

DARTMOUTH ON DARTMOUTH

Hanover, N. H. (By New Student Service)—The Dartmouth college Dartmouth has begun the publication of student comment on courses, tabulated from a questionnaire issued in December. The re-

sults, say the daily, "are intended for a supplement to the college catalog, rather than any sophomore attempt at "constructive criticism."

As such they may be worthwhile to those who are considering several courses as their fifth subjects. Perhaps.

The criticisms are a mirror of student opinion, and consequently

can have no great claim to erudition or authority.

Students also were asked to comment on their professors, and the Dartmouth had intended to publish these remarks. However, it does not do so, offering in explanation:

"The answers returned were so contradictory that it would have taken a liar greater than Ananias and a diplomat more suave than Metetrich to have evinced any thing worthwhile from the mass of comments. We cannot presume to have the authority to pilory, needlessly and questionably, the members of the teaching profession. The Dartmouth would have degenerated into a mere gossip bulletin."

more in accord with the habits of mind of our people."

And of fraternities: "Regarding fraternities, I know nothing. It is commonly alleged that they foster snobbery. But I see no objection to snobbery per se; all rational men are snobs in one way or another. That the fraternities exalt fifth-raters and overlook men of merit may be true, but the accusation might be leveled against any other human institution."

Mr. Mencken urges all who feel the urge to write, first to obtain steady employment. Until recently he suggested bootlegging, but the strength of competition has led to advocacy of taxi driving and similar occupations.

"I suppose you carry a memo of some sort in that pocket of yours?"

"Yes, it is a lock of my husband's hair."

"But your husband is still alive."

"Yes, but his hair is gone."

Employer: "Now that I have decided to give you the job, I must tell you that early hours are the rule in this store."

New Clerk: "That's good. You can't close too early for me."

A young man wrote to his father from college: "No no, no fun, your son."

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Probable Suspension For Wellesley Sophomores

Several score of Wellesley Sophomores are facing probation as the result of their midnight attack on three hundred freshmen, engaged in election of class officers. The freshmen had chosen an attic as their meeting place, and with only a small candle, and guards stationed everywhere the election proceeded. Just as they finished a noise was heard, and one of the guards looked out to see what it was. Outside the Sophomores kicked and pushed until the door was broken down, and they rushed in. One grand "battle" was the result. One student fainted, hair was pulled, belts were seized and the march to the campus began. Here the freshmen's counter-attack gained impetus, and after an hour of fighting the Sophomores withdrew. The honor was claimed by the freshmen. Next morning several appeared in classes with bandages, and black eyes.

One of the reasons for the awaited probation or suspension of the many members of the second-year class is that they were interrupting elections arranged for by the faculty. This taking matters into their own hands, it is said, has met with general disapproval and condemnation from the rest of the school and from teachers.—Sun Dial.

MENCKEN CONVINCED

Ithaca, N. Y. (By New Student Service)—"I am thoroughly convinced that too many young Americans are now going to college and that their presence is greatly impeding the work of the colleges. Certainly it should be possible to devise some scheme to weed out the unfit." Thus spoke Henry L. Mencken to a reporter for the Cornell Sun, in one of several interviews recently granted to college papers.

Mr. Mencken, we are told, "is opposed to the college for the purposes of intellectual education. With Nathan he holds that its great benefits are social."

Of compulsory military training, the editor of the Mercury said: "The military training idea seems to me absurd. I see no reason why the college students should be conscripted and not the young man outside."

And of the lecture system: "The American system, it seems to me, is better for Americans than the Oxford system. It is obviously

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The professor of astronomy had shown his fair visitor all through the observatory, and explained the work in minute detail.

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