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The class of 1911 has delayed the realization of a real Institute Committee first by not concurring with the rest in adopting word for word the proposed amendments, and second, by allowing red tape to delay them in passing on the very important provision with regard to the class activities. A little analysis of the clause proposed by the Committee and that by the Board of Directors of the class will show that they are the same in results if not in words. If the Institute Committee gets so foolish as to incur the displeasure of the organization that organization can revoke this Constitutional amendment just as easily as if there were no direct provision in the amendment that provided that it be in open class meeting. The Institute Committee could have asked for a detailed right with provisos, etc., perhaps even more than have been suggested by the various organizations which have met to date, but they would have only hidden the real underlying principles involved. The amendments as suggested by the Committee are put in the simplest, and plainest language which if accepted will put the proper adjustment of student affairs right up to the representative committee with no chance for the latter to circumvent its responsibilities.

COLLEGE ASTIGMATISM.

"Collegiate astigmatism," an expression used in one of the new novels, is a description peculiarly appropriate to the shut-in-ness of the life of the college student and his consequent points of view upon the world and its happenings. He lives in an atmosphere of the learning of the past and his own part in the college activities. He looks at the world with inexperienced eyes, and wisely explains everything by a jumble of dead precedents. His eyes are focused upon life and its problems with exceeding clearness and understanding, he believes, yet the focus is wrong for he understands little and knows less. Collegiate astigmatism is a wrong focusing of the point-of-view. It is peculiar to the collegian, the natural results of his youth, inexperience and surroundings. Contact with life itself is its cure, sometimes a most heroic one.—The Daily Missourian.

GENERAL NEWS

TELEGRAPH NEWS OF THE MORNING.

WEATHER REPORT.

Washington, Mar. 2.—Rain today probably clearing in the late afternoon or night. Moderate variable winds.

Cambridge, Mar. 2.—The game proposed between the Red Sox and the Harvard 'varsity nine has become a certainty. The two teams will play at Huntington avenue April 12, two days before the season opens. Manager Wyman and Coach Pieper have completed arrangements with Secretary Hugh McBreen, and if the weather spoils the game for April 12, it will be played April 13.

Boston, Mar. 2.—The Symphony Orchestra returned yesterday from its fourth Southern trip, having given its regular monthly concerts in Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York and Brooklyn and winding up its season in Hartford last evening. This trip, like all the others the orchestra has made this year, was very successful from all points of view.

Boston, Mar. 2.—Sureties for the release of George W. Coleman were presented yesterday to the United States District Attorney, Asa P. French. Coleman, who is held on \$50,000 bail has been locked up at the Charles St. jail, since his arrest.

Schenectady, N. Y.—Mar. 2.—The Railroad Y. M. C. A. building at Rotterdam Junction, belonging to the Boston & Maine railroad, was burned yesterday morning. Three employes of the road perished in the flames. The building was valued at \$20,000.

Gondokora, Soudan, on the Upper Nile, Mar. 2.—Dr. Rodoric Proasch, a French medical missionary, who lunched with Mr. Roosevelt yesterday, died suddenly of fever. Several others in the neighborhood are seriously ill.

"HORNET'S NEST"

"Some things make me sick," said Dick, as he came in from dinner.

"Been eating at the Union again, Dickies?" asked Billiken, who had spent most of the afternoon on our couch, and hadn't yet gathered sufficient energy to go out and feed.

"Yes," said Dick, "but that wasn't it. The feed was all right. But look at today's check!"

"I did," said Billiken, "and I didn't see anything to get so riled about. You couldn't help it if the Gym team got trimmed, and you needn't get kinks in your neck because the high price of rubber is discussed before the Chem. Society."

"That's just it," exploded Dick, who had controlled his impatience with difficulty. "The Chem. Society, I mean, not the high price of rubber—though that may have some connection with the scarcity of brains among the Chemists. The idea of that bunch of laboratory slaves turning down the Institute Committee's constitutional amendment on the ground that it is too sweeping! What will student government amount to if its authority is to be limited to the enforcement of the Point System? Give them unlimited power. I say, and throw them out of office if they misuse it."

"Yes, but look at the damage they could do before you threw them out," I rejoined, looking up from my Organic at this attack on the intelligence of chemists.

"Yes, look at it!" said Dick. "What do you suppose the Institute Committee is going to do to you? Reduce the atomic weight of polonium or change the valency of hydrogen? Do you suppose they will depose the officers of societies, fix the cost of food in the Union, and legislate on everything without regard for anybody? Not a bit of it! They are representative of the whole student body, and I don't believe they will ever enforce any measures that they don't sincerely believe to be reasonable, and for the best interests of the State and of the students. Give them authority, I say; then if they soak the Chem. Society, it's the fault of the Chem. Society's representative, and he ought to be deposed from the presidency. That's what I call government by the students for the students!"

But I was again deep in the intricacies of Organ, and a gentle snore from Billiken showed that he had given up hopes of dinner. So Dick's oratory aroused no response, and he left the room in disgust.

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