AMERICANISM

Four years ago when I entered this country, America was for me a mystery; and today looking back to my boyhood and comparing it with the American, I realize what Americanism means to me.

Americanism, as a whole, cannot be defined by mere words, cannot be even described with sentences and figures, for Americanism is a spirit, an ideal which embraces the whole life of a true American. The elements of Americanism are so fine, so wonderfully interwoven together, that it is impossible to ascertain them with our language. They are as deeply rooted in the heart and soul of a true American as Czarism was rooted in the life of the Russian. They are: Family, School and Church and the principle upon which these great elements are built is LIBERTY, and in this respect America is far ahead of Europe.

Many have asked me whether the Russians have athletics. No! They have not, for in order to enjoy a game, a man must be entirely free to move, to laugh, to yell, and to jump; but in Russia the students were under strict regulation of the government; no assemblies were allowed; where two or three have met in Czar's name, a policeman was guarding them; no man could step out from his house without a passport, unless he had sufficient money to bribe the policeman on his way; no student was allowed to affiliate with any organizations, and during the unfortunate revolution of 1905 thousands of students were jailed, murdered or exiled. It was quite dangerous to be known as a student, for sooner or later he was caught in the hands of the government's agents.

No wonder, therefore, that the Russians have not a national game; no wonder, that while the American breathed free air and enjoyed the liberty, the Russian devoted his time to philosophical and spiritual sciences in the hope to find a Saviour. No wonder that while the American was enjoying an intercollegiate game, laughing heartily and yelling with all his power: "George! Kill him, grab him, punch him in the nose..." the Russian was perhaps thinking how to help his country, thereby developing a gloomy, unsatisfied, disappointed character.

No wonder that, while the American student required light music, comedy, vaudeville, cabaret, the Russian favored operas, dramas, tragedies and "heavy" music, for they corresponded to his mood, disposition, feeling and thinking. Here we have liberty, there they have none.

Study the Russian literature and you will find that throughout all the art,

THE TEXTILE SHOW
A GRAND SUCCESS

"STOP THIEF" AT COLONIAL HALL

On Friday evening, April 9, 1920, a three-act farce was played before the public by the undergraduates of Textile. Without a doubt it was the best production ever given by L. T. S. Students, faculty, alumni, and the public in general were loud in their praise, the work of Moore, '21, Camel, '23, and Southern, '21, being especially good. It is by no means detracting well earned credit from the rest of the cast to say that these three were the stars of the evening.

Promptly at 8:15, after the Textile Orchestra had played a few selections, the curtains opened and one after another the "girls" entered the scene. Such beauty (?) and grace of bearing (?) is rarely seen on the American stage. But seriously, the boys must be given credit for playing very difficult parts. Then as the play progressed the cast got more and more into the spirit of the thing. In its turn the audience showed its appreciation and applauded freely.

By the end of the first act everyone knew that the show would be a success. At 10:30 the curtain closed for the last time and the 1920 Textile show was a thing of the past.

Much credit must be given to the coach, Mr. Partridge, for his handling of the play, while the work of the management was above criticism. Perhaps the outstanding feature of the play was the co-operation given the players and their managers. As in everything else this year Textile "came across" and the result was a stellar production.

"STOP THIEF"
A Three Act Farce
By Carlyle Moore

Cast
Joan Carr
Mrs. Carr
Caroline Carr
Madge Carr
Nell
William Carr
James Cloney
Mr. Jamison
Dr. Willoughby
Jack Douglas
Rev. Mr. Spelvin
Arthur R. Thompson, Jr.

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Alumni News

Mr. H. B. Sumlbery, '18, formerly in the Engineering Department of the General Asbestos & Rubber Co., Charlestown, S. C., is now at the head of the Engineering Department of the Multibestos Co., Walpole, Mass.

Professor Vaughan Lectures on American Ideals

David D. Vaughan, Professor of Social Service at Boston University gave a very interesting and instructive lecture last Wednesday afternoon on "American Ideals." The lecture was conducted under the auspices of the Textile Christian Association, and the president, J. Milton Washburn, introduced the speaker. Prof. Vaughan based his lecture on six main topics: Truth, Freedom, Justice, Equality, Fraternity and Service. Each one was carefully and splendidly explained, and many illustrations were used which brought forth a hearty applause from the students. For over an hour the speaker held his audience spell-bound, starting laces, telling stories, giving personal experiences, and in fact putting the subject across in such a way that every detail was taken in by the listeners. The fact that his address was of vital interest to the fellows was confirmed by the hearty applause he received upon concluding.

It is the plan of the T. C. A. to conduct a number of such lectures during the coming school year.

Delta Kappa Purchases Fraternity House

The Delta Kappa Phi Fraternity, Beta Chapter, has purchased the property at 115 Mount Vernon Street; the house will be ready for occupancy at the beginning of the next school year.

NOTICE

A lecture will be given by Mr. G. H. Stickney, Illuminating Engineer at the Edison Lamp Works of the General Electric Company, on the evening of Monday, April 26th, under the auspices of the Textile Engineering Society.

