

Bill carefully folded the paper, put it in his pocket and turned his gaze out the window.

"What's the matter, Bill?" asked his friend, "life's not that serious, is it?"

I could not help but laugh to myself. The diversity of life is strange but it is wonderful. I could not refrain from pondering over the words of Oliver Wendell Holmes: "Life is a great bundle of little things; human behavior is made and not born."

—RALPH GAUDET '55

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If you are a student and a loyal Saint, your thermo-controls are already crying danger and you will soon be at the point where you can spit the fires of vengeance at all and sundry tainted with the smear of even association with such a degrading thought. If you are still reading this (because students are not supposed to read editorials), and have finished your vituperation and remonstrating, then get this: the chances are ten to one that you have not this year yet done a thing to really help the RED AND WHITE. Certainly, both tongue—and fist-swinging support are necessary (for they give you a chance to prove your "College spirit"), but let's put an idea on that tongue and a pen in that fist, and boy will you feel silly! Now too that we have disclosed the ingredients of the RED AND WHITE we bet you dropped through the small end of your megaphone.

Getting back to the suggestion,—it is made in all seriousness. The RED AND WHITE is supposed to be a student effort, and that means all students who have the ability. As it is now, we can come to two conclusions: either a very few have the ability or the vast majority are not even trying. In either case, why painfully extract substance from a suffering few in order to sustain something which amounts to not much more than a 45-year-old tradition? Yes, the RED AND WHITE has struggled through 45 years of semi-ardidity, but are we coming to an oasis?

Judging by our increased numbers we should be. However, a search through the verdant foliage reveals very little fruit and some branches that haven't even budded. In other words, the student body generally is very unconcerned, while this year so far, our Co-eds. have not become aware that such a being as the RED AND WHITE shares our planet.

Then again, that last statement is not quite true. Everyone knows about the RED AND WHITE and moreover, after reading the Humor Section, the greater number can tell right-off whether or not it is a good issue. While applauding this feat, our sense of achievement should not develop into a complex, thwarting further literary ambition.

Now this whole tirade perhaps does sound like the last will and testament of one disappointed in love and definitely is not very constructive. We now wax constructive!

1. Come to an intellectual conviction that RED AND WHITE is your magazine. 2. As a necessary conclusion, you will have to write for it or at least try. 3. Abolish the thought that you "can't". This can be done by a successful effort to prove that you can, or a good honest try which proves from its utter failure that you were right in the first place. At least now you have a reason for the faith that is in you. 4. Take two seconds to realize that the I-don't-have-time excuse is really nothing more than an excuse. 5. Choose a topic which you can give original treatment. 6. At any state in your work consult your teacher to solve difficulties of any kind. 7. Rewrite and revise if necessary to improve style and content.

In other words, if you are not satisfied with the suggestions there is no easy way to writing. The simple formula is work.

RESULT: We won't have to abandon the RED AND WHITE.

—EDITORIAL.

"Perfect schools are the result not so much of good methods as of good teachers - - -"

—Pope Pius XI in "Christian Education of Youth."