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A Premium on Neatness.

"One was very tired at the end of the day. The whole atmosphere of the college was very unlike Oxford and Cambridge. Every one was taught to be clean, smart and punctual, to salute and to obey, so that they might afterwards command. Intemperance of any kind was a fatal offense. A cadet was rusticated or even dismissed for a single lapse.....Speechifying and vaporizing to callow half-baked opinions were unknown."

You see in this excerpt from Churchill's Autobiography how it was at Sandhurst College for young Winston. As the years brought more sense between Mr. Churchill's graying temples, did he regret his early discipline? Did he think it excessive, useless?

Quite on the contrary, this is the way he writes about it:

"I should like after my experience of life and affairs to introduce a little Sandhurst discipline at our great universities. I should like to make the young men get up in the morning and parade at 8 o'clock in flannels, to be properly inspected to see that they were washed and shaved and afterwards to have a little physical drill before they went to breakfast and their studies.

"I should like to see them attend the evening meal in a different garb, however cheap, from that which they have worn all day, and be made to feel that it is an occasion to some ceremony in the life of any one who aspires to take a part in the direction of our complicated social, industrial and political life. Some of our universities at the present time seem to be forcing beds of sloppiness and slouching, both in body and in mind. Indeed the prevailing fashion seems to be long hair, untidy clothes and subversive opinions."

You like advice straight from successful, practical men of affairs? They know from first-hand experience what a fellow is up against in the world?

Consider then Mr. Churchill's disgust--after his long experience of life and affairs --with sloppiness. Consider well the importance he attaches to proper personal appearance. Do you notice that he connects up closely sloppiness of body with sloppiness of mind?

Mr. Churchill wouldn't think it beneath the dignity of university men if they were made to stand morning inspection on such matters as washing and shaving. He would have them change clothes for the evening meal. If he thinks these things that important for after life, what about your attitude?

Someone "gets" you if you wear your hat, if you don't have your coat and collar and tie in the dining hall? Professors insist upon neatness in dress at their classes? Develop your own habits in these matters. They are extremely important.

For Joe Sullivan.

The Monogram Club requests that all members be present at the Masses to be said for Joe Sullivan Wednesday and Thursday mornings in Sorin Hall chapel at 6:30.

Joe Sullivan's condition is not by any means entirely satisfactory. He asks frequently for the prayers of the entire student body. And he needs those prayers, in spite of all reports to the contrary. Get going again to Mass and Holy Communion for his recovery. Start tomorrow morning.

PRAYERS: Deceased, grandmother of Pat Donnelly. Ill, mother and sister of Father Brennan, C.S.C.; Paul Mueller (Lyons); Bob Malarney (St. Ed's.); Ed Kirby (Sorin); 2 persons seriously ill. Five special intentions. Ill, father of William Wipf, Dillon.