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DORMITORIES

THE news that President Stratton is acquainting himself with the dormitory situation is indeed most welcome. The Corporation, through a sub-committee, has analyzed and made a report upon the entire question, but aside from this nothing definite has been done.

In a statement published last week the president was reported as being highly in favor of adding to the present small group of dormitories. He has conferred with the committee of the Corporation and has inspected the present buildings.

With many other problems presenting themselves for solution, it is encouraging to know that the dormitory question is regarded as being of prime importance, and with President Stratton in sympathy with the plan to enlarge Technology's dormitory facilities, it is felt that further progress is sure to result.

MEMORY AND REASON

IT is becoming extremely hackneyed to say that the actual knowledge gleaned from text-books during a college career is soon forgotten and that the real value gained is the ability to reason and to tackle the innumerable various problems that will confront the graduate in the business and professional life. Nevertheless the fact that the phrases are common does not detract from their apparent validity, in fact it shows in a measure their wide acceptance.

Colleges realize the relative values in their curriculums and many, particularly the technical and professional schools, openly avow their main purpose to be the development of the mental capacities and the installation in the student of a scientific habit of

thought and rational mental procedure.

But under the necessity of imposing large amounts of work in short periods, the colleges leave the student with little time to really attack his work in a scientific manner. Being thus swamped with work, the student adopts temporarily the easiest way of preparing a lesson and crams his subject, learning a few sample problems and fundamental formulae. This practice goes on, and leads to a development of the memory power and a growing neglect of the fertile reasoning power.

Where this evil exists and where the amount of work is not possible of diminution without causing other disadvantages, heroic measures must be adopted by the student himself to get the best from his studies. By developing a real mental power of analysis, trying it out consciously, the desirable habit of thought is gradually instilled. This was brought out forcibly by a lecturer in one of the business management courses at the Institute, and a method of study was suggested. "First, the student should

define his purpose, he must know exactly what is to be done before he can know how that is his master task. Second, he must analyze his problem, the master task will then break up into many detailed tasks. Third, he must then seek his facts, study the governing conditions, find the desirable elements to be retained and the undesirable elements to be eliminated."

This is undoubtedly a scientific method of procedure and provides a good working rule by which to develop the mind to meet the problems that will later arise. Then no textbook with sample problems will be of use for reference, the rule of reason will alone guide in the solution. Men will be judged, not by what facts they have at their disposal but by how they can use and develop the knowledge that is given to them.

The minutes spent in picking apart the problems of our undergraduate life, finding the "why" and the "wherefore" of things will provide a root for the growth of the intelligence, and the fruits gained will totally outweigh the labor involved.

The Alumni Greets the Musical Clubs By C. A. Brantingham '23

The student body has little knowledge regarding the entertainment and hospitality shown the members of the Musical Clubs on the Winter Trip. This is one of the most important sides of the excursion made by the men during the Christmas vacation and it is worthy of high commendation.

When the Musical Clubs arrived in Atlantic City, the Leeds & Lippincott Company had two buses at the station to meet them and take them to the Chalfonte Hotel where they were elaborately taken care of and entertained. If has been said that a glee club can not sing on a full stomach. On December 26, this old axiom was markedly disproved, for the hotel gave the men a very excellent dinner. Most of the men might easily have pictured themselves as being on their "honeymoons" from the rooms that they were given for the night. But that was not all in Atlantic City. The residents, Mr. and Mrs. Young, Mr. and Mrs. Hepill, and Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald, showed all the boys a most genial hospitality.

Down in Philadelphia, the Alumni met us and took us to the New Century Club where we were to play that night and gave us the freedom of the Club. Then the Alumni, notably Al Addicks, Dexter Tuteln, Walter Field, and several others, took the men to dinner. A great deal of work and interest was shown in Philadelphia and, although there is nothing particularly tangible to speak of there, the kind spirit and congeniality shown the Clubs was of the greatest.

To be sure the railroad company did everything in its power to make the trip easy from Philadelphia to Schenectady but Pluvius was not so good to us for we were approximately two hours late getting into Schenectady which made the famous WGY station broadcast mechanical music for ten minutes before the quartet was ready to sing. It seems that WGY is the only station in the country that "holds the air for forty minutes" and it was therefore necessary that the Clubs only broadcast for thirty minutes.

The General Electric Company, however, tried to make up for our upset in plans and gave us an excellent luncheon at about three o'clock. Some of the men then went to the Firemen's Rest

NOTICES FOR UNDERGRADUATES

The Night Editor in charge of the next issue of THE TECH is G. F. Ashworth, telephone Winchester 609-J. All matters concerning the issue are referred to him.

