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ON ATTENDING CONVOCATION

A large number of university customs, traditions, and practices have been thrown out of gear this year by the unprecedented conditions arising from the Great War. Among the usages that has suffered most, is the regular bi-weekly Convocation programs. During the S. A. T. C. they were completely abandoned, and even with the passing of four months, it has not been found possible to bring them back to the old basis.

The daily Convocation program of the olden days, formed an important part of the life of every student. Each morning the entire student body gathered in Memorial Hall for prayer, singing and talks by faculty members. Attendance was compulsory, and no one ever thought of missing Convocation. With the passing of time, this custom has passed into history, and students of the present generation fail to appreciate the benefits they may receive from regular attendance at Convocation. They are not required to attend, and as a result, only the most widely advertised attractions command a representative audience.

All students should grasp the opportunity to hear Dr. Minakuchi of Japan give his lecture this morning on "The Yellow Peril vs. The White Peril." Dr. Minakuchi is probably one of the best Japanese speakers of the day, and will enlighten his hearers upon this very important question. We will have few opportunities during the remainder of the semester to hear really good things, so we should take advantage of the excellent program for this morning. The question is one that is of universal interest, and is of especial moment to students who are studying economics, history, and other of the social sciences.

WHERE ARE THE NEW YELLS?

Some time ago a committee was appointed, charged with the duty of making an investigation for the purpose of securing several new yells and songs for the University. We are most deficient in this respect, and are far behind other colleges in the quality and quantity of our Varsity slogans, anthems, etc. Here lies a great field for good, and we hope that the committee will show some vigorous action in their work, and that they will let the student body know how they are progressing.

It might be a good idea to tap the reservoir of student talent, and offer some inducement to students to apply their skill in composing yells and songs. Students like to know what committees are doing in the tasks that they have been assigned, and like to see results. If their help is desired they will be glad to give it.

THE WEARING OF UNIFORMS

It is interesting to note the editorial comment of the "Cornell Sun" on the propriety of wearing uniforms after discharge. Contrary to most people the "Sun" takes the attitude that ex-soldiers should immediately revert to their civilian status. It is their belief that in some inexplicable way the men are committing some socially-annihilating breach of taste. That is, men, no matter what they have done, are to be prevented from the visible avowal that they had placed themselves in the hands of the military authorities with the willingness to serve—whether they served in the trenches or in a training camp. It is hard for us to see this lack of taste, and it is correspondingly hard to understand the demand for shedding. It would seem, that when men are given the permission of the government to wear their uniforms, it could be left to their own discretion as to when to change to civilian clothing.—Massachusetts "Tech."

WHY HE LOST HIS FRIENDS

He was not loyal to them.
 He was suspicious of everybody.
 He borrowed money from them.
 He measured them by their ability to advance him.
 He did not know the value of thoughtfulness in little things.
 He seemed to forget that he who uses his friends loses them.
 He was always saying mean things about them in their absence.
 He was always jealous of those who were more prosperous than himself.
 He never thought it worth while to spend time in keeping up his friendships.
 He never learned that implicit generous trust is the very foundation stone of friendship.
 He never threw the doors of his heart wide open to people, or took them into his confidence.
 He was always wounding their feelings, making sarcastic or funny remarks at their expense.
 He did not realize that friendship will not thrive on sentiment alone; that there must be service to nourish it.
 He was always ready to receive assistance from them, but always too busy or too stingy to assist them in their time of need.
 He used his friends in all sorts of ways and for his own ends, and never hesitated to sacrifice their reputation for his own advantage.—Orison Sweet Marden, in the New Success.

STUDENT OPINION

Student Opinion:

Permit me to say that I am wholly in sympathy with "Lonely Student," who has had the nerve to express the sentiment of a great portion of the students of the University of Nebraska. She certainly has the right idea, but I do not believe that she has gone far enough to see it in its final analysis.

If we read the letter of Prof. H. B. Alexander we will see what the real trouble is. For he, however unwittingly, has suggested the real cause for the present conditions. He states that university society is something that ought to be worked out by the students themselves. In this respect he is perhaps wrong, but granting that he is right, the Executive Dean and other university authorities seem to somewhat retard the efforts of the students in working this matter out for themselves. Why do we say this? Let us look at the facts.

The results of the efforts of university authorities in a social direction are best recorded in the society columns of the Daily Nebraskan. There we will see some twenty or twenty-five social events for the coming week and to but one of these (the Junior Prom) will a "Barb" be admitted. Last fall the university authorities tried to take the life out of subscription dances by pledging fraternity men and sorority women not to attend such dances. To the events scheduled in the social column the "Barbs" can't go, to the subscription dance the "Frats" can't go.

"Lonely Student," I think, feels a trifle hurt by some social rebuff she has experienced in trying to break the fraternity society. This crust owes its existence chiefly to university authorities. Thanks to university authorities the line of distinction is drawn. Class distinction prospers.

CORN-SHUCKS.

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If justice were always visible on earth there would not be so much necessity for a just heaven to even things up.

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