Textile's "Grand Old Man" Celebrates His 83rd.

The initials "J. T. S." are so similar to "L. T. S." that it is not surprising to find them closely connected. Even as "J" precedes "L" in the alphabet, so J. T. S. Preceded L. T. S.

For the benefit of the uninstructed, let it be understood that "J. T. S." stands for James T. Smith, the prime mover in the group of men that founded the Lowell Textile School.

For years, Mr. Smith was resident trustee of the school, and only after the discontinuance of that office under state administration, did he cease to appear daily at the institution for which he had spent himself so freely. Although at the close of his work here, he was over eighty, there were none of the students who could lay claim to so regular attendance, whether summer or winter.

The occasion which brought all this to mind was a gathering of fifteen members of the faculty and board of instruction at Mr. Smith's home in Middlesex Street, Wednesday, the twenty-eighth day of January to assist him in celebrating the eighty-third anniversary of his birth, of which to quote his own expression,—he has no recollection although he was undoubtedly there.

Considering the assistance was entirely unexpected, he appeared to enjoy the celebration immensely. Seated with his back to a cheerful open fire, with a circle of friends about three sides of the room, the host dispelled any attempt at formality. Mr. Eames presented a basket of fruit and some cigars on behalf of the friends present.

Everything was right for reminiscing. Mrs. Smith came in to assist her husband and together they told many interesting incidents, beginning with times before '60 when Mr. Smith was a county judge in Illinois and his law library consisted of a copy of the Manual for Justices of the Peace and a Farmer's Almanac, and ending with yesterday's automobile trouble, when as he said, if Dram Hill had been two inches higher he would have failed to get his electric rundown over it. Twenty years service in Washington gave pictures of the capital as a farm-yard.

Then came the Lowell Textile School in its embryo stage, the old school in Middle Street, the selection of our present site, the raising of funds to "carry on" and many legislative tangents and worries, out of whose reach Mr. Smith has now passed. Many suggestions still fill his mind, however, of ways to make L. T. S. bigger, better and more complete.

During the visit, candy and cigars were passed around under the hostess' direction, Mr. Bachman succeeded in cornering both of the bonbon dishes, but gallantly gave up the nearly empty one to one less fortunate. The cigars were less attractive. Whether recollection of Mr. Smith's pipe in the old days led them to doubt his cigars or whether the Anti-Tobacco Society has accomplished a great work here is now a question of considerable moment.

Despite his years, Mr. Smith goes out on many days and his general health and mental alertness show the advantage of a life well lived.

The party, wishing the host and hostess continued health and contentment, took cars in various directions much pleased with the afternoon's recreation.

Pledging of Freshmen Begins

For the next few days the Freshmen will be the much favored and patronized student, for according to the Tri-Fraternity agreement the pledging of Freshmen for fraternities begins the first day of the second term. This year promises to be more exciting than any previous year, as all fraternities are making big efforts to get the men they want.

ALUMNUS

Pay up your subscription now, and save us trouble of making out bills.

Formation of a New Fraternity

The Sigma Omega Psi Fraternity, composed of students of the Lowell Textile School, was recently installed by Mr. E. E. Wolfe of Worcester, Mass. Mr. Wolfe is a member of the Theta Chapter at the Worcester Polytechnic Institute. The letter of the Lowell Chapter has, as yet, not been assigned, but will be designated in the very near future.

The hope of this organization is to promote a high standard of textile and other branches of education among students at textile and scientific schools.

It is not our intention to interfere in the agreements of the fraternities at the school, but we shall ask for a conference with the representatives of the different fraternities to come to some mutual agreement.

The Sigma Omega Psi is a national fraternity whose main office is at the Alpha Chapter at the College of the City of New York. Some of the chapters are as follows: Alpha Chapter, College of the City of New York; Belo, Columbia University; Gamma, Bellevue Medical University, New York; Delta, New York University (2 branches in one chapter); Epsilon, Jefferson University, Philadelphia. Pa.; Zeta, New York Dental College; Eta, New York College of Law; Theta, Woreester Polytechnic Institute; Iota, Dartmouth University; , Lowell Textile School.

The fraternity at Lowell is the outgrowth of the Six-Tex Club which was formed early in the fall of 1919. Plans are being made for holding a smoker early in the second term, and on the advisability of opening a house in the fall of 1920.

Notice To Alumni

In view of the fact that there are to be so many baseball games played on the Textile campus next Spring, and that so many Alumni attended the football games regularly last fall, it has been decided to offer a special season ticket to those Alumni who wish them. The opponents for the coming season would be decided worth your while coming to see. The home games are as follows:

Thursday, April 22—Fates at Lowell.
Tuesday, April 27.—Boston University at Lowell.
Saturday, May 8.—Worcester Academy at Lowell.
Wednesday, May 12.—M. I. T. at Lowell.
Saturday, May 15.—Norwich University at Lowell.
Thursday, May 20.—Colby at Lowell.
Saturday, May 22.—N. H. State at Lowell.