The gym team picture for Technique will be taken tomorrow at 1 o'clock in the handball court, third floor of Walker.

The Social Committee of the Technology Matrons invites the wives of all Technology students, and the mothers of students, living in or near Boston and Cambridge, to attend an organization meeting and tea tomorrow at 3 o'clock in the Emma Roger's room.

The Medical Department wishes that all Junior freshmen and any transfers who have not received an appointment for their physical examinations to call at the department office immediately and secure an appointment.

Summer jobs are now coming on the U. E. B. files. Those who register early at the T. C. A. office for them are assured the pick of the list.

room to play pool and lounge around while the rest went on an excursion through the turbine department of the factory.

That night for dinner, regardless of the terrible blizzard that blew outside, the men were pleasantly entertained in the homes of Alumni and friends of the Institute. At eight-thirty, amidst one of the worst storms of the year, about four hundred people assembled at the Mohawk Country Club, approximately three miles out of Schenectady, to forget their worries and troubles and listen to the Musical Clubs for an hour and a half and then to dance to the music furnished by our Jazz Band until one o'clock.

Again that night, friend Pluvius kept the boys up rather late and the waiting room of the Schenectady Station was the scene of a rather peculiar party. Forty men stretched out on the twenty benches of the station slept soundly when Charlie Thomas was not telling one of his wild stories or Jojo, the dog-faced boy, was not singing on High-C, until four o'clock when the special pullman came through from Albany.

In Buffalo, the next morning about eleven o'clock when the train pulled into the rickety old station, some fifteen Alumni met us and took the men to the Saturn Club. Friday night, Saturday, and Saturday night, were indeed a great pleasure for the Clubs. Hospitality and keen interest were shown the men and the Musical Clubs are indeed greatly indebted to Mrs. Potter, Mrs. Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. Gorham, Mr. and Mrs. Jewett, Mr. and Mrs. Lane, Mr. and Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Spitzmiller, Mr. and Mrs. Stone, and Mrs. Palmer, not only for helping to make the concert a success, but also for entertaining the men the next day.

Pittsfield on Sunday afternoon, unfortunately for the Musical Clubs, was covered with snow, making the skiing and other winter sports of the very best. Few people appeared at the concert but the men seemed to have a good time eating at the Berkshire Lunch.

No comment will be made on New Year's Eve as the organization was scattered from one end of Springfield to the other.

In Holyoke, however, Mr. Casper Ranger, Junior and Senior, Eddie Jagger, and Don Taber are due most sincere thanks for making Holyoke one of the most successful concerts on the trip. A most excellent banquet was prepared at the Hotel Nonatuck and the fellows seemed to be in very high spirits. The concert that evening was one of the best on the trip. "Floating" Kingsley presented "Sixth-degree" Charles Thomas with part of the flowers that were used for decoration in the hall as an appreciation of his excellent work on the stage. Taking the entire trip as a whole, there were no mishaps or misdeameanors which marred the enjoyment of the men.

Movies to Advertise College: The campus of the University of Missouri is to be the scene of a movie dealing strictly with college life with the characters selected from University students. The picture will be shown throughout the state, with the object of advertising the institution.

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Choice of a Career From the Yale News THE NINETY-FOUR Someone, probably an insurance agent, was quoted recently as saying that from the mass of one hundred college graduates one individual only rose to the Polo and butler class, perilously near the top of the financial ladder. Five others became comfortably off and found themselves after twenty years at the small yacht and chauffeur stage. The other ninety-four presumably congregate in the great section of the American people who drive their own Buicks to the golf club. In other words, dreaming about being a rich man is one thing, and making the grade is "something else again." Yet the ninety-four presumably work just as hard as the sumptuous six. Their business is the axis on which a small and uninteresting world revolves. They have become devotees of the dollar and when that fickle deity deserts, have nowhere else to turn. Jammed in a dull, straight rut of business they can never leave the road and jump the fence into finer fields of life. This, then, is the portion of ninety-four men out of every hundred now on the campus. The answer to the problem lies in the proper choice of a career.

Between now and Commencement we shall have something to offer on the subject of "Careers." Watch for the space with the Famous Signature. John Hancock LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS STODDER MEN'S SHOES Mark Down Sale Our regular Winter Mark Down Sale is now in progress—an event well and favorably known and looked forward to by judicious purchasers of men's shoes. All of our Winter Weight Oxfords as well as our entire stock of high shoes are included in this sale; at substantial reductions from our normal moderate prices. It will pay you to take advantage of this opportunity. Prices are net and not subject to discount during this sale COES AND STODDER 10-14 SCHOOL ST., BOSTON