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 ENGLISH AS CULTURE AND
 ITS PRACTICAL VALUE

Study of foreign languages helps us to have a correct understanding and improve not only our own language but also our own culture and civilization. It is a matter of common knowledge that a cultured nation should know one or two foreign languages. Even if we don't use English practically and it has no connection with our occupations, knowledge of English is an essential element for us to live modern living.

The practical value of English, it may be needless to say, is whether English benefits our actual social lives, or from student's point of view, whether it makes their occupations good or not. English is indispensable for those people who do business with foreigners as customers. Scholars and engineers also need it. It is needless to say that only such kinds of men as diplomatic officials and students studying abroad should not give the practical value to themselves. In some cases it is very difficult to distinguish the practical value from English as culture.

Many people are apt to criticize English education from an angle of the practical value, complaining that English is useless after graduation from school. But whether it is useful or not should be decided by the attitude of learner, not by the value of English itself.

We can make full use of English after graduation if we are well trained in speaking English at school. In this sense we should do our best to study spoken English.

English Discussion Meeting At Nagoya

The annual meeting of the Kansai Four Universities English Discussion Meeting was held on Sunday, May 31st at the Higashiyama Campus of Nagoya University.

About 35 members of Nagoya Univ. E.S.S. and some 18 members from each of Kyoto, Osaka and Kobe Univ. E.S.S. attended the meeting. Though most of the attendants were more than sophomores, there were some freshmen in the attendants of Kyoto and Nagoya Univ. The number of attendants from Kobe Univ. was 15 in total--5 seniors, 6 juniors, and 4 sophomores. But one graduate, Mr. Toura who is working near Nagoya city, attended as an observer.

The meeting began at 10 o'clock with the address by Mr. Muekawa, president of Nagoya Univ. E.S.S. and the response by the representative of Kyoto Univ.

After the lunch, we divided ourselves into 3 tables and discussed different problems for about three hours.

Next meeting is to be held at Kyoto Univ.

Exchange Meeting with Kobe Univ. of Foreign Studies
 Himege Branch

We had the first exchange meeting with Kobe Univ. of Foreign Studies on May 23.

This was the first large program of Himege E.S.S. in this semester, so we had so many attendees from our campus. Titles of discussion were, "Death Penalty", "TV and Radio", "Removal of Imperial Palace" and "Neutralization of Japan".

Union Club

Union Club was held at Himege Campus on May 27 from 5 to 8:30 p.m.

4 graduates kindly attended. \$90605 - PK

The program was as follows: 1959 ESS 9447

1. Speech by Mr. Hayashi
2. Free Talking
3. Discussion on "Emperor System" and "Culture of Sentiment"

There attended more than fifty members from each branch except Himege Branch.

We had a very good time in discussion with graduates. It was closed at 8:30 p.m. successfully.

Democracy and 'Kanji' Etouo Miyagi
 In Japan educated people are willing to use any difficult 'Kanji' as well as the word 'democracy', but as long as we use 'Kanji', I don't believe, our democracy will make such advancement.

For example, ordinal graduates of junior high schools can't get along well in writing or reading in their daily life. And because of the fact it's nearly impossible for them to get a job other than physical work. Even if they fortunately get clerical work, they feel it difficult to carry out their work. Whatever technique they may have, their master can't give them a high position, if they can't make a document. So I'm sure this is one of the reasons why many Japanese want to go to university.

We would like to make a society where we will be able to find desirable jobs, even if we are not university graduates and be able to enjoy our life. In order to achieve this ideal what can we do except abandon "Kanji"? Then compulsory education will be efficient for us to get along with in our daily life. We can spend the time learning Kanji many ways wisely. I don't mean a society where all the people can take part in anything or the lazy and the intelligent can equally enjoy leading their life. Indeed if we make an effort, we should be happier than those making no effort, but it is from being happy.

 Schedule

- June 7 (Sun.): I.S.A. debate from 1.00 p.m. at Konan University.
- June 13 (Sat.): + Oratorical Contest from 1.30 p.m. at Rokko Campus. + Exchange meeting with Osaka Univ. (Sakai)

 Announced:
 Doshisha U.S.S. is wanting our contribution to the "Doshisha Times" in commemoration of the 5th compilation of that magazine. My title will do. The closing date is the end of July.

Those who are willing to contribute the articles to that magazine are requested to give them to us, P.R. staff members, beforehand.

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