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Today is the day that the sponsors "step out."

"He's a University booster" is a phrase that is refreshing and encouraging. There are always plenty of knockers waiting for their little turn to play with the hammer, and when one hears the words "University booster," the world takes on a happier appearance. It does not take any more effort to say good about the school than it does to speak evil, and the result is a great deal more satisfying.

In the recent report of the board of regents to the governor, the following statement was made: "The buildings for which plans are being drafted at the city campus will probably exhaust the entire levy available, though it is hoped that conditions may become more nearly normal so that there may still remain enough to erect one other much needed building. The following needs may be mentioned: A woman's building, a new museum, a library building, a building for electrical engineering, an auditorium, and better classroom facilities for departments now housed in the old main building."

A woman's dormitory should be considered above all of these buildings. During the school year of 1915-1916, 33 per cent of the freshmen girls lived with their parents, 6 1/2 per cent with relatives, 19 per cent with private families, 25 1/2 per cent in rooming houses, and 16 1/2 in sorority houses. Of the University freshmen not living with parents or relatives, there are nearly 42 per cent living in rooming houses.

There are several girls' rooming houses in Lincoln that are considered "good," but there is not one that could not be better. In fact, it is almost an impossibility to secure the right kind of general supervision of girls' lives from the most excellent of rooming house owners who are nothing more than disinterested women, whose means of support is the rent received from their rented rooms.

It takes a freshman girl, just out of the average high school, about one year to even learn how to study and make every minute of her time count, even under the most ideal environment. A modern, clean, sanitary and well-regulated home, to take the place of these rooming houses for the freshmen, should raise the efficiency of these girls, insure a happier place for them to live, and ultimately produce healthier, better women graduates.

Judging from the Forum letter, and the different arguments arising from the criticism of Tagore by Dr. Lyman and Professor Buck, there are some people who hold different opinions on the subject.

FORUM

To the Editor of The Nebraskan: I was very much interested in the account given in The Nebraskan of January 17th of the lectures which Dr. Lyman and Professor Buck gave about Tagore. I was not fortunate enough to hear either of these speakers myself, and so I may have misunderstood the tenor of their addresses entirely. But as quoted in the paper, they seem to reflect the misconception, which I have found quite widely prevalent, that Tagore is a Hindu in religion. Permit me to correct this impression. By Hinduism I mean the polytheistic pantheism which we associate with the word—Vishnu, Shiva, with their numerous incarnations and attendant deities, also the social institutions of that religion, the caste system and the attitude toward women. With all these Tagore has nothing in common; against them both he and his ancestors for several generations have consistently worked.

Tagore belongs to the Brahma-Samaj, which has aptly been called

"Hindu Protestantism." This church does not call itself Christian, but it owes its inspiration to the indirect influence of the Christian missionaries. It is based upon the conception of one living God, personal, spiritual and moral, and of the brotherhood of man. Its organization is that of a Christian protestant church. In its services the Bible is read as well as the Effisads.

Two of its great spiritual leaders in particular, Rom Mohan Roy and Keshab, have been very close students of Christianity and very strongly attracted toward it. Indeed, the Samaj is constantly drifting nearer to Christianity. As it is, a Unitarian could find nothing to criticize in its creed.

The Brahma-Samaj has ever since its beginning, over eighty years ago, been prominent in reform. Its members are required to abjure caste. Women are admitted to church membership. The Samaj has always taken an active part in relief work during time of famine, and has also established many schools, notably the University of Calcutta.

So much for Tagore's church. As for the man himself, Dr. Lyman has proved very clearly that his busy life has not afforded him time to read any of Tagore's writings if he represents the poet as opposed to the statement that religion is the greatest force in character building, the greatest force in life, for this the great affirmation of his life and work. Religion is the foundation stone of Tagore's character and its crowning ornament as well. I wish that Dr. Lyman could find a free moment in which to glance over Tagore's little volume of devotional poems, "Gitanjali," a collection of prayer-poems the most intimate, the most exquisite, and the most uplifting that I have ever read. There is nothing quite like it in literature outside

some of the Psalms. And I have never read a book except the Bible, which better expressed the cardinal teachings of Christ. Tagore is very quick to admit what he owes to these and to his study of the Bible, which has evidently been very minute.

To those of us who listened with delight on January 8th to Tagore's reading of his charming poems of mother and child, Dr. Lyman's remark about women and children comes with a very strange sound. I think that no one who heard can doubt Tagore's reverence for womanhood or his passionate love for children. If anyone desires further evidence, let me refer him to the beautiful play of "Chitra," written years ago in his young manhood, to the poems near the end of "Gitanjali" written after the death of his wife, to "The Crescent Moon," and to his haunting and wistful little child drama, "The Post-Office."

I surely beg the pardon of Dr. Lyman if I have misrepresented him in anything. I only wish him and the many who are under the same misconception as he, to realize that there is no one, in East or West, who would be quicker to agree with their high ideals of religion and character than Rabindranath Tagore.

A STUDENT.

The Daily Nebraskan, the University of Nebraska:

Gentlemen:

We have your circular letter of January 6th, addressed to the members of the "farm faculty."

We are agreed in agricultural work that the acquirement of information must precede its dissemination. Acting upon this assumption, I am sending you enclosed herewith a brief statement of information regarding the nature of the college of agriculture and its associated institutions, which I think the readers of the Nebraskans would enjoy. Would it not be well for us to start a movement entitled "See the University First," and encourage the students in the University of Nebraska to become acquainted with the various colleges of the University, at least to such an extent that they can use the proper titles of these various institutions which constitute the University.

