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STEREOTYPIC LECTURE

UNDER AUSPICIES OF THE "Y"

Mr. Stewart the Lecturer

Mr. Stewart, the "Y" man from Worcester Polytech gave a very interesting talk on "Democracy of Today." The slides which he had were exceptionally good, and bore out the truth of his statements very strongly.

Altogether few of the fellows ever expressed any desire towards missionary work, which was what the lecture dealt with. Mr. Stewart had an interesting audience.

He first brought out the fact that the parts of the world to which the standards of democracy had not yet been brought were very large. The continent of Africa being among the largest of these lands.

His statements as to the illiteracy of these peoples were surprising. But when the slides showing the schools in these places were put on the screen the need of these people in this line was self apparent.

The fact, that in some of these places there is only one doctor per three hundred people shows how much these people must suffer, especially as the native medicine men think that by sticking needles into people will let the sick devil out.

In closing the lecture Mr. Stewart said he would be pleased to answer all questions put to him. One question was in connection with one an "Y." That is why have a "Y" at any college? In answering this question Mr. Stewart told what had been accomplished at Worcester, and surely if he were able to accomplish as much here the "Y" will have fulfilled its mission.

CHEMICAL SOCIETY

PLAN FOR REORGANIZATION

This year appears to be an opportune time for reviving the Almeiotic Society, or for the organization of a successor to it, for we are now rapidly getting back on a normal basis, and there is no question but that a society of this nature has an important place in the Textile School activities.

The constitution of the Almeiotic Society provides that the first third of the first year class in the Chemistry and Dyeing Department, shall be made eligible for membership at the end of their first year, the second third at the end of the first term of their second year, and the remainder of the class at the beginning of their third year, providing that there are no conditions against them in chemistry subjects.

Membership of the society is thus placed on a scholarship basis. This provision was of course made with the idea of raising the scholarship standing.

NEW STUDENT TELLS OF EXPERIENCES "OVER THERE"

Seen Much German Treachery

The following article relates in part some of the experiences of one of our students, Naseeb Haddad, who has been sent to L. T. S. by the government under the Compensation Act for wounded soldiers.

Priv. Naseeb Haddad of Co. H, 10th Infantry, 26th division, is the first soldier to come to L. T. S., invalided home from the front battlefront, and wears his cap, gold chevron, denoting that he has been wounded in action while batchting against the Huns across the water. Not alone does the chevron show that he has been wounded, for his walk reveals that he has met with injuries.

While fighting in the front line trenches on the Yom sector in April, Priv. Haddad had his right leg badly shattered, which made it necessary for surgeons to amputate it at the knee.

For many weeks he was confined to a white cot in a base hospital, recovering from the effects of the loss of the limb, which was caused by a hand grenade, and then when the physicians at

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COMMENCEMENT

The commencement of the past year have been looked upon as rather in adequate for a school of our size by more than one section. Many a recent graduate expresses himself freely regarding the subject so that any reminder may seem almost superfluous.

This is not entirely so however, for while the junior and senior are thinking about commencement to a greater or less extent, the sophomore and freshman are, as a rule, blissfully ignorant of the final ceremony which crowns their four years of study and research. The principal school interests of these latter classes are the immediate success in the year's work, and perhaps a background of athletics. But, graduation commencement! that is a sort of indefinite, intangible, hazy something beyond the view of those at this stage in their career. So, this should come to the notice of freshmen and sophomores as well as to the notice of juniors and seniors.

Regarding the past commencements in general one senior has said that there was a couple of selections by the orchestra, a couple of speeches, the presentation of diplomas followed by a general movement towards the hats, coats, and doors. The same impression has been left upon others. In fact, the general impression left by the exercises seems to be one of depression, and that exercise is the only memory left of the official closing of four years spent at the Lowell Textile School.

