From The Editor's Notebook

Last Fall when I took over the reins of the "Babsonian" I was completely unaware of the obstacles that lay ahead of me. But within a short time I realized what the terms "layout", "proofs", "deadlines", and the many others meant. In fact, there were times when I really wondered if the "book" was worth the time and effort.

However, after continual plodding along I finally finished, and I sincerely enjoyed the job.

At this time I wish to thank the class of '54 for allowing me the pleasure of directing the activities of our last "Babsonian".

Above all, I am very grateful for the assistance of Harvey Miller, Walter White, Albert Papazian, James Christy, "Dotty", "Natalie", Lyn-Art, Sargent Studios, and many others whose efforts made this publication possible.

Sincerely,

Harry E. Humphries, Esq.

Editor
WITHIN THIS GATE . . .

We lived three years of our youth, against different scenes, with different people, but always with enthusiasm for the spirit of BABSON . . .
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Presented by the
CLASS OF NINETEEN HUNDRED FIFTY FOUR
AT BABSON INSTITUTE
IN BABSON PARK, MASSACHUSETTS
"There is a time in every man's education when he arrives at

the conviction that envy is ignorance; that imitation is

suicide; that he must take himself for better, for worse,

as his portion; that though the wide universe is full of good,

no kernel of nourishing corn comes to him but through

his toil bestowed on that plot of ground which is

given him to till. The power which resides in him is new in

nature, and none but he knows what that is which he can do,

nor does he know until he has tried."—Emerson
DEDICATION

To Walter H. Carpenter Jr.,
the class of 1954, with thanks
and sincerity, respectfully
dedicates this book.

WALTER H. CARPENTER, JR.

The class will always re-
member the infamous indus-
try analysis which was indi-
vidually presented to "Uncle
Walt." We all uttered sighs of
relief upon turning in our
I. A.'s, considered perhaps to
be the greatest obstacle to-
wards our three year struggle for a degree. We were all exposed
to other courses of Mr. Carpenter's at which time we felt rather over-
worked, but later became rewarded.

Outside the classroom "Uncle Walt" will long be remembered
as the genial director of Park Manor who was always willing to give
anyone a few moments of his time to offer a little kind advice. Because
of his likeable character, and his earnest friendship within the classroom
as well as without, we have gained a great deal of respect for him.

And it is therefore, out of this due respect to this understanding
man who so diligently endeavored to groom us for the business world,
that we the Class of 1954 pay tribute.
Those last few steps brought back
many memories - our classes, games,
parties, and, above all, our friends -
which will never be forgotten, for
we have just finished three of the
happiest years of our lives.
The real test of any worth-while education is how much self-education it contains. What have you found out about yourself, your capacity, your successes and failures? Some ancient sage once remarked: "It is better to conquer oneself than to conquer a city." Certainly it is harder, under certain circumstances, accurately to appraise one's own power, than it is to appraise an opposing army and defeat it; for the foes of a man's house are often those of his own household; that is, his own qualities, traits, desires, pleasures, goals.

The fact that you have come so far on life's way with a moderate degree of success should be tremendously encouraging to you. You have passed through a number of difficult situations, scholastically speaking. You have put forth a deal of good, honest, hard work. But more is to be required of you in the years to come. My advice to you, therefore, is this:

Take time during the remaining weeks, before your next job begins, to look back over your college life and assess what it has really done for you. I think, if you look, you will find that it has done this for you:

It has in the first place trained and tempered your mind so that you possess to a degree which you perhaps did not expect, the ability to comprehend, to correlate, to organize, and to apply theories to facts, and both to situations, in a manner that you would have found it impossible to do three years ago.

In the second place, your college life has trained you in the evaluation of people and strengthened your techniques of meeting them, dealing with them amicably, and developing from your contacts with them lasting friendships and companionable values which will be of tremendous help to you in the years to come.

In the third place your college life has served, perhaps indirectly, to help you assess yourself. It has given you confidence to meet new situations and new problems, strong in the assurance that others have passed this way successfully and that you, too, have the tools, and the energy, and the ambition, to carve out a successful life for yourself. The greatest sign of maturity is self-knowledge. Socrates summed up the most important goal in a man's life in these words: "Know thyself." To this I would add, through my knowledge of you: "Trust thyself." Go forward in confidence, and "make no little plans!" God bless you!

E. B. Hinckley
We were not always studying... Here

we see our League Champions in action...
ALUMNI MESSAGE

Congratulations:

Unquestionably these past few years have been very enjoyable with their educational and social opportunities.

You have invested much in time and effort at Babson to reach this step on the ladder of success.

In order to keep business, social, and educational opportunities available, your Alumni Association was formed.

Therefore, I extend you a most cordial invitation to join us. Best Wishes for success.

Thomas A. Duffy
President
Alumni Association
Long will be remembered the parties, dances, and, above all, our Winter Carnival . . . .
Mr. and Mrs. Roger W. Babson were again honored at the seventh annual Founders' Day celebration held at Knight Auditorium on November 13, 1953, at ten o'clock in the morning.

The keