

WORLD IS MORAL.

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to shorten their vacations. In short the tendency of the times, not only in our land but in all civilized lands, is to lengthen the period of youth and to fill those years with hard labor.

"The chance to lead a distinguished life only by virtue of good manners, wit and the traditions of a good family has practically disappeared, and in place of these



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charming accomplishments useful knowledge and capacity for hard work are the avenues to distinction.

"I have read with interest the charge made by some of our most successful business men that the people of this country are over-educated. They say, educate the poor, and the poverty of which before they were hardly conscious becomes an oppressive burden. It is all true. The simple are undoubtedly the happiest. To find real felicity, we must descend to the animal kingdom, and there the happiest animal is the oyster safely ensconced between his two shells. As for the man, he is never so blessed or so innocently employed as when he is sound asleep.

World More Moral than College.

"Without making any reflection on this college or any other college you will find the great world in which men and women live is a more moral place than the little world of college. There are two reasons why college morality falls below the morality of the remainder of the world at the present time. First, college life makes few demands upon our moral nature. It is too exclusively intellectual, too selfish. When you have learned the meaning of unselfish love, when you spend your days working for others, when instead of being adorned like the lilies of the field, you are agreeably surprised to find yourself with a new suit of clothes once or twice a year, you will begin to know what virtue is.

"The second reason is that Christian morality, the only morality worth talking about in our part of the world, is not received well by the institutions of learning. To tell the truth, no college professor has ever exactly what to make of Christianity, for the reason that Christianity is a religion of life, not a system of ideas which the professor can take to pieces and put together again.

"There is one illusion that is dangerous. It is that life is long. The contrary is very short. What the philosopher would say to you: 'Believe that life is long and you will be damned.'

SPREAD HELD INDOORS.

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stock solution of Faculty prepared in 1870, a turbulent solution of the Class of 1906 and a solution of the Class of 1908. The data of the classes was all presented graphically, the curves being shown by the aid of lantern slides.

The first thing taken up was the average age of the class. By means of a graph the maximum age was shown to be 29 years 4 months and 29 days, the minimum 20 years 1 month and 11 days. The average age was worked out as 23 years, 13 days, 22 hours. In subtracting the time spent at the Institute for each of these ages the percentage of time spent at schooling was shown.

The average weight of the class was shown to be 148.6 pounds. Being equal to 32.16 and the specific gravity equal to 100.4 the cubical displacement was found to be 4110 inch units for this average man. Compressing this average man into a rectangular parallelepiped with the height five feet seven inches and width 18 inches, he would be 3.36 inches thick.

It was found that the lightest man in the class weighed 108 pounds, while 220 pounds was the weight of the heaviest. But the variations of these from the mean were called huge errors after a short precision discussion. If the average man were to stand on his head the compressive strength in the neck was found. The deflection of the necks under these circumstances could not be found as the modulus of elasticity of rubber is an uncertain quantity. The friction of the class shoes upon the stairways was then shown.

The variation of intensity of class spirit was shown by curves and the brain growth plotted off. This curve showed a steady raise during the year, and a sudden fall just after examinations. There was predicted a sudden drop just after Commencement exercises. The number of men in the class in the four years was as follows: 348 in first year, 371 in second year, 341 in third year and 312 in fourth year. There were only 213 to receive degrees.

The Historian was followed by Erle F. Whitney, Prophet. His prophecy was in the form of a log of the pirate ship "1907." The entries were all in the regular sailor language and the prominent members of the class were included.

John M. Frank, Gift Orator, then gave to various members of the class, small useful presents. These gifts were all jokes on the recipients.

The class day oration was delivered by Hudson B. Hastings, in part as follows:

"During the past few years we have been living in an era of reform. To a large extent, the agent of this reform has been publicity. It has dealt with the mercy. One of the present system of government, however, which is greatly in need of revision, has up to the present time received but slight attention. This is our present form of city government.

"No description is needed to tell how inadequate are existing which modern life demands. City government must be reorganized solely as a business organization, and its affairs administered upon a business basis. No standards

conditions, that it is no wonder the returns for public money are so small.

