American Ideals

By PROF. DAVID D. VAUGHN

Certain ideals that are becoming the common property of men in the remote corners of the earth have 10stimated the aspirations of our trusty Americans from the very beginning. American ideals are older than our nation, for out of them our nation was born. And as the years have passed, these ideals have not only persisted, but we have given to them a richer and a fuller interpretation. New situations, with a broader and a more tolerant spirit, widen the horizon and give new meanings to old faith.

The first idea is truth. It was this aspiration that laid the moral foundations of our government. The difference between North and South America may be partly accounted for by a recognition of the difference between truth seekers and gold seekers. Our fathers anxious to know the truth religiously, as they understood it, and determined to practice it, were so tremendously in earnest, that, when forbidden this liberty by a stupid English king, they left home and friends and property and took that boat the Mayflower, which Carlyle says was freighted with the greatest cargo of democracy that ever sailed the briny seas. They landed at Plymouth Rock, made a clearing in the woods and used the logs cut to build a church, for they were religious, to build a town hall, for they were not anarchists, and to build a school house, for they knew as Americans have known ever since, that education is the very foundation of truth. In spite of their own immediate and pressing material needs this pioneer group made the gift that gave birth to Harvard University, the University outstanding in America today because of its insistance on academic freedom.

We have been learning some things about truth that our fathers did not know. We have discovered that truth does not come in chunks, that it is not set down from Heaven in a bulky package, infallible, unchangeable, complete, with halo over it to guarantee its divine origin. Truth is revealed to us gradually. Men who look for finality and infallibility in human affairs have no place in this generation of thinkers. All things that have to do with life come by development, by an evolutionary process. This means growth, and growth means change—a difference between yesterday and today, between today and tomorrow. Men have sometimes thoughtlessly boasted that they were 'standpatters,'—hardly a state of mind to boast about. Taken in its real meaning as a word, it represents an attitude of mind iminical to progress; the idea unopposed to the spirit of the specially trained experts gathered here tonight. You recommend to your authorities in the $10,000 worth of old good machinery go to the junk heap, just because you are not a standpatter on old methods, because you know that growth necessitates change. You recognize the fact that you do not honor your grandfather by stopping where he finished, but by starting where he finished. Your grandfather's estatones in building are not your capstones, but your foundation stones. The dead hand of the past must never be allowed to throttle the throats of progress, in business, in religion, in politics or any other phase of human life. One may accept a principle.

Not because it's old, and not because it's new, and not because it's orthodox, but just because it's true.

Another ideal of our fathers is liberty. Let us not err, as have some of past generations, by insisting on liberty for ourselves and at the same time refusing to grant it to others. As we read history today, fairness forces us to cease ignoring leaders in the colonies who tortured and killed witches and Quakers just as it forces us to condemn Charles the First of England.

Human nature, today, and always, needs to guard itself against the sin of intolerance.

Political liberty is discussed so frequently that we need to remind ourselves occasionally that liberty and liberty manifest themselves in other fields as well. Disease is a tyrant. During the nine months of our participation in the world war we lost about 60,000 soldiers on the field. During that same period we lost 20,000 citizens at home, about three times as many as the tyranny of the one dread disease of tuberculosis. Poverty is an other tyrant, and one that often gives birth to another.

Another American ideal is justice. We need to remember that neither sex nor color should put a ban on justice in granting the franchise. Let us practice what we profess to believe when we quote the slogan of our revolutionary fathers, 'taxation without representation is tyranny.' We are beginning to

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Stick and Kick

There are two words in our language which are very short, consisting of only one vowel. We use them very often in our daily life as well as in our school life, but it seems as if we would not pay much attention to them, for they are so small and tiny that they slip away easily from our mind. These words are:

STICK and KICK

I do not know of any other expressions which will characterize a human life better and more fully than these two. For, if you say that this is a kicker or a sticker, you have embraced in one word the character and the life of the man. Personify one of these little words in your own soul and you will have the fruits of blessing or the fruits of destruction, depending on which of these words you are going to choose as your own.