But, here let us pause, why have the years passed with no change? There has been some attempt to add to the commencement's. For instance, one year a baccalaureate sermon was preached in a down town church but the next class did not follow the precedent; last year a class day was observed but the exercise has no record of being seconded. This brings out the point sufficiently. If the improvements in exercises are not continued it is of very little value to have them occasionally. Now, then, what can we do to help this time to install again as many of these several suggestions, all embodied in the improvement and extension of the commencement exercises. The more prominent suggestions have been:

A class day or something similar.
Adoption of the cap and gown for graduation.
A baccalaureate sermon.

The class day is an old, in many schools, well established custom. The common practice of the day is to have exercises during which are given a class, a baccalaureate sermon which is usually set on the Sunday previous to the graduation exercises.

As has been explained the baccalaureate sermon and the class day have both been tried but the cap, gown, and hood are an entirely new proposition.

Whether the school is now ready for these things remains to be seen. Let us remember that while these things may be practically new to us they have been tried and used in many other places successfully and that our inexperience is due to lack of precedent in our own school. If, however, any class thinks it can tone in and install any of these things, let them impress upon themselves and every one else that it is no more or thin imitation, but that it is a

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ALUMNI NEWS

Walter T. Bailey, 99, was a recent visitor to the school and made use of the Houston Flying Machine for experimental work. "Walter" is now located at Watertown, Mass.

1st Lieutenant, Frank McCool, 90, who has recently returned from France, having served "over there" for the past fifteen months, was a recent visitor at this school. "Skap" had many interesting experiences. He is now back on the job and is on the selling staff of N. R. David & Co., Inc., Boston, Mass.

Thomas P. Flynn, 96, 1st Lieut. in the Artillery Branch recently arrived from "Over Seas" and from his appearance, active service agreed with him. He is now stationed at Fort Hamilton, L. I., and is undecided as to whether he will remain in the Service or return to the Textile Industry.

Harry F. Findlay, 31, and Francis W. Gaines, 31, are now located at Buffalo, N. Y., with the National Ailine and Chemical Co.

Stanley H. Frary, 31, and an O. P. member, spent the past week-end in Lowell. "Minnie" has recently received her discharge from the army, and is now taking charge of the business of his father, whom he has lost just recently.

R. L. Lamont, '22, was visiting school last week. "Bob" was quite active when in school playing both football and baseball. He was also president of the Alumni Association for 1914. "Bob" is now in Boston representing the Mercury Manufacturing Co. of Chicago.

FACULTY NEWS

Mr. Cushin was unable to hold his classes last Friday owing to illness.

Mr. Branch has returned to the instructing force in the wool department. After the close of school last year, he entered the service, and landed at Brest, France the day after the armistice was signed.

MEETING OF SUPREME COUNCIL

PLACE OF ANNUAL CONVENTION DECIDED

A Semi-Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council of the Delta Kappa Phi Fraternity of America, Inc., was held Saturday, February 22nd, in New York City. Representatives from all chapters were present. It was voted to hold the national annual convention with Delta Chapter at New Bedford about the first of April.
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EDITORIAL

Did you ever stop and consider the fact that we are sadly lacking in school songs? Did anyone ever ask you about them? What did you reply? We wonder if our Alumni have a song to their Alma Mater, which they could sing after their one-year-jubilee in Boston. If they have one, we have never heard about it. If, however, there is such a song, we would like to receive a copy in order that we may put it in print for the benefit of our students. It was shown in the days of the S. A. T. C. that there are plenty of fellows with us who can write up songs. The ones written then would hardly be suitable now, but why not write some entirely new ones. To one gifted along such lines, it would take but little of his time, and should render him the extreme satisfaction that he was doing a service for the school. Now then, write out a song or cheer, and put it in "The Text" note box in the lower hall or give it to one of the Editors.

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The first help we have had in the writing line since we started to publish "The Text" came in this week, namely the article entitled "Some L. T. S. Standards." Alto the writer is rather dramatic in some of his statements, nevertheless there is a good deal of truth in them, and it is with pleasure that we publish this first student comment, may others follow.

