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### "Time-Out"

The most serious charge laid at the doors of universities, particularly on this continent, today is that they do not prepare the student for life. This does not mean that the university courses are not practical or utilitarian enough, for no one could seriously charge our educational institutions with that at the present, but that when the student has finished his course, as practical as it may be, he is not prepared to grapple with the problems of life.

The student attending the university is offered and does take a multitude of courses, usually joins several clubs, to give himself an opportunity to use his abilities and frequently participates in athletics. This seems all that is humanly possible for a student to do at a university. True, this is all he may do as far as taking advantage of the external facilities of a great university. But he has neglected the most important side of college life, that is—trying to understand what a college education leads to.

Unless a student takes time out to consider his path, to endeavor to synthesize his information and to form a working philosophy, he has really wasted his time. The term philosophy has a high sounding note, but it is really the only work that can fit the situation. It is not philosophy in the sense that it is used in expression, a philosophy of life. It does not mean a philosophy of life. One does not look for that necessarily at college although the experiences gained there will undoubtedly help each individual to form one, for everyone has a philosophy of life whether or not he chooses to give it such a name. It is rather thought that is necessary—a synthesizing thought, a realization of one's problems and an attempt to solve them. By merely going to lectures and clubs and by participating in athletics one is merely passively accepting what is offered. The student must use what he acquires in these activities to find out what he wants both in college and in life.

The main constituent missing in the student's life is this "time out." The student should every once in a while stop himself and say "Where am I going?" What are my activities giving me?" "Can I adequately from this helter-skelter of experience fashion out a unifying principle?" These questions have to be faced in life and if they are realized while one is pursuing an academic course one is all the more prepared for life. If a principle and a purpose can be found in college then will trouble over what courses to take and what clubs to join and what attitude to take to problems of college, be no more. This working philosophy can be the basis of reference for the solution of these questions.

Then will the student be adequately prepared for life and armed with this he will be able to look life in the face and squeeze from it the little bit of happiness that is sure to be his. "Time out" is the answer to the charge.—McGill Daily.

A civilization is now in the making in which industry will not only be one of the greatest factors but a vital social force as well.—Frances Perkins.

Children have become distressingly restless, disagreeable, disobedient and ugly. They suffer nervousness, super-sensitiveness and physical complaints which are definitely traceable to the depression.—Dr. Henry C. Schumacher.

### The Passing Review

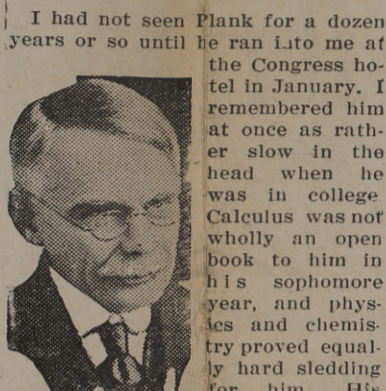
INVITATION—Contrary to all of the other letters received by the college officials. Dr. Walton received a letter from the Westbrook Hotel in Fort Worth congratulating him on the way the students conducted themselves while in Fort Worth on the recent corps trip . . . according to the letter, the Aggies were perfect gentlemen . . . and the management of the hotel invited the cadets to visit the Westbrook any time they are in Fort Worth.

DIRT—After the past week-end, it is almost necessary that some of the campus big shots, military successes, blue gooses, and social lions be exposed along with other campus nuisances—for instance—since when did CARROLL COX and ROSS REID become the invitation committee, 1, 2, for MISS PATIENCE CHANCE? And who said Bill Keeling wasn't a LIEUTENANT COLONEL . . . is that necessary to get the date "Hot Water"? . . . In the future "E" Infantry will give the proper respect to the student staff of the Infantry Regiment . . . according to COLONEL HOLMES . . . Imagine "ITCH" MOORE and "GRANDPA" HILDEBRANDT not making a corps dance? . . . Who is it that causes "BIG BOY" PITTMAN to spend his last fifteen cents on a soda?

HARTMAN—Fellows, get "Perchy-werchy" HARTMAN to teach you how to play "Pinchy-Winchy". He's a demon at the game already, though he just learned how Saturday night. "Perch", ladies' man that he is, was doing his best to entertain a Baylor co-ed after the corps dance. Well, the party dragged along rather slowly until the young lady thought up a new game. When Hartman wasn't looking, she blackened her fingers with soot off a burned match and pinched his dimples, cooing musically "Pinchy-winchy, pinchy-winchy." The Cuero gobbler instinct made his neck turn red at first, but Perch soon got into the spirit of the game—pinchy-winchy every time he was pinchy-winchy. This kept up till his face looked like a mud-splattered model T Ford, before some one handed him a mirror. It almost broke his HART, MAN!

