Kennedy.

Miss Eleanor Giffen, '23, a Chemistry Club member, is ill at the Albany Hospital. We are all sorry that she will not be with us for the first semester.

**THE VICE-PRESIDENT ON THE CLASSICS**

(From Youths' Companion.)

Although Greek and Latin are having a hard time of it to maintain their position as essential foundations of a liberal education, they are not without friends. The Vice-President of the United States, who is a graduate of a New England college where the classics still have as much honor as they have anywhere in the country, is the latest eminent champion to come to their defense. We have no room even to summarize his excellent address before the American Classical League, but we can call attention to a few of the reasons that he gave for keeping Greek and Latin firmly fixed in the college curriculums.

The study of the classics serves a double purpose—it is a means of culture and is a mental discipline. An acquaintance with the poetry and philosophy of Greece, with the literature and legal learning of Rome, and with the history and tradition of both countries, is indispensable to a really liberal culture. Our literary standards, our political standards, our artistic standards, our standards of thought and reasoning and scientific method, are established on the classics. "Without them," as Mr. Coolidge said, "there can be no interpretation of language or literature, no adequate comprehension of history, no understanding of the foundations of philosophy and law. And the natural sciences are so much the product of men trained in the classics that without that training their very terminology cannot be fully understood."

But it is true that the classics, though indispensable for culture, are not wholly taught for their cultural value and are sometimes taught without any proper insistence on that value. But even when they are taught pedantically, when it is the syntax of the language on which the teacher spends his pupils' time, when the dry bones of the study rattle ominously in the classroom—even then there is sturdy mental discipline in memorizing, in reasoning, in concentrating, in accomplishing something difficult against your inclination, that makes the classics a far more effective means of strengthening and toughening the brain tissue than some of the less exacting studies that are offered today as substitutes for them. The proper thing, of course, is to teach both syntax and literary appreciation; one who has had the luck to get his Greek and Latin from a teacher who is at home in both fields has gone through an educational experience that has no equivalent.

It is not necessary that everyone should study the classics, but some in every generation should. From them we draw much of our faith in liberty, in democracy and in order under the law; from them springs our interest in literature and the arts; without them our religious beliefs and practices would be widely different from what they are. If the leaders of our intellectual and social life ever become as a body unfamiliar with the classics, our civilization will become a more sordid and rapacious thing than the world has yet seen. Our modern culture began with the revival of classical study in the fifteenth century. No one will assert that that culture has become a finer or more healthy thing during the half century in which it has become fashionable to turn up the nose at the classics.

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