EMBARRASSING

LAWs of heredity have given us quite a pronounced distinction for the peculiar results of intermarriage. Where once the proper thing to do was to wed the nearest of one's kind, the dictates of modern science and custom now call for unions that bring together the ends of the earth, and the old system of caste, self-satisfied families, and carefully guarded royal blood has rather passed into oblivion.

Marduk of the Effects of Interbreeding is too prevalent in history and present life to warrant repetition here. Incredibly, disability and disenfranchisement have often been blamed upon excessive intermarriage; more or less erroneously it is true. The principal drawback is the failure of this practice to do sight and potent cents existing traits. Nothing new comes into the relationship; the old is purged, intensified, till even of it is of little value. Making this the constant world: "New Blood!" New blood in business; new blood in manufacture, in art, in literature. Why not, then, a bit more new blood in teaching?

Almost a complete parallel exists between the instructional world and the biological as far as the effects of interbreeding are concerned. If graduates immediately become instructors in the halls of Alma Mater, they may retain all the exceptional teaching methods they have experienced in their undergraduate days, or they may be reduced to the methods of their forefathers, of the new blood, and, therefore, quite out of date.

This is a matter which is not at all in keeping with the school spirit, and it is only by occasional do's and don'ts that anything is done. Thus are the futility of all our efforts to make themselves on their own self-perpetuating simply laboratories of professional interbreeding.

Of course there are attempts to remedy the situation by importing a foreign professor or so, with much of the same results as in certain eastern families have assimilated bits of European nobility—the added prestige is worthless. But a single infusion here and there, for prestige alone, is futile. Were the practice to become more frequent and assimilate much might result—and have seen such effects in earlier American immigration when hardly anyone spoke of every race mingled in such an infusion of new blood as the world has seldom seen—and all for the best.

We at M.I.T. often point with pride at our innumerable graduates who now largely compose the instructional staff. We have profited by our interbreeding greatly. We have instructors who know the Institute and its methods best who could not otherwise be driven from it. But does this lead to stagnation? True, we can perfect what superior qualities we possess, but how can we expect to develop breadth of view safely within our limited scope? It can't be done. We either import new blood or allow our own blood the opportunity to strengthen itself by a temporary transference into another collegiate family.

THE PRESENT TREND

PREVALENT indeed in the college world of today is this effort to find out just what is wrong with the school, just where the insensible stumbling block is hidden, and just how the situation may best be improved. Student recruitment committees work assiduously; newspaper editors attempt to peel away the cloak of the great American educational system; college professors themselves are attempting to analyze their very existence, the very foundation of their institution, childlike ways.

Why? Because it is in the air. The old college, so fondly confided to a small select group, would be rather negligible; but spread as it is throughout the country, the results of some sort may be expected of this wide-spread criticism. It is a fact, however, should not be taken for granted, as there must be a step-seated malaise beneath to cause that unrest. In "Professor" by Allan Helson in the current issue of the "Atlantic Monthly," we find a gentle trace of this criticism given for greater emphasis in "Our Trusty Professor" appearing under the name of Addison Hibbard of the University of North Carolina, in the "Outlook" of December 5. We recommend these, together with "The Effective College" by Robert L. Kelly, as interestingly typical of this present trend.

He united the country with nails

B. R. FAULKNER made the horseshoe nail a symbol of the importance of a little things. "The kingdom was lost and all for the want of a horseshoe nail," goes one of his wise sayings. So when he became Professor General, he knew full well the need for proper horseshoeing as one step in building a sound national structure.

The care given to details can still make or break a great plan. He united the country with nails. 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