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T. W. Owen '26

PLASTER SAINTS AND DOCTORED HISTORIES

THERE is considerable stir in the academic world over a bill recently brought before the New Jersey legislature which would regulate the American history taught in public and private schools. According to this bill, no history shall be taught which "ignores, omits, discounts, or in any manner belittles, doubts or denies the events leading up to the Declaration of Independence or those connected with the war of Independence or any other war which this country has been engaged in; or which ignores, omits, distorts, doubts, or denies the deeds and accomplishments of the noted American patriots, or questions the worthiness of their motives or casts aspersions upon their lives."

Passing over what may have been the intention of the authors of the bill, and casting aside the argument that it would interfere with the rights of free speech and freedom of the press, there remains the possibility that such a bill may yet be founded on the right principle. Emphasizing some of the virtues, and neglecting some of the short-comings of the patriots does not harm the education of the very young. The so-called myths teach no deceit nor do they do moral harm, and without question they are an instrument for instilling the fine ideals of life into the country's future manhood.

There are those, of course, who question the moral validity of veiling the truth to accomplish what is assumed to be a good purpose. It is the old controversy over whether or not the doctrine of Hell should be advanced by those who do not believe in the existence of Hell merely because they think such a doctrine keeps men from doing wrong. It is the same question as that established by the invention of Santa Claus. Yet who will deny that this bearded gentleman has reduced juvenile mischief to almost nothing at least one night out of three hundred and sixty-five? And who will deny that aspiration on the part of some youthful patriot to be like the "Father of his country" by never telling a lie has early instilled into him a tendency to always out with the truth?

From the high school age on, present day youth is quite capable of comprehending the truth and is entitled to plain facts. The teaching of pure facts in grammar schools, however, is extremely unwise in our estimation. Not only does it tend directly to stifle and overcome the finer moral attributes taught in the home but it so affects the undeveloped dispositions and characters of the little that they are destined to become skeptics, cynics, unbelieving of anything that is good in men, seeing only the materialistic side of human frailties, and pledged to undermine everything to which faith is requisite: religion, government, and even the home.

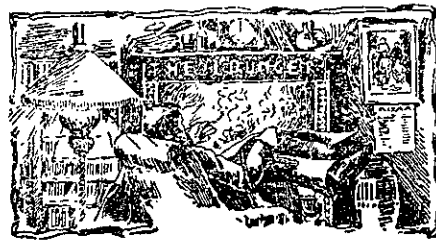
The New Jersey bill is certainly sweeping in its scope. Yet its exponents may be wiser in the long run than is feared by so many. Figurative history in the lower schools builds character and promotes patriotism. It should not be abolished until some form of education is discovered which can accomplish these purposes.

TEA, A MEET, AND PARASITES

MANY reasons have been thought up to excuse the lack of support extended to the various teams by the remainder of the student body. Fluctuations in interest are usually ascribed to the psychological and the whole affair narrows down to a low ordered vicious circle. For there are a great many who take things only at their face value and argue that if a team is defeated it forthwith forfeits its right to their support. No consideration is paid by this group to the class opponent, to the significance of the scores, or to the spirit of the men on the teams. They do not figure that in withdrawing their own support they are only increasing the chances of defeat in the future, if the theory of moral support possesses any semblance of truth.

Perhaps it is because the season of winter sports is near an end that interest in them is dying off, for the number of candidates obtained in the recent Crew Week drive augured well for spring athletics. The last basketball of the season is scheduled for tonight. Saturday afternoon the Walker Memorial Committee is holding a tea dance for the benefit of athletics. Similar dances run by the Committee in the past have always been very popular and the occasions for pleasant social diversion. Here are opportunities for combining personal pleasure and the implied obligation to support our teams—though that obligation should be a pleasure anyway.

Spirit! Let us have more of it. Examinations are not so near as to necessitate our sacrificing one or two nights and an afternoon a week for the customary intensive reviews. Sympathy is the only prescription for the man whose interest ends with the inquiry, "Who won last week?"



