

**The College Graduate  
and His Future**

Does a college graduate really and truly enjoy commencement week?

Ask the question of a class of learned seniors and the majority will tell you no. And the negative will be emphatic and pointed in many instances. The process of graduating is fraught with fatigue, worry and, in some cases, despair.

The graduate has just emerged victorious from a long mental tussle. While there is a feeling of buoyancy and elation, there is also present apprehension concerning the future. The time has come for active work, and no matter how eagerly the release from college and student toil may be welcomed, there is a feeling that there is a stretch of unknown experience looming up ahead.

Friends pour in from home. They must be entertained. In addition there are peculiar claims made by classmates and student organizations. All this wearies and exhausts.

For instance there is the class play, punctuated with effort, energy and nervous force. Toasts must be prepared. There are people to meet and banquets to attend.

Orators come and go. Eloquence appears at every corner. Some seniors, well fixed financially, or provided with a comfortable job, listen in content to the "educated man's duty to the state," and the claim the world has upon one whose mental machinery has been carefully balanced and adjusted in an elaborate workshop so important as the college or university.

But fellows with indefinite futures are inclined to chafe and fret. All during their college years they have expected to encounter a flattering offer from somewhere on commencement morning or have listened to the siren song of independence and sure income attached to the senior end of the college course. They do not feel joyful when they discover that to get a position some one must be displaced or a beginning must be made at the very foot of the ladder under men of narrow mental horizon and contracted views. To do either shatters several fond ideals of the commercial world, carefully fostered in the seclusion of class rooms and library alcoves.

Of course many students, especially in Lincoln, have "hustled" during their college course for a living and anticipate the future. For them commencement is something to be alternately endured and enjoyed.

Sage advice abounds on all hands, but for four years the graduate has been steeped in counsel, fortified with the suggestions of others.

Another factor also contributes to the gloom of a commencement. Solid friendships have been formed during the four years of study. These affections have been eulogized and heralded about so much that the student rarely gives much thought to the matter until the organization has been disbanded by separation after the graduating exercises. Rarely ever does one-fifth of the class meet again at one time and place.

From a select company the student plunges into the ranks of the indiscriminate populace. The process is one not fraught with deep enjoyment. Indeed, if the graduates honestly and truly confessed, the occasion would be recognized as one of deep solemnity, and not a week of mirth.

**The Curfew Law**

In Lincoln the curfew is a failure and a dead letter. The cause of this state of affairs is two-fold—weak statutes governing the actions of juvenile offenders and obdurate parents who grow indignant when their offspring lands in the police station.

So to renovate the curfew measure

and send the youthful wanderers flying home at 9 o'clock there must be a decided change in public sentiment and legislative action.

Popular opinion is uncertain and variable; legislation may not come for years. In the meantime youngsters are privileged to toddle in the way of such moral ills as spring from late hours and nocturnal companions.

Officers of the law favor the curfew as a general thing. They realize the value of such a provision. Policemen and patrolmen easily perceive what evil follows in the wake of late hours. Mischief is but the natural result of democratic concourse in alleys and byways.

Ask a fond parent and the said parent will agree. Attempt to apply the rule to his own hopefuls and there is immediate trouble. Should the juvenile be gathered into the police station for failure to scurry promptly when the whistle sounds, the head of the household promptly hies to some fount of legal lore and seeks to have the imprisoned one released. In addition he is a sworn enemy of the police force forevermore.

And the minions of the law are tread-

ing on slippery sand when they attempt arrests. Under the laws of the state offenders under sixteen years of age can be punished only by incarceration in the reform school. Such a course is impracticable except for seasoned criminals as they are taken from the very homes where they are supposed to be kept.

City Attorney Webster, years ago pronounced the curfew legally dead and advised the police to overlook violations of the measure. And so far they have done so.

Now a movement is under way to make the curfew a potent force in preventing crime. It is desired to go before the legislature and interest the members in the plan. Such amendments will be suggested as will allow the officers of the law potent leeway in the matter. Short periods of solitary confinement is one of the remedies which, it is alleged, will be a powerful cure for the late hour habit. An effort will be made to insert some such provision in the statutes.

In Lincoln Chief Hoagland has always been a friend of the curfew and is actively engaged in trying to bring about its enforcement.

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