

pursue a course which leads to the so-called general education, and the question naturally arises, what place has botany in such a scheme of equipment for life?

To the average college graduate few if any of the sciences can be said to be directly useful, they profit him largely in the breadth of view which they give, and the pleasure they are able to furnish in their contemplation or pursuit. In these latter respects one can scarcely conceive of a science which would rank higher than botany. There are certainly no phenomena which are met with more frequently by the non-professional than those which appertain to plants and plant life. Without becoming sentimental one may say with truth that to one who has an intimate knowledge of this field of nature the world around us takes on a new aspect, and new truths can be discovered and added daily to the fund already acquired. But it is on account of the peculiar adaptability of botany to teaching, that the science should appeal to the smaller institutions.

That science is best adapted to teaching which is able to present its material at first hand for investigation, and whose truths are within the ability of the student to discover.

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In the planning of our college courses in botany one must needs bear in mind two classes of students, those who are to go on with the science and those who pursue it as one of the elements of a general education. It is the former class who too frequently suffer in the average college.

The courses should be given in such a manner as to give the student who wishes to pursue the science in a university a foundation which does not need repeating because it is antiquated or

abbreviated. In this way I believe the small colleges can be made centres of enthusiasm for botanical science, which will materially advance its teaching and its standing in this country.

It is to be hoped that botany will one day take its place in the curriculum of the small college as one of its most important constituents for the training of men.

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AMONG THE PUBLISHERS.

"CAMP-FIRES of a Naturalist" is the title of a forthcoming book which sketches big-game hunting in the west from a fresh point of view. The author describes the actual adventures and experiences of a naturalist, Professor Dyche, of Kansas University, who has hunted from Mexico to the northern confines of British Columbia, pursuing grizzly bears, mountain sheep, elk, moose and other rare game. As an outdoor book of camping and hunting this possesses a timely interest, but it also has the merit of scientific exactness in the descriptions of the habits, peculiarities and haunts of wild animals. The author is Mr. Clarence E. Edwards, and the book is to be published immediately by D. Appleton & Co., with many illustrations.

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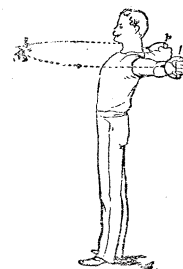
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