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HOERNLE DISCUSSES THEORIES OF MIND

In Seventh and Eighth Lectures of Series.

ONE'S WORLD IS HIS MIND

Five Methods By Which Existence of Other Minds May Be Discovered.

Monday and last nights Professor Hoernle continued the lecture course with a discussion of the theories of the constitution of mind and of the means for perceiving the mental impressions of others. The following is presented as a summary of his remarks:

There have been three methods used in forming a conception of mind. The first one advanced by Descartes assumed that there is an impassible barrier between mind and matter, that they have nothing in common. It, therefore, denoted mind as a distinctive spiritual substance or soul substance.

The so-called introspection of James instituted the second concept of mind. It of necessity is nothing more than a fairly accurate idea of one's own mind. James described it as a stream of consciousness.

The third concept took its beginning among those men who were engaged in investigating the minds of animals. It is the concept of the observer which is obtained from the actions of the subject observed.

Obviously each one of these conceptions alone is incomplete and erroneous. The first one meets an obstacle in the fact that no mental conception is possible without recourse to material objects; the second conception is too exclusive, the third is not sufficiently profound.

The animal observer depends entirely upon the behavior of the animal for his knowledge of his mind. Plainly much of the subtlety and perhaps the very essence of that particular mind will escape him.

That the consideration of one's own mind is too narrow for a general concept of mind may be shown by the following examples. In reality one's mind is his world. Helen Keller's mind must, therefore, be very different from our own. The loss of the

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CALENDAR.

Thursday.

7:30—Mission Study Class in Silliman Hall.

Friday.

8:30—English Club meeting in Graduate Council Office.

Saturday.

8:00—Phi Beta Kappa meeting in Auditorium of State College for Teachers, Albany, Professor Arthur Bushnell Hart will lecture on "Obstacles to Peace." The public is invited.

BATTALION TO PITCH "PUPS" AND DEPLOY AT WEEK-END CAMPS

Plans for the spring and summer work of the battalion are now being formed rapidly by Col. Goldman and his assistants at the military office. While no new announcement can yet be made as to further details concerning the projected summer camp, it is understood that such a camp for the Union R. O. T. C. is practically assured, and the scheme is being worked out in full detail at the battalion headquarters.

Those who are unable to attend the

TAMSETT WATCHES SEVEN TWIRL AT FIRST TRIALS

Coach to Concentrate on Serious Job of Finding Good Box-men.

With the first game but little more than a month away, work in baseball has begun in earnest this week. Jimmy Tamsett in his "togs" is the surest sign of spring to be seen on the campus. He arrived Monday afternoon and was at the gym looking over candidates for the battery positions which have been more or less demolished in the twirling department, at least, by the loss of last year's veterans, Homer Goff and Vard Cantey.

The first call brought out only nine men and but seven of these were would-be pitchers. Hollern, Rosenthal Beaver, Benedict and Gulick of last year's squad, and Brucker and Mallery of the Freshman class were the boxmen who reported at the try-out. The two new men showed ability and both have won some distinction in this line. Brucker pitched in the Schenectady County league in this city last summer while Mallery was twirler for the Troy Conference Academy and the Saratoga high school team.

Wittner and Hochuli took turns behind the plate. The past record of the former will suffice to silence any doubts that this position will be well taken care of. The rest of the infield is practically intact. Captain Peaslee, Collins, Moynihan and Fancher are still with us from last year and will quickly be put into shape for the coming season. When the big problem of pitcher is solved, the prospects for the infield are pretty bright.

The question of an outfield is not so easily answered. Neither Captain nor coach has any idea whence this indispensable part of the team is coming, except that it must come, and make its appearance rather quickly.

Battery try-outs will be resumed Thursday afternoon at three o'clock and candidates who cannot report at his time are requested to do so as soon thereafter as possible. On Saturday afternoon at two o'clock, candidates for any position are to be called out. "There is a good chance for any one with ability," said Captain Peaslee. "We need all the material we can get."

summer camp will be especially urged to go on the week-end marches, of which there will in all probability be several during the spring. It is likely that these hikes will be begun shortly after the drying out of the ground, which should be about the first of April. The marches will include one night spent in temporary camp. They are to begin shortly after noon on the Saturday of the weeks selected. The battalion will march, under full equipment, to a camp site already chosen and some miles from Schenectady. The kitchen materiel will include rations for two meals, supper, and breakfast, the battalion returning to the city by Sunday noon. The men will spend Saturday night under their "pup" tents. With their arms the battalion members will be supplied with about 25 rounds of blank ammunition, to be used in combat during the march. Patrols will be sent out, sentinels will be posted, etc., exactly as under war conditions. A supply "train" of one wagon or motor truck containing a cook tent and stove, etc., will probably accompany the hikers under close guard.

Full equipment for the future needs of the Union R. O. T. C. is already beginning to come in. Most important is the consignment of 150 new Springfield rifles, which is expected shortly. Shelter tent halves have already arrived. Other equipment which is soon to be on hand include tent pins, tent poles, condiment and bacon cans, bayonets and scabbards, meat cans, knives, forks and spoons, canteens, first aid packets, packs, straps and carriers. The materials are being sent from the Watervliet arsenal and from the headquarters of the Department of the East, Governor's Island.

SENIORS TO HAVE BANQUET AND MAY HOLD DANCE

The Senior Class at a meeting this noon decided to hold the usual Senior banquet. The form that the class memorial is to take was discussed, an alumni alcove in the library being the most favorable plan presented by the committee. Another meeting will be held to decide definitely as to this matter.

Holding a Senior dance at commencement was also discussed but definite action was postponed until after the Graduate Council decides whether or not to hold an alumni ball.

ONLY SENIORS MAY BE EXEMPTED FROM FINALS

A rule recently adopted by the faculty prohibits exemptions from final examinations because of high grades. The only exception allowable, according to the new rule, is in the case of Senior examinations at the end of the second semester, when exemptions may be granted by reason of high standing, at the discretion of the heads of the departments.

MAY GET COMMISSIONS FROM SUMMER CAMPS

Drafted Men Won't Furnish All New Officers.

UNION MEN PLEASED

Local R. O. T. C. to Camp at Vischers Ferry or at Sacketts Harbor.

Union will probably make several more contributions to the great list of army officers now in the service as the result of a recent decision on the part of the War Department to change its present plans for the training of officers and establish a number of civilian officers' training camps again this summer. This determination of the military authorities apparently amounts to a complete reversal of its policy announced some months ago of recruiting its new personnel of officers entirely from the ranks in the draft camps. While technically the men who enter the camps this summer will be civilians, it is understood that the men who attend them will be chosen largely from the college R. O. T. C.'s, among which Union is now an officially recognized unit.

Knowledge of the new plan was made public yesterday at battalion drill by Colonel Goldman, who read a despatch he recently received from Washington to the effect that this summer's reserve training camps will be open to aspirants classed under three heads. Class A is recruited from Americans who are at least twenty years and nine months of age and have completed in some regularly recognized college R. O. T. C. the course of military instruction for four years. There are no such men at Union, inasmuch as the battalion was not officially recognized until last fall. Class B is composed of men of the same age who have finished at least one year of instruction under a regularly detailed military officer and who have had at least 300 hours of such military instruction. Men in the first two classes only will be eligible for commissions at the end of their three months' course at the officers' training camps. They will have their transportation to and from the camp paid by the government, and men in Class A will receive, during their period of instruction, the pay of a first class private. Men grouped in Class C are the younger men of the college R. O. T. C.'s whose youth will make them ineligible for commissions at the end of the summer. They will be sent to camps similar to the old civilian camps at Plattsburg. Their requirements are approximately those of the members of Class B. They will also have their expenses paid, but will receive no pay while training. Admittance of Class A and B men depends upon their enlistment in the forces of the United States for the period of the

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Freshman Conduct.

The Freshmen have but two months more to be Freshmen. It will be sweet and commendable in their nature, if during this brief period they hold themselves still amenable to the little details which make their conduct sweet and commendable. When they get to be Sophomores they will probably be neither sweet in nature nor commendable in conduct. They have but little time left in which to approve themselves.

It is reported that they have established the habit of putting on their caps in chapel before descending from the gallery. This is monstrous. 'Tis writ down in the duty of every Union student to remain uncovered until the very moment when he emerges from the chapel door. It is an especially rank offense to put on head-gear in chapel in the presence of any member of a higher class.