### PERSISTENCE

By THOMAS ARKLE CLARK  
Late Dean of Men,  
University of Illinois.



I had not seen Plank for a dozen years or so until he ran into me at the Congress hotel in January. I remembered him at once as rather slow in the head when he was in college. Calculus was not wholly an open book to him in his sophomore year, and physics and chemistry proved equally hard sledding for him. His grades were pretty low, and, contrary to the belief and doctrine of the lazier, low grades in college usually mean poor or indifferent performance in business afterwards.

But slow as he was, Plank had a quality which bade fair to offset his slowness of brain. He never gave a thing up. If the problem was hard, he kept at it until it was solved. If he failed today, he came back tomorrow for a second trial. He hung on like a bull dog, when he once got his teeth into a thing.

"How are you doing?" I asked him after we had exchanged greetings. "Very much better than I imagine you thought I would do," he replied. "I was a poor student, as I am sure you well remember. I didn't get through in four years."

"But you did get through," I suggested. "Yes," he said, "I'm not easily downed, and I do work hard. I've made money—much more than I had expected—I'm enjoying heavy responsibilities, and I think I'm a good citizen."

"Work will overcome a great many handicaps," I had to admit. "Persistence is almost as effective as genius, and whatever other virtues or talents you may have lacked, you had persistence. I'm not surprised that you succeeded."

Of course, if it were possible, I'd rather be a genius, but since this is impossible I'm glad I'm persistent.

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### BOOK BECKONINGS

By J. N. Ferguson

In addition to the twenty five or thirty new books put into circulation last week at the library, approximately the same number is being added this week; some novels, many biographies, and other types.

How did you use that ten minutes before lunch during the last week? Did you trade it for something of great value to you or did you go to lunch having given part of your time for nothing? As I said last issue, if we would read during those ten minutes each day for the school term, three or five large volumes could easily be covered, and as "Dad" Elliott said "the way to begin is to begin," do begin today. Don't miss the opportunity of reading the good books the library has for your disposal. Here's this week's assortment.

The Background of Science—Sir James Jeans

How do the new ideas in physics influence the philosophy of the time? How will it affect you? Jeans is an interesting writer. This book is not dry.

The Laughing Pioneer—Paul Green  
In speaking of this work, The Saturday Review of Literature says: "Paul Green's deep sincerity, his sense of pity, the dignity of his work give him a high place in contemporary American literature."

The Fatal River—Frances Gaither  
A very valuable book for both entertainment and historical background. It is the first modern book on the career of the French explorer, La Salle.

A Green Bough—William Faulkner  
A collection of about forty-five of Mr. Faulkner's poems which show clearly his great capability of expressing his imagination in a simple and ecstatic manner.

Viva Villa!—Edgcomb Pinchon  
For twenty years Mr. Pinchon has worked on this book. It is an extraordinary biography of an extraordinary man, Pancho Villa, the Mexican revolutionary general.

The Life of Emerson—Van Wyck Brooks

A book considered by many to be the crowning work of Mr. Brooks' career as an American culture critic. Says The Atlantic

Monthly: Mr. Brook's biographies have brought all the episodes of our literary history, and dozens of its most representative men, into the focus of a widely cultivated and imaginative mind, giving them a coherence, a relevance, a meaning, which for the most of us they would otherwise lack." The Life of Emerson is another biography that is certainly of that nature.

Flying—James E. Fechet, Forward by Eddie Rickenbacker

One of a series published by the Chicago Century of Progress in keeping its purpose depicting "graphically and systematically the last hundred years of intellectual endeavor." Flying gives you "the background upon which Man is surely building in his endeavor to dominate Time and Space".

Goodbye to Western Culture—Norman Douglas

A scholar's views on Western culture and a comparison of it with that of the East. In "plain language hesitates the appalling facts about our morals, manners, government, facts which we either do not know or prefer not to see".

Memories of Marshall Foch

Foch, the leader of ten million men, tells his personal story of the war based on his own experiences.

All Europe is rapidly approaching complete communism, and the war which the capitalist states are now fomenting will be greatly instrumental in communicating the world.—Tom Mann, British labor leader.

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