HONOR LIST

MILITARY AND NAVAL SERVICE RECORD

Lieutenant, Williams, W., 80. Secret., Aviation Section, Signal Corps.
L. H. C., 17, U. S. Navy.
McCann, Henry H., 1st class Private, Medical Corps, U. S. Base Hospital No. 7, A. E. F., France.
McCarthy, Michael J., 12. Sargent, Intelligence Dept., Headquarters, 36th Div., A. E. F.
McKenna, Charles W., 19. Liet., Air Service.
MeCready, Robert W., 14. 2nd Liet., U. S. V. R. C.
Matthews, H. C., 15. 2nd Liet., Field Artillery, V. P. 108, A. E. F.
Montgomery, Charles W., 19. 1st Capt., Co. C, O. C. T. S.
Moore, William J., Officer's Material School, Merchant Marine Barracks, Newport, R. I.
Morris, Merrill G., Radio Electrician, U. S. Naval Reserve.
Murphy, Raymond V., 19. Liet., Quartermaster's Corps, Rest Camp 3, A. P. O. 721, Djou, France.

Some L. T. S. Standards

It is becoming more and more apparent that the departments of this school are sadly lacking in the planned application of regularly practiced habits. The purpose of this writing is to set forth some of the more important irregularities in question.

It has long been the habit of some instructors to close the doors of their lecture rooms at the beginning of the lecture making it a hard and fast rule that no one should come in after that time. Still other instructors have practiced this habit to a limited extent, to the limit which it was practiced being proportional to the disposition of the instructor in question.

Also, for some years there has been an unwritten custom, observed at times, which under ideal conditions, would permit the students to have ten minutes recess between classes. The instructors expect that the students will report promptly at ten minutes of the hour. To obtain the ten minute recess then, the instructors must dismiss their classes at twenty minutes of the hour, and to a limited extent this is done.

Usually however this is not the case, because the instructor is in the midst of an important discussion, demonstration, or sentence. Looking the other way, the student does not always report on time, because the student himself is in the midst of a heated argument, absorbing a problem, pool tournament, or half way between the ends of a cigarette. It is not to be implied, however, that these reasons justify laxity on the part of the student, for they do not exclude the same reason, that previously mentioned reasons justify laxity on the part of the instructor. If the instructor observes promptness, the student may be expected to do likewise.

To the average student, the lack of faculty co-operation is so pronounced as to be nearly disgusting, and far below L. T. S. standards in other directions. To remedy conditions, it is strongly urged that systematic, business-like, and regularly held faculty meetings be considered. At these meetings, such matters as teaching rules might be voted upon, and if passed, thoroughly enforced by all departments, and not by an instructor here and there, according to his temperamental disposition at the time. Let the president and faculty adopt more worthy standards not to be slighted by the students in general, but standards which shall result in smooth, inter-department co-operation, and promote promptness and faithfulness on the part of the student body.

Signed,
An Observer Student.

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the hospital deemed it advisable, the Clinton boy was tagged for the United States and recently arrived at the Walter Reed hospital at Washington, D. C., where he received further treatment and was fitted with an artificial limb.

HOW WOUNDED
Priv. Haddad, standing in a trench up on the battle front during the early part of the month of April, keenly watching for any movement that might be made by the foe across No Man’s Land, lied a hand grenade coming in his direction from the front line, opposite him. That quick action must be taken was realized by Priv. Haddad and he at once hoisted his right foot against the sputtering bomb and sent it sailing in “a la football” manner, but not far enough to prevent his receiving wounds, for in a few seconds later the grenade burst and Priv. Haddad’s right leg was mashed.

Picked up by comrades, he was removed to a dugout, where he passed the night of April 13 with first-aid treatment being given him. Within a few minutes after he was taken to the first-aid shelter the Germans put over a barrage fire on the sector where Priv. Haddad was suffering from wounds, making conditions unfavorable for his removal to a hospital. As soon as the barrage subsided the wounded soldier was rushed to an evacuation hospital, where an attempt was made to save his mangled leg, but gangrene had developed and surgeons decided that the only way to save his life was to amputate the right leg, and it was ordered. Following the operation, Priv. Haddad was sent to seven hospitals before being invalided home.