The price of the tickets will be two dollars ($2.00). All communications should be addressed to the L. T. S. A. A.

Two Cotton Cargoes Worth $17,723,200

Two steamers arrived recently with cargoes of Egyptian cotton valued at $17,723,200. The two cargoes aggregated 22,154 bales and are the largest and most valuable lot of Egyptian staple ever brought to Boston in one day. The cotton is worth $808 a bale.

The British steamer Santeramo, Capt. Williamson, arrived Saturday. In her hold were 9,000 bales.

The British steamer Glendevon dropped anchor at Quayantine last night and will enter the upper harbor this morning. She has 13,150 bales. Both came from Alexandria and encountered boisterous weather on the passage.

Alumni Banquet

The officers and entertainment committee of the Alumni Association of the Lowell Textile School met in Boston on January 17th to make arrangements for the 21st Annual Banquet.

It was decided to hold the banquet at the Vendome Hotel, Saturday evening, March 6, 1920 at 6 p.m.

Plans for the speakers and entertainment have not been fully completed, but will be announced in a later issue of the Text.

The following members attended the meeting: H. A. Bodwell, '06, President; W. W. Emerson, '03, Vice-President; Arthur A. Stewart, '00, Secretary-Treasurer.


Omicron Pi Dance

An informal dance given by the Omicron Pi Fraternity, was held last Friday at the Highland Club. About forty couples were present in spite of the stormy weather.

The hall was tastefully decorated with southern snowflakes, flake made of cotton strung in such a way as to resemble the real northeastern, which was raging outside.

The orchestra, which was composed of fiddle boys and headed by Libber, played nobly until 1 o'clock, after which we said goodbye and returned home to face mid-year's.
Individualism and Dormitories

(From Harvard Alumni Bulletin)

President Lowell has again brought forward the question of the University's providing adequate housing accommodations for its students. There are at least two good reasons for dormitories. In the first place, they provide a suitable place to live in. If they happen to be modern or modernized dormitories they include decent and commodious shelter at moderate prices. They form an important part of the appropriate outward embodiment of university life. Without dormitories, the outward university is a library, a lecture hall, a laboratory, and a chapel, surrounded by several acres of boarding-houses.

Anything more deplorable and meaningless than a boarding-house is scarcely imaginable. It is an abandoned home into which stray creatures have crept because they haven't anywhere to go. It is a relic, a corpse—accidentally whirled by a life, which is what it is. A dormitory, on the other hand, expresses with some degree of fitness the idea of a migration of youths, drawn from the four quarters of the earth by a common spark, and forming a unique society of swift and transitory intimacies and enduring memories. It is better that a spiritual thing should live in a body of its own.

President Lowell has directed attention to a second reason for dormitories. They not only express the group life of students but help to create and form it. The President has taken pains to point out that association in common interests does not necessarily conduces to uniformity. The thing which most stimulates one man's individuality is another man's individuality. Association does imply a large measure of similarity; but then the intercourse which such basic similarity makes possible, men may grow and in growing grow independently—each in his own way. Nothing can be more blighting than isolation. The thing to be avoided is not intercourse, but coercion, submission, imitation.

Nothing can be communicated without intercourse; least of all that much prized Harvard individualism. The only way to perpetuate individualism is to develop the strong community life forwarded by the spirit of individualism. It is essentially an articulate and social thing, a condition of intellectual self-reliance which results from learning to think, not alone or among dead-mates, but among other men who tell you what you think.

There are doubtless other ways of creating a more vigorous social life at Harvard, but an extension of the dormitory system should help. And in so far as it will help, it should be welcomed.

Everyone should keep in mind the Textile Show upon which the cast is now practicing hard. Let’s back them up to the limit, and reward their labors with a full house the night of the show.

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EAT AT THE TEXTILE LUNCH.
Textile Wants a "Square Deal"

There appeared, in a recent issue of "The Text," an article entitled, "What the Lowell Textile School Needs Most."

In it, the writer promulgated a conclusion that has been condemned generally by the student body at large, and which, in my opinion, should not have been published at all.

The author declares, first of all, that there is "more or less fooling going on, kept in motion by some over-bright, silly, thoughtless or absolutely brainless person who thinks he's getting away with something," and is "putting something over on the instructor." If this condition is really as bad as the writer pictures it, it is high time that the members of the entire faculty be given their checks of settlement and notices to the effect that their services are no longer required. Certainly no particular credit is reflected on that body by the statement. I have seen occasional outbursts of witicism during class hours, but have taken particular notice of the fact that only a word from the instructor was necessary for complete attention to the work at hand.

