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Education and the good life, 1934.

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EDUCATION AND THE GOOD LIFE

In seeking the new, one should also guard himself against confounding the new with the novel. A man putting on a new garment does not by that token become a new man, and an age putting on new manners does not become a new age. Authentic newness in man or in an age is inward spiritual renewal, new emphases, new sets of values, higher aspirations and higher interests.

Every age has its novelty s-ekers and its spasmodic hankering after the bizarre and the flamboyant. Every epoch has its false glitter and its cheap and easy cleverness. The young men and women of almost every age, except the excessively repressed ones, have sought after the sharp relish of the novel and the unconventional in clothes, speech, manners and ideas. Our own age is especially addicted to this idolatry of the novel. Our young people would break with the conventions and restraints of the past and plunge into what they call the New Life. But this new life is, after all, no new life at all, but an acceleration of the old rhythm -- a swifter scansion of an hackneyed melody. The irreverences and the irresponsibilities of our day are no whit different from the stale bravadoes of every generation since the beginning of time -- the same capers and the same totems. There is nothing new in novelty!...

The New Life is not a new excitement, but a new exultation -- not a stimulant, but a satisfaction. We renew ourselves, not by indulging our appetites, but by improving our tastes. We enter new worlds through the gates of aspiration.

Education for the Good Life should encourage the cultivation of such ideals within us as will make of our life an unbroken process of spiritual and intellectual growth and renewal. Our business or profession should not be permitted to become so mechanical as to restrict our development or consign us to the treadmill of repetition and monotony. We should, of course, attempt to advance to the very limits of our vocation, to explore its every byway and to marshal into play every talent which we possess, but we must continue our self-fulfillment beyond it and outside of it. No occupation, however large its scope, is large enough to enclave our whole personality. Like a jewel radiating through numerous facets, our spirit should adventure along manifold ways.

Our age is one of the specialization and a man's success is determined by his ability to master thoroughly a prescribed field of economic activity. It is not so much scope as intensive expertness in a limited field which counts. This makes for progress in industry; for industry can link these small efficient units into a greater scheme. But the individual who confines his whole life to one specialized activity to the exclusion of all else starves and destroys it. Human life requires scope and comprehensiveness. A well-rounded, colorful human personality cannot be developed within the hard routine of a job, however remunerative and estimable it may be.

Man must have more than one world in which to live; for his one world may collapse and then he is totally bereft. Along side of his job-world he must construct for himself a leisure-world wherein he can live freely and joyously in the role of a creative amateur, pursuing objectives not out of economic necessity but because of his sheer love for them. This will enable him to remain young amidst the aging toll of the relentless years.

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The University of Chicago Chapel

CHARLES WHITNEY GILKEY, Dean

Order of Service Winter Quarter, 1934

SUNDAYS AT II:00 A.M.

Organ Preludes: Beginning at 10:45 Congregational Hymn

The People standing until after the Chorale

Call to Worship

Invocation:

O Almighty God, from whom every good prayer cometh, and who pourest out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and supplication, deliver us when we draw nigh to Thee from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship Thee in spirit and in truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

The General Thanksgiving

The Minister and the People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life, but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Chorale

Choir and Congregation O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,

Solo or Anthem The Scripture Solo or Anthem Prayers:

The Minister: The Lord be with you. The People: And with thy spirit. Be thou our guard while life shall last, And our eternal home. Amen.

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The Minister and the Choir: Let us pray. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us. And grant us thy salvation. O God, make clean our hearts within us, And take not thy Haly Spirit from us. 34-18

For the Nation; for the University; for Daily Needs; closing with the Lord's Prayer, said by the Minister and the People.

Hymn

The People standing

Sermon

Offertorp

The offering is devoted to the support of the University Settlement and other philanthropies for which the University has an immediate responsibility.

Sentences

Anthem

Presentation of Offering The People standing until after the Benediction Doxology

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom:

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests; Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen*.

Congregational Hymn Benediction Choral Amen

UNIVERSITY PREACHERS FOR THE WINTER QUARTER

JANUARY 7-RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER, D.D., LITT.D., The Temple, Cleveland, Ohio

- 14-THE REVEREND CHARLES W. GILKEY, D.D., Dean of the University Chapel, The University of Chicago 21-KIRTLEY F. MATHER, Sc.D., Ph.D., Professor of Geology, Harvard University
- 28-THE REVEREND REINHOLD NIEBUHR, D.D., Associate Professor of Social Ethics and Philosophy of
 - Religion, Union Theological Seminary

FEBRUARY 4-THE REVEREND GEORGE C. PIDGEON, D.D., Bloor Street United Church, Toronto, Canada

- 11-EDGAR J. GOODSPEED, PH.D., D.D., Professor of Biblical and Patristic Greek; Chairman of the Department of New Testament and Early Christian Literature, The University of Chicago
 - 18-NORMAN THOMAS, LL.D., League for Industrial Democracy, New York City
 - 25-THE REVEREND MILES H. KRUMBINE, D.D., Shaker Heights, Cleveland, Ohio

MARCH 4-DEAN GILKEY

- 11-THE REVEREND M. H. LICHLITER, D.D., First Congregational Church, Columbus, Ohio
- 18-Convocation Sunday-Albert EUSTACE HAYDON, PH.D., Professor of Comparative Religion, The University of Chicago

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- IANUARY 7 Organ Recital, one half-hour, at 4:30, FREDERICK MARRIOTT
 - The Epiphany Candle Lighting Service, at 7:30

MUSICAL VESPER SERVICES, SUNDAYS AT 4:30 P.M.

- JANUARY 14-The Lindblom A Cappella Choir, DAVID NYVALL, JR., Conductor
 - 21-The Chicago Bach Chorus, EDWIN STANLEY SEDER, Conductor
 - 28-CHARLES BUCKLEY and FRANCES HUFF, Violinists
- FEBRUARY 4-The Lawrence College A Cappella Choir, CARL J. WATERMAN, Conductor
 - 11-MAUDE BOUSLOUGH, Soprano; BARRETT SPACH, Organist
 - 18-The Metropolitan Church Choir, J. WESLEY JONES, Conductor; a program of Spirituals
 - 25-The University of Chicago Choir
- MARCH 4-LEO SOWERBY, Organist; ANNA BURMEISTER, Soprano; a first performance of new solos by MR. SOWERBY 11-The De Pauw University Choir, R. G. McCUTCHAN, Conductor
 - 18-A half-hour of organ music, EDWARD EIGENSCHENK

The Chapel is open daily from 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., and there will be daily organ music at 5:00 P.M.

There will be a carillon recital on Wednesdays at 4:30 and on Sundays at 3:00 P.M. HAROLD SIMONDS will play on Sunday, and FREDERICK MARRIOTT on Wednesday.

A religious service for all members of the University is conducted by the Divinity Faculties at 11:50 A.M. in the Joseph Bond Chapel on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

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