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OUR OLD FASHIONED FACULTY.

Every Tech man who enters into student enterprises knows that at the present time these activities are not fostered by the majority of the Faculty, but are rather repressed and frowned upon. This seems a strange course when most college graduates, most Institute alumni who have become real "sombods" in the world say that more than half, the best half of what they have, came from the training and associations wholly outside of the curriculum.

Professor Swain said in his article on Course I:

"The college offers a man an opportunity to train himself in those mental, moral and physical qualities which will bring him success. Let each student see to it that he avails himself of his opportunities to the utmost and success will be within his grasp."

Opportunities there are aplenty for men to develop but under the present system at the Institute only those men who are naturally bright, those men who feel that social life is a necessity, those men who can afford to go against the general disapproval of the Faculty, dare to go into student activities. And the men who do not take part in these enterprises are those who need the experience most.

At the present time there are a few of the administrative officers taking an interest in the student activities but they are men who are not teachers in the true sense of the word, have not to do with the dealing out of the marks, and have no great weight in the giving a man a degree. The Fates at the Institute on the average look not kindly on student activities for these enterprises interfere with the discussion of the theoretical displacement of an oblate spheroid in a viscous fluid or other deeply impressive things.

What is needed is not so much the guidance of the administrative officers as an opportunity for the students to take part in the student activities with the true consent of the various Faculty members and heads of courses, and an allowance made for the time taken for a thorough-going participation in one of the activities.

Students may be advised to take part in affairs outside of their work, but on what use is this when as a whole the instructing staff assigns a mass of work that takes all of a student's spare time. Fellows are advised to go in for social development, and to support student entertainments, and then, an important examination is given the day after a student concert. Fellows are told to keep themselves physically fit, to exercise out of doors, to work on the track team, and then, work is piled upon them that keeps them in the drawing rooms until after dark.

Considering that efficiency, initiative and judgment as well as high purposes, are the vitally essential qualities for the fullest success and that these qualities are best developed in an educational institution by the proper combination of book study and student activity rather than book study alone, it seems old-fashioned, short-sighted in the governing bodies of the Institute that the student enterprises are not given official recognition.

METHUSELAH'S MAXIMS.

All mystery is cleared from the problems of love-making in "The Maxims of Methuselah" by F. Gelett Burgess 1887. A few of the maxims are in questionable taste but as a whole the book is extremely attractive for its keen wit.

Translated from the cuneiform writings of Methuselah the maxims show this experienced husband's wonderful insight into woman's character.

SOCIAL EVENT.

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Mrs. Henry P. Talbot, Mrs. Frank H. Rand, and Mrs. Dugald C. Jackson acted as Matrons.

The reception committee was composed of Herbert T. Gerrish 1908, Arthur L. Gardner 1908, Arthur W. Lunn 1909, Clifford C. Hield 1910, and Donald R. Stevens 1911.

The officers of the clubs are as follows:—

Arthur L. Gardner 1908, president; Harold W. Griswold 1908, vice-president; Clifford C. Hield 1910, general manager and treasurer; Ralph J. Batchelder 1908, secretary; Wallace D. Richardson 1910, assistant general manager.

PSYCHOLOGY AS A STUDY.

Discussed by Prof. Swain. A Man Has Two Egos.

The power of an individual over himself was the subject of Prof. Swain's second talk yesterday afternoon. He first advised everyone to read Thomas J. Hudson's "The Law of Psychic Phenomena," "A Scientific Demonstration of the Future Life," "The Law of Mental Healing," and "The Divine Pedgree of Man." He also advised all, to see "The Witching Hour," a play which deals with psychology.

Prof. Swain believed that every man ought to know a little about psychology in order to be broad minded.

The study of mental phenomena, at which scientists used to scoff, has recently become a regular scientific study and some interesting facts have been brought out. The study has shown that a person's "ego" is made up of two parts called his subjective and objective.

Prof. Swain gave some examples of the working of the subjective and objective mind and touched upon the subject of Christian Science and Mental Healing. He spoke also of the relation of the subjective mind to genius and to mathematical prodigies.

An article on the law of compensation by Pentecost from "The Philistine" was then read. This stated that each man gets, in the long run, exactly what he pays for, nothing more and nothing less. It gave a new conception of the Deity and contained a good deal of food for thought.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENTS.

President Noyes Invites Men To Reception At The Union.

All students who will be away from home Christmas week are urged to meet at the Union at 7.30 P. M. on the evening before Christmas (Tuesday, December 24th) to take part in the usual Christmas festival. The entertainment will consist this year in a talk by Mr. Lyman Underwood upon animal life, illustrated by colored stereopticon views, followed by the distribution of gifts from the Christmas tree, singing and instrumental music, and light refreshments. A. A. NOYES, President.

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