EDITORIALS

LOOK THIS WAY PLEASE. In an address delivered a few weeks ago, Dr. Max Mason, President of the University of Chicago, showed some straight, clear-cut thinking. Outlining his hopes and ideals for the future standards of scholarship, and commenting on its present status, he said in part:

"In the average American home there is absolutely no appreciation of scholarship or what it stands for. It is part and parcel of the perfectly ridiculous idea that students come to college to resist an education. It has been this attitude that has persisted through many years—an attitude that is sadly in need of radical change in our colleges and universities."

How true are his words, and how sad and discouraging are these truths to those who have given their lives to education. In these days of greater publicity to the exploits of football heroes and track stars, how seldom do we read or hear about new feats of scholarship. Keys of Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi, and Tau Beta Pi cannot stand alongside the glory reflected by an athletic emblem. But alas, how short-lived is the college student's athletic prowess. Only a week ago we read in the Chicago newspapers where a man from the west, having emblazoned his name on the gridirons of western universities and on certain occasions accomplished the same feats on gridirons of eastern universities, was ready to lay his football moleskins away for good, and that, after only two years of professional football. This same hero has been financially successful in these last two years and because of the publicity and fame he commanded during his three years of varsity football at college, he may be in a position to carry on comfortably the remainder of his life. He has not graduated from college as yet, leaving at the close of the football season to enter the professional field, and accordingly has practically a whole year's college work to finish before he receives his degree. The chances are in his present position and circumstances, he will never return to the university to receive his degree and more than likely, will not be bothered with any more scholastic education. Now that his football career is necessarily ended what can he turn to; he has not prepared for any other profession.

No doubt some such analysis was recessed in the mind of President Mason in his address. He went on to stress the fact that opportunity, not compulsion, should be the driving force behind study for the college student.

Again we heartily agree with Dr. Mason and invite his attention to the status of students at Chicago-Kent College of Law. Here we find students of all types and ages, ambitious enough to tuck their books under their arms and go off to night school or late afternoon classes where for two hours and a half every night they put forth their best efforts, after a full day's work, to learn something about law. We are not contending that these conditions are such as to warrant the greatest benefit from the study of law, but it is consoling to know...
that the President of one of our greatest universities was endorsing, in fact, recommending just such motives for college work as prompt our boys. Because we feel that Dr. Mason did not have the situation at Chicago-Kent College of Law in mind, although insisting that the same motives that prompt our many night school students to attain their ambitions as the proper ones for undertaking any college work, we invite Dr. Mason's attention to our student body.

ROUND TABLE MEETING

The December meeting of the Round Table was held at the Eastgate Hotel on Saturday, December 3rd. This being an Alumni Issue of the Review, it might be well to give a few words of explanation of this new activity, for the benefit of those who may have missed or forgotten the able presentation of its origin and purposes in the March 1927 Review.

Its conception was in the student body and one Peter Wall is credited with the paternity of it. The attending physician, nurse and governess was none other than our own Judge Pickett, and its present virility is but another tribute to his skill. Originally there were about a dozen members,—today there are over three times that number. Membership is by invitation of the executive committee, and scholarship and character are the prime requisites. Though race, religion, or social standing have no bearing, it is not a democracy, but an aristocracy—of merit. It meets once a month on Saturday afternoon to hear and discuss some selected legal question presented by an eminent outside authority or by a member of the faculty. The calibre of its membership is evidenced by the fact that although it contains the cream of the school in scholarship, the December meeting was the first to have a full attendance, because it was the first one held after the close of the football season.

The subject of the December meeting was "The Nature of Tort Liability" and the Pole Star of the firmament was Judge Pickett. Far be it from the writer to attempt to play Coke to the Judge's Littleton. Suffice it to say that tort liability is a heterogeneous collection of violations of civil rights for which the judicial authorities have given a remedy. It differs from contract liability in that the latter is homogeneous. Because of this essential difference, the probability of the extension of tort liability is much greater than that of contract liability. The discussion phase of the meeting was given over to three specific extensions of the doctrine. Although perfectly logical in the abstract, there was a spirited discussion of the possibility of enforcing a property right in the product of a man's mind.

It is unfortunate that in class the limitations of time are so severe, that the instructor barely has an opportunity of developing the melody of his subject. It is therefore all the more enjoyable when on such leisurely occasions as these meetings, ample opportunity is afforded of bringing out the overtones in their symphonic fullness. And when as in this case, the leader has had over thirty years' training, the beauty of the presentation is unmistakable.

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