"The present form of city government is not a development from the necessities of local administration. It is an arbitrary transfer of national system to local use. In the whole history of its use in the United States, it has been successful but very rarely.

"What we need at the present time, is young men who are willing to give their time and energy to improving this condition of affairs. When a young man is here at the Institute studying his profession, he has little time for outside affairs; when he goes into active business life it is his duty to use his education to aid those who have not had his advantages. During his course of studies he learns the great value of accomplishing results in a systematic and business-like manner.

"It is not a matter which is indifferent to him personally, but one which concerns his every day welfare and convenience. The water supply, the condition of the streets, the police and fire departments, are of immediate concern to every individual and are matters in which he should take a personal interest. No one desires to see the taxes which he pays used for inefficient work. That is what the present form of city government does. The remedy for the present evils must be found in radical changes.

"The times favor reform, and every man should put forth his best efforts to bring city government up to proper level. The patriotic citizen and at the same time the citizen who best serves his own interests is he who does most to have municipal affairs soundly established on a thorough business basis."

Pres. Lawrence Allen then made the class presentation to the Institute. The gift was 150 copies of the new Tech song book just published by the class of 1907.

ROUGH-HOUSE AT DINNER.

Beginning with a small but fairly noisy rough-house and ending with one that will go down in the annals of undergraduate history the last undergraduate dinner of the class of 1907 at the American House on last Thursday evening was an all-around success.

The class had expected to have the announcements of graduation from the faculty before the dinner began, but they were disappointed and had to wait until after eleven before Prof. Merrill and the Registrar could get down town. The faculty had an all day meeting that lasted until 10.30 P.M.

The dinner went off smoothly to the accompaniment of much singing and shouting. The seniors all showed a suppressed nervousness and anxiety that increased as the wait for Secretary Merrill lengthened. A good orchestra was on hand to supply music during the dinner to accompany the singing.

Everett Morss, president of the alumni association, James P. Munroe '82, and Burrar Rand were the speakers, making a strong appeal to the graduates to hold together as a class and to help the secretary, A. Macomber, to keep in touch with the men. Advice as to the proper behavior of a graduate of the Institute was plentifully supplied by all the speakers and the graduates responded accordingly.

After the regular features of the dinner were concluded, the meeting broke up, the men wandering around the hotel waiting for the arrival of the announcements. More or less of a goodnatured roughhouse, prompted by the pent feelings of the men was kept up all the time, never ending until Secretary Merrill arrived.

The Dean arrived on the scene about eleven with the announcement that Prof. Merrill and Mr. Humphrey were following him and that the majority of the class had graduated. When the men had finally passed in front of the Secretary and received their announcements, bedlam of the worst kind broke out.

All the men simply went to pieces and the noise and clamour was deafening for fifteen minutes. Then the whole class rushed from the building, and forming in a column of four marched to the Rogers steps, where after much singing and shouting the meeting broke up.

HEAP FUN AT RECEPTION.

Following closely the standard of good time set by the senior dinner the evening before, the alumni reception to the graduating class on Friday evening was greatly enjoyed by the large number present. Everett Morss, president of the alumni association, was grand master of the proceedings.

The fun of the evening began shortly after eight o'clock with the stunt of the seniors. Under the command of Capt. Womson, two companies of soldiers, wearing anything from gummy-sacks, as in the case of Macomber, who had a very realistic make-up to ordinary clothes turned inside out, gave a short travesty on the batallion drill of Freshman days. The music was furnished by a band that, as far as music was concerned, would not take a prize even in competition with the Freshman cadet band. Packard was the leader and Stud Leavell at the base drum made most of the noise.

James Munroe, '82, represented both the class of 1892, which is



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celebrating its 25th anniversary, and the Corporation in his talk to the seniors. A. L. Plimpton, '77, spoke for the class of '77. Giles Faintor, '87, for the class of '87, and A. Jackson, '97, for the class of '97.

While the refreshments were being disposed of Condy, '07, and Sibbey, '09, entertained those present with their selections from this year's Tech Show, and G. R. Newton, '07, gave several well-rendered selections on the cornet.