Furthermore, many Freshmen do not seem anxious to speak to their fellow students on the campus. Some of them will reply when spoken to but there are too many who do not speak first, according to the law in such case made and provided.

There is also noticeable a laxity in saluting the members of the faculty.

Doubtless when the sweet spring has purged the Freshman mind of its sluggish humors a sprightlier attention to these matter of conduct will ensue.

PROF. HOERNLE DISCUSSES THEORIES OF MIND

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powers of seeing and hearing and the consequent remarkable development of the senses of touch, smell and taste renders her world or mind totally different from our. Though she can not perceive some things which we perceive, she has discovered things with which we are not acquainted.

The dog has a far keener sense of smell than we have. So greatly is this sense supposed to be developed that one philosopher says that a dog might consider every thing which can be smelled as real and all else non-existent. However much we may know about the music of the spheres we are denied the dog's paradise of smell.

A term to denote the comparative littleness of a mind is found in the words cross section. Thus the narrow mind is but a cross section of the broad mind. A child's mind is the cross section of the adult's. The mind of an ordinary individual is the cross section of the mind of a great scientist. Carrying this still further, the most comprehensive of minds is but a cross section of a mind which might grasp the universe.

There are five ways cited by literature in which one mind learns the contents of another. They are not mutually exclusive.

The first is perhaps the most familiar and least accurate; that of analogy or mere resemblance. We see in individuals facial or outward bodily expressions which typify certain of his own connected with feelings of pain or pleasure. This method is based on the Cartesian principle of the difference between mind and the material world.

Some of its more obvious faults are these: While we may know how other people look, we do not know how we ourselves look. We do not see ourselves as others see us. We do not know how our own mental feelings express themselves in our appearance so that we may compare the appearances of others with our own. Furthermore it neglects the much fuller guide of language and social experience.

The second is the pragmatic method. This was supported by James. It amounts to a cut and try method. Make guess as to the type of mind under observation and test for that type. The trouble with this is that if the hypothesis be framed cleverly enough we are bound to find it verified. For example, the savage, falling sick, supposed he had angered his idol. He sacrificed to it became well and was satisfied in the validity of his hypothesis.

The third theory, advanced by a German philosopher who was interested in the emotions set in play by art and music, was this: That the looks and actions of an individual of themselves impart characteristic feelings without the medium of one's companion to his own experiences.

The fourth assumes that man's experiences and attendant mental feelings are common or at least overlap. The fifth is that of social intercourse. This forms the foundation for the discovery of the mental impression and process of others.

The next lecture will deal with the problems of the knowledge of self.

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ILLNESS AGAIN HOLDS UP INTERFRATERNITY SERIES

Fate again took a hand in the affairs of the interfraternity basketball league when an engagement between Phi Gamma Delta and Phi Delta Theta in the final round of the series was prevented by the sudden illness of one of the Phi Gam players yesterday. The Phi Deltas, emerging from a measles quarantine and anxious to answer the Phi Gam challenge which they have had to disregard for the past few weeks, were sorely disappointed at not being able to mete out what they regard as a sure defeat to their rivals. The winner in the Phi Delt-Phi Gam contest will play Delta Phi for the championship of the series. Meanwhile at least three fraternities are praying that grippe, spring fever and measles kindly to keep off until the long-drawn out interfraternity basketball series is over.

DR. STEWART TO READ PAPER BEFORE ENGLISH CLUB

The English Club will meet Friday night at half past eight in the Graduate Council office. Dr. Stewart will present a paper on "Nietzsche and the War."

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(From the Patriotic News Service of the National Committee of Patriotic Societies, Washington, D. C.)

A plan to observe April 6th, the first anniversary of America's entry into the war as "National Win the War Day" has been worked out by the National Committee of Patriotic Societies.

A statement sent out to the presidents of fifty National Patriotic Organizations, to Cabinet members and other government officials and to college presidents, says: "At the beginning of our second year in the great war it is fitting that we have a National consecration to the task remaining before us. Because of numerous workless days during the past winter it is not advisable that the occasion should be made a holiday, but in every factory, store, mine, school and on every farm there should be a brief period during the day where everyone who is loyal to the flag should stand up and be counted. Flags should everywhere be unfurled. At twelve o'clock noon factory whistles and church bells should send forth a

volume of sound that will reach Berlin. Every band in the country will then play the "Star Spangled Banner" while people stand at attention. In the evening in the churches, halls and theatres the people can gather for meetings of inspiration. Regiments of the National Army may parade in cities near the cantonments.

