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## PRAISE WHERE PRAISE IS DUE

It has been our policy thus far to attack everything objectionable in our surroundings, and since there were many such things the attacks have been numerous, but at last we have had forced on us a fact that can no longer be denied. There is something here worthy of commendation, something better than the ordinary, something for which we can be truly thankful. The laundry has at last decided to give our shirts a square deal.

After years of more or less mediocre work, they have burst forth with a new shirt process that is unexcelled anywhere. They actually clean the shirts to a snowy white (if that happened to be the original color) and press them into respectable stiffness. Not only do they accomplish wonders with once wavy collars and cuffs, but they even have a system of bundling and arranging with pasteboard protectors that maintains the collars in the upright position necessary to a respectable collar. This indeed is a cultural gain.

## WHY IS A PROF?

The Monday morning papers carried a very interesting story of the death of a college girl and a teamster and the injury of some fifty other people due to the crush of a mob attempting to avoid a spring rainstorm. This happened in the Yankee Stadium, New York, Saturday afternoon when a sudden rain-storm caught several thousand baseball fans in the bleachers. Someone made a dash for the run-way to cover, and immediately the entire mob pushed forward to the narrow passageway. Not thinking, stopping for nothing, pushing, shoving, panting, sweating, several thousand otherwise average citizens piled up, one upon the other in a mad scramble to get out of the rain. The result was that three hundred policemen and a corps of doctors worked overtime to sort them out, and two of the lot were fit only for the discard when they were found. Yet, we are undoubtedly the greatest, most enlightened people on the face of the earth, and green rabbits would very likely have pink ears, if they possessed any ears at all.

If in the process of earning a meager salary, and incidentally while lecturing to or questioning a group of uninterested and uninteresting students in his classes, a prof can impart one spark that may light the fire of one single idea in some heretofore untroubled brain, what other excuse need be made for his existence? One such shock may put the mass to fermenting and an idea, or even two, may be produced, and then the man will be above the level of our great masses, "boobus Americanus," so far ahead that he will never care to drop back into the crowd.

One idea to one man in a lifetime of teaching would justify the rantings and ravings of the most persistent profs. May the candies flicker on in the wilderness!

## LAST WORDS

This issue of The Battalion sees the passing of just another staff—the staff of 1929. Next week's issue will give the newly elected men a chance to become acquainted with the many difficulties of printing such a sheet as The Battalion.

When we think of giving up the places we have come to know and like so well, there immediately arises a feeling that we do not yet want to pass into obscurity. It seems as if we have not really had time to do all the things that we had planned. But time cannot be stopped, and we must go our way in order that others might have a chance. And, no doubt,

there are others who can fill our positions as well if not better than we have.

At the first of this school year we decided upon a certain policy to follow, and we have done all we could to follow out the plan. The procedure may not have been to the liking of every reader, but it has pleased the staff or the members would not have done as they have. If the paper has been of any pleasure to the readers, or if certain articles within its sheets have caused the readers to have new thoughts, the staff is glad. We have often been called cynics by some unthoughtful persons for attacking parts of the Aggie credo and of the national code of morals as handed down to us, and this has shown us that our statements have been given some consideration. We have been cursed by Aggies, preacher, reformer, and this has shown us that our work has accomplished something.

Without further apologies, we wish every good fortune for The Battalion and its staff next year.

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