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EDITORIAL

Student Articles

Soon after this issue is published, you will scatter to the four winds, some not to return in the fall. As you go out, we would like to ask you not to forget the "Engineer." Though you will be far from here, some, maybe, in foreign fields, we will still be "carrying on" and we would appreciate a letter now and then. As engineers, you will be engaged in all the various kinds of engineering activities. While your work may get to be routine to you, it will be news to many of us left here. Any time that you think you have a good method of doing some particular thing, write a little article and send it to the "Engineer." Many will appreciate such an article, and at the same time the great family of O. S. U. students and alumni will be kept more closely bound together. This will always be of mutual benefit to us all.

Likewise, you who will return for the fall term. A description of your work for the summer will be read with interest by those of different occupations. Many will no doubt remain in offices and would appreciate the other view of the field man. So, in your summer experiences, if you see something that you think would interest the readers of the "Engineer" jot down a few notes and when you have an opportunity write up a report of it and submit it next fall. In this way you will not only help yourself, but you will also be helping some brother engineer. Let's hear from you.

Hobbies

Every one, be he man, woman or child, should have a hobby. Young men should have them for recreation and old men should have them to take the place of their business after they have become too old to take an active part. Some people just naturally seem to have hobbies, while others must acquire them. If you would impress a man just get him to talk of his hobby and then listen well. It is a sure way of making a good impression and of keeping many friends.

Possibly the first manifestation of hobbies is in your boyhood ambitions. These are hardly worthy of the name, as they are so transient and changeable, but we recognize in them that yearning for something different. As we grow older and become adapted to some calling or permanent occupation, we feel the need of something to rest the mind after hours of concentration and mental

effort. This may take any form, but usually should be different if possible from our usual occupation. It is one thing that is within the reach of all. It does not require any apparatus and no talent for we may choose something that is suitable to our particular wants and if it does not meet these requirements, it is no longer a hobby and we must seek further. We knew of one engineer who made notebooks his hobby. He had many kinds and varieties and had worked out a filing system that was almost perfection. It does not matter what your hobby is, just so you have one.

Personality

A very successful man was once asked what three human factors were the most influential in his success. His answer was, "Tact, Push and Principle." Tact, Push and Principle, these three, and the greatest of these is —. Who shall say? This is a very difficult question to answer. It is analagous to asking a soldier which is the most important part of a gun, the barrel, the trigger or the firing pin. One is of no use without the other two. Tact might be compared to the trigger of a gun. It is through this quality that the other two are brought to the best use. Push, the firing pin of human effort, is very essential to success for it is what puts our best ideas into action. Without it man becomes a day dreamer and a do-little. He has many ideas but they fail to materialize. Likewise, principle may be likened to the barrel which guides our activities into the proper channels. It serves to direct our energy so that all our best thoughts are made to do the most good. Without it we would be continually firing at random and not hitting anything. In fact, we would not be able to aim our ideas at the proper target and as a result all our effort and our energy would become a misdirected quantity and useless. The summation of these taken as a whole form what is known as personality and is the greatest single factor of success. Without it a man can never be much of a success. Every one should try and cultivate a good personality. Many hold that it cannot be acquired, but a good character, which is the backbone of a good personality, can undoubtedly be developed. No matter how brilliant a man is, without personality he will always be hampered. And on the other hand, men who are not of the highest mentality, but who have persistence and personality, are very successful.