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START AT "THE TOP."

College graduates expect to step from college directly into an executive position as a result of the feeling that a college education leads directly to the top of the ladder by a mysterious short cut in which the rungs have been moved," states Charles M. Thompson, in his essay, "The College Man and His Job." As a matter of fact, Mr. Thompson is almost completely justified in his statement, because the popular idea of a college training today is that its effect should be both immediate and pronounced.—The Syracuse Daily Orange.

In this attempt to state a general truth both Mr. Thompson and The Syracuse Daily Orange express a somewhat antiquated idea. There are some college graduates who do expect to start in "right at the top," just as there are many persons, not college graduates, who expect advancement in the business world without working for it. But, as a class, college graduates are not exceptionally egoistic.

College men have been told for so many years that when they were graduated they would expect promotion without further effort, that many of them have come to accept that as a statement of fact. They do not dispute it; the preceding clipping shows that they sometimes advance it as an original thought.

Such statements are, on the contrary, not statements of fact, or college men would not condemn themselves so utterly for thinking what they are told they think when they have been graduated. "The popular idea," says the Syracuse paper, is that the effect of a college training should "be both immediate and pronounced." That is true, but the college graduate does not entertain the popular idea.

Upperclassmen and college graduates look at the matter differently. The longer they go to college, the more do they realize that they can never learn from books and professors enough to enable them to step out of college directly to the top rung of the ladder to which Mr. Thompson refers.

They do believe, however, they will progress more rapidly, once the start has been made, than a man who has not had the advantages of college training. That belief is warranted.

THAT LETTER.

The letter in the student opinion column today seems to be a subtle effort to "kid" those who read it. Some of the doctrines it champions are so preposterous that the writer of that letter is suspected of trying to turn the student opinion column into a "collyum" of jokes. In short Mr. Gaffney is suspected of a mischievous attempt to permit his super-intelligence to shine through the lines of his letter to other super-intelligences, so that they may laugh at the ludicrously ineffectual efforts of common mortals to take life seriously.

It is a commonly accepted notion—perhaps unfortunately so—that a man writes for the public opinion column of a newspaper, to be published over his name, only that which he sincerely believes. And again, there are many who believe that suppression is the best weapon to use against radicals, as the letter advocates. So, the course that is at once the safest and the most hazardous is to answer this letter seriously.

In considering the text of the letter—disregarding the motives which may have prompted its writing—it is pointed out that the editorials quoted did not state that, because it is not organized with a definite creed, the Youth Movement has taken no deep root in America. And, since this statement was not made, it cannot be said that the same statement was assumed to be proof that the movement is not bolshevik-inspired.

There are dangerously radical

groups in the United States, as there are in many nations. But the best method of preventing the spread of their doctrines is not suppression. An example that has been used innumerable times is again cited here. In London, it is said, anyone may preach anything he pleases to anyone who will listen, and adequate police protection will be given him. This very leniency of the government in permitting to everyone a chance "to say his say" has served to lessen any interest the conservative people of the kingdom may have had in radicalism.

To return to the original theme, it hardly seems in good taste to joke in treatment of a subject that requires the most serious of treatment; more especially so when that lightness can serve only to obscure the issue and to unsettle those who do not understand what the argument is about.

The College Press

A LESSON IN DISGUISE.

The symposium of crossword puzzle news on this page has a purpose. That purpose, the first is, of course, to entertain those students and faculty members who persist in the inane pastime, and the other is to teach everyone a lesson. The lesson is, that nothing is so trivial to find defenders, and nothing can have defenders without having denouncers. In our time we have been among the former; while we are not now openly against puzzles, we merely may be even among the denouncers. This is the course of fads.

But to get back to the original lesson. Crossword puzzles were started as an amusement, and no thought was at first given to them as mighty educational forces, or even as practical lessons in increasing the vocabulary. As practiced by the intelligentsia who first worked them, they were harmless and pleasurable. As worked by the bourgeoisie they are fit subjects for congressional investigation.

For the bourgeoisie can take nothing in moderation. They must go the whole hog or none, as sour grandmothers used to say in the old days, those of our grandmothers who spoke English. And because they must go to extremes, they must find some excuse for so doing. That excuse comes from the learned professors who talk solemnly about the educational values, and who offer credits for puzzles made up in Latin.

Accordingly the debate has grown, and what was once a game threatens to divide savants into camps of bitter enemies. We sometimes find even our own complacency ruffled.—Ohio State Lantern.

Student Opinion

FEARS YOUTH MOVEMENT.

