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Thanks

SOME years ago the faculty of the College of Engineering felt that there was a definite need for an engineering publication on the campus. As a result of this feeling, the OHIO STATE ENGINEER was established. Down through the many years that have elapsed since the first issue was published our faculty have stood solidly behind the ENGINEER and cooperated with its staff to make it better and of more service to the College and its students. We wish to thank them for their renewed interest and helpful cooperation this year. We are especially grateful to the Dean, Junior Dean, and the Department Heads.—*The Editor.*

Ohio Stater

THERE recently appeared on the campus a new publication called the "Ohio Stater." It is a very attractive little magazine from the standpoint of make-up, type, and general appearance. The photographic work is excellent. An interesting short story appears on the first page. The next item is the news column which is briefly but attractively written, and opposite this is the magazine's "Hall of Fame," in which there are three write-ups of campus celebrities along with excellent photographs attractively placed. A book review page, an editorial page, and several feature articles are also among the contents. The magazine contains sixteen pages and an attractive two-color cover.—*F. H. T.*

Half of Engineering

IN ORDER to be a good first rate engineer we all know that a good background of mathematics, including all branches thereof, and a knowledge of the science of all our surroundings is very essential. But in my belief this is only half of what the qualities of an engineer should be. One may have book knowledge and yet never be a successful

engineer. I do not consider any one an engineer until he has had considerable experience. A graduate from an engineering college is not an engineer. He has only been prepared to be one. In my mind the other half of engineering is character, personality, and a great creative and imaginative mind. By character I mean truthfulness,

Choosing

THIS mortal life of ours is filled with decisions. At every turn we are confronted with problems that must be solved, decisions that must be made. Since this economic slump (we mean the depression) has come upon us the demand for graduate engineers has decreased. What could be more logical than to decrease the supply of men so trained. If business recovers within the next few years, the undergraduate engineers, freshmen and sophomores will not be affected, but it is the men in the senior class who will soon feel this decreased demand for engineers. Therefore, to prevent this "over-production," the total number of engineering graduates throughout the country should be reduced.

But there are people involved, living, breathing men, with ambitions, hopes, emotions, and physical and mental limitations. These men have spent three valuable and productive years of their life working for an education (or should we say training) and when they have finished they will be given diplomas from their different Alma Maters to show the world that they have made this sacrifice. Peering into the background we find mothers and fathers who have saved and scrimped for a lifetime to give their son this chance.

If the policy of cutting down the number of graduates were to be adopted by the universities, the students would be faced by a great problem. Should they continue and sacrifice their health and vitality in order to meet the increased requirements and volume of work required, taking a chance that they would be one of the "fittest to survive,"

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or should they return to their homes bringing disappointment and heartaches to those who had made their education possible thus far?

If a manufacturer, confronted with a decreased buying public, has a quantity of his products in the last stage of manufacture he does not scrap this bulk of nearly finished products but puts them on the market that they may sell themselves by their own merits against competing articles. He does, however, cancel or reduce his orders for raw materials and raises his specifications for the raw materials that he will use.—*F. H. T.*

The world is a looking-glass, and it gives back to every man the reflection of his own face. Frown at it, and it in turn will look sourly upon you; laugh at it and with it, and it is a jolly, kind companion.—*W. M. Thackeray.*

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No man lives without jostling and being jostled; in all ways he has to elbow himself through the world, giving and receiving offense.—*Carlyle.*