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Choose Your School Wisely. III.

The following item from a Boston newspaper is of interest at this time when students are planning to transfer from Catholic colleges to "the larger freedom:"

The religious adviser of Harvard College has had so little to do that the university has decided to abolish the job and allow its students to struggle along as best they may without specially arranged spiritual guidance, it was learned last night with the disclosure that the resignation of the Rev. Thomas L. Harris, adviser in religion, has been accepted by the corporation. Mr. Harris is in Philadelphia conferring with leaders of a church which has called him there. The three-year appointment on which he came to Harvard on an experimental contract expires in June.

Colleges are retrenching all along the line, it seems. At the beginning of this year we called attention to the fact that two new "depression colleges" were about the only "experiments in education" reported from the colleges last fall; here is the story of an experiment closed out. "Expense no longer justified" is stamped on that file.

(Northwestern University announced the resignation of its director of religious activities several months ago. The newspapers at the time published the rumor that one of the reasons behind the resignation was the atheism of the religious director; his denial, published the following day, indicated that it was his socialistic affiliations that brought him into the bad graces of the administration of the university.)

If any of you are interested in Columbia University, here are the courses offered in Columbia College:

Religion 1-2 - The Bible  
Philosophy 71-72 - A study of religions  
Philosophy 73-74 - Undergraduate seminar in religion  
Classical Civilization 72R - Greek and Roman mythology  
Fine Arts 25 - Medieval art

And for graduate students:

Philosophy 371-372 - Seminar in the history and philosophy of religion  
Philosophy 373-374 - Seminar in religion and ethics  
Christianity -  
Philosophy 175-176 - Scholasticism  
Slavonic 101 - The Orthodox Church  
Slavonic 102 - Eastern sects  
Fine Arts 260 - Early Christian art  
Fine Arts 273-274 - Early Christian and medieval painting  
Fine Arts 372 - Romanesque sculpture in France  
Hebrew Religion and Judaism -  
Hebrew 101 - Survey of Post-Talmudic Hebrew literature  
Hebrew 203 - Selections from Immanuel ha-Romi  
Semitic 102 - Hellenistic Judaism  
History 129-130 - Medieval and modern Jewish history and literature  
History 229-230 - The Jews under Rome and Persia

There are five courses announced in Oriental Religion, one in Greek Religion, and two in Primitive Religion. (It would seem that this is a Christian country)

Mythology, painting, sculpture, archeology, perhaps architecture - plenty of "religion" but no peg for faith and morals. Truly, we are an interesting people, we Americans. Choose your school wisely if you would live wisely.