A man who sticks is an optimist, a believer in a betterment, a man who kicks is a pessimist and in this time of industrial and spiritual developments, we do not care for pessimists; for criticizing the world, they spread dissatisfaction, unbelief, uncertainty and finally destruction. The pessimists may be welcomed in poetry where their melancholy and misanthropy are of great use; they may be welcomed in music, which expresses any will, desire and feeling of a human heart; they may be welcomed in philosophy where their ideas are of great value, but they must be entirely eliminated from the practical life, where all depends on the law of converting useful ideas into practical application for the development of the civilization on earth.

The Socialist, Maximalists, Bolshevists, Anarchists and many other "ists" are kickers. Have you ever seen and heard a real, true bolshevik? He is the most dissatisfied person on earth, he kicks, because others are richer than he is; he kicks, because others do not want and cannot understand him; his ideas are not crystallized and not clear. He explains to you in a very fashionable way the theories of Marx, Engels, Lassalle and other socialists; he will show you heaven on earth and at the same time be willing to emphatically that education, religion, gentleness and all the factors which make up our civilization are wrong and they must be either modified or destroyed; and how to modify them. The Bolshevik does not know, but he knows very well how to destroy them: so he will better put his destructive hands on the old wonderful, useful factors of our life and substitute them with "soviets," "sorobjes," etc. He is the destructive force, the "dark force" of our civilization.

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Alumni News

Mr. Russell B. Stoddard, former instructor in chemistry, has resigned from the research staff of the National Aniline & Chemical Co., to become chief of research, the latter Aniline & Chemical Co.

Joseph Sawyer, former chemist at the navy yard, Charleston, is now with the Celcio Chemical Co., New Jersey. John F. Fitzgerald, '18 is now with the U. S. Conditioning and Testing Co., New York.

ALUMNI COMMENT

535 Howard Street, Lawrence, Mass.,
March 19, 1939.

Mr. Charles H. Forsaith,
Editor-in-Chief

"The Text"

Dear Forsaith:

Your mention in the March 4th "Text" of matters of interest to the Alumni, especially the question of a change in name of our Alma Mater, crystallized my determination to voice an opinion that has been constantly in mind and I am sure, in the minds of all other loyal Alumni.

During the course of a recent conversation, mention was made of a young man planning to enter Lowell Textile next year. Further questioning brought out the fact that the young man in question had no high school education.

The speaker was thoroughly surprised when I explained that Lowell Textile required a high school education! Three days later an exactly parallel case came to my attention. Time and time again I have patiently tried to explain to persons ignorant of the true status of L. T. S. That it is not a trade school but a high type of Technical Institute. Should this be necessary?

It is indeed lamentable that a campaign of honest propaganda has not been launched to bring before the general public the true status and high merits of our institution; thus doing away with detrimental and exceedingly harmful misconceptions.

A change in name to one of proper scope and dignity is and has been for some time, desirable and necessary. The overwhelming sentiment and evidence in favor of this has been demonstrated in the activities of Alumni and students

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SIGMA OMEGA PSI DANCE

The annual Inter-Chapter Dance of the Sigma Omega Psi Fraternity was held at the Hotel McAlpin, New York City on Friday, March 19, 1938. The chapter at Lowell Textile School was represented at the dance by Mr. J. Kaatze, who reported that the affair was a most successful one.
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Stick and Kick
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As we leave the field of our daily life and enter into the school life, we will find there the same two groups of men those who always kick, and those who always stick.

A kicker will never go very far with his studies, for spreading dissatisfaction, he harms himself; he wastes time, he destroys the harmony of his own soul, and at the same time he may influence the young students whose will-power is not yet settled. Usually he kicks so long, until at the end he finds himself surrounded by F's and FF's and leaves the school.