The "winter of our discontent" with its coalless days and congested railroad and other minor annoyances is past. The spring with its promise of abundant crops and increased industrial production is here. Now is the time for America's Home Army to mobilize and thus bring courage to our boys in the trenches and cantonments, and depression to our enemies. Let Germany feel that this is a popular war in America. The effect of having the nation a unit in patriotic thought on this day cannot be over estimated. It will bring renewed courage and hope to our brave Allies.

In every college there should be special patriotic exercises at which

messages from students and alumni in the nation's service may be read, instruction as to how every college student can do his part to win the war can be given and a pledge of allegiance to the flag and to the cause of the war repeated by all. The colleges of America have responded nobly to the call to Arms. On April 6th faculties and students should let their brothers in the field know that they are with them in spirit and in effort.

WAR CYCLOPEDIA ISSUED BY THE GOVERNMENT

Pertinent Facts of the War Concisely and Authoritatively Stated.

A "War Cyclopaedia" is the latest special war publication of the Government issued through the Committee on Public Information. It is a handbook for ready reference on the great war, and contains a great mass of information simply arranged and clearly stated. It is issued in response to an insistent demand for authentic statements of the outstanding facts concerning the war in alphabetical arrangement.

The "War Cyclopaedia" was edited by Frederic L. Paxton, University of Wisconsin; Edwin S. Corwin, Princeton University, and Samuel B. Harding, Indiana University, the editors drawing freely upon the time and the patriotic good-will of a large number of special writers from all parts of the country. Because of its special value and the high cost of printing a small price of 25 cents a copy has been fixed by the Government to cover the cost of production and distribution. It may be obtained from the Committee on Public Information 10 Jackson Place, Washington, D. C.

Articles on persons have been left out except as the editors have deemed biographical notes to be absolutely indispensable; knowledge of American public men in particular has been assumed.

An indication of the character and the wide range of the information provided may be had from the following citations made at random through the alphabetical arrangement:

Under the title Alsace-Lorraine something of the history and the character of that province now in world dispute is given, and Professor Otfried Nippold, a German scholar formerly in the diplomatic service but now of Berne, is quoted as saying: "When one looks back into the history of Europe during the last forty years, it seems inconceivable that anyone can be unwilling to admit that the annexation of Alsace-Lorraine was a political mistake," and that "the Germans have shown themselves incompetent in their government of the people of Alsace-Lorraine."

The term "Boche," is shown to have originated before the war in Paris. The German assistants of Paris printers were so designated. The term "Boche" was probably also used in the Franco-Prussian War in 1870, for Zola, in his novel "La Debacle," put the term in the mouths of French soldiers to designate Germans. The term "ce boche" was used, before the Franco-Prussian War

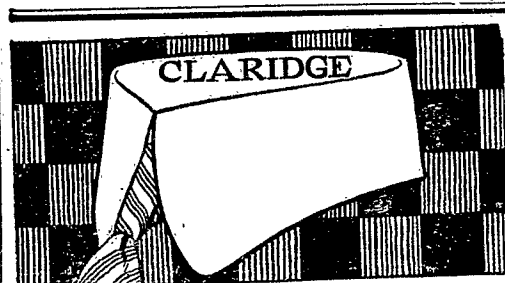
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war and retirement thereafter into the reserve.

The news of the intended establishment of more civilian training camps this summer was joyfully received by many of the Union battalion members who had previously despaired of getting commissions other than by the draft route. The men who were most appreciative were those who were too young to go to Madison Barracks last year and who are likely to be drafted before many moons.

At the end of yesterday's drill many signed to attend the camp which is to be maintained by the college this summer. According to information furnished applicants by Colonel Goldman the camp will be held throughout the month of June, beginning at the end of the college year. Its location may be in one of two places, either at Vischers Ferry, only a few miles from Schenectady, or at Sacketts Harbor on Lake Ontario. The former will be the location if the camp is maintained by Union alone; the latter will be the camp site if the Union battalion combines with some other college R. O. T. C. That there will be a camp for Union students, however, is practically certain.

