

CHAUTAUQUA

LITERARY AND SCIENTIFIC CIRCLE.

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Is it too late for you to go to School or to College (are you too old, or too poor, or too busy)?

Would you like to pursue a carefully arranged course of reading in History, Literature, Science and Art?

Would you like to turn mature years, middle life and old age into youth again.

Would you like to turn street, sitting-room, parlor, shop, railway-car, market, kitchen, sea-side, and forest into recitation rooms? The Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle is designed to meet just this need.

II.

The Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle does *not* claim to be a substitute for either the high school or the college.

It does *not* guarantee to its students what is implied in the term "a liberal education."

Its diploma does *not* assert more than this fact: that the graduate "has completed the four years' course of reading required by the C. L. S. C."

III.

The Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle does aim (1) to encourage people to read helpful and instructive books, and (2) to stimulate these readers, as far as possible, to become careful and thorough students.

The four years' course of the "C. L. S. C." embraces the *subjects* taken up in an average college course, and in this way the Circle gives to its readers the college student's general outlook in History, Literature, Science and Art. The study of the languages and of higher mathematics, however, does not form a part of the work of the "C. L. S. C.," nor is the Circle in any sense a college either in its course of study or in its methods of work, and yet it has put educational influence, atmosphere and ambition into the homes of the people, which will lead many thousands of youth to seek the education which colleges and universities supply.

The "C. L. S. C." is for busy people who left school years ago, and who desire to pursue some systematic course of instruction.

It is for high school and college graduates, for people who never entered either high school or college, for merchants, mechanics, apprentices, mothers, busy housekeepers, farmer-boys, shop-girls, and for people of leisure and wealth.

Many college graduates, ministers, lawyers, physicians, and accomplished women are taking the course. They find the required books entertaining and helpful, giving them a pleasant review of the studies long ago laid aside. Several of our members are over eighty years of age; comparatively few are under eighteen.

The requirements of the "C. L. S. C." are very simple. Any person may join the Circle upon the payment of the annual membership fee. No entrance examination is necessary. Persons may enter for one year if desired, but all members are urged to complete the full four-years' course.

More than sixty thousand persons are pursuing the "C. L. S. C." course of reading, and nearly fifteen thousand have completed the four-years' course, and received their diplomas. Thousands of these graduates are pursuing after-courses of study for which special seals are awarded, to be placed upon the diploma.

The regular course embraces simple, entertaining and instructive reading in ancient and modern history and literature, in physical, mental and moral science, and in all matters that pertain to a true life—physical, intellectual, industrial, domestic, social, political and religious. It is unsectarian and unsectional, promoting good fellowship and fraternity, inspiring help to the home, the Church, and the State. All are alike welcome to its fellowship.