A stick, however, works up slowly, does not waste time, works conscientiously and regularly, he absorbs the knowledge by sticking to it with all his power and at the end he is the winner, while the kicker leaves the school and goes to "work." Yes, everything is work, walking on the street and looking at the buildings is work; taking out a lady every night and spending time in amusement and pleasure is also work and hard work too, for very soon you get sick and tired of it; while every thing is work for \( W = F \) 'S and this formula includes any F and any S.

The stick, as well as the kicker, knows very well that to work means to suffer, but a stickler idealizes his work, converting the sufferings into necessity, duty and obligation and then suffering means to him perseverance, ambition, character, happiness, peace and love.

These phenomena in turn lead to an efficient, systematic work which is of a great value to the individual, as well as to the nation. This we can only achieve by means of sticking to school and absorbing the knowledge willingly, cheerfully, rejoicing that the future life will be spent in useful service for others, for "it is written, a man cannot live by bread alone, but by every word which proceedeth out of the mouth of God," and this eternal word includes knowledge, wisdom and intellectual development.

ARE YOU A KICKER OR A STICKER? If you are a kicker, watch your steps, be careful, do not exert yourself in kicking, but devote your energy to work and become a stickler: Press on! If once or twice thy feet Slip back and humble,—harder try.

BORIS LEWISTEIN.

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as recorded in the 1917 Fichtout, and precludes any possible further argument. Necessity, truth and justice must push aside hankers and petty politics!

A United States History records Textile as one of the finest institutions of its kind in the world. The National Geographic Magazine for March, just off the press and devoted to "Massachusetts—The Beehive of Business" (which everyone should read), characterizes Textile as "the highest type of textile school to be found anywhere."

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EAT AT THE TEXTILE LUNCH
L. T. S. Honored by Visit of the Chinese Educational Commission

Organization

The Chinese Educational Commission consists of fourteen members, nine of them are the presidents of State Normal schools of the different provinces of China and the rest are all prominent educators of China. It is headed by Mr. K. L. Yuan, ex-vice minister of education of the Republic of China, Mr. P. C. Chang a graduate of Clark University and Teachers' College of Columbia acted as their interpreter and guide in their touring in this country.

Object of the Commission.

The commission was sent by the Chinese government to study the present educational system of the United States and Europe so that they may modify the educational system of China to meet the educational tendencies of the world and to guide the educational development which is rapidly going on in that oriental republic.

Their Tour in America.

They landed at San Francisco a month ago. They visited different educational institutions of the West and Mid-West. They came to Boston by way of Chicago and New York. The wonderful progress in China's modern cotton industry in the recent years called their attention to the textile schools of this country. So the best textile school was picked out and they came to Lowell. The thorough and enthusiastic way President Eames and Prof. Olney showed them the different departments of the school not only showed the Chinese delegation what the best type of textile school can be, but also convinced them that Americans are the best friends of China. The commission will go to Washington after a few days' stay at Boston, then a part of them will sail for England and a part of them will go home by way of the southern states.

Their Visit to the School.

As soon as they arrived at the school at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning, they were warmly received by President Eames at the office. The visit of the departments was started with after a few minutes, Prof. Olney led them thru the Chemistry and Dyeing Department and gave them lectures as they went from one laboratory to another. As they are men of the educational field and they have little chance to see the highly developed applied science, these brief lectures certainly gave them a good "dope." They took down pages of notes when Mr. Chang interpreted Prof. Olney's lectures to them. They were specially interested in the development of American dyestuffs. The wool department came next. They were twirled by the Bradford system and French system for worsted spinning. But they learned the working order of the Noble comb and the French comb as Mr. Lowe of the wool department enthusiastically demonstrated the complicated mechanisms to them. Then they went thru the weaving and yarn preparation departments and cotton department though not so thorough as the departments previously mentioned because they saw the Saco-Lowell and Whiting cotton machines in China, yet they did not go by the slasher and Northrop automatic loom as though seeing them working. The visit was "finished" with the finishing department and the commission left the Textile for State Normal of Lowell at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. They certainly have a good impression of the school and when they go hack they will give a great boost for Lowell Textile and we shall have more Chang, Chen and Chows in the future.

