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Dean Ferguson's appeal to all engineering students to let nothing of lesser importance than military service or its equivalent deflect them from their college course applies equally to all university students. The world needs trained men and women. There are enough of the untrained to fill the positions open to them.

A former university student, now in the navy, recently wrote: "You know I did not secure my degree. At the end of three and one-half years I accepted a position which at that time looked too good to be turned down. The other day I took examinations for the six weeks officers' training school at Annapolis. I passed the examinations all right, but my recommendations were held up because I was not a college graduate. I had not considered that last semester in school of so much importance."

The opinion of an ignorant person if of as great value as that of a person who "knows everything," it has been said. There are many so-called educated people who opinions are so fixed that no amount of evidence one way or the other changes them. They give the impression that they knew all about it from the first, though often it was impossible for them to do so.

Such fixation of opinion is as much the result of the way they were taught as anything else. There is too much of the "It is true because the book says so," attitude among teachers of today. This is particularly true of untrained teachers.

When students learn that authors are human as well as anyone else and that they can not but unconsciously interpret as they write, the students are going to be deeper thinkers themselves. They will look beyond the statement they read in their texts.

University classes usually consider enough different texts, which are supplemented by lectures, so that students realize that authorities often do not agree. But in many high schools and grade schools the situation is a different one. There may be only one text. Teachers should encourage pupils to study carefully, then form opinions that may be changed if more material is found that justifies it.

IN CONCLUSION

We have tried to be just, to support that which deserved succeed, that which would make a better school, to oppose that which was petty and mean. We have had opinions and we have not hesitated to express them. We have been frank in the things we have stood for, expecting the same of students and faculty. We have not believed in "behind closed doors" sort of meetings and criticism.

We have felt that students were hampered from working out their own problems by authority from the top down. Perhaps the fact that our country was at war to make "the world safe for democracy" impressed upon us that college students, as well as the peoples of Serbia, of Poland, of Belgium, should be allowed to rule themselves. We have felt that the spirit of the college would be improved if students were obeying and enforcing their own laws.

FINAL EXERCISES

SHORT THIS YEAR

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to and including that of 1895 are entitled to one delegate; all classes since that to two delegates. The general business meeting will be held at the University Farm at 7:30 o'clock. Following it the alumni address will be given by Prof. R. W. Thatcher, dean and director of the department of

agriculture at the University of Minnesota. This address is always given by some one who has been out of school for twenty years. Dean Thatcher graduated in 1898.

At nine o'clock the class carnival will be held. Miss Nellie Compton, '96, is chairman of the committee and she says that some novel features are being planned. The class celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary won the trophy last year.

Individual Reunions

The individual class reunions will be held as follows:

1878—Fortieth anniversary of the class of 1878. H. H. Wilson has issued invitations to the six living members of the class which has lost but one member in forty years. They will meet for luncheon at his home.

1897—Twenty-fifth anniversary. Mrs. Frank H. Woods will entertain the members of the class of 1893 at her home, Sheridan Boulevard and Lake street, at a luncheon at 12:30.

1898—Twentieth anniversary. The class of 1898 will meet at the Commercial club for luncheon, 12:15. Members notify secretary, Miss Frances Gere, 849 D street.

1899—The class will meet for luncheon at the Commercial club at 12:00 noon. Members notify Mrs. C. O. Bruce, University School of Music.

1900—The class will meet for luncheon at the Y. W. C. A. at 12:30. Members notify the president, Fred C. Williams, 1702 Sewell street.

1902—The class will meet for luncheon at the Commercial club at 1:00 p. m. Members notify the president, Mrs. Robert D. Anderson, 1238 H street, or A. M. Voss, secretary.

1903—Fifteenth anniversary. Luncheon at the Commercial club at 1:00 p. m. Members notify the secretary, Miss Edna Gund, 234 South Twenty-seventh street.

1906—Picnic luncheon. Members will meet at alumni headquarters at 12:00 noon to be taken by automobiles to picnic grounds. Notify Mrs. Louise Allen Good, 1448 E street.

1907—Friday, May 24, reunion to be held at Omaha. Lincoln members will meet at the University Temple at 2:30 to be taken by automobiles to Omaha. Members who can not leave then will take the 4:30 Burlington train. The class will be entertained at dinner by Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Sunderland and provision will be made for all who wish to remain over night.

1908—Tenth anniversary. Luncheon at the Commercial club at 12:00 noon. Members notify the secretary, Mrs. C. Petrus Peterson, 1800 South Twenty-second street.

1909—Arrangements are underway. 1910—Class will meet at the Commercial club at 12:30. Members notify president, Ralph Moseley, or the secretary, Mrs. Edward Gehrke.

1911—Class will meet at the Commercial club. Members notify the president, Harvey Rathbone. 1912—The class will meet at 12:15 for luncheon at the Commercial club. Notify the president, C. L. Clark, or secretary, Marjorie Selleck.

1913—Fifth anniversary. Class will meet for luncheon at the Commercial club at 12:45. Notify the president, A. L. Hiltner, or the secretary, Mrs. Carl Bumstead, 1810 South Twenty-third street.

1914—Luncheon at the Commercial club at 12:30. Members notify Mrs. Chas. Roberts, 3158 Sheridan Boulevard.

1917—First anniversary. Luncheon at the Commercial club at 12:30. Members notify the secretary, Ethel Hartley, 2345 R street.

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