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T. W. Owen '26

THE CREAM OF THE DREGS—THE FILTER PAPER

APPARENTLY valueless and childish enterprises, by some compensative law of nature, frequently prove constructive in results. This bit of philosophy gives the Filter Paper an excuse for existence and consoles those of strictly moral proclivities who deplore it as a pestilence of publicity.

Now that the issue is extant with its accumulated scandal and naive jabs at sarcasm it is pleasing to note that it does serve admirably the purpose of alleviating some of the moral indigestion and cherished egotism that afflicts so many worthy men. Rivaling Hearst with its glaring red and irresistible appeal its steps in where all others fear to tread, and is, so to speak, the essence of the exigency, the needed expose, the cream of the dirt.

In its own particular field of journalism The Filter press has achieved distinction, if in no other way than by its color; and it is hoped that this colorful light it has played on existing malpractices will show the way to reform.

LAW AND ALMA MATER

RECOGNITION of the fact that living up to the provisions of the Eighteenth Amendment is more of a legal question than a moral one was one of the important sentiments which were embodied in the resolutions adopted by the student branch of the New England citizenship conference for the enforcement of law and order last week-end. The theoretical truth of this fact is not to be denied by anyone who boasts the reputation of being a true American. A man's morals may be of an extremely flexible nature, depending upon circumstances, and sometimes even verge on the border of immorals. The constitution on the other hand is rigid and irreputable.

There are two ways by which it should be possible to prompt the college man to refrain from excessive drinking. The first is through his loyalty to his country and general respect for all law and order. The second appeals more to his emotional being and his love for Alma Mater. Although the first should theoretically be all that is required, in practice it does not suffice, since there are many men who will not be convinced they should respect a law even though in their opinion it is a bad one. On the other hand, a "true son" of any Alma Mater is willing to sacrifice his own personal sentiments for those of his college, if the two are in conflictance.

As the Dartmouth Alumni Magazine puts it, although the article from which the excerpt is taken is directed at alumni gatherings. "One might, of course, blacklist the few who notoriously and perpetually offend by their public excesses at athletic games, and deny ticket-privileges to such as consistently and incorrigibly misuse them. But the more desirable thing would be to lead such offenders to see for themselves the essential cowardliness of defaming behind her back an Alma Mater whose sole reliance must be in the fealty and loyalty of her sons. Such as cannot be led to restrain their personal over-indulgences, even when aware of the injury done thereby, and such as prove impervious to arguments designed to awaken a better spirit, may as well be read out of whatever communion they have belonged to. It is our hope and belief that very, very few of the thousands of collegiate alumni now living in the United States would be so indifferent to the view that their excesses react against the fair fame of the colleges which they profess to love."

While the spirit of loyalty for one's college may not have reached the state of maturity which is so inherent among the alumni, nevertheless it exists, and while it is yet young is the time to see that it is developed so as to best reach its ideal state. Whether or not a ruling exists at a college which would lessen the cases of drinking there, every student should remember that he carries the reputation of his college as an institution and of all his fellow students as well. The exercise of a little discretion in the time of need may save the ruin of many a sacred tradition.



The Filter Paper arrived as predicted yesterday and as usual great was the rush on the red ink. The issue was good, perhaps a little too good to be really good—if you follow the Lounger's reasoning. When the Institute Committee on the day of publication runs through a meeting in 20 minutes evidently the political fireworks must be lacking in the paper. There were some clever articles however, of which the Lounger gives the highest batting average to "Arch's Tech Bulletin."

Another communication has rolled into the Lounger's mail bag Here it is for your critical eye:

Dear Lounger:—My first impression of Boston was that the Boston Police force must be a lazy, good for nothing bunch, if this is not so why does every other store window contain this sign: No looting in front of this window. Police take notice!

Very truly yours,
C. A. B. '27

Cabby you are certainly an observing lad for a freshman. I wonder if you have noticed in your wide awake manner that Technology has taken pity on these disconsolate wandering blue coats. Surely if you ever happened down in that handsome student lounge of building 5 you would have been reported this. The Lounger has never been in this room without seeing at least one of our upholders of the law smoking his corn cob there minus his coat and displaying an artistic pair of suspenders. It is a bit disillusioning though Cabby, especially in the warmer months when these handsome gentlemen dispense with their shirts but for some unknown reason seem to hang on to their flannels.

The Lounger does not begrudge the policeman the use of the "lounge." Indeed he marvels at them condescending to use the room at all. Of all the barren, cold, clumsy abortions of rooms at Technology, this basement room of building 5 is the worst. To call it a "student lounge," and to urge upwards of three hundred students to eat their lunch there daily is to the Lounger the higher type of hypocrisy on the part of Institute officials. If for no other reason let Major Smith make the room a decent place for policemen to smoke in.

COMMUNICATION

To the Editor of *The Tech*

The writer's attention has been called to an impression which seems to have been current among the undergraduates at M. I. T. concerning the cancellation of the recent hockey game with Yale. As this impression is erroneous and does but scant justice to the quality of sportsmanship which the hockey team has shown during this troubled season, the writer begs for the privilege of imparting through your columns the exact facts of the case.

When it was found that the active hockey team, through academic difficulties, was to be reduced to six actual competitors, the captain of the team, acting under the advice of the Advisory Council telephoned to Dr. Clarence Mendell, Chairman of Yale Athletic Council. Mr. Massey made a definite statement to him of the condition and stated that these facts were presented to the Yale Management to allow them the privilege of continuing or of cancelling the game. The hockey team was prepared to go and in fact would have preferred to go, but the Yale Athletic Council after consultation elected for a cancellation of the game. It was for that reason that the team did not go to New Haven and through no failure in sportsmanship on their part

In concluding the writer wishes to emphasize his appreciation of the fine spirit which the hockey team has shown this year in the face of manifold difficulties.

Thanking you for the privilege of your column, I am,

Signed,
Allan Winter Rowe '01.

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BOSTON OPERA HOUSE: Sir Harry Lauder. Songs and humor.

COLONIAL: "Sancho Panza." Last week.

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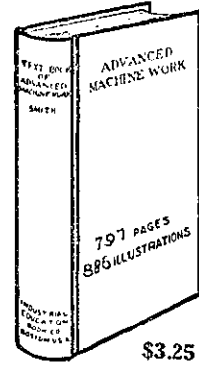
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