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EDITORS' NOTES

ABOUT OUR AUTHORS

Dr. Edward Lee Thorndike, Professor of Psychology at Teachers College, Columbia University, has long been noted for his studies in psychological testing, and still more for his efforts in the advancement of culture and general well-being. Never satisfied, in the true scientific spirit, with time-worn reasons advanced for human behavior or definitions of culture or attainment, Professor Thorndike has spent most of his life endeavoring to bring fresh viewpoints to the fields in which he has labored, and judging by the comments of the press and of his contemporaries has been markedly successful.

While in Pasadena this spring, Professor Thorndike presented three lectures on the subject of "Welfare" at the Athenaeum, talked at a student assembly, and attended many seminars and discussion groups. One example of his interest-provoking studies cited several times during this period was the apparent fact that not many people exist who are not doing approximately what they want in their occupation. A prize example of this, uncovered in a recent survey, was that of a railway crossing guard who liked his job of raising and lowering the gate so much that on his day off he would go down the line a few miles and watch a friend raise and lower his gate. Another survey reported on was a study of 400 unemployed persons, of which psychological tests indicated only two had creative-type minds.

Continuing in the field of psychology, Robert T. Ross, '27, Assistant Professor of Psychology at Stanford University, discusses the validity of personality tests. Present-day personnel departments, especially in large industrial organizations, have been making increased usage of personality tests in the selection of job-applicants, and Dr. Ross discusses some of the values and limitations of these tests.

No articles in the December issue, or perhaps in any preceding issue, attracted such widespread comment as Sid Zipser's story of his photographic tour of the Orient. Or could it have been the picture that accompanied the article? At any rate, Sid continues his expedition in this issue, with the accompaniment of six of the best travel pictures we've seen anywhere. Since returning from his trip, Sid has supplied Asia and the National Geographic magazines with several examples of his art, and has won several prizes in photograph exhibitions.

Another interesting series started in the December issue was Ed Layton's story of his experiences in Venezuela. Ed also is back in the Review, this time with the narrative of a trip over the famous Trans-Andean highway.

LIFE VISITS TECH

LIFE Magazine in its March 17 issue paid a tribute to the Institute by devoting several pages of pictures and comment to life at Tech. "Here," said the editors, "students study not the sciences, but Science . . . and watch Masters tackle basic problems."

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