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AN OPEN DOOR POLICY

WHEN President Hopkins of Dartmouth boldly announced that he would bring Trotsky and Lenin to his college as faculty members were they available, he sounded the note of true education. In an idea he condemned the intellectual timidity that has such a stifling hold on American education and voiced the spirit of the truth seeker and the intellectual explorer.

American colleges, to use a financial analogy, are run too much on the safety-deposit-vault plan. Learning is painstakingly stowed away in students' minds in snug packs of uncreative securities, safe and carefully chosen to be sure, but productive of nothing new and valuable only as latent capital. What is needed, and what President Hopkins stands for, is not a depositing of knowledge but a vigorous stimulating and using of intellectual capital for the further production of mental wealth. It is this creation of thought that is so deplorably absent in the average undergraduate mind.

What William James styled the Tough Minded mentality is the state of mind that is needed. The courage to take facts pro and con, conservative and radical, and to set their intrinsic values against each other, letting the truth emerge from the conflict of theories,—that is the courage which discovers new realms of thought and ferrets out the truth from the existing chaos of error. That is the courage that is not afraid to listen to a Lenin or a Trotsky and to accept whatever good their doctrine has. And it must be remembered it is this courage that makes possible all advances in religion, science, and what not. No Tender Mind would have made a Darwin, instigated a French Revolution, or founded a creed of moral theology.

The American student is suffering under the regime of Bourbon thinkers who think in the past and fear new ideas. They are an incubus to the advancement of learning and a dead weight to the courageous, creative mind. The student's mind is lost in a flood of facts and starved by a scarcity of original ideas. It is a good omen for intellectual pioneering and the powers of the mind when a man like Dr. Hopkins says, "I know of no men and no interest I would not present if it would stir up the mind of the undergraduate; open mindedness and the ability to think are the greatest need of the hour."

SELF-SUFFICIENCY

WITH self reliance and the necessary amount of ability, any man can successfully overcome the obstacles with which he is from time to time confronted. The man who tackles a task with full confidence as to his ability to carry it through to its termination has won half the battle before he starts. His feeling of assurance is like that of an army with a high morale. Some people are cowards; some lack initiative; still others possess no courage. But the self-sufficient man has in his mind the door-key to success. A simple twist of the wrist,—the necessary natural ability,—and all will open to him.

There is no doubt, however, that some college men take their self-sufficiency in diametrically the wrong way. These foolish people,—for conceit is the rankest folly, and one of the most common,—are those whose every thought is of themselves, whose every other word is "I."

"I am my fate. It is I who made my past; I, who control the present; I, who plan and execute my destiny. I rule myself, and am my own happiness. I know my mind. I have no idle dreams that come to naught. I plan my days. I build my castles not out of air, but of stone. I fool the world. I waste no time on lesser men or things. They are below me. Self sufficiency is mine. I cannot fail."

What folly! Surely, this is a most pernicious attitude, and one that must be carefully avoided.

Conceit is man's greatest enemy. It is absolutely fatal to his success. It robs him of every friend or supporter, and exposes him to attack from his enemies. But self-sufficiency, on the other hand, if properly applied, is a man's greatest asset, a sure bid to achievement.

ANNOUNCES NETHERLAND WEEK FOR U.S. STUDENTS

The Netherland-America Foundation recently announced a NetherlandWeek for American students to be held at the University of Leyden during the week of July 7. The meetings will be addressed by some of Holland's most distinguished scholars, and afternoon trips will be taken under competent guides who will try to show the men

attending some of the true Holland which tourists rarely see.

Six lecturers will deliver a series of 11 lectures. These will all be given in English. The final lecture, given by Dr. C. Van Vollenhoven will lead naturally to the sessions of the Academy of International Law which will be held in the Peace Palace.

Further information may be obtained by writing to the Netherland-America Foundation, 17 East 42nd Street, New York City.

COMMUNICATIONS

To the Editor:

Make a general call, through The dilapidated condition of Harvard Bridge. Too much has been said and too little done. It is my belief that action can be hastened by arousing the interest of the people. To this end I offer and propose the following:

Make a general call, through The Tech or otherwise, for a name to assign to the new bridge, and from the many suggested, select the one most appropriate. This name should then be made known and become common property of Tech men, at least.

Of course one cannot say whether or not the present structure (if we call it such) will be remodelled or a new one will replace it. I sincerely hope the latter will occur before the proposed extension of Technology. In either event, however, the name should be changed from Harvard Bridge to some other, such as Technology Bridge.

The name Harvard has been so securely linked to the present bridge that I think the name should also die with it. In order to forget, we must have a new name and one that in no way will call to mind our old relic of antiquity.

Here's my motto:

"A new bridge and a new name."
(Signed) Arthur O. Odegard '25

To the Editor:

For a critic to wield his pen in defence of the fair sex is a worthy act, but for him to criticize Tech for a certain fault and then to commit the self same error himself, points to Pro Socratic favour rather than to lucid thought.

Let me explain:—F. C. Norby blithely criticized The Tech for taking what was applicable to but a small section and applying it to Tech men as a whole. Continuing, he said he finds TECHNITIS prevalent at the Institute, implying that the vast majority of students can see no further than their slip sticks, and that to ask them for information about anything not intimately connected with Tech is to seek the impossible.

This may be, and probably is, true of the Brown Baggers; but, excepting them, the average student here has a fair knowledge of outside affairs; and, though he may not be able to manipulate a tea cup with all the skill of a Yale law student, he is not handicapped to the extent indicated by F. C. Norby.

This is in defence of that mediocre class,—if you so wish to call it, though to many, it is the ideal state,—neither snob nor Brown Bagger, but rather the happy medium, who combines technical work with activities and has a reasonable knowledge of social etiquette, books, and art in general; enough, at least, on which to bluff through life.

(Signed) Douglas Jeppe '25.

THE VOO DOO DIDN'T BUT THE JESTER DID

Although the Voo Doo was unable to publish their La Vie Parisienne, the Columbia Jester published their's but a few days ago. The issue was rather different from other numbers of the Morningside College humorous book. This sophisticated issue is an intellectual satire on sex. The philosophy of the number is a lampoon at the Parisian attitude of the flesh and is at the same time the American dismay at that attitude. The issue sold well. No wonder!

WHO SAYS?

The quotations for today are:

1. "Now this problem has always seemed to bother the men."
2. "Does everyone agree? Anyone disagree?"

3. "Now let me drive this home."
The answers to the last three quotations are:

1. Mr. H. C. Tingey: "Just one more minute, fellows."
2. Dr. S. D. Zeldin: "The angle is too terds of te-c-eta."
3. Mr. T. H. Frost: "When I—I—I—"

Play Directory

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

COLONIAL: "Music Box Revue." Very good.

COPLEY: "Justice." Reviewed in this issue.

HOLLIS: "The 1st Year." Amusing portrayal of domestic strife.

MAJESTIC: "Up She Goes." Goes to the Shubert for next week.

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

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

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

SHUBERT: "The Passing Show." Only three more performances.

TREMONT: "Zander the Great." With Alice Brady, herself.

WILBUR: Ethel Barrymore in "The Laughing Lady." Leaves this week.

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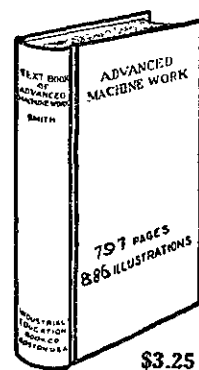
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