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**Thank You for This,
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Wouldn't it take quite a stupid person on the day before Thanksgiving to forget the meaning and basking in order to 'rehash' what was said under 'This and That' column on this business of Education? (Nov. 23rd issue). Of course the guests will eat turkey, the housewife will be present, and as a Thanksgiving bonus, I will have stimulating 'tid-bits' floating around in the mind because I did take time out to weigh such ideas as: "Our word 'education' is a misnomer. We are not educating; we are domesticating. To educate? It means to develop latent capabilities in order to overcome . . . prejudices, inasmuch as reaching out for truth." Bravo!

NOW THEN, let's hold this up for discussion? Aren't there great signs that this feat is being done right along? More so than at any other period in history?

Before one quotes the early Greeks, remember, please, that Socrates had no 'great schools of scholars.' In fact, he spoke to a tiny portion of the population.

And outside of his brilliant student, Aristotle, did he count too many more? Maybe a dozen or so. All over the world there are scholars understanding the teachings of these men and more important, adding their own knowledge to what the Greeks said and taught.

The idea that a 'truly educated

person' believes what appeals to his reason while the domesticated person believes what he is made to believe, gave the mind something really big to churn about.

AREN'T MOST of our schools attempting to accomplish this? Up to this era, hasn't the idea been to merely 'pass on the knowledge gained' and not be too worried that the pupil had to dig out, from his own mind, new data and thoughts to be considered?

The need and demand for original thinking weren't felt too much. Now? We realize that our greatest wealth lies in our thoughts and how good they be! Challenging? Tremendously so for everyone.

"To educate is . . . to teach people how to think." He added, "To domesticate, is to teach people what to think."

The writer, Thomas S. Clarke, held the theory that we were drift-

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ing towards the latter and as a result we were developing small, narrow, and prejudiced minds. Instead of a brave hero, could a big 'no' be offered.

IT IS VERY easy to declare that we are developing 'tiny minds' but doesn't overriding else point to the fact we are, just now, emerging out of provincial cocoons and trying our best to consider the whole world as our backyard?

No population has ever had this living today!

to face us we have daily. And aren't we at least trying to see in small proportion, giving the minute focus of 'what is good for us' attitude?

I do think we are. This new kind of thinking does not evolve overnight. Because it is present, even in small proportion, gives the Thanksgiving day mind such great hopes.

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Officials Find More Goes Out Than Comes In

Michigan's short-term general hospitals spent five million dollars more than they took in last year because government agencies and third-party purchasers are only part of the hospital bill.

"Unless this trend is reversed, hospitals will not be able to pay employees' salaries without increasing the hospital bill to the patient," Allan Barth, executive director of the Michigan Hospital Association, said today in a report to a request from the Michigan State Nurses association for the Hospital Association's endorsement of its minimal personnel policies.

Hospital Association officials have been meeting with representatives of the nurses (MSNA) group in an effort to bring about better understanding of mutual problems and to study together the personnel policies outlined for the nurse membership.

ONE OF THE controversial issues is the recommended \$4,500 minimum beginning annual salary for a professional nurse. Since so many hospitals in out-state Michigan are paying less than the recommended minimum, hospital officials say it would be impossible at present to go to a \$4,500 annual minimum without passing this increased cost to the patient, who already feels that hospital charges are too high.

Barth said while the Michigan Hospital Association is sympathetic with the principles contained in the minimal personnel policies "the establishment of wage levels is something that must be left to the determination of the individual hospital."

Barth indicated that economic conditions in some areas of the state make it possible for some hospitals to pay the \$4,500 minimum. "But the smaller hospitals," he added, "would be hopelessly unable to meet this figure until new revenues are found or charges to the patient drastically increased."

ACCORDING to Barth, the short-term hospitals which make up a majority of the hospitals in Michigan are losing so much on patient care that they are partially paid for by governmental agencies and third parties that, "It will be virtually impossible for hospitals in many parts of the state to meet the minimum wage level outlined by the Michigan State Nurses Association."

Both the MHA and the MSNA officials generally agree that the cost of hospital care today, justifiable as it is, will have to go higher if hospitals are to meet increased salary and wage demands from all employee groups, Michigan's non-profit hospitals are operated entirely from patient revenue and already 70% of their total income is spent on payroll. It requires in excess of two employees for every patient in the hospital to render the type of service that the public demands.

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