Yours very truly,
 G. MEAD WILCOX.

THE DAYS GONE BY

Seven Years Ago Today

Coach "King" Cole was re-elected to train the Cornhusker football team. Despite the anti-Cole influence, the board picked him from a squad of fifteen as the best man for the place.

The new college song, "Scarlet and Cream," written by Paul E. Yates, was to be played for the first time at the sophomore hop.

A chapter of Sigma Delta Chi was granted to seven students of the University of Kansas. The fraternity was founded the previous year at De Pauw.

Five Years Ago Today

The Botany department was expecting a visit from one of Europe's prominent botanists, Dr. W. L. Johannsen, professor of plant physiology in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Over forty students of the University were ill or recovering from typhoid fever.

The first edition of the University Daily Kansan was printed. The paper had previously been a weekly.

Two Years Ago Today

The basketball team left on its annual migration south to meet the Kansas Aggies and K. U.

Examinations were scheduled for January 23 to January 29.

One Year Ago Today

The province meeting of the Sigma Chi fraternity was in session in Lincoln. Missouri, Iowa, Kansas and Colorado were represented.

"The Knight of the Nymphs" was to be staged by the Kosmet Klub the following Friday.

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CANDIDATES FOR PLACES ON THE DAILY NEBRASKAN STAFF

Applications for the various positions on the Daily Nebraskan editorial and business staffs will be received at the office of student activities until 5 o'clock p. m., Friday, January 19, 1917. Blanks on which to fill out your application can be secured at the student activities office. T. A. Williams, Secretary.

Company Pictures

Companies C. D and E will have their Cornhusker pictures taken Tuesday at 11:45 sharp, on the east steps of the Administration building.

Dramatic Club

University Dramatic club will meet next Thursday night in the club rooms. The program, a one-act play, "In the Heart of Calamity," will be under the direction of Lucile Becker. Business meeting on banquet and second semester tryouts.

Junior Class

Special meeting of the junior class Tuesday morning at 11:30 o'clock, in Law 107. Lloyd Tully, president.

University Week

Executive board of the University Week association will meet at the student activities office, Friday, January 19, at 11 o'clock.

Union Literary Society

Union Literary society meets tonight at 8 o'clock. A special program has been provided. Visitors are welcome.

Oliver Sunday Meeting

Dr. John A. Gray, of the Labor Temple church, New York City, will speak on "The Four-faced Man" at the Oliver Men's meeting, Sunday afternoon at 3:15. The Wesleyan Y. M. C. A. quartet will furnish the music. All men students are invited to come.

Rifle Team Tryouts

Men wishing to compete for places on the rifle team will try out at the range Friday evening from 4 to 5 o'clock.

The Cost of the War

The attempt of a mathematician at Cambridge to illustrate the great cost of the war in a manner to be understood by minds unaccustomed to handle millions resulted as follows:

"If Adam were still living and had occupied himself from creating to the present time in costing 50 sovereigns into the ocean every hour of the day and night he would not have sunk so much money as has been expended in the present war."—Lawrentian.

Brown—Officials of the Brown Union have hit upon a novel and successful method of getting men to join that organization. They have closed the doors of the Union building to all non-members and have posted a sign which gives their names and reads: "Do you know why these men don't go to the Union building any more? They are not members and so cannot."

In Tolstol's reply to the Holy Synod he says:

"I believe in God, who is for me spirit, love, the principle of all things. I believe that he is in me as I am in him. I believe that the will of God has never been more clearly, more freely expressed than in the doctrine of the man Jesus. But one cannot consider Jesus as God; and address prayers to him, without committing, in my opinion, the greatest sacrilege. I believe that the true happiness of man consists in fulfilling the will of God. I believe that the will of God is that every man should love his fellow-men, and should act toward others as he desires that they should act toward him, which sums up, according to the gospel, all the law and the prophets."

Such is the Christianity of All Soul's church, a free religious society, corner Twelfth and H streets. Services 10:45, subject "The Gospel According to St. John." The Students Liberal Religious Union meets at 12:15. Prof. Lawrence Fossler will continue his talks on "The Book of Job."

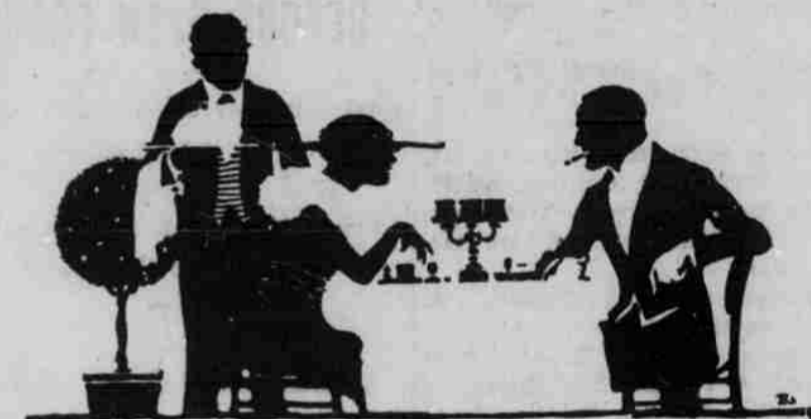
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