Dr. George Myers

Likes Survey

Dr. George E. Myers, '96, retired head of the vocational educational department at the University of Michigan, is enthusiastic about the university survey which was announced in the last issue of Tauy Talk. He wrote from his home in Ann Arbor:

"Institutions, like individuals, need to restate their objectives from time to time in terms of current conditions. And so it is fitting that the faculty assisted by two such able educators as have been selected, should ask themselves again: "What are we trying to do for our students?" As I see it, the successful college of the future will, among other things, concern itself more with developing young people who not only know but also have the will to do and the habit of doing what 'twere good to do in the fields of health, social relationships, community living, cultural interests, moral and religious obligations.

"And, as indicated in the Tauy Talk article, re-examination of the curriculum naturally follows, in order to make sure that subject matter of instruction is the best possible for achieving the accepted objectives.

"No doubt consideration will be given, also, to methods of teaching, which often contribute less than they might toward developing the will to do and the habit of doing.

"Probably, too, the non-curricular educational environment of the students will be evaluated in order to determine whether this important factor is making as rich a contribution as possible toward achievement of the institution's objectives.

"Of course much careful attention will be given to the student personnel program. In my humble judgment, we have hardly begun to appreciate the significance of personnel work though some good things along this line are now being done. Aiding each student to make educational, vocational and other plans suited to him as an individual and helping him to come into the educational experiences of college life under conditions most favorable to his development mean far more to the student and to the college than is generally appreciated."

The survey is being carried on by the University in cooperation with the board of education of the Northern Baptist convention.