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The point that the stumbling block has been causing the contention and criticism among the students regarding the honor system is contained in that section which reads "The member of the faculty in charge of the examination remains in the room or leaves at his option, but shall not act as a proctor"

At first thought the student is justified in taking exception to the option granted to the faculty member for, on the face of it, the student rights contained in the average honor system are restricted in our particular case. In other words the presence of the instructor in the room during the examination or quiz is unnecessary and is not consistent with the idea of a genuine honor system

The student governing bodies while framing the proposed system realized that the afore-mentioned section would cause adverse comment and agree with common opinion that its presence weakens its chance for acceptance by the students. Why then was it so worded?

Contrary to the opinion of many students the faculty takes no determined stand either for or against the system. To a man they agree that an honor system successfully carried out would be a blessing to any institution, but the point comes up, can the students of any institution immediately rise to such a change as the proposed system would bring on or must it be gradual? The governing bodies believed they could, which confidence was not shared entirely by the faculty and on this ground the compromise was thought necessary to be made.

The faculty member by the compromise is not a proctor and conviction lies entirely in the hands of the students as does the reporting of suspected dishonesty during the examination or quiz. With these points in mind and in addition when one considers that only a very small minority will think it necessary to remain during the test the much criticized section should not prove such a stumbling block

to the most progressive step that the students have ever undertaken.

In many instances during the past, individuals, organizations, proposed changes in student regulations and other matters of a similar nature have been criticised; but have we as a body of men of trained intellects always been just in our criticisms? We believe we have not, and why because we have failed to either place the blame on the party or parties who were really responsible or because we have jumped at conclusions before giving sufficient consideration to warrant a just decision.

A good illustration of the injustice which attends many a criticism is that of the chapel regulations which have just been posted. It is, we believe, generally understood that the Dean of the General Faculty is responsible for these regulations, whereas he is simply carrying out the orders of the General Council of Administration from which body these regulations came and who are responsible for their inception.

In citing this one example we may all take a lesson from it and try to get at those facts in any question which will enable us to render a fair and just decision or criticise where such criticism is due.

There is or there has been here, a custom of allowing upperclassmen precedence in leaving chapel. Of late, the sophomores on the main floor have shown an undue anxiety to get out, and because of a certain physical law regarding two bodies and the same space, upperclassmen have been left somewhat in the rear. A word to the wise is sufficient.

Alumni Notes

W. L. Kellog '12, of the dairy division, United States department of agriculture, Washington, D. C., has been assigned to Pennsylvania.

A. J. Hauser '11, has built up the largest and most complete market milk laboratory that is to be found in this country. Mr. Hauser is now in charge of the market milk work at the Iowa State college, and is offering a special course to the milk dealers.

D. B. Eppers '13, who has been teaching at the Purdue university during the past year, has returned to college to do advanced work in dairying and dairy bacteriology.

L. D. Humes '14, is an instructor in animal husbandry at the Colorado State Agricultural college.

N. Easton, ex-'14, since leaving college has become the junior partner in the Penn Track company, Norristown.

C. S. Van Reed '14, has secured a very good position with the American Casualty company in Reading.

J. O. Keller '14 has accepted a position as safety engineer with the Ocean Accident and Guarantee corporation located in Chicago.

E. N. Sullivan '14, is in the employ of the Bell Telephone company at Philadelphia.

John Bracker '14, is holding the position of landscape architect for the J. Wilkinson Elliott company, Springdale.

K. W. Burdic '14, has accepted a position in the engineering department of the Colorado Fuel and Iron company Walsenburg, Colo.

H. Welling '14, is manager of one of the Walker-Gordon company's farms located at Plainsboro, N. J.

L. H. Brown '14, is vice president of the Luten Bridge company located at York.

R. K. Chalfant '14, is located in Marietta, Ohio, employed by the United States government as inspector.

H. E. Corl '14, holds a position with the Schutt and Koerting company in Philadelphia.

C. V. Davis '14, is employed by the Troy Cow Testing association, Troy.

N. B. Day '14, has a position with Frank N. Kneas, C. E., in Wisconsin, Philadelphia.

Frank Fisher '14, is working with his father, who is president of the Citizens' Electric company, Williamsport.

J. E. Freemann '14, has accepted a good position with Gobbs and Hill, consulting engineers, at Wayne.

W. D. Fuller '14, is doing apprentice work with the Westinghouse Electrical and Mechanical company at Wilkesburg.

C. R. Gerth '14, is employed as assistant chemist by the Cuban-American Sugar corporation in Chopana, Cuba.

Forum Society.

The regular meeting of the Forum society will be held Wednesday evening, at seven o'clock, in room K of the Library. As a special program has been arranged all members are expected to be present. Mr. Atchinson, one of the founders of the society will speak on its aims. Professor F. L. Pattee will also speak at the meeting.

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