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BOSTON, MASS., MAY 5, 1910.

This year has been one of marked success for the Civil Engineering Society as far as the number of meetings and attendance at these meetings are concerned. But now at the closing event of the year, the Annual Banquet, it is a discouraging fact that comparatively few men have signified their intention of being present. This is particularly noticeable among the class of 1912; those to whom it is of particular advantage to be present—it being the only time of the year when these men can meet socially with other members of the society.

The officers have provided a particularly attractive program for the evening with such well-known men as Mr. Bennis, president of the Alumni, Mr. Munroe, secretary of the Corporation, and Mr. Tuttle, president of the B. & M. R. R., as speakers. Moreover, half of the cost of the dinner is being paid from the treasury of the society—the tickets selling at one dollar instead of two which the hotel charges.

But it is not too late even now—the dinner takes place this evening at 6.30.

Inasmuch as the matter of the honor system is still under discussion, no further editorial opposition to the system will be made in these columns until Monday next.

On the other hand communications on both sides will be welcomed in order that there may be no doubt about the fair treatment of the system.

Brooklyn, N. Y., May 5.—The battleship Florida, that will be launched May 12 at Brooklyn Navy Yard, is the largest battleship in the United States Navy. President Taft is expected to outline an important naval programme in his address for that event.

New Haven, May 5.—"Spike" Seymour, Yale's star sprinter, has been lost to the game. He sprained a tendon while training and Coach John Mack says that he has no hope of Seymour being able to start again this season.

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in highest terms the working of the system at the latter institution. So successful has the system become at Stevens that the student governing board even goes so far as to make recommendations to the faculty relative to candidates for a degree.

The speaker cited other examples of Southern institutions where the system flourished, and closed by reporting officially for the committee, that the latter body recommends the adoption for the system for the two upper classes alone for the present.

The enthusiastic reception accorded these three speakers would appear to indicate the sanction of the meeting for the movement. The unanimity of the meet was, however, rudely jolted by the next speaker, who forcefully presented a number of strong arguments against the adoption of the system at the Institute.

This first speaker in opposition was John M. Bierer, a graduate of Washington and Lee University, and now a graduate student at the Institute. In opening the speaker advanced two main reasons why the honor system has failed in its purpose in the South, despite its accredited popularity. These reasons are: first, that it gives a much greater chance for the man who will cheat in any case to get his degree; and second, the basis upon which the whole system stands or falls, by which a student will report friends and foes alike, has no firm foundation.

Elaborating upon the first argument advanced the speaker stated that if students at the Institute would be amazed were they to know the great prevalence of cheating at schools and colleges where the system is in vogue. He further warned the meeting against receiving the informal reports issued by the various college heads without a grain of salt. It would be very poor policy for a school or college head to decree such a student governing system if it were already in vogue at the institution in question.

Under the second argument he showed the meeting how difficult it is to make friends tell on friends. This, he said, was the weak link in the chain, and was damaging evidence against the system. For these two reasons, if for no other, he disapproved heartily of the adoption of such a system at the Institute.

The final speaker in opposition was R. H. Ranger 1911, whose argument was along the same lines as that of the previous speaker. He could see no advantage gained by students being able to go out and smoke during examinations and "add nickels to Met-calf's till."

At the conclusion of his speech Ranger moved that "the student body express their disapproval of the introduction of the honor system at the Institute."

The motion was adopted by an overwhelming majority and the meeting adjourned at 2.25.

Boston, May 5.—As the members of the Yale Varsity four-oared crew which had been matched to race Volkman school Saturday on the Charles river have been taken to the Varsity squad, the race with the Back Bay school has been called off.

Washington, May 5.—After 12 years the battleship Maine is to be removed from Havana harbor and the bodies which went down with the vessel will be interred in the National Cemetery at Arlington. A bill providing for such removal and burial, which had passed the House, was yesterday passed in the Senate.

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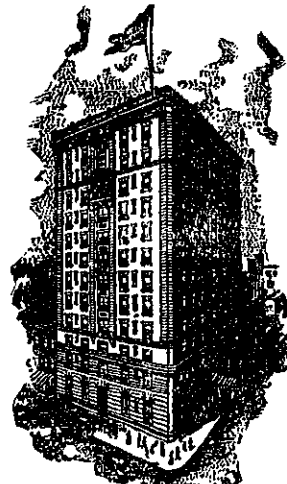
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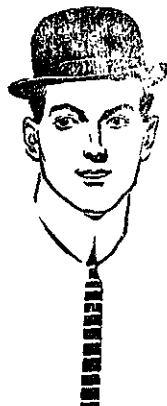


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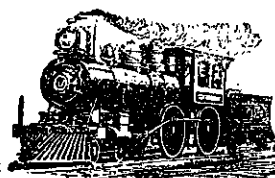
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