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A get-together dinner of all the college men in this vicinity who have been connected with or interested in the Christian Associations of their college will be held at the Boston Y. M. C. A. on Huntington Avenue at 6:30 o'clock on December 14. Letters of in-

## Freshmen Quintet Outscores Varsity in Short Well Played Practice Game

Yesterday afternoon the varsity and freshman teams went through a hard practice session, the varsity men being scrimmaged with a team of freshmen picked by Coach Hitchcock. In the short scrimmage practice, the one marked feature was the great improvement shown by the freshmen players. During the last few practices the freshmen have been steadily showing better form, and yesterday and team, the first ed seven

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the higher-browed historians, both went under; Roman Republicanism being submerged with the growth of the aristocratic oligarchic Empire, and mediaeval democracy lapsing into the pagan dissolution of the Renaissance, and what Van Loon has described in his Story of Mankind as the acrid, back-biting debating society of the Reformation. As to the third, the ideal of Jeffersonian democracy, having regressed to the actuality of the present industrial age, its crisis seems to be well nigh at hand, when in the intervals between the fierce and frequent conflicts between Capital and Labor, can be heard serious and well founded predictions of the dawn of the Servile State.

And yet at the present time there are those who will actually point to the growth of Democracy, evidencing the increasing participation of the people in political affairs, the direct election of Senators, the Initiative, Referendum and Recall; as though Democracy were a question of political technique instead of a spiritual subjective state of mind.

Lord Bryce was undoubtedly as keen and appreciative a student of modern democracy as could be found anywhere today. And yet the closing chapters of his last book on The American Commonwealth, are almost astonishingly pessimistic, in view of the confident hope he had hitherto held in the future of democracy. And among the impressions of what Chesterton saw in America is the statement that to tell the average politician or political leader that he was no longer conscious of or sympathetic to the ideal of Jeffersonian Democracy, would be about as effective as to remind him that he was no longer observing the creed of St. Athanasius or keeping the rule of St. Benedict.

Not only has the last century witnessed a decline in the Democratic ideal, but during the last decade, Democracy itself has encountered a new foe in the disciples of Gobineau, the propagandists of racial superiority; what Lippman terms the intelligence testers, and Mencken would undoubtedly call super-boob-thumpers.

Using as a basis for their latest onslaught the army intelligence tests, which were intentionally and deliberately designed to select in a rough and ready way the best five per cent of the drafted men, and to divide the remainder into predetermined allotments to be classified as

normal and subnormal, these members of the almost-illuminati are responsible for the startling and patently absurd statement that the whole country contains at best but ten per cent of people of superior mental ability, about seventy-five per cent of the people being subnormal and incapable of any intellectual progress. What can possibly be meant by seventy-five per cent of a people being below the average of that people, is more than the writer, with his limited knowledge of tri-dimensional mathematics, can possibly understand.

Yet it is just such jumbles and meaningless facts as these that keep Lothrop Stoddard awake nights worrying about the revolt against civilization, and burning many a midnight kilowatt in the attempt to devise means of insuring the supremacy of the ten per cent remnant of the all powerful and superior Nordic race, whatever that may be.

The Binet intelligence tests, like all other tools of science, are perfectly definite things to be used in perfectly definite places and circumstances, and are evidently quite useful in their own particular place. But it should be perfectly obvious that it is just as unsafe and even dangerous to intrust men like Stoddard with tools of which they know little and care less, as it would be to intrust the management of a power house containing high voltage generators, to some impecunious politician.

Most of the foregoing would

hardly seem to justify the statement at the beginning of this article, that the viewpoint of the social evolutionist should be inherently optimistic, an optimism, however, which should be no mere orgy of Pollyanna slush and booster glad-hand sentimentality, but a tempered hope in the future of human progress. For the outstanding lesson of social evolution is this. That it is only within recent years, years which form but an almost insignificant portion of the immense time of man's habitation of the globe, that the idea and ideal of conscious social progress has become manifest.

So that instead of arguing the highly debatable point as to whether all men were evolved unequally, with very unequal wrongs, it becomes most desirable to see to it that the children of all men shall at least have the best of all possible environments, an environment dominated by those two factors so potent in the social evolution of the race, democracy and religion.

Granting that the race is susceptible to continued and increasing progress through social evolution, what then is to be the end? Surely not in the frenzied Nietzschean hallucination of the superman, but rather to the end that when the drama is ended, as end it must, and the eleventh hour draws nigh, the race itself may say, as said he in the parable, "Here Master is the talent thou gavest me. And here also are ten more like unto it."

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Two of the officers of the Algonquin Radio Society at the smoker and dinner of the Class of 1893, which was held last Friday evening at the Algonquin Club.

J. K. Clapp '23, Vice-President of the society, gave a summary of the development of wireless telegraphy up to the time when amateurs began to experiment with radio. Secretary J. A. Stratton gave a talk which was a continuation of the subject. He outlined the development of amateur radio, taking the society's station 1XM as typical of an amateur station.

The radio receiving demonstration staged at the dinner by these men was made with a new type of receiver, which receives on a small loop instead of an aerial and ground. One stage of radio frequency amplification, a detector, and one stage of audio frequency amplification are used in this set, which was loaned for the occasion by Mr. F. C. Bowditch '21.

not taken on the trip. It is not least-ble to take all the men on the trip because of the expense and it is hoped that those who are not taken will remain on the clubs after Christmas. It is expected that the clubs will make a New York trip and a Central Massachusetts trip later in the year.

The program for the concerts on the trip is as follows:

1. Battleship Connecticut...Banjo Club
2. Invictus.....Glee Club
3. Canadian Capers (Banjo Duet) Cook and Ecker
4. Moonlight Fancies.....Mandolin Club
5. A Little Harmony.....Quartet Burkholder, Decker, Thomas, and Wilkins
6. Rastus on Parade.....Banjo Club
7. Mystery.....K. C. Kingsley
8. Sweet and Low.....Glee Club
9. Uncle Moon.....Glee Club
10. Xylophone Solo (You Tell 'em Ivories).....G. P. Rupert
11. Serenade.....Mandolin Club
12. Corner Moon.....Glee Club
13. Road to Mandalay.....Glee Club
14. Popular Selections.....Jazz Band
15. Stein Song.....Combined Clubs

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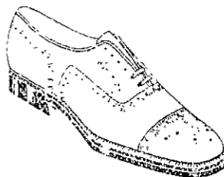
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