

MINING HEAD URGES HONOR SYSTEM CHANGES

Dean E. S. Moore Opposes Present Methods and Explains Proctor and Honor Systems.

Editor of The Collegian: Dear Sir: I have been following with much interest the letters and editorials on the Honor System which have appeared in the COLLEGIAN during recent months. This is one of the most important subjects with which the student body and faculty are at present concerned and with your kind permission I would like to offer a few comments on it.

It should perhaps be admitted that when the Honor System was suggested for the institution I opposed its adoption, not because the system is not a good one where it is lived up to, in fact it is an ideal system in principle, but I felt that we were not quite ready for it.

An honor system cannot possibly work unless there is an overwhelming sentiment for it in the student body. The signing of a pledge will not stop cheating in a man who will cheat when placed on his honor does not count his word or even his signed statement of importance. If he cheats he is going to cheat in the pledge.

The proctor system is as distasteful to the faculty as the students but many students take a very wrong view of the position of the instructor in such cases. The honest student has no more to resent in being an instructor proctoring in a room than the honest man has in seeing an officer of the law on a city street or a judge in a court room.

I recently observed an objection in your columns to the practice of giving two sets of questions to a class as if it were indicating a distrust of the students. I can scarcely comprehend such an objection being made. Every normal, red-blooded human being at times of stress is subject to temptation.

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There has been some tendency to lay the blame on the faculty which is simply a desire to shift the responsibility. If anyone can show me why it would not be infinitely more pleasant for an

NEED OF MISSIONARIES SHOWN AT CONFERENCE

Men of "Daddy" Groff Type Doing Much Good in Mission Field—Need for More Men Shown

At the conference of the society of Agricultural Missions held recently at Amherst, Mass., a world wide need was presented and discussed, many details of which are of interest to Penn State students. Penn State's delegate was the only Agricultural College representative from outside New England, and it is worth noting that this is the only college maintaining an agricultural expert in foreign lands.

For many decades the missionary devoted himself to evangelistic and educational efforts, and it was with some difficulty that this conventionalized program was widened to include the medical missionary. Today, however, with broadening concepts of social responsibility there have become evident other needs fully as pressing and fundamental, and into the service for humanity are being summoned engineers, agriculturists and commercially trained leaders.

At the Amherst conference were assembled nearly all of the leading agricultural missionaries of the world. "Daddy" Groff, Penn State's representative at Canton Christian College, was one of the speakers, and with him were Dr. Rehner from Shanghai, and four others not engaged in agriculture. Dr. Sam Higginbottom, who is doing a great work for agriculture in India, and Case, from Burma, another pioneer in this field, also made impressive addresses. These men and other speakers showed that a very great need exists in countries like China, India, Africa, and South America for men and women with a background of agricultural training.

From seventy to ninety per cent of the people of these countries are in rural districts and for them the most pressing economic need is the improvement of their agriculture. In China this situation is aggravated by conditions demanding vast engineering projects of control floods, extend irrigation systems, build railroads, and develop mines for the next generation at least, leadership in all of these enterprises must come from the outside.

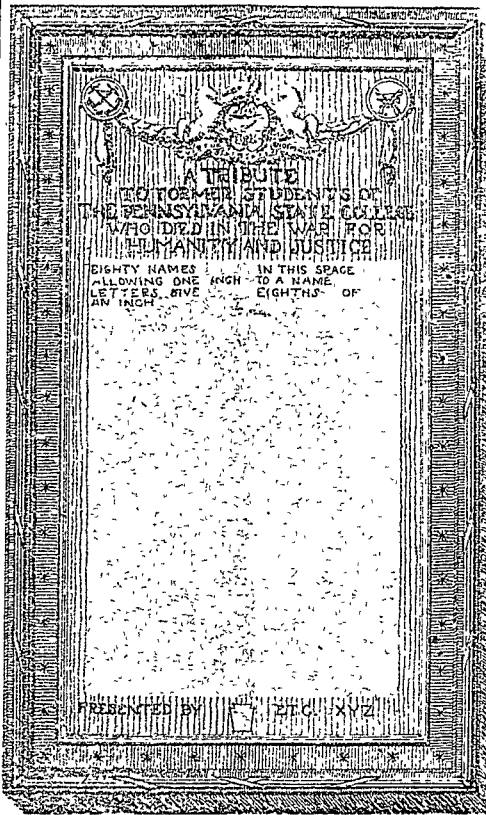
To a man who, like Groff and Sam Higginbottom, is trained in agriculture, a great field for a very broad and very rich service is open in the undeveloped countries of the world. When Sam Higginbottom went to Allahabad he found the natives producing forty pounds of very poor, short fibre cotton to the acre. His efforts at improvement which resulted in four hundred pounds of good quality long fibre cotton to the acre not only serve to lift the natives out of economic misery, but constitute a distinct contribution to world betterment.

