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THE COLLEGE KINDERGARTEN AND SOPS

THERE has been a very noticeable movement instituted at several American colleges toward the abolition of compulsory attendance at classes. At some institutions it is desired to have this rather sweeping reform applicable only to members of the two upper classes, while in others it is the intention to include the whole of the student body within the scope of the proposed system. We reprint the following editorial on the matter which recently appeared in *The Nation* under the title "Princeton Leads the Way":

"A suspicion has been growing of late years that it might be just as well to treat university undergraduates as adults instead of as children. The creatures seemed to be getting out of hand, and sops like student self-government and the honor system at examinations and student members on the Faculty Committee on Student Affairs were thrown out from time to time by more than one harassed Alma Mater. But, of course, the cut system and compulsory attendance at classes was the prop on which the academic world rested. It seemed obvious that if a student did not have to come to class he would stay away; if you did not believe it, you could visit the classes yourself and see why. Now Princeton has taken the bold step of permitting the students to decide for themselves if and when they will attend classes. This puts a fearful responsibility on the instructor. Henceforth he must make his classes interesting. At the end of the course he will also have to prepare an examination determining less whether the student has mastered his facts than whether he has any ideas about them, or about anything. Some young gentlemen will never come to class at all, but if they do not and can satisfy the instructor in those two points, Princeton is ready to admit that it is all right. Common sense sometimes sounds alarmingly revolutionary."

Viewpoints, even radical ones, must be compromised with established fact and we feel that the experiences of our own cherished Alma Mater with some of these so-called sops will challenge the above opinion in the light of true fact. First of all, the existence of children at Technology is not recognized. Every student, even those few who are admitted before they have reached the age of eighteen recommended as a minimum by the Faculty, are accepted as men and are treated accordingly. This is nothing new here and perhaps it is responsible for the often expressed opinion that Tech men are different. But college youths, on the average, display the same general characteristic weaknesses and virtues. Some traits may be only local, yet the more deeply impressed ones are peculiar to all higher education.

Second, although not generally known to the outside world, Technology has student government in its broadest and most extensive form. It is not a sop and the Faculty appreciate this, and leave it alone. It is universally recognized within the realm of Technology and has proved its ability to handle the most difficult situations when they arise. In fact, only a short time ago several other colleges used it as a basis for working out student government of their own.

Third, the theory that a man will not go to a class unless he is compelled to do so has been disproved by the actual testing of the experiment. Entire courses have been conducted at Technology without a single attendance having been taken, a steady influx of homework problems and more often the ability to pass frequent examinations, being used as gauges of whether or not a student is doing his work. And strangely, or perhaps only logically, the instructors in these courses do not lecture to four blank walls and a tier of vacant seats, for the men realize that they must be present in order to get the full meaning of things and to understand the difficult points thoroughly.

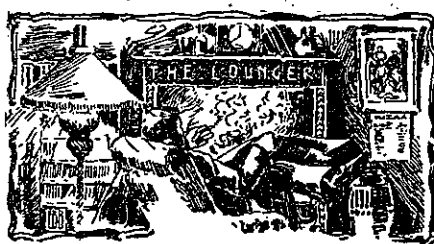
We cite these facts for what they may be worth in the hope that they may be of value to some of the more ill informed observers on the subject.

HANDS UP!

LABOR is going to challenge the college man this afternoon. Mr. Paul Blanchard, college graduate-lecturer-labor organizer will bear the challenge. It is difficult to say just where the college man stands in the Labor-Capital cycle. Assuredly, he is not a laborer, even though he draws little more than laborers' pay. And it is equally certain that he is not a capitalist, much as he may wish he were.

But college graduates, especially engineers, are often alleged to stand between labor and capital. Perhaps Mr. Blanchard will be able to tell us how to do it as adhesive rather than abrasive. If he can, his message is sure to be important.

"The challenge of labor to the college man!" Labor's challenge to Capital is usually "Hands up!" And Capital often challenges Labor with "Lie down!" Will the challenge of Labor to the college man be "Halt! Who is there?"



The Lounger has been loafing on the job for the last three issues. Not that the Lounger is naturally lazy, forbid the thought. It is only that he receives no inspiration from wet weather. To arrive at the Institute melting with water, your trousers sailor pressed, and your shoes syphoning water starts your whole day under a dark cloud. Then to dry off just in time to get thoroughly bathed going to Walker takes away the last restraint from a soured disposition.

If the communications that the Lounger has been receiving are at all indicative of the feelings of the writer, more than one person must have been affected by the dampness. For instance take the communication that enclosed a clipping from the "By-Products" column of last Sunday's New York Times with sundry other enclosures, the bare facts of which prohibit reproducing. The clipping was headed "What of the Night?" and is as follows:

"In the recent and consecutive excitements over the Japanese earthquake, the Dempsey-Firpo fight, the world's series and the international horse race, it seemed as if the paramount issue, Morality, was being forgotten. But the praetorians of virtue are still on guard. For example:

"Dr. John Roach Straton started excommunicating his clerical brethren before he had been a week back from Europe.

