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In the article on "College Honor" by Dr. C. Alphonso Smith, published in the November number of the Educational Review one educator is quoted as opposing the honor system on the ground that "it nourishes a false sensitiveness on the part of the student in respect to a sort of oversight to which he must sooner or later accustom himself."

The statement starts an interesting line of thought. While we do not believe for a moment that the statement is true in any sense or to any degree which would make it a valid and dangerous weapon in the hands of an opponent of the honor system, we do believe that it is possible to make one application of it in a way which may be useful. We have long felt (we may be wrong) that in many financial matters among the students there prevails a certain looseness, a lack of the accuracy, of the strict supervision and the accountability which prevails in and is inseparable from the conduct of any business. We had never exactly placed the cause, until we read the sentence quoted, and this caused us to wonder if this state of affairs was not an outcropping, a misapplication, as it were, of the honor system.

The subject is a difficult one to treat and we hesitated awhile lest lacking the skill its successful treatment demands, we should blunder and thus do more harm than good. We interpreted the honor system last fall to be "broad enough to include every situation and every relation sustained by the institution to the student." Of all things we do not wish to be understood as limiting the sphere of its operation now. But suppose we put it this way (we developed substantially the same idea in another form last week): In the scheme of education the University is an organism, each part of which must perform its function in order that a well-rounded, educated man shall be produced. Since character is the bed-rock on which manhood rests, since the honor system has for its purpose (so far as it is a thing decided upon by premeditation, and not a spontaneous upgrowth) the development of character, the logic of the situation demands that the honor system, in spirit and in practice, shall permeate in the fullest degree University life. But though character is al-

ways at a premium the individual who has it and it alone as his capital stands scant show of success. The business world demands men of ability trained in all the ways of business.

This training it is the function of certain parts of the University organism to impart. Just as, therefore, in the world of business, though character is the foundation of it all (for lack of mutual confidence would paralyse any system of business the world has ever seen) those methods commonly known as business methods prevail, so should the corresponding department of the University organism, while resting as a basis on the honor system be, nevertheless, dominated not by sentiment but by business methods.

So much for the theoretical side of it. Of the practical it is hardly necessary to speak. We have no particular case in mind as we write. If you think we have, it merely goes to prove that our remarks are not wholly out of place. Probably someone else is thinking about something else. At any rate we give the idea as possible food for thought. Take it for what it is worth.

We don't know whether it has occurred to you or not but right now is the best time of all to get in some of those strenuous licks of work you've been promising yourself all year. The pigskin chaser is a thing of the past. The man with the bat is a thing of the future. In fact, 'tis a grievous admission to have to make, but there is really little to amuse you now except your books.

Croakers will "sit up and take notice" that the dull season is on.

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small pox scare and a compulsory vaccination ordinance which for non-enforcedness defies the production of its equal elsewhere? Verily, the village, as such, is doomed. The "march of civilization" is indeed unceasing, irresistible, all-conquering. Ye lovers of the virgin forest, ye clingers to the sequestered solitude of the distant past, nerve yourselves for the clang of the trolley bell, the rattle of hoofs on the paved street, the jam and crush of the hastening throng, the towering oppressiveness of the giant skyscrapers—nerve yourself, for they're coming and will be here—some day.

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