

Chose of Other Days

The following letter was received from T. O. Rinker, '00, who is superintendent of schools at Maribojoc, province of Boliod, P. I.:

Maribojoc, Hohol, P. I., Jan. 25, '04.
Dear Friend:

Yours of October 7th came just before the holidays and many things have prevented me answering sooner. It was good to get a letter from you and to hear the association news direct from its secretary. Last year I heard frequently from there, but the old fellows are scattered this year to the ends of the earth almost, and I do not know much about things at the University. I have had one letter from Sam Anderson since he arrived at his station at Beirut, Syria. While I was out on a little Christmas vacation to another island I met a Syrian who was graduated from the college at Beirut, several years ago. He now has a small store on the island of Camaguin.

You asked about the inducements offered by the constabulary. I talked with Captain Green, who has been in this province, but is just now being transferred to Cebu. He said that the lieutenants who are in charge of out stations do not have much to do, but that in the higher positions the work was quite taxing on a man, owing chiefly to the fact that so much of the work supposed to be done by the natives has to be closely watched and in many cases actually done by the commander because of the incapacity of the natives to do accurate work in making out reports, etc. He said the chances for good men to work up were favorable. I believe this must be true because so many in the constabulary are of a very low character and some that have been on this island since I came here nothing better than gamblers, robbers, and one is now being tried for murder. It seems in the face of a few cases like this a good man ought to find the way up the ladder.

The lieutenants in charge of a post must drill and have charge of a small number of natives who go out after any bad "hombres" that may be reported as doing or likely to do mischief. Perhaps I may get home in time to talk to you about this subject before the men leave the University in the spring.

There are men there, no doubt, who can tell you much about the country and climate of the islands. As to the climate, here it is fine. I do not see how it could be any better anywhere in the tropics. The temperature is 78 to 90 degrees throughout the whole year. It has been very rainy here for several months, but last year there was a drouth and people appreciate the rain this year.

I hope to see you again in May. Yours sincerely,

T. E. RINKER.

The following letter was received from S. R. Williams, a graduate of this University, who is studying in Berlin:

Dear _____:
I was certainly very much pleased in receiving your interesting letter, which contained so much about old U. of N. that I wanted to hear, and further I was glad you had not forgotten me.

Well, as we said before we parted last year, this year would find us widely scattered. Heck and I are here together in Berlin and rooming in the same place. We have found it very pleasant here in Deutschland and think the University of Berlin about O. K. If we only had it in America we would

be happy, for it does get mighty lonesome over here at times.

We are not rooming in American quarters, but in strictly German, Berlin, and so, for that reason it seems a little more lonely. We go each Sunday down to the American church and C. E. meeting and it does seem so good to get among people who speak your own tongue. They just dedicated the new American church on Thanksgiving day. The crown prince of Germany was in attendance. The emperor had promised to come, but was dangerously ill when the ceremonies came off so sent his son.

Work is going very nicely in the University. During this semester I am putting all my time in on physics until I get a little better grip on the language. It is a great difficulty to contend against, for you are always running up against some new idiom, and you can't make out the exact shade of meaning. But from the start I have been able to understand the greater part of the lectures, and take notes on the same in class. Of course it means more reading and studying outside of class, but one can do it very well.

No they do not play football here very much, and what they do is strictly football and not Rugby, as we play it in America.

They are great on their gymnasiums here, but they do not do much systematic training in the same, as they go to the gym one night, and the next two they get drunk and carouse around. I never saw so much drunkenness in my life. Deliver me from the so-called German "moderate" drinking. You should hear some of the music they have over here. It is grand, and so cheap. The best operas cost in "nigger heaven" only 50 cents, and the best orchestra music and best seats cost only 12 cents. But give me America. Now this isn't a long letter, but it will let you know that Heck and I are alive and kicking. He is going to write also. Best regards to all at the table. Your friend,

S. R. WILLIAMS.

Miles Houck, ex-'04, is traveling for a brokerage firm of Omaha.

Frank Manley, who formerly attended the University, is the advertising agent of the Boston Store, Omaha.

Louis Sherman, ex-'01, is in the insurance business in Seattle, Wash., being the representative of the Bankers' Reserve Life, of this city.

J. J. Saville, '98, and Alfred Saville ex-'97, are holding desirable positions with the Western Electrical company of Chicago.

Harry Shedd, who is secretary of the Nebraska world's fair commission, has gone to St. Louis, to look after our state exhibit at the exposition. Since last fall he has been making his headquarters at Omaha.

Myron D. Elson, '03, who has been in the employ of the Western Electrical company, of Chicago, has been transferred to Cleveland, where he will continue in the employ of the same company.

Pro. J. W. Dinsmore, who was connected with our department of education from 1897 to 1899, is now instructor in the Berea College normal in Kentucky. In a recent number of the publication of that institution a fine half-tone cut of Mr. Dinsmore appears.

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