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THE NEW COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT

Notwithstanding financial difficulties the Board has authorized the establishment of a department of business science at a department of business next September. This is a long step forward in the policy of making the college meet the needs of the people of this region. There is at present no department in the State devoted entirely to the teaching of advanced business courses. Although a very large percentage of college graduates go into business, yet most colleges give their students only such training as fits them for some law, medicine, engineering, or some other professional career. This new department will enable Washington College to avoid that error of the past. For a similar reason the department of agriculture and domestic science are also badly needed.

The work of the department of business science will be divided into two parts—the preparatory and the collegiate. The preparatory work in business will parallel very closely the courses offered at the ordinary business colleges. Instruction in typewriting, stenography, and book-keeping will be conducted by the Department of business, and instruction in English and business arithmetic will be conducted by the regular English and mathematics departments. A special fee will be charged for the preparatory business courses.

The collegiate work in commerce is to be an integral part of the college curriculum. Advanced accounting, business organization, salesmanship, etc., will be included among the college courses. They will form a commercial group on a parity with the present Historical, Political, Modern Language, Chemical-Biological, and other groups leading to a degree. The group will include a number of other subjects that even the best man should be acquainted with. The candidate for a degree must present a broad course with the major in commerce, not candidates for a degree to pursue the commercial courses exclusively and cover the group in much less time than is required for a full college course.

It is the policy of this department to shape its work as far as possible to meet the business needs of this community. In the time courses will be organized for a critical study of Eastern Shore commercial conditions and problems. In all courses the student will be selected with a view to giving the student an understanding of the local trade relations, so that the graduates will enter their occupations with a minute knowledge of the exact conditions with which they must deal.

By means of this local application it is hoped that the Washington College department turn out graduates who are better equipped for the business life of this community than are the graduates of the great commercial schools of the large universities.

Young men and women, what an opportunity this new department offers you! The law will not permit you to practice medicine without proper training because in that profession you can do a great deal of harm to other people. In business you can only harm yourself, so the law asks no questions about your preparation. But are you willing to trust your success in life to untrained hands? Do you not think as much of yourself as the law does of other people?

Older men and women, here is also an opportunity for you. Many of you would like to invest some of your property where it would help toward the advancement of wealth and happiness in this Shore and State. What investment offers greater opportunities than the financing of this department of business science? The Board of Visitors have assumed a great risk in undertaking this work with the general financial condition of the college so unsatisfactory. They are in hopes that some person or persons will appreciate the opportunity here offered, and come forward with endowment or support. Your name attached to the chair of business at Washington College would bring blessings to you through centuries to come.

Winter-Summer in Bible.

To the Editors Kent News: A question appeared in the Kent News several weeks ago. I hoped to see an answer but have seen none. The question was: Where in the Bible does it appear that we'll be able to tell the winter from summer only by the budding of trees? Bible prophecy foretells many strange and wonderful events with remarkable accuracy, but really do not think that a text like that can be found in the word of God, because I have read the Bible thru ten times, and have never noticed a verse like the one mentioned. However if anyone else has found it, just let us know where it can be found. Give us the text through the columns of our paper. We can never exhaust Bible knowledge, because it is a rich mine of treasure. It teaches many practical truths by the use of metaphors and similitudes. Types and symbols abound and make Gods word wonderfully interesting. We receive a blessing if we read the Bible daily. The spiritual powers are nourished. There are three daily essentials: Prayer, scripture reading, working in Gods vineyard. The Bible gives us a promise about the seasons in Genesis 8th ch. 22nd verse we read: While the earth remaineth, seed-time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease. In Matthew 24th ch. 34th verse our Saviour says: That when the tree putteth forth leaves we know that summer is near. He then compares these signs that show the change in the seasons with the signs that take place in the world to show His own coming near, both are positive. I have a question to ask the young Bible students, in what book in the Bible may we find the prophecy relating to the automobile? There is a text that some Bible students think an exact description of an air ship. Where is this text found? Bible readers let us hear from you. BIBLE READER.

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