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For catalogue address Charles H. Eames, S. B., President, Lowell, Mass.
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March 23, 1920
Mr. Walter B. Holt, Treas., Athletic Association, Lowell Textile School,
Dear Sir:
I have your letter of the 17th instant and also one of the 18th enclosing se-
ason ticket for the base ball games and I am enclosing my check for $13.75,
$10.00 of which I wish you to accept as a contribution towards the expenses
of the team for the season and the $3.75 to be used as a subscription to the
"Pickout."
I am returning herewith the season ticket which you may use as you see fit
as not being in the environtment, I will not be able to attend any of the games
and I would suggest that you give it to some student who is perhaps less able
to spend the money for such a purpose.
It is very gratifying to the Alumni to see the progress that you are making
at the school along the lines of athletics as I was vitally interested in them when
I was there. You are to be complimented on obtaining the services of Walter
Clarkson who, I am sure, will turn out a championship team. In the
old days I have personally seen him pitch many games.
With best wishes for the continued success of the team, The Pickout and in
fact all the activities of the school, I am
Very truly yours,
L. T. S., 1926.

T. E. S. NEWS
On Tuesday, April 6th, the third and
fourth year engineers are to visit the
Lynn Works of the General Electric
Company under the direction of Mr.
Lupien.
The men concerned will gather at
Merrimack Square in time to take the
6:45 a.m. reading car and will arrive
at the main office of the General Elec-
tric Company on Western Avenue,
Lynn, at 9 a.m.
During the forenoon visits will be
made to the steel, iron, and brass
foundries, and the forge and pattern
shops. In addition the main power
plant and buildings 64 and 70 will be
visited. The former building is devoted
to motors and the latter to turbine
assembling, testing, and bucket machinery.
Lunch will be at 12:30 p.m.
Starting at 1:45 p.m. visits will be
made to Factories M, C, S, and O, of
the West Lynn Works. Factory M is
devoted to instrument testing and
standardization, Factory C to manufac-
ture of instrument parts, Factory S to
magnetization of permanent magnets,
Factory O to calibration and assembly
of instruments. A very interesting and
instructive trip is assured to all.

American Ideals
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A remarkable new principle of justice
for little children. This is the spirit behind
our anti-child-labor laws, behind educa-
tional and recreational and health pro-
grams.
We Americans have talked much of
equality, another fundamental ideal,
and today we find generous and broad
men everywhere that are eager to level
up the privileges of others to their own
personal standard. Occasionally, when
in a strange city with an hour to spare,
I dropped into the Y. M. C. A. and,
settling down into an expensive over-
staffed leather chair, I imagine myself
a millionaire's club, and any worthy
young man may enjoy that privilege,
for the secretary always has a generous
friend to whom he may appeal for the
membership fee when aims are worthy
and funds are short. When N. W. Harris,
the Chicago banker, endows every high
school boy in his native vil-
lage, with an income sufficient to keep
him in school, we recognize this ideal
once more. And as we walk through
the magnificent Boston public library,
greater than that owned by any in-
dividual, we behold another result of
his spirit.
Another American ideal, fraternity,
is manifesting itself in a new attitude
over world problems. It has already
found expression in our effort in Cuba
and the Philippines. It needs to be
deepened in our treatment of the negro
and the new Americans who come to us
from Europe.
The last ideal discussed tonight, the
ideal of Service, is rapidly pushing to
be front today. There was a time when
wooden nutmegs were sold in this part
of the world. There was a day when a
commercial drummer would spend his
employer's money to intoxicate a rural
merchant customer, in order to unload
upon him a great quantity of goods.
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