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WHAT AND WHY WE READ

What most of us read outside of what is required by our instructors is determined largely by accident. We have a few minutes between classes or between conversations with each other and we pick up the most conveniently located magazine or book and skim through it.

Such a method of doing anything is inefficient. There is great danger of wasting time on books that have nothing to give. Reading should widen one's acquaintance with the world and with people. It is of no value unless it definitely effects the life of the reader.

Reading for reading's sake is an antique idea. As long as people are judged by what they do and not by what they can do, that long will reading be effective only in so far as it effects their actions and ideals.

The danger of wasting time with books or magazines that are useless is a serious one. And it is not easy to judge the worth of a book hastily.

A book cannot be greater than the man who wrote it. One can judge books therefor by their authors. If an author has accomplished or is achieving worth-while things, one may safely conclude that his book will be worth reading.

How do we read? Milton said: "As good almost kill a good man as kill a good book." A good book he defines as "an immortality rather than a lie." If we read hastily, carelessly, not receiving even a glimpse of what the author intended us to see, we are truly killing what we read.

Reading exaggerated, sensational literature makes one unable to appreciate good writing. It is like eating pickles and candy before lunch.

A student could not be benefited if he would set aside definitely each day or week a certain time for reading chosen material.

THE BONDS ON STOCK EXCHANGE

The daily quotations of liberty loan bonds on the New York Stock Exchange below par do not represent any real loss for those holders of liberty loan bonds who do not need to sell them. The figures do mean a very small loss for those who find themselves compelled for one reason or another to sell; but those who hold on to their bonds have one of the very best investments in the world—absolutely safe, free to a great extent from taxation, and bringing in an absolutely certain income. The loss to them is purely imaginary, a paper loss, not a real one.

Secretary McAdoo, in a speech before the liberty loan conference in Washington December 10, made the statement that, while sufficient legally competent evidence was not in hand to warrant conviction before a jury, yet enough was known morally to convince a man of understanding that the hand of the kaiser was at work in bringing about sales of liberty loan bonds and depressing their price on the exchange. This is added proof that the loss indicated by the difference between par and the stock exchange prices is fictitious and not real.—Treasury Department, Bureau of Publicity.

THE NIGHTMARE

The gruesome sentinel of the term boundary has been passed, examination week may be forgotten again for four more fair months, and a kindlier attitude toward the system replaces the pessimistic forebodings of the past month.

Examinations are hard—a beastly,

nerve-racking, body-destroying grind—and life would be indefinitely sweeter without them. But after all, now that we are through with them, don't they have some few virtues?

How many students really learn anything very definite about the subjects they are studying before the examination cram? How many students get each day's work as it comes, without saving up a few lessons for the day of leisure which never comes? It is a safe bet that out of every 100 students, sixty would study seldom or never without the prospect of examinations to goad them on.

Then, too, the semi-yearly cram makes the best possible review, clearing up points always vague before, arranging the work in organized form.

And the concentration necessary to write a term's work in two hours is not to be ignored in this day of scattered attention.

Finally, even though school might be made as pleasant and effortless as a lotus eater's paradise, it would be rendered thereby the poorest preparation for life that can be imagined, and college is intended to furnish the best possible foundation.

No matter what work one undertakes, if one is to gain any degree of success, weeks of effort compared to which examinations are a misty dream, will have to endure. For this there could be no better preliminary than the system of study evolved during the week just passed.

Examinations mean hard work and strain, but they are necessary, not for greater ease in compiling grades, but as furnishing discipline which will prove a thousand times useful in later life.—Drake Delphine.

KING POLITICS BEGINS HIS REIGN

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ications in Omaha high school and did work on the city papers. He is at present working with the State Journal company.

In the Classes

In the senior class following the custom of last year, a senior co-ed has announced herself as ready for the race. Elizabeth Erazim of Ravenna, so far alone in the upperclass contest, has been active in dramatics in her class during all four years she has attended the University. This year she is chairman of the senior class play committee and last year she carried the leading part in the junior class play. She is a member of the University Dramatic club.

The fight for junior class presidency proves every year to be one of the most exciting battles staged with as many as five candidates in the field, but so far this year D. V. Stephens of Lincoln seems likely to have everything his own way. He played end on the junior football team this year and is chairman of the junior athletic committee. He is a member of the all-University party committee and of the Saddle and Siroin club at the state farm.

In the sophomore class Lawrence Shaw of Osceola is, as yet, alone in the race. Shaw won his football letter this year and was a member of the freshmen varsity squad last year. He was also a member of the Olympic committee in his freshmen year.

CADET REGIMENT TAKES SOLDIERLY APPEARANCE

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had been let, measurements taken, and the order sent in. The uniforms were to be on hand before the close of the semester.

Shortly after the contract had been let, the work had begun on the order for over nine hundred cadet uniforms, the government order, closing down factories and industries east of the Mississippi river, caused much delay. As fast as the uniforms were completed, they were delivered to the Lincoln retailer to whom the contract had been let, and all last week, lists of available uniforms were posted every morning at the Armory door. Poor transportation facilities helped to delay matters, and it was not until Tuesday that all the uniforms had been delivered. There was a rumor spread during examination week that the delay would cost the cadets \$7 more, because the government would cut its allowance of \$14 in half if the uniforms were not being worn by the end of the first semester, but the time was extended by at least a week.

Adds to Appearance

Colonel Roberts stated several weeks ago that the wearing of uniforms would add greatly to the appearance of the cadet regiment, and also make more apparent the good drilling that is being done. The appearance of the various companies at drill Wednesday night surely verified his statement, for it looked as though real soldiers were at work. The uniforms correspond, in every detail excepting the cap, very nearly to those worn by the United States soldiers, the drill cap being

substituted for the army field service hat. Besides wearing them at drill, by a unanimous agreement, the cadets are wearing their uniforms to classes as well, and most of them are being worn seven days a week.

UNIVERSITY PLAYERS IN "THE BUILDER OF BRIDGES"

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Tickets for this play, "The Builder of Bridges," which is to be given by the University Players on February 13, at 7:30 o'clock in the Temple theater, will be on sale this week. Every seat in the house will be sold for 25 cents.

This play should appeal especially to the engineering college men, since the plot centers about the building of a big bridge and the hero is a middle-aged engineer. It is a modern drama with extremely clever lines and was written by Alfred Sutro. The play was given by almost this same cast at Central City on December 15.

The cast is as follows:

Edmund Thursfield...Gwynne Fowler  
Arnold Faringay.....Walter Herbert  
Walter Gresham.....Glenheim Foe  
Sir Henry Killick....Gilbert Eldridge  
Peter Hillard.....Herman Thomas  
Dorothy Faringay...Katharine Pierce  
Aunt Cora Debney...Elizabeth Erazim  
Miss Closson.....Gladys Corrick  
Minnue.....Elvera Johnson

"PATRONIZE OUR PATRONS"

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ing the Cornhusker and other student publications, then go there and make your purchase. But above all things else, be sure and tell the merchant that you noticed that he is advertising in the Cornhusker. It will please him, and it will do more towards securing his advertisement than all the arguments the business manager could present in an hour.

If you are interested to know who is advertising in the Cornhusker turn to the last page of this paper, and see the list that has been submitted by the business manager. The list is not complete and will grow as the advertising campaign advances. Another list will be posted in front of the College Book store which may be consulted at any time. Now let's all get in and push and make this Cornhusker a success.

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