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Dr John Ise,
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Dear John:-

In looking thru the Graduate Magazine, which comes regularly to Mrs Simons, I noticed your letter and picture. I read the letter with much interest and feel that the experience you are having is well worth while. -

For a good many years I have believed that the only future for many denominational universities, is to drop the idea of being a university, and trying to be a first class college in which the branches given are well taught.

I have tried to tell my Baptist and Methodist friends that they have overlooked the educational history of our country. It was not so long ago that high schools as we have them now were unknown, and it was then that the church stepped in, at first to provide academies, and later universities, that the children of the common people might secure an education at a price within the reach of the family, and not too far removed from home.

At that time the state schools were small and undeveloped, but they grew and with them came high schools for every wide place in the road. The pressing need which called for the founding of denominational schools passed, but the deacons, the trustees, the ministers, and perhaps the old grads, all wanted to continue Old Siwash. These schools were founded that the young might secure a better education, and they are now maintained altho in attending them the student is sacrificing the opportunity for better trained teachers and far better equipment. Here is certainly a case "for better for worse."

Well I simply wanted to say hello, and to tell you that I consider you one of the brainiest, and finest educators that I have had the pleasure to know.

Was glad to chronicle the advancement in rank of your brother-in-law.
Now Rear Admiral Bernhard.

Cordially Yours,