"Mr. Sumner of the Vice Society and Father Belford of Brooklyn announce that their sensitive nostrils have discovered bad smells in the theatre. Father Belford seems to win the smelling championship; he notes about 30 odors of decay to Sumner's four.

"The New Jersey Presbyterian Synod denounces beauty contests as an affront to the morals of the country and accuses the Tobacco Trust of maintaining a campaign to get girls to smoke.

"The President of the Presbyterian Board of Christian Education declares that 12,000,000 young people have slipped away from the Church because of the lack of religious education in the home, making no estimate of the number who have slipped away because of an excess of religious education in the home.

"The President of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, speaking before the National Council of Congregational Churches, says that girls who wear knickers are a proof that the devil is in the saddle, but piously hopes that maybe the ills of our time are due to the wars use, 'when everybody was encouraged to smoke cigarettes and hate each other.'

"Finally, speakers at the State W. C. T. U. Convention at Buffalo boldly attack the Unholy Trinity, the three great world perils of our time—tobacco, Darwin and silk underwear. Tobacco is 'a dangerous drug,' with an awful attraction for boys and girls; Darwin has 'wrought havoc on the spiritual life of humanity'; and silk underwear 'seduces the mind.' But the W. C. T. U. will save us."

By what queer chance could this have been directed to the Lounger. The Lounger admits that he smokes, but he has never attempted to seduce young girls to Lord Nicotine. He always believed Darwin a hero of one of Huxley's novels, and perfectly harmless, and as for silk underwear, the Lounger has never stirred from his attractive flannels. What gives the Lounger the greatest surprise is the lack of comprehension of women by the New Jersey Presbyterian Synod. They must be a bachelor's organization. They say that the tobacco trust is carrying on a campaign to have girls smoke, and hold up their hands in horror. They completely forget that even ahead of the mule, woman is the most obstinate of creatures.

Police Catch Parkers

Those who have been in the habit of parking their autos in the road beside building 2 were greeted with an unpleasant surprise Friday. About ten o'clock in the morning the road was as usual lined on both sides with autos in spite of the very evident "No Parking" signs that grace both ends of the driveway. These signs have been about as effective as the "No Smoking" signs in the corridors—each one thinks that they are meant for some one else. Each car was visited by an officer of the Cambridge police who attached a tag to every steering wheel. The tag bore the inscription: "No Parking in Roadway. Please park in Parking Spaces." On the tag was written the registration number of the car to show that the police were in possession of all the information necessary to give the owners a tough 15 minutes in court.

No Favoritism Shown

All the autos were tagged with partiality towards none. From the sport models which students drive to a big Packard six belonging to one of the professors, all had a little white tag floating merrily on the breeze. The

officer showed some hesitation however, when he saw the wrecks in which the Physics Instructors ride here. Apparently he doubted whether the owners of such junk would be able to pay the fine. But duty gave in to his better judgment and the wrecks were tagged. The owners each await a summons in the near future, and in the meantime park their cars where they should be parked. It is hoped that the proceeds will go towards repairing Harvard bridge or for new uniforms for the Station 16 men.

WARRIORS TRAIN TO CARRY SABRES WITHOUT DANGER

A martial air has been created in the basement of building 1 of late by the clash of sabres and the echoes of staccato commands barked out by the cadet officers of the R. O. T. C. cohorts. The recently appointed captains and lieutenants from the advanced units were rallied together before room 1-050 on Wednesday and Friday evenings of last week for sabre drill preliminary to taking their places in front of the freshman platoons on the drill grounds with side-arms flapping nonchalantly at their sides.

There was much trepidation in the ranks of the embryo defenders of the nation as the sabres whizzed past unprotected ears. No casualties were reported although Lieutenant Levy kept his juvenile warriors flourishing their sabres around until some appearance of smartness was developed. Each cadet officer was given the opportunity to march majestically down the corridor issuing commands and suiting them with the appropriate position of his sabre.

Shavetails are Gruff

Lieutenant Levy complained that cadet officers were uniformly troubled with a tendency to make their commands unintelligible in their endeavor to make them sound gruff and snappy. The freshmen always are eager to execute "parade rest" in response to a garbled "Right DRESS!"

This system of choosing officers from the Junior and Senior R. O. T. C. units to drill the freshmen is an innovation of the Military Science department this year. A further innovation is the wearing of side arms. The sabres are regulation equipment and look as if they were built for business, but of course, their use is restricted to the parade field.

COMMUNICATION

To the Editor of THE TECH:

Oct. 25, 1923.
Dear Sir:—Allow me to add one further suggestion to your Editorial on using the Boat House for student activities. And that is for the events of Field Day to be held at the Boat House. The enormous number of officials who encumber Tech Field with their sacred presence could then have the stage all for themselves.

Obviously something must soon be done with the alarming growth of unnecessary bearers of the purple. In truth, the student body cannot afford to have so many precious leaders of its Aristocracy of Brains together out in the danger zone, where a carelessly passed football might cause unlimited fatalities.

Yours truly,
HAROLD F. CUTTER '23.

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