Subject of lecture will be, "Incandescent Light as Applied to the Textile Industries." Illustrated by lantern slides and samples of equipment.

Plans have been made for a trip, by the 4th year Textile Engineers, to the Watervliet Arsenal on the morning of April 27th. The purpose of the visit will be to make a study of the application of the principles of Scientific Management, as installed at this government establishment. In the afternoon it is planned to visit the works of the Hood Rubber Company.
STATEMENT OF A PROMINENT ATHLETE

First—Thou shalt keep thy backbone straight.
Second—Thou shalt use all thy limbs all the time.
Third—Thou shalt drink half a gallon of water daily.
Fourth—Thou shalt take sufficient nourishment.
Fifth—Thou shalt bathe thyself properly.
Sixth—Thou shalt sleep eight hours daily.
Seventh—Thou shalt clean the body daily.
Eighth—Thou shalt walk three miles daily.
Ninth—Thou shalt think pleasant thoughts and banish unpleasant ones.
Tenth—Thou shalt praise the Creator for thy result these laws bring and tell thy neighbor.—Bedford Life.

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Joe Thompson Barney H. Perlmutter, '23
Sergeant of Police Clarence S. Bird, '22
Officer O'Malley John T. McQueston, '23
Officer Clancy Raymond S. Walker, '22
Officer O'Brien Harold Rubin, '23
A Chausseur Theodore W. Boyston, '21

SAYE
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T. S. Orchestra
H. E. Lavigne, Director
Piano Walter Sargent, '22
Violin Francis Nary, '22
Violin Harold Clayton, '21
Cornet Parker Longbottom, '21
Cornet Ralph Marble, '22
Cornet Milton Rich, '22
Clarinet Joseph Donovan, '23
Saxophone Windsor Adams, '23
Flute Elliot Washburn, '23
Tenor Banjo Everett Krantz, '23
Banjo Mandolin Roger Hamlin, '22
Drums Oliver Fontaine, '23

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Fraternity News

The 17th annual convention of the Phi Psi Fraternity is to be held April 23rd, 24th, and 25th, at Philadelphia. Plans are being made to have one of the biggest conventions in the history of the fraternity. Johnson, Marshall and Clayton have been elected by the local chapter as delegates. Besides the delegates several others are planning on attending the convention.

ELECTION OF T. C. A. OFFICERS

At a recent election held by the Textile Christian Association the following men were elected to hold office for the coming year: Pres., J. Milton Washburn, '21; Vice-Press, Elliot Washburn, '23; Secretary, Everette Steele, '21; Treasurer, Mr. Stephen Smith.

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The annual banquet is to be held at the chapter house this year, on Saturday, April twenty-fourth. It is expected that a number of the Alumni will attend the Textile-Boston University baseball game in the afternoon, and look over the familiar grounds once again.

SCHOOL NOTES

Wouldn't it be a good plan to start adding some more sections to the iron fence around the campus? How about your section, Seniors? The class of '21 will have their stuff on next year. Do you want the numerals '20 left out? Have you ever taken a visitor through the school? If you have, did you show them the Assembly Hall, especially after the crowd had been there for a few moments? Weren't you ashamed? Let's take a little more pride, fellows, and throw our cigarette butts, etc., in the proper place, and make the entire school a place to be proud of.

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A very interesting lecture was given by Mr. Webb at the meeting of the Chemists on Wednesday afternoon, March 31. The Permutit process of softening water was described and illustrated in an excellent manner. This process is particularly adapted for industrial concerns located where the water supply contains magnesium and calcium. By running the water through the permutit mixture (which is an artificial zeolite), this calcium and magnesium is removed and either sodium or potassium takes their place. The calcium and magnesium present in the water are the substances which cause the hardness, while the sodium and potassium have no effect. The hardness is very apt to cause considerable damage in the operations where the water is used, and it is therefore quite essential that this hardness be removed in the easiest manner.

FACT AND COMMENT

In other colleges giving an engineering course the fellows put up their own bleachers. Why shouldn’t it be a good scheme for our engineers to rally during the coming two days vacation and try their hand at making bleachers.

There certainly was nothing the matter with the Textile show, and we hope that it will be put on several times more.

The new batting cages should help the baseball team a lot. They have been lacking in the training equipment of the past, and should prove their worth in a short time.

A steam roller to put the diamond in shape is another new one. We have an athletic field the equal of any in this section of the country as far as being level is concerned. With a lot of care at the start, and continued care throughout the season none of the visiting teams will need to have any cause to say they did not find a good diamond to play on at Textile.

April 14, 1920

Editor, Textile Text. Lowell, Mass.

Dear Sir:

I was much interested in the article published in the last issue of the Text relative to the suggestion of the change in the name of the School to the Massachusetts Textile Institute and as an alumnus, I want to go on record as favoring such a change in name as I feel the institution is worthy of a more dignified name than a school.

The Textile industry is one of the highest class industries in the country and requires men of technical training and I consider the education acquired at Lowell ranks as high as any technical institute in the country and worthy of a name signifying its capabilities.

I for one, hope you will be successful in putting it through.

H. A. C. L. R.