GENTLEMEN: THE PERFECT STUDENT

We hear a good deal these days about what a college man should be. Our answer, honestly and probably, is that our intelligence is remarkably low. If one is to believe the newspapers, the typical college man is one who gets no more education than he needs eventually and as a poor bond salesman. Our families think we spend all too much money on books.

Recently there appeared a list of principles for the college man. It is the inspiration of Dr. C. J. A. Babbitt, postmaster and political educator at Haverford College, an old established institution just outside Philadelphia. It describes the ideal student of that school as follows:

He is a cultured gentleman whose very presence lends intellectual stimulus and refinement.

He has the ethical principles of the school and of his country.

He is a self-educated man, athletic in bearing and carriage, standing up for all that is good and true.

He is a man who can read and write, true enough, but not necessarily above the mental level of the readiest of our predecessors.

Finally a man essentially spiritual in his life, whatever he believes in an inner course, in theшедшем of his life, as a soul worth knowing.

Of course this is merely one man’s opinion, but if it is the ideal college man, we are afraid a few of the marks of the man. However, a man who embraces all these characteristics, a man who could be rated, if he would, by the U. S. L. T. must be considered a "perfect." We wonder—would they sit at M. T. T. Here, at least, a man whose presence lends intellectual stimulus and refinement, and who has the ethical principles of the school and of his country.

Our very presence indicates that we have, at least in a broad sense, chosen our vocation. However, as for procession, for sophistication, most of us are very proficient at it. We may be "red blooded and athletic," but an existence as confining as our supposed is perhaps makes these very characteristics hard to control when the opportunity for using them presents itself. Such knowledge and, sincerely admire, men who embrace some of these principles in their lives. If a man could live by all of them, and still have time to work, we would give him our most remunerative associates. Keep the thoughts you—your distinctly until worth.

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Talk the Coolidge example, for instance, to one of these men. Give him the details of Coolidge as a man with a soul. Did he call on him when he was in Washington? Didn’t he come to him personally when Coolidge was asked to give an address which he was not going to make? Did he discuss the problem of Coolidge with him? Did you see him last week when Coolidge was out for a drive in the country? He knows how to handle Coolidge.

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