

thought that this must be the reason that so few (comparatively) are cultured, really cultured, either socially, intellectually, or æsthetically. In some of our papers we see notices of schools or colleges which offer a "finished education in one year," or in two years, as the case may be. Any right-minded person would know that such a thing is an impossibility, for real education is cultured growth, and such growth takes time and care. No doubt, a person with a good memory and bright intellect might acquire considerable learning, miscalled education, in that time, but there is a vast difference between mere learning and intellectual culture. The latter takes a lifetime of well-directed effort and wide experience.

How much of the pleasure of our lives do we owe to those who are æsthetically cultured! As the millions gaze upon the paintings of Michael Angelo, Claude Lorraine, or Sir Joshua Reynolds, or sit entranced, listening to the floods of melody poured forth by Patti or Nilsson, do they think of the long years of hard labor that these artists have put into their work? We look upon them as geniuses, but Buffon said of genius, "It is patience;" and another noted man defined it as "the power of making efforts." So we, if we desire æsthetic culture, though we may not dream of aspiring so high as they, must "learn to labor and to wait."

Happiness, that portion of the harvest that we all desire, that most sought after and most elusive of all human conditions, does that come under the law of compensation? May that be acquired by effort? Yes; the right kind of happiness, the happiness that our Heavenly Father will give to us all. It comes from an honest effort to do our duty, be it pleasant or otherwise, and an upright walk in the paths of life. As we labor to make others happy, forgetting self or putting it aside as a secondary consideration, we forget our own unhappiness and are happy before we know it.

So all the world through, we get out of life what we put in; our rewards are meted out to us as we deserve, and it depends upon ourselves whether they are what we expected or not. Just in proportion as we labor are we rewarded, and "He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifullly shall reap also bountifullly."

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Berne, Switzerland, has a professor for every five students at the University.—*Ex.*

## SOCIETY NOTES.

During the first part of April, from 2nd to 5th, a very enthusiastic State Convention of the college branch Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. was held at College Park, San Jose. Both the Young Men's and the Young Women's Association from the University at Berkeley, from the University of the Pacific, and from Napa College were represented, also the Associations from Mills College and from the State Normal School at San Jose.

The number of societies represented was small, but several delegates from each were present; and the earnest, energetic spirit of the members together with the assistance received from the visiting members, combined to make the gathering in every way a success.

The Convention opened on Thursday evening with a reception and banquet given by the Association at College Park. After supper Dr. Hirst addressed the delegates in a few kindly words of welcome. This was followed by a pleasing speech from Miss Hubbell, the Preceptress. Various delegates responded, Mr. Cushman speaking for the Berkeley delegates, Miss Sisson for the Normal School, and Mr. Hunt for those from Napa.

Friday morning was occupied by reports from the Associations represented, and by the general business of the Convention. The Normal School was represented by its delegate, Miss Ruth Hynes.

Friday afternoon was given over to the ladies, and was well spent in the reading of papers prepared by members from the different societies, each of which was followed by a discussion. A paper on "Christian Work Outside the Prayer Meeting" was read by Miss Ordway of the Normal School. Other subjects discussed were "The Best Way to Reach Non-Christian Girls," "What Attention Shall We Give to Foreign Missions," and the "Best Way to Conduct Religious Meetings." The discussion of the last topic was introduced by Miss Maggie McClintic of the Normal School in a five-minute talk. The young ladies received many congratulations upon the success of their session, their papers being pronounced the best of the Convention.

On Friday evening Mrs. Thompson, Chairman Pacific Coast Committee, Y. W. C. A., ably addressed the Convention.

Saturday morning was assigned to the young men, and in the afternoon the delegates of the