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Friday, December 21, 1906.

The Cambridge police are trying to suppress Harvard "beer night," but the police at Station 16 do not know enough German to understand what the Tech "Kommers" mean.—*Boston Globe*.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all! May your vacation be one continued round of pleasure and recreation. We hope you will be able to enter into the spirit of the season and make the best of your week, which will doubtless seem all too short. Hang up your stockings as you used to do, sit up and watch for Santa Claus Christmas Eve (we know he's coming), skate, slide, sleigh, and dance as much as you can, have a bully good time for the whole week, and come back bright and happy on the thirty-first ready to tackle mid-years with a spirit that can leave no doubt as to the result.

It is qualities that fit a man for a life of usefulness, not the mental possession of facts. The school that best helps to form character, not the one that imparts the most information, is the college the future will demand. I do not know of a single college or university in the world that focuses on qualities. I do not know of a university in America, excepting Tuskegee, that prohibits the use of tobacco among its students. At Harvard, Yale, Dartmouth, Columbia, and Princeton, cigarettes are optional, but a stranger, seeing the devotion to them, would surely suppose the practice of cigarette smoking was compulsory. The boy who does not acquire the tobacco habit at college is regarded as eccentric. Many of the professors teach the cigarette habit by example. At

all of our great colleges, gymnasium work is optional. Instead of physical culture there is athletics, and those who need the gymnasium most are ashamed to be seen there.

How would the scientific cultivation of these do?

**Bodily Qualities:** Health of digestion, circulation, breathing, manual skill, vocal speech, and ease in handling all muscles.

**Mental Qualities:** Painstaking, patience, decision, perseverance, courage, following directions, tact, concentration, insight, observation, mental activity, accuracy, and memory.

**Moral Qualities:** Putting oneself in another's place, or thoughtfulness for others, which includes kindness, courtesy, good cheer, honesty, fidelity to a promise, self-control, self-reliance, and self-respect.

If you knew of a college that made a specialty of qualities, where the teachers were persons of quality, would you not send your boy there? And if you would send your boy to such a college, would not others do so, too? These things being true, will we not as a people soon decide to pay teachers enough to secure quality? — which is not presuming to say we have none now. Would not such a school as this evolve through the law of supply and demand a college that approximated the ideal? — Elbert Hubbard in January *Cosmopolitan*.

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