

# Vast Cost of Education in America.

Public Schools cost over Two Hundred and Fifty Million; Colleges Add Twenty-Seven Million.

**M**ONEY madness is the besetting sin in the United States, according to all the rest of the world. And it may be true that here and there an American does like to make a dollar now and then—every day, possibly.

But the grand passion of the people of the United States is for education, not money. With them the educational miracle has done its perfect work. In their efforts for mental training Americans lead the world. The latest official and trustworthy figures, the only ones, in fact, are furnished by the United States bureau of education. Its last report dealt with the school year of 1903-1904. When the report was closed the total, to be exact, was 18,187,918.

But even this vast total does not take in all the Americans who are striving eagerly to improve their mental condition, some of them with every ounce of energy they have left, after doing their day's work each 24 hours.

For, entirely outside the 18,000,000, entirely unnoticed by the statisticians, come the students enrolled for instruction by the famous Chautauqua university, the 20,000 who are regularly taking the Y. M. C. A. course, and the students of the correspondence schools, whose subscribers number thousands.

## UNCLE SAM'S EDUCATIONAL PROBLEM.

This country alone, of all the countries in the world, has manifestly attacked, and for its own preservation, must accomplish, the herculean task of operating constantly educational mills of such magnitude that they can accommodate 18,000,000 pupils and students from almost every race on earth.

The pupils of the "common" primary schools, including the city evening schools, make up 15,750,000 of the grand total of about 18,000,000 and 19,000,000, comprising the American school army, as shown in the latest educational reports. These 15,750,000 are put through our educational mills without the cost of a penny to themselves for tuition, and in many states for books, even; each community paying the cost of its own schools in the main, the Federal government educating only about 20,000 Indians, in round numbers, and 2,500 primary pupils in Alaska.

Now, what about the other millions in the educational army? Well, rather more than 1,000,000 are swallowed up by those primary schools that are supported by private means.

## A MILLION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION.

Broadly speaking, considerably more than 1,000,000 of all the students who go to school in the United States are dependent on some degree of the higher education. This is one in every 20 of the whole population (allowing that the 76,000,000 of 1900 have grown to 80,000,000 in 1905), by all odds a larger proportion than can be shown in the high schools, preparatory schools, colleges, universities and professional schools of any other nation now or ever in history dwelling on the crust of the earth.

So to estimate the cost of a gazetteer too closely, here are the exact figures showing how this army of higher educational students, in America itself, larger than the army of Japan in Manchuria, was divided up when the latest official figures were made:

High schools, academies and preparatory departments	776,655
Universities and colleges proper	125,354
Professional schools (law, medicine, divinity, etc.)	61,571
Normal schools	64,114
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,028,454</b>

That part of life covering the 11 years beginning with the age of 15 and ending with 25 may properly be considered the "college age," and, roughly speaking, the number of persons included in these ages in the United States when the last census was taken was 15,000,000. Extending the college age limit for those who may linger over professional and non-graduate schools, and more than 20,000 studying art, music and other subjects in miscellaneous schools—a total, say, of 200,000 in round numbers who are training themselves solely to earn a living and without the slightest pretensions to any aim at scholarship.

## AN ARMY OF TEACHERS.

More than half a million men and women, from college professors down to plain school ma'ams and school masters are kept busy as teachers throughout the school year. The public school teachers alone numbered 449,257 in 1903, enough to people a city like Buffalo and have sufficient overflow to make a city as large as St. Joseph, Mo.

Everything in America, say the critics of America, must ultimately be figured down to the basis of the dollar. It is in order, then, to say that the total cost of carrying on the public schools in the country is more than a quarter of a billion a year (almost exactly that in 1899), and that the yearly expense of running the colleges and universities is rather more than one-tenth as much—rising above \$27,000,000 in 1903. The yearly expense of carrying on all the other schools in the country has not been computed.

But there is no doubt that the total is a good deal more than \$300,000,000, a sum so big that the wealth of a Rockefeller even would melt quickly if it were put to the test of meeting it as a yearly payment. Including the students in



MISS ELIZABETH J. MOSS.

## WOMAN SWORN AS LAWYER.

One hundred and seventy-five law students, among them six women, were sworn members of the bar this week before the justices of the appellate division of the supreme court. Among the women was Elizabeth J. Moss, daughter of Frank Moss, who at 23 has mastered Blackstone and Kent. Miss Moss said: "I have not studied law as a diversion, but so that I can go into my father's office and be of real help to him. Father's practice requires much detail work, and here I hope to fit in." Frank Moss is one of the leading lawyers of New York.

the professional schools and the faculties as well as the students in the colleges and universities the division of the population which may here be lumped as college students numbered about 187,000 when the last educational report was made. At the opening of the college semester this fall it must number more than 200,000, or to make a military comparison, only a few thousand less than the entire military force of Great Britain and Ireland in time of peace.

The United States leads in number of colleges and universities as well as students, there being more than 600 in this country, as against less than 100 all told in Great Britain, Germany and France.

But, on the other hand, the best of our universities, our old established seats of learning in the east, like Yale and Harvard, Princeton and Columbia, our never fabulously endowed western universities, like Chicago and Leland Stanford, our great coeducational and state universities, like Michigan at Ann Arbor, Wisconsin at Madison, and Pennsylvania at Philadelphia, our John Hopkins and our Clark, our smaller colleges and universities dating back to the early days vital with tradition and scholarship, though new or rich or housing students by the thousand, such as Bowdoin, Virginia and Williams, and scores and scores of others, these—each in its own way—may hold up their heads with the best of the old world institutions.

