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"Reveries"

Morning:

I am writing this in class. Please don't give me away. Professor is a gentleman—too fine a gentleman to control these hoodlum students. Only the girls are in earnest, and with hunched shoulders and burning faces scribble yards of notes, fearful lest they miss a word and an awful gap appear in their "historical chain of reasoning." The boys josh gravely from behind pretentious note-books, reeling out skeins of empty erudition and question, which becomes inextricably mixed in the hands of student discussion. Voices drone, heads nod, whispers fly like shuttles. The professor questions, the girls discuss, the boys argue. The past only stirs in its sleep, and throws a dreamy spell over the room. The hour drags, and is a burden.

Afternoon:

Has the millennium arrived? Does the lamb play with the wolf, the lion with the fawn? These were the questions I asked myself the other day as I saw one of the young men belonging to the most exclusive of the "creme de la creme" set of the University "buttonhole," draw aside and hold a long, intimate, familiar conversation with one of the frowsy specimens from the "tall grass," who go to make up the other extreme. For a moment a great joy sprung up in my heart, and I said to myself, "Oh, the great equalizing influence of the State University, where no one is the superior of anyone else, is having its effect. There is a sample of it." Alas! The thought had scarcely time to shape itself in my mind when a disturbing friend whispered in my ear, "Look at old Buck hob-nobbing with that pumpkin-husker from Cornrow Hollow! Ain't he a peach? Buck thinks he's got him cinched, but you just watch. As soon as Buck leaves him some of the Kappa kids'll rope 'im just as bad or worse. These class elections make me smile. Goin' to French?"

Now, ye reformers, I reflected, here's a problem for you. Conjure up some means by which you may be enabled to stop the practice of "wire-pulling" in electioneering, of double-faced friendship-making in the University, and you have accomplished a great work. Here are these noble youths, who because of the superior advantages they possess—winning manners and fertile minds—are so pre-eminently well fitted to become leaders, here they are, tasting of the dangerous, soul-destroying, character-annihilating joys of political intrigue and triumphs. These young men will leave the institution well equipped to become—Oh, the horrors of it!—"bosses," the instigators of corruption in municipal and state politics, to become lobbyists—yes, who knows? perhaps they may even be adopted as tools of the "octopus" to further its many and always evil projects. Oh, it is a serious question.

I cannot suggest a remedy for existing conditions. I would merely ask, could not the chancellor or some other high official be installed as a "joint" boss of all class politics? He could, with the sage understanding of a mature mind, direct this youthful enthusiasm and by gentle but firm control keep it pure. Can you imagine anything more beautiful than the meek, adulatory respect for the wisdom of superiors that such a course would create? What's that? You wonder where, in the dim, distant future, college-bred leaders would be procurable if a restricting, suppressing policy were

followed in their course? Oh, well, as for that, we must trust to Providence. No need to worry ourselves now about the future. But as for the present, I claim there is danger in these class elections, and that unless this danger is averted—well, you'll see, you'll see!

Evening:

"By the eternal, I am sick of this thin veneer!" That is what I feel like saying tonight. All day long I have been talking politely, or listening to others talk politely, jabbering rhythmic nonsense. I can't find a man who says anything true. They are all busy telling what some other man told them, or what they have learned from books. There is not one of them who has a belief of his own; all live by a cut-and-dried philosophy, the product of the printer's devil and a worn out age; all stake their souls on the words of men who never knew their conditions, their hopes, their fears, their struggles, their sorrows, but died in another world and time. In a word, I am sick of an education which does not educate the soul, and make us all thinkers instead of mere hearers, crammed with the second-hand junk of past generations.

University Bulletin

LOST—A Sigma Chi pin. Please return to chapter house.—A. J. Coats.

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