By virtue of another section of the general orders read by Colonel Goldman yesterday, the regular annual inspection of all college R. O. T. C.'s will be shortly after the first of April. This means that the Union battalion is to be fully uniformed within a short time. A government commutation of about seven dollars now makes it possible for students to purchase the khaki uniforms which have for some time been stored in the armory, by the making of a deposit of seven dollars at the college office. The uniforms are worth about \$14.40.

CLASSICAL CLUB STILL

UNDER INTERREGNUM

Paucity of numbers at the last night's meeting of the Classical Club made it impossible to carry out the purpose of the meeting, the election of a president and vice-president. The office of president was left vacant some weeks ago by the enlistment in the service of E. M. Cameron, Jr., '18. The affairs of the club will go on, however, under the direction of W. L. Kennedy, Jr., '18, who was elected temporary chairman at last night's meeting. H. E. Rosenberg, '19, and C. A. Brind, Jr., '19, were designated as a committee to prepare a calendar of papers to be read during the remainder of the year. The club's official picture will be taken soon.

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at least, as equivalent to "that chump." Tete de boche" is the French slang for "blockhead."

The "War Encyclopedia" gives a remarkably succinct and comprehensive story of the execution of Edith Cavell.

All of the great war measures in the United States, such as the Espionage Act, the various acts concerning alien enemies, the Selective Draft, the Voluntary Censorship of the Press, etc., and all of the institutions that have been created to carry on the activities of the war, such as the War Trade Board, War Risk Insurance Bureau, Red Cross Service, Council of National Defense, Food Administration, etc., are comprehensively explained. There is also a wealth of information of value to students of military affairs concerning the Army and Navy and all their ramifying branches of service.

"Poilu," the word used affectionately by the French to designate their soldiers in the present war, is shown to have originated from the French word "poil," meaning hair. It is supposed that the term Poilu came to be applied to French soldiers because they were in the trenches and did not shave as the British soldiers did.

"Bolsheviki" is shown in the Cyclopaedia to be a Russian word meaning "belonging to the majority." The Bolsheviki were originally the left or Radical wing of the Russian Socialist Democratic Party. In 1905, at the time when the split in the party occurred, the Radicals, led by Lenine, were in the majority, and hence called themselves Bolsheviki.

An abbreviated history of the Russian revolution, from the overthrow of the Czar, through the Kerensky regime, and the Bolsheviki control, to the opening of separate peace negotiations with Germany, is contained in the Cyclopaedia.

Added to the alphabetical arrangement of general war facts, there is presented a chronology of the principal events of the war, from June 28, 1914, when the Archduke Francis Ferdinand was murdered at Serajevo, to December 29, 1917, when the British National Labor Conference approved the continuation of the war for aims similar to those defined by President Wilson.

The "War Encyclopedia" presents a map in colors under the caption "Why Germany Wants Peace Now." The map delineates the Pan-German plan as realized by war in Europe and in Asia. The Central Powers have a population of about 146,500,000. The occupied territory in Belgium, Northern France, Poland, Lithuania, Courland, Serbia, Montenegro, and Roumania possesses a population of

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CAST OF "FULL HOUSE" TO MAKE ITS BOW APRIL 11TH

This year's offering of the Dramatic Club, the farce entitled "A Full House," will be produced in Schenectady on April 11th, according to an announcement made by Manager Carr last night. The date of presentation in Poughkeepsie will be April 16th. Rehearsals for the affair are to be frequent this week, on account of the proximity of the date of production, and are being held in the gymnasium, where the play is to be exhibited to the public. The arrangements regarding the rehearsals has just been made with the consent of President Richmond and Assistant Secretary Dewey. Coach Johnny Holland is working constantly on the technicalities of the play with the cast, with the result that the members of the latter are showing great improvement in the presentation of their parts. The new plan of producing all the plays of the Dramatic Club in the gym will make it possible to present frequent dramas and farces next year in place of the one rather elaborate play which it has had been the custom to present on account of the difficulty and expense of hiring a local theatre for more than once in a season.



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