Our college presidents as a class, considering their number, probably are as influential with their fellow citizens as any other class whatsoever. The names of the most noble among them are names that the world will not forget. Indeed, not to mention those whose work has been finished, those now in the harness make up a group of men who stand upon an extraordinary high level.

Unlike the colleges and universities of the old world, more than half of these in the new are privately endowed, there being about twice as many students in the private as in the public universities in this country.

## THE COLLEGE GIRL.

The most truly distinctive feature of American college life is the American college girl.

She is nearly 45,000 strong, exclusive of the normal students. She flouts by herself in colleges established and conducted especially for her use and behoof by the thousand, and in coeducational colleges along with her brother, her cousin, her sweetheart and other young men by the tens of thousands. It would be hard to say whether the "co-ed" or the distinctively woman's college girl is the more desirable product.

In some quarters it is thought that the problem of college education for women has been solved best at Columbia and Harvard, where they may take the same courses of study, wholly or in part, under the guidance of the same faculty as the men. Somewhat similar schemes are in force at Brown, the Western Reserve, and Tulane universities.

Nevertheless, the strictly woman's

colleges like Vassar, now 40 years old, Wellesley and Smith, ten years younger, and Bryn Mawr, founded only 20 years ago, but likely to last a century, are flourishing like variable bay trees, and so are the big "co-ed" colleges.

The woman's college presidents make up a small class, but their influence is out of proportion to their numbers. Two of them are men, curiously enough, but the others are women. Miss Thompson of Bryn Mawr, Miss Hazard of Wellesley, Miss Woolley of Mount Holyoke, and the rest of them are surely impressing a strong personal influence upon the young women students in their direction, and so, indirectly, upon the world at large.

Not only a very large percentage of students are earning their way through as self-reliant and as independent as anyone on earth, but the average devotion to study is as high today in the colleges of the United States as it ever was in all the history of college education, either in American or elsewhere.

## WESTERN COLLEGES FORGING AHEAD.

The shifting of the college attendance within the last few years has been remarkable. Of the 34 colleges and universities each of which have an attendance of a thousand or more, 25 are located in "the west," a surprising statement to many, no doubt, but perfectly true, if the old eastern boundary of "the west," the Alleghenies, be accepted. Moreover, the attendance at some of these new western colleges and universities is much larger, in comparison with the older eastern universities, than most folk suppose.

Harvard, with 5,392 students, still leads, and Columbia comes next, with 4,572; but it is a western university—Chicago, with 4,350—that comes third. Then comes the Northwestern, with 4,067; Ann Arbor, with 4,000; the University of Minnesota, with 3,900; the University of Illinois, with 3,594; Cornell (eastern), with 3,423; the University of California, with 3,400; and the University of Wisconsin, with 3,151.

Pennsylvania has only 2,692, only a little more than 100 in excess of the 2,586 in attendance at Washington university, St. Louis. Yale also falls below the 3,000 mark, the number being 2,905, while the University of Georgia (southern), with 2,841, has nearly twice as many as famous Princeton, with its 1,375, and the University of Nebraska, with 2,013, lacks less than 100 of doubling the Princeton figures.

The University of Texas, of which many easterners have never heard, almost equals Princeton in attendance, with 1,248, and Leland Stanford university, with 1,185, has about 100 more than Princeton. Other figures just as surprising might be given, but they are as nothing to the figures that will be needed to represent the future growth of the universities of the west.

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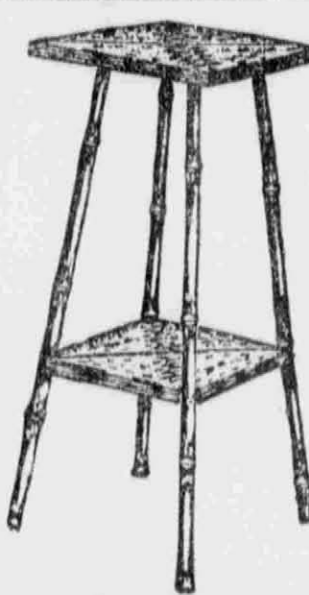
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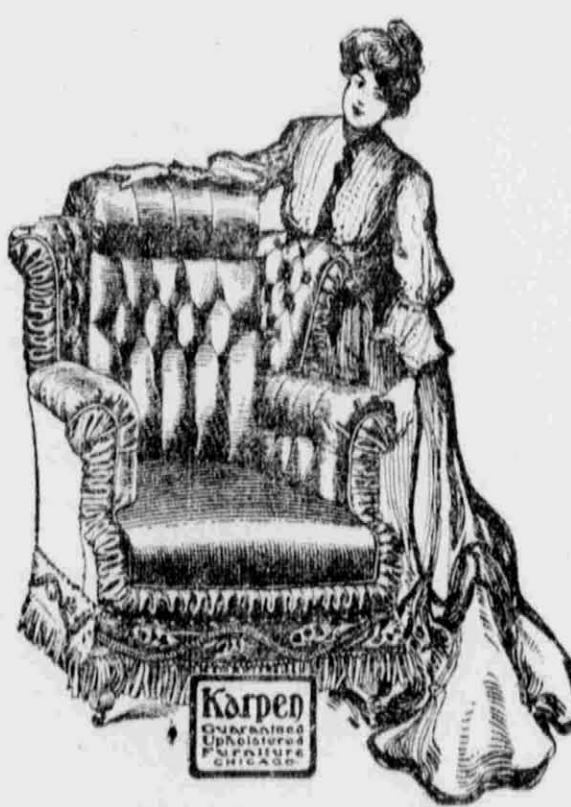
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