I, too, as the originator of the article has done, have talked with men from other colleges, and, strangely, I find an entirely different comparison to make. As I review them, the circumstances of the students of the average college do not promote sixty per cent of the unity of purpose which those at our own school do. When a young man has settled on his life's work, he sees before him a goal which he must reach in order to satisfy the ambition or desire which led him to that work. Does it stand to reason that such a man will take a particular delight in "putting something over on the instructor-?"

Our contemporary "advances the proposition that the thing which the Lowell Textile School most needs is an atmosphere about the school which will bring seriousness of purpose and co-

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operation. It might be well for him to
let another opinion, of a different
character, replace the conclusion that
he has already drawn. He should bear in
mind that the man of this school are
here for a purpose,—to acquire an edu-
cation such as any red-blooded Ameri-
can citizen would recommend.

Is it at all reasonable to expect the
thinking fathers and mothers of high
school graduates to send their sons to
a school which is advertised in its own
paper as being frivolous in character
and dissociated in purpose? It does not
sound logical.

The letter should be made to recog-
nize the fact that T. S. is neither a
kindergarten nor a school for “would-
be” undertakers, and that its student
body and alumni have in view the pri-
mary object of the founders of the in-
stitution,—“To Promote the Growth of
the Textile Industry.”

IF YOU CAN’T HAVE WHAT
YOU LIKE

By George Brinton Beal.

Don’t be a discontented, complaining
nuisance. Making complaints about
anything and everything is about the
easiest habit that can be acquired. And
it’s the most profitless. Of course, we’ll
all admit that the universe, or at least
our particular corner of it, is not yet
being conducted on a basis that pre-
cisely squares with our desires. Per-
haps we would like to have more money
to spend for the things we would like
but cannot obtain. Perhaps we would
like to be in a different business or pro-
Fession. Or no business or profession
whatever. Tastes differ, All that isn’t
a sufficient excuse for complaint or dis-
content. Be as dissatisfied as you wish
with present conditions. Work and
strive as hard as you please to change
them for the better. But don’t spend all
your spare time and energy kicking
about it. If you can’t get what you like,
learn to like what you can get. And
keep on striving.—Boston Post.

A VALUABLE HOG

Chin’s Best, a spotted Poland China
hog, brought $25.00 in a sale at Noble-
ville, Ind.

A BIT OF HUMOR

The Easier Replaced

Mrs. A.—“I am going to get a divorce.”
Mrs. B.—“Can’t you get along with your
husband?”
Mrs. A.—“Yes, but the cook can’t.”

Meant What He Said

“Isn’t that an odd sign, ‘Cigars for
smoking?’” asked the man in the to-
baconist’s shop.

“Oh, I don’t know,” answered the
proprietor. “I have cigars for smoking
and I have cigars for Christmas
premises.”

Her View

I asked Myrtilla to explain

The gender of a kiss.

“Tis masculine,” she laughed, “because
It cannot be amis.”

ALUMNI NOTES

Charles A. Everett, ’79, has recently
entered the employ of the North Ber-
wick Co., North Berwick, Maine. At
present he is obtaining experience in the
dyeing and finishing departments of the
mill. Mr. Everett spent a short time at
the school this week and all the boys
were very glad to see him.

Kenneth Park, ’16, looked up his old
acquaintances last week. “Ken” is now
traveling for the Dupont Co.

The Annual Alumni Banquet is to
be held Saturday evening, March
6th, at the Hotel Vendome in Boston.
Make your plans NOW to be there.

An engagement of interest is that of
Miss Marian B. Sutliff, daughter of Mr.
and Mrs. F. C. Sutliff, 1329 Pond View
Ave., Akron, Ohio, to Ralph L. Sanborn.
The announcement was made Saturday,
January 17, when Miss Sutliff enter-
tained a party of intimate friends at
luncheon at her home. The wedding is
planned to take place in the fall. Miss
Sutliff is a teacher in the East High
School. Mr. Sanborn is the son of Mr.
and Mrs. W. K. Sanborn of West
Kenneth, Me., and is a graduate of
Lowell Textile, 1916. He received his
degree of Bachelor of Textile Engineer-
ing and is now employed at the Firestone
Tire and Rubber Company of Akron,
Ohio.

CORRECTION

The Text wishes to make the correc-
tion of the statement, made in last
week’s issue, to the effect that Mr. Mac-
Kay was employed as an inspector in the
Navy instead of by the Bay State Manu-
facturing Co.

CASE OF ILLNESS

It is with regret that we hear of the ill-
ness of Mr. Barker and Dr. Chapin,
and also Misses Lancy and Taisey. We
hope that they will be able to resume
their school duties in the near future.