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YOUTH AND THE CHURCH

The statement was recently made by a senior to the effect that the church had been negative rather than positive in its influence on his religious development. The church, he felt, had provided social rather than religious opportunities.

Such a statement leads one to consider what the function is which the church claims to fulfill and to measure its success in accomplishing this purpose among students and young people in general.

To say that the church attempts to provide opportunities for spiritual development through religious channels would probably be agreeable to the churches themselves as a statement of their purpose. In our city the Christian religion is offered almost exclusively as the effective way in which to secure that development. We have a majority of students who profess to believe that such is the case.

Yet here is a student who says that the church hinders him in his religious development. What foundation can there be for an assertion that the church not only fails but is detrimental in the accomplishment of its own aim?

Take a look at the thing which the churches are doing for their young people. The Sunday School and some form of young peoples' society take care of the so-called young peoples work. The notion of too many of these organizations as to the method of developing spiritual life seems to be to familiarize their members with the usual platitudes concerning our daily life, the duties of cheerfulness in friendship etc. Coupled with this evidently superficial program of studying the way of religion is a program of social activity designed to attract the boys and girls and make them realize that the church is up to date. Hence we have annual banquets, parties at the manse, monthly dinners, and luncheon preceding the Sunday meetings as chief and foremost among the endeavors of the societies.

Very often the persons in charge of the religious study are persons with no special qualifications or preparation except their willingness to be of service. Under their leadership little of value is accomplished in the way of helping the young man or woman to realize the value or the sphere of the spiritual in its relation to the rest of life.

Anyone who knows college students knows that there is among them a desire and need for spiritual life. Religion, its relation to life, its meaning, its possibilities, its powers, its fundamental bases—these are the subjects of many a dormitory dialogue wherever youth is gathered together. Yet few of the churches seem to realize this interest and fail to help their young people in facing such fundamental problems. Instead of first establishing the fact of Christianity they assume it and reason from that premise after a fashion, not taking cognizance of the fact that every individual must think the matter through for himself before he can adopt it as a way of life.

The result is that those students who are aware of their own problems in their true light do not turn to the church for help in thinking. Others who do stay by the church become superficial in a degree and simply take what is given them as far as intellectual matters are concerned. From the church they get the idea that the way to live a religious life is to give dinners and subscribe to finance campaigns.

The church in attempting to hold on to its young people too often seems to have become clouded in its conception of its true sphere and even to have mistaken the needs of the young people themselves.

Student Opinion

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To the Editor:

Since the question of class honoraries has received so much attention in the editorial and news columns of The Daily Nebraskan the past two weeks, the editor will no doubt permit the student opinion column to be used for the same discussion, especially in view of the general attitude of the Nebraskan against suppression of thought among the students.

The comments in the Nebraskan on this question, with the exception of some of the interviews, have been opposed to the honorary system as a whole. Nothing has been said for the other side of the question, which assuredly must exist from the very nature of the problem.

The question of the honorary status together with some discussion concerning their usefulness has been the kernel of the whole discussion about the honoraries. The contention of The Daily Nebraskan is that class organizations are not in fact honorary. This is true if by "honorary" is meant that the membership in these societies is conferred for past accomplishments on the campus, and is to be regarded as a reward for such work. But such is assuredly not the case because the selection is not on this basis, and can not be in the case of the freshman and sophomore societies, which are formed during the freshman year. A discussion of the problem from this point of view is applicable only to the senior societies, which are avowedly selected in this manner.

But in the underclass honoraries or "honoraries," the basis of selection is not past accomplishment, but rather representation of the fraternity and the non-fraternity student body. The men chosen for membership are, in theory, supposed to be the most representative that the individual fraternities can put forth. The group, in selecting its members, bears in mind that it will be judged by its representative, and accordingly selects the best man possible. Membership therefore becomes honorary as a matter of fact because the member is representing his fraternity, and has thus been honored by his own group. Considered in this light, there can not be much objection to calling the societies honorary. This conception of the honorary feature is the one most widely accepted, I believe.

Now the objection may be offered that the members chosen are not really representative of their fraternities. This may be true in cases, and if so it is a matter for the particular fraternity to deal with in the protection of its own prestige.

Changes do occur that may later raise some unnoticed fraternity man who has not thus been honored, above the member of the honorary, but that is nothing against the system. At the time of selection the man ranked higher, just as it is highly probable that some members of the Innocents now rank higher in the service of the University, but may in later life be eclipsed by some non-Innocent. That is all part of the uncertainty of life, and mistakes in judgment do occur, even in the selection of men to the highest honors obtainable.

The second objection to the honoraries, and perhaps the greatest, has been that they have no definite purpose, seeming to exist without cause, and justifying their presence by the mere fact of their existence.

The editor, in searching about for a purpose in their existence seems to be deluded by the common habits of thinking of the times, which demand something definite, material and graspable, forgetting, it seems, that there are many things which cannot be thus isolated, and crystallized. The mere association of these representatives of the fraternities would be justification enough for the existence of the honorary societies, which serve as a meeting ground for the representatives of the fraternities and the non-fraternity body. If this has not been the case it is a fault in the administration of the societies, and not in the system. We have only to look into the business world to see the same sort of organizations. Witness the Rotary club, Lions, Kiwanis, and others which are an outgrowth of the spirit of mutual

association of representatives of different groups.

If there must be some definite aim for the society to appease the critics, very well, but the true value of this definite purpose will be fully realized only as it furthers the cause of mutual association discussed in the last paragraph.

And last, the greatest proof of the value of these organizations, and of the respect in which they are held by the student body lies in the fact that year after year students are eager to be elected to their membership, and many of them feel keenly disappointed when they fail of election.

And then what harm do these organizations cause after all that they should merit so much criticism? None. Ergo, requiescat in pace. Wm. C.

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