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RELIGION

Religion in one form or another is necessarily important to all of us. By a great many students however, it is laid aside for safe keeping and only brought out when occasion demands and then disposed of as quickly and quietly as possible. Religion is nevertheless, absolutely essential for the peace of mind, well-being and consequent happiness of everyone. The student generally makes his way through the lower grades, the High Schools and into his preliminary College work, equipped with a serviceable, ready made garb of religion which has been provided for him at no little effort, by conscientious parents and guardians; upon delving into the deeper closets and discussing the wider and more complex range of styles presented in his higher education, he generally finds that the old garment has become worn out at the elbows and appears more or less tattered all around. In conjunction with a large number of modern students, he then tucks it away with his other misfits and proceeds to look for a dressier outfit suitable for his new station in life. Religion is one thing however, which cannot be disposed of and replaced quite so easily. From time to time he is forced to pull out the old thing and derive what comfort he can from the sturdy linings, at which time he regards woefully the increasingly large number of moth-holes in its weather-beaten exterior; tattered or not however, it does, magically enough, serve far better than do the fancier tweeds and serges of modern manufacture. A good serviceable Religion is such a cheerful thing to have when the heavy frosts take advantage of the lack of quality in the lesser proven article.

The Church may have its creeds and dogmas; its ministers may be narrow and bigoted; the congregation may be vain and deceitful, but the old coat does have a warmth and a cheer that is noticeably lacking in the finer cuts turned out en masse by our educational 'high-brows'. The only thing is — not to let the moths feed too long.

Remember. The finer silks of the linings are ever intact. The surfact fabric may be destroyed but the underlying material is indestructible.

CIVILIZATION?

A few hundred frenzied people attacked the jail at San Jose, Calif. this week, removed two confessed kidnappers from the building, stripped them and lynched them in the public square. An attempt to burn the naked bodies by pouring gasoline over them was loudly applauded by the crowd. And the world struggles for peace! A few speeches, a fiery hot head here and there, and the veneer of civilization of the good citizens of San Jose vanished into the blue. The people of Fredericton might be capable, too, of this barbarism. We think not. But we are positive that in Canada we have no man in high public position who would publicly laud such a deplorable method of administering justice. It is only to be regretted that the structure of American politics is such that it is possible for a man of this caliber to hold office.

TO THE EDITOR

AN INTERESTING EXP'T AT QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY

An interesting experiment is at present being tried in the Faculty of Applied Science, at Queen's University, Kingston. In response to a petition advocating the abolition of compulsory attendance, delivered to the Faculty by the faculty, after consulting the Senior graduating class last year, the Science Year have abolished the attendance rule.

Attendance is therefore no longer compulsory although it is still advisable. Records will be kept to indicate the number of classes attended by each final year student. These records will be examined at the end of the year, to determine the co-relation between attendance and examination results. If this relation can be definitely determined the whole question of compulsory attendance in last year Science can be placed on a more definite basis.

It will be remembered that several years ago compulsory classes were abolished for final year in Science but unfortunately no records were kept to determine how the spring examination results tallied with the number of classes attended. For this reason no definite conclusions could be drawn for or against the proposal. The present experiment is expected to supply an answer based on actual results.

The abolition of the attendance rule was only decided upon after deep consideration. The students concerned were asked to give an opinion and as many of them are earning money to enable them to attend their opinions were not lightly disregarded.

Dean Clark, in explaining the new departure to the final year class, stressed the fact that the whole proposal was in the nature of an experiment and warned them to regard it as such. Abuse of the privilege will result in its cancellation. The spring examinations are expected to furnish definite proof of the success or failure of the plan.

Compulsory attendance has obvious advantages and disadvantages. It keeps the student who is not normally inclined to steady work, at his work because he knows if he misses his classes he will inevitably fail. Yet one wonders how he will work when restrictions are removed as they are after he leaves college. The student who is forced to attend classes may swing to the opposite extreme in his choice of non-compulsory actions.

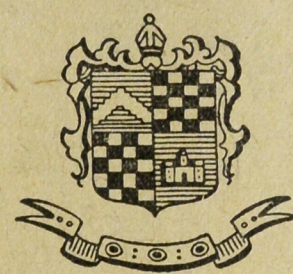
Many lectures are unprofitable and the student would be better to miss them and do some independent work of his own. Nothing destroys interest as quickly as forced attendance at monotonously uninterested lectures. If attendance was not compulsory the student could argue a new view-point by doing a little work on his own. Unfortunately as matters now stand, when a lecture is missed or called, the time is usually spent in the Union or on the Campus. Whether this is the result of forced attendance or not is an interesting speculation.

Other universities which are constantly held up to Queen's students as models have no attendance rules. This custom is part of tradition which seems to prevent abuse of the privilege. The experiment now being tried by the Science Faculty should be carefully watched, because it may mark the beginning of a new era in teaching methods.

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Student Dancing Banned

Walla Walla, Wash.,—Walla Walla college is a Seventh Day Adventist institution. Officials laid down rules for students which prohibited attendance at movies, dances and "other questionable places of amusement." Girls were ordered to attend classes in long-sleeved dresses with high waist. Violation of the regents' rules was punishable with expulsion.



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With the Alumni

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RUTH HANSON

DISCOVERIES which, when fully developed, may reduce the suffering of mankind, was the topic dealt with by Prof. J. W. Hill before the Fredericton Science Club recently. Prof. Hill, who is now a resident of Hampton, N. B. at one time carried on important investigations in United States educational institutions.

He received his B. A. in 1905 from U. N. B. and his M. A. in 1907 from the same institution. He later took a post graduate course at Yale from which he received a degree. He was instructor at Yale and later was connected with Brandon College, Manitoba, and the University of Kansas. Recently, he was made a Fellow of the American Society for the Advancement of Science for distinguished research work.

The following items refer to several members of the classes of 1900 to 1907:—

F. M. Bonner '06 is in the Jewelry business in Winnipeg. Rev. H. M. Manzer '06 has been pastor of the Southampton, N. B. Baptist Church for the past fourteen years.

Rev. Wm. Girwood '06, is pastor of the United Church at River John, N. S.

Rev. Henry Burns '02, is United Church minister at Gagetown.

Rev. F. O. Erb '00, occupies the chair of Religious Education at Colgate, Rochester Theological Seminary, Rochester, N. Y.

Rev. J. W. Horner '04, is pastor of the United Church, East Florenceville, N. B.

Mrs. A. H. Barker (nee Rebecca Watson) '07, is a missionary in Korea.

The sudden death of Dr. E. S. Barker occurred at his home, 34 Shepherd St., Cambridge, Mass. on November 6th. Dr. Barker, who had a distinguished scholastic career here, received a B. A. degree with honors in classics in 1889 and was winner of the Alumni Gold Medal in the same year. He received his M. A. here in 1892 and his medical degree from the University of Illinois at a later date. His mother, Mrs. J. H. Barker, resides in this City.

An interesting article dealing with an economic subject on "What About Oriental Trade?" by C. L. Armstrong, appeared in an October issue of McLeans' Magazine. Mr. Armstrong graduated in Forestry with the class of '20 and is now residing in Vancouver.

Three graduates of this University were among those who were admitted to the New Brunswick bar last week, at a sitting of the New Brunswick Appeal Court. They are: Charles J. Hughes '30, Ralph V. Limerick '31 and Albert J. Murray '30, all of Fredericton.

Norman W. Brittain, along with two other men, was recently presented with a Carnegie Medal, for heroism in attempting to rescue three boys from the gas-filled coal shaft at Minto, N. B.

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