WHY THE COLLEGE MAN?

Among those unassociated with a college education and the work that term connotes, we find many today criticizing as unfair and autocratic the preference given to college men who apply for admission to officers' training camps. The argument is that college men are not trained for the military service.

Even if a man pursues nothing more than a purely classical course, he is training—long before he realizes it—for the responsible position he will one day fill. His training is aimed at developing in him a mind which is analytical, active, alert. He specializes in the theoretical and scientific approach to the subject which is supposed to supplant narrow personal opinion with the wider judgment of the scholar. The machinery of his thought becomes finely lubricated and he moves in quick response to reasoned inferences. He is a highly specialized and efficient mechanism. But what is greater than all, he is a mechanism of unerring moral power. He gains at a certain efficiency rating to be a college graduate, his college has set the standard he is supposed to represent, and while this great test may not permit the time to construct a new instrument by which to measure his work, it is drawing for the most part upon certified and proven stock.

The skilled mechanician, the amateur aero enthusiast, and many others of special cases develop may rank equal or above the mental adaptability of the average college man chosen, but the government had no time to admit in the means of examining this class of scattered individuals. They are not a standard gauge and will not permit the time to construct a new instrument by which to measure their reaction to the multiple mental impressions and problems of work in one of warfare.

Our colleges are open to all the men of America and in a time of crisis their product is the most convenient standard, most certain and most needed. Every college man in our past have found the lure of immediate financial return and even more the lure of owning his future and experiencing that story future will find them alive and alert, studying in every spare moment to quality and measure up to the known and recognized standard. They specialize in the theoretical, and with credentials will go to the big exam. After the big exam is over, compare their ratings and adjust their work so that our college men may all measure up to the highest standard of American ideals for service, to their homes, to their communities, to their country, and to the world.

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