Dear Lounger:
Please use your influence to prevent the Park Police from pinching innocent ice-walkers.

Percy Kuted.

Here is what the Lounger has been looking for. It is getting near the end of the term and he is feeling in an explosive mood. This time of the year always makes a fellow feel like a combination of T. N. T. and a Japanese earthquake trying to get a divorce from each other. No sleep, 9 o'clock classes every morning in the week, including Sundays in spite of the Blue Laws, behind in 20 of the 19 doses of brain-wrecking courses being administered to him, exams looming up over the horizon, and the contemptuous process of registration once more to go thru,—why shouldn't a fellow be a cynic and vent his feelings on the world in general?

The abolishment of Tech Night was favored by the Institute Committee because the performance at the theater invited conditions which resulted in dragging down Technology's name before the public. The ice on the river is in the same class as the theater. So long as the police remain in their present antagonistic mood, somebody is going to get his name in the paper. This precipitates an avalanche of gossip about the ignorance of all Technology men. It cannot be permitted. The Lounger demands that the Institute Committee have all ice abolished, either by pouring denatured alcohol into the Basin or stopping all cold weather.

If the law is rigorous, then let us treat it in a cold business-like manner. If the police will not be congenial to us, let us return the courtesy. Let them arrest a man for risking his life on ice a foot thick, and which an application of the principles of Applied Mechanics reveal as having a factor of safety of only 11,415,667. Let them arrest a man on Tech grounds on Tech Night for falling asleep on the gravel and disturbing the peace with his snoring. Close the doors of the Institute to them? Forbid them the use of our lounges? Narrow wisdom.

The Lounger has a better plan. Feed them chocolate, sodas, and chewing gum. Befriend them. Win their confidence. Then lure them down to our Monte Carlo, cheer for them, and pray for them; but pit them against a specially elected champion crap-shooting team and ruin them, down to the brass buttons on their uniforms.

Here is a chance for a thesis. Here is a chance to make use of the Testing Materials Lab equipment. The Lounger suggests the title, "Factors of Safety, Judges, and Disproving any Relation Between The Two."

WHO SAYS?

The quotations for today are:
1. "Just one more minute, fellows."
2. "The angle is too terds of tee-eta."
3. "When I—I—I—I."

The answers to the last three quotations are:

1. Dr. H. U. Faulkner: "That's true, yes, that is a good point."
2. Mr. A. M. Clarke: "Who? Me?" true.
3. Mr. R. E. Hodgdon: "Is that true?"

Play Directory

ARLINGTON SQUARE: "Tangerine." Musical comedy. Last week.

COLONIAL: "Music Box Revue." Needs no comment.

COPLEY: "Justice." Reviewed next issue.

HOLLIS: "The 1st Year." Comedy of young married life. Good.

MAJESTIC: "Up She Goes." Last week.

TREMONT: "Alice Brady in 'Zander the Great'."

ST. JAMES: "Butterfly on the Wheel." Reviewed in next issue.

SELWYN: "Stella Dallas." With Mrs. Leslie Carter.

SHUBERT: "The Passing Show." Last week. Good.

PLYMOUTH: "The Whole Town's Talking." Comedy. Last week.

WILBY JR: Ethel Barrymore in "The Laughing Lady." Last week.

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To the Editor of The Tech:

Permit me to make a few observations on your editorial of Wednesday captioned "Technology Fashions."

In referring to Miss Olga Soroka's prize essay, you not only violated the ethics of your editorial profession by taking one observation of the author out of its context in such a fashion as to deceive the whole student body, but you also were sufficiently obtuse not to note the satire underlying her observation. The author did compliment the fraternity man upon his clothes, but she also observed that the "brothers" had no hesitancy in thrusting their better fortune upon the less favored. If the flaunting of wealth, in the shape of motor-cars and fashionable clothes, is not crass vulgarity, then the Technology plutocrat deserves the

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