“Nothing but words of praise can be given the Red Cross for their wonderful work in the hospitals in France,” says Priv. Haddad. “The Red Cross at all times was like an ‘angel of mercy’ and the nurses could not seem to do enough for me. Words fail me when I wish to state how much I appreciate the care and attention that they gave me while I was in the hospitals.”

GERMAN TREACHERY
Priv. Haddad has seen German treachery. He tells one story of their treachery that he actually knows of, and that there are hundreds of similar incidents that Uncle Sam’s boys have experienced.

Priv. Haddad tells of a Hun about to be captured by three Americans and how the foe raised his arms and cried “kamerad.” The Sammies came up with bayonets ready for immediate use as the “boys in khaki” had seen and heard too much about the German’s cry of “kamerad.” No sooner had the Sammies bayonets been set than the Hun again showed an example of distantly meanness. The follower of Kaiser William had attached a grenade to one of his shoes, and as the latter were about to take the Hun a captive, the German swung his foot thereby hurling the bomb at his captors. The grenade burst, badly wounding the trio of Americans and also the Hun who could not get out of the way. In fact, the German rightfully got the worst of the bargain and he was removed by the Yankees to a hospital for treatment. Priv. Haddad saw the German in the hospital and says “the German was paying the price as only a small part of his body was touching the cot because of the manner in which the wounds were inflicted.”

The surgeons were obliged to almost suspend the Hun from a cot because of the body injuries. In speaking of the surgeon’s work Priv. Haddad said “the surgeons treat the German wounded just the same as they treat the wounded of the Allies.”

Priv. Haddad also tells of how a German prisoner had secretly placed a grenade in his pocket and as he was walking along, threw it at an American officer. Luckily it burst in such a way that the American was unharmed.

DESTROY ORCHARDS
Priv. Haddad says: “When we were at the Souisson front we saw a big farm over there with many apple trees. Every tree had been sawed down by the Germans when they retreated two years ago. On the farm there is a sign written by the French that states, ‘Remember what the Germans did to us.’ There were about 10,000 apple trees destroyed in this manner by the Huns on this farm.”

How the Germans were stopped when they started an attack because of a strange coincidence in regard to night signals used, is one of the interesting stories told by Priv. Haddad.

The Clinton young man was on duty at a listening post when this incident took place. He tells how an artillery company of the Allies at a certain point was to start a barrage when six white lights went up, and it so happened that the Germans were to start an attack when their signal corps lit up six white lights. The six white lights appeared from behind the German lines and the Allies’ Artillery let drive a barrage while the Germans started. The Huns did not go far however because of the rain of shell.

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of the chemistry and dyeing students, and would have this effect providing that membership in the society was acquired sufficiently high honor as in the case with Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Xi, the national honorary societies.

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The third year engineers "CARRY-ON" A SUCCESSFUL RAID.

The "musical engineers," under the leadership of Col. Turk, carried out a successful raid on the Lowell Pumping Station. Incidentally, a great deal of the enemy's operation was learned. The outward journey was uneventful; the morale was kept up by the rendering of numerous popular and operatic selections by all present. After inspecting the pumping engines, we looked over the terrain and found a big drive under way; fifty new wells were being driven. This is in preparation for the increased demand for water which will take place shortly after July first, since after that date, no more substitutes will be used.

The filtration section proved to be quite interesting. Of course, we had to keep an eye on "Wet" to see that he didn't break anything. On the return trip, the "Colonels" attention was called to a sign reading: "Twenty dollars fine. Heavily loaded vehicles must take road on the left." As a whole, it was a very instructive and enjoyable trip.

Pres. C. H. Eames and Mr. A. G. Cumnock visited Boston last week for the purpose of securing the privilege to further improve the school property.

It is very apparent that it is nearly time for another school songbook, or as has been suggested a show and dance. If not a show a dance anyway. Let's keep the ball rolling! Show some pep! It is not too late to start a show now.