Instructor to be able to leave all responsibility for examinations to students while he goes off to play golf, to fish or to carry on some work in which he is interested than to proctor an examination and to proceed to Allahabad would like to meet him. One of the distasteful features of teaching is the reading of blue books, it is drudgery, and while I suppose it is too much for us to expect a student to realize it while in college yet when he is older he must give an instructor credit for the sacrifice of much pleasure to himself at least try to do his duty even at himself when he finds it necessary to "flunk" a student. The same spirit should prevail as prevails among good sportsmen, if they lose, they lose honestly and in the proper spirit. To cheat because an examination is hard is no excuse. If the students set their own examinations where would we be? Can a man "lift himself by his toes"?

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Elwood S. Moore Dean of the School of Mines

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THE WAR MEMORIAL

NEW WILLOW PLANTED ON FRONT CAMPUS

Branch of Time-Honored Old Willow Intended to Take Place of Decayed Ancestor

In 1858, Professor William G. Waring, who was then serving as Professor of Horticulture at the Pennsylvania State College, set out a small tree on the east side of Allen street near Old Main. This tree grew to large size and became one of the landmark trees of the college. It is known to all living graduates and ex-students who have left Penn State since the tree was planted. The tree is known by all as "The Old Willow".

"The Old Willow", is fast dying and will not last much longer. A year ago lightning shattered one branch of the tree so badly that it had to be removed. The remaining branch is in a very much weakened condition and may have to be removed at almost any time. A great deal of attention has been given the old tree to preserve it by the College authorities and by the department of Landscape Gardening, but to no avail.

The Old Willow which appeared to be two trees was in reality, but one. When originally planted the ground at this point was much lower and a pond often formed around the tree. The ground surface was later raised by filling in up to the point where the willow sent out two large main branches. So that what now appears at the ground surface is in reality the crotch of the

old tree some four or five feet above the original surface.

The old tree is dying, but it shall not die. Three years ago, Mr. J. H. Waring, an instructor in Pomology at the College and a grandson of Professor Waring took a small branch from the old tree and stuck it into the ground. True to tradition the branch grew and is now a small tree. This "chip from the old block" is now being transplanted so that it will stand at the side of the parent tree as long as it is considered safe for the old tree to stand. When the old tree is gone the "new willow" will remain to continue sentiment in so far as it can. A second marker will be placed upon the stone tablet in commemoration of the event. Beside "Old Main" no other feature on the campus has been more cherished and remembered than "The old willow". Let us use all help to keep the old tree as long as possible and give the new one every chance to grow.

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MUSICAL ORGANIZATIONS GIVE ENJOYABLE CONCERT

The annual combined musicale of the Penn State Mandolin Club, the College Glee Club and the Varsity Quartet, which was held in the Auditorium on Saturday evening, was one of the best ever given at Penn State. Each club was at its best and the large crowd that filled the Auditorium greatly enjoyed the concert. The selections which were played were all of a popular nature.

The concert was opened by the Glee Club with "The Two Grenadiers" by Robert Schumann. This number which was especially arranged by Professor Robinson to fit the personnel of the club met with a marked success. On their last appearance for the evening the Glee Club sang "The Nightingale" in a very inspiring manner. This was the first appearance of the Glee Club since Pennsylvania Day and the reception that it received was certainly a warm one.

The Mandolin Club under the direction of H. Fishburn '22 gave "The Home Town Band, with the Mandolin Quartet and the Banjo Club, groups of the Mandolin Club, gave several good selections. A special feature of the program was "The Boat Song" presented by the Glee Club composed of Misses Fulton, Dana, Thompson and Erb and Miss Howson as accompanist. This attraction was very popular and the quartet was forced to return several times.

The big hit of the evening was the Varsity Male Quartet. The quartet opened with the number for which they were scheduled "The Phantom Band" a humorous selection, but before they were released they were compelled to add several more numbers to the program.

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The Forestry Department has just completed the setting out of a 7500 tree plantation of white and red pine and Norway spruce. They were secured from the Pennsylvania State Forestry Department, being grown at the Greenwood nursery and are two or three year old seedlings. The plantation is located on the old Hefster Farm, being an experimental project, these seedlings have been set out in all possible manners of spacing.

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