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COLLEGE TRIBUNAL.

New Governing Body Thoroughly Organized and in Action.

As a result of the action taken by the student body last year in regards to the interpretation and enforcement of the college customs, the College Tribunal was organized and started this fall. It meets every Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock in room 121 Main Building to hear all cases brought before it and try all men accused of breaking the college customs. So far this year it has held four meetings two of which were solely for the purpose of going over and interpreting the college customs laid down by the Student Council. The other two were open to all cases which might come before it and on one of these nights it met in vain for no cases were presented.

Now when such a period as this exists we know that something is wrong. The system is mighty good and if worked out as intended would improve existing conditions around college considerably. Without a doubt the college customs as published in the last issue of the Collegian are constantly being over stepped by someone and these are the very men the tribunal is looking for. When no cases are brought before it, it either shows that the students have reached an advanced stage of perfection or what is nearer the truth, they are not back of the new idea. Without a doubt if the fellows would stand in back of the Tribunal as they should it would be most effective.

The trials are carried on in a dignified manner before only the Tribunal and such witnesses as are necessary either to speak for or against the defendant. Every man is given a square deal and all are treated alike regardless of who or what they are. The charges are presented before them in such a way that they are made to feel the importance of the occasion. The president makes it plain and tries to impress upon the defendants that they are to obey the college customs, and charges brought against them the second time will be dealt with very severely. The case is thrashed over thoroughly in the absence of the defendant and witnesses and they are either acquitted or turned over to the sophomores with suggestions of punishment.

In order to have a meeting, a quorum of each class represented is necessary. The members are devoting much time and energy to it and it is the duty of each student to get out and back up the Tribunal as it should be backed up. In this way and only in this way will it be a real success.

When will Babe's palace be finished.

Faculty Bibliography.

Prof. Fred Lewis Pattee, head of the Department of English, is again before the public eye in literary affairs. His poem, "The Man of the West," appearing in "Poet Lore" of July-August, is described as a wonderful bit of composition.

Dr. Arthur Holmes, Dean of the General Faculty, is the author of an article entitled "How a Psychological Clinic Can Help a Special Class", published in the latest issue of the Psychological Clinic, a publication of the University of Pennsylvania. The article deals with the necessity of school clinics to recommend treatment for physically defective children, many of whom should be sent to special institutions for treatment; the fact is brought out that neglect of this often causes a total lack of ability of self-support in the case of abnormal children, a condition which in many cases could have been prevented.

Another book by Dr. Holmes, "When to Send for the Doctor", has been published recently. It is characterized as "the most useful thing of its kind in existence".

Penn State men will be especially glad to hear that Dean Holmes' work, "Principles of Character Making", has just been placed in the Carnegie Library. It is "a text book on applied psychology, with psychology in its modernized form applied to the most vital function of the home, the school, the individual and the nation." It gives the subject of child training and character building from the genetic point of view. The book contains much of the material which made up the series of intensely interesting psychological lectures which Dean Holmes delivered last year.

Y. M. C. A. Convention.

The Student Volunteers of the Y. M. C. A. will hold their greatest convention in Kansas City during the Christmas holidays. There will be at least five thousand delegates in attendance from all the colleges and universities in the country. The convention, which is held once every four years, met last in Rochester, New York, and State had a splendid representation there, including President Sparks and some of the best known students of the college at the time.

The President in the West.

President Sparks last week gave addresses before the Minnesota Educational Association at Minneapolis and at the University of Minnesota. He speaks next month before the South Dakota Teachers' Association at Sioux Falls and will fill a week's lecture engagements for the Extension Division of the University of Wisconsin.



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