To the Editor: You are dismissing the Youth Movement question too lightly. You say that it has "evidently taken no deep root in America" simply because it is not organized with a definite creed. This does not, as you seem to believe, disprove the statement as to its Bolshevik origin. It actually proves it. An organization with no leaders who are known, and no officers upon whom evils can be blamed, seeks certainly to undermine the nation's youth. There are books, such as "The Goose-Step," by Upton Sinclair, which are allowed to remain in college libraries and inject their dangerous socialistic doctrines into the growing minds of the students. Even the University of Nebraska permits a copy of "The Goose-Step" to be read by its students.

There is an annually growing tendency among students to deplore the activities of the nation's business men, and protest against the existing social system. This can be caused by nothing except a growing leaning toward Socialism. In a progressive college, in a progressive city, we cannot allow such beliefs to spread. The socialistic tendency is, as the Military Order of the World War

comes forth to say, all too subtle and insidious; it is, to change the figure slightly, akin to the worms which eat the wooden foundation-piles of a tall tower and eventually cause it to crumble. If allowed to continue, the Youth Movement will undermine our government and supplant it by an anarchy equalled only by the Russian Soviet. This is, of course, there aim, but they must not be allowed to accomplish it. The proposed alliance of youth with the workers in the opening strokes of a fight for liberty indicates an avowed intention of overthrowing our free government. As to the statement about a sugar-coated presentation of the "free love" idea, it is not even sugar-coated; it is a bald statement of fact. The Minnesota Daily, in the same issue of the Nebraskan, is quoted as ridiculing Dr. Frank Crane. This is another proof of the Bolshevistic tendency in the colleges. The students disregard the moralists who point out the way to go to save the nation. Most of all, I desire the suppression of these vile, insidious, low books of Upton Sinclair's. We must have order rather than monarchy. —WILBUR G. GAFFNEY.

Notices

Scabbard and Blade. Meeting Thursday at 7:30 in Nebraska Hall 205.

Kappa Phi. Kappa Phi open meeting Thursday at 7 o'clock in Ellen Smith Hall.

Iron Sphinx. Iron Sphinx picture for the Cornhusker will be taken at the Campus studio, Wednesday at 12:30.

Student Council. Student Council will hold a meeting Thursday at 6:15 at the Lincoln Hotel.

Ag College Y. W. C. A. The Ag college Y. W. C. A. will meet Tuesday at 12:20 in the Home Economics Building.

Tassels. Tassels will meet Tuesday at 7:15 at Ellen Smith Hall.

Corncobs. The Corncob picture will not be taken Wednesday as was formally announced but will be taken Friday, January 30, at 12 o'clock at the campus studio.

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Girls' Freshman Commission. Girls' Freshman Commission will have their picture taken at the campus studio Tuesday at 12:30. There will be a meeting at Ellen Smith Hall, Tuesday at 7:10.

Vestals. A regular meeting of the Vestals will be held Tuesday at 7 o'clock at Miss Hyde's apartment.

Lutheran Bible League. There will be an important meeting of the Lutheran Bible League and an election of officers Wednesday at 7 o'clock in Faculty Hall.

Theta Sigma Phi. Theta Sigma Phi will meet Thursday at 7:15 in Ellen Smith Hall.

Union. There will be a business meeting of the Union Literary Society Tuesday evening in the Temple Bldg. The installation of officers for the second semester will take place during the meeting.

Episcopal Students. The picture for the Cornhusker will be taken at 12 noon, Thursday. Please be prompt.

Episcopal Party. A Mid-Winter Blowout will be held Friday evening at the Grand Hotel at 6:15. This will be our regular monthly meeting and dance.

Alpha Kappa Psi. The group picture will be taken at the campus studio at 12:45 Tuesday. All students and faculty members should be present.

Square and Compass Lecture. James McLean will discuss "The Present Irish Boundary Question" Tuesday at 7 o'clock in Faculty hall at the Temple. All Masons are urged to be present.

Pan-Hellenic Decorations. Fraternities and sororities are asked to send a representative to the Scottish Rite Temple between 3 and 5 this afternoon to get their electric-lighted pin, used at the Pan-Hellenic ball.

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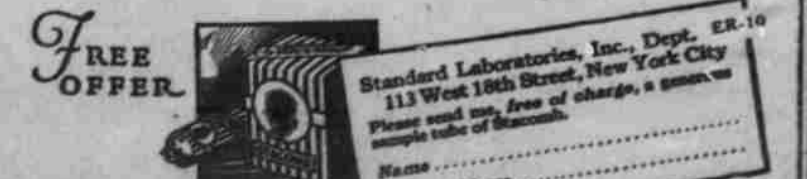
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