

Statistics Show
Education Pays

CHICAGO. -- Higher education pays. The college man's chances for gaining eminence in the world are 370 to 1 against the noncollege man, according to A.W. Frye, supreme commander of the Maccabees.

"Although less than 1 per cent of All Americans are college graduates, according to statistics of the United States Bureau of Education, this 1 per cent of Americans has furnished 55 per cent of all the presidents of the United States," said Mr. Frye in an address here in which he outlined details of the Maccabees Americanization movement which seeks to make better citizens of both native and foreign born.

"From the ranks of college men have come 62 per cent of the secretaries of state, 54 per cent of the vice presidents, 36 per cent of all the members of Congress and 47 per cent of the speakers of the House. College men have produced 69 per cent of the justices of the Supreme Court, 6767 per cent of the attorney generals and 50 per cent of the secretaries of treasury.

"It is a significant fact that 277 times as many college men have amassed wealth as noncollege men. This proportion will probably grow shaply in the next fifty years, for universities are now turning their attention largely to preparation for success in business careers.

"Education is one of the greatest forces for good citizenship. While college training is not open to everyone it is possible for the masses to be educated in the duties of good citizenship. The Maccabees Americanization movement teaching patriotism to foreign and native born by inculcating a knowledge of the constitution and the great principles of our government is an effective force in this direction.

But Does it Pay?

Are 277 times as many college men as non-college men in the high places in heaven? Possibly. Out of the first fifty saints in Butler's Lives of the Saints, forty-four had a college education or its equivalent. We have no census of hell; but we know that responsibility corresponds with opportunity, and we may safely assume that some very low places in hell are occupied by college men.

Whither is the Trend?

If the trend of college education today is material, we will not add many names to the list of eminent saints. It was not by making more money than the next man that the saints won their success and their crowns. "His vast possessions he gave to the poor" -- "He gave up his great wealth and returned to a monastery" -- "She left the royal court to become a lay-sister" -- "He returned from a life of licentiousness to adopt the coarse garb of a hermit" -- such are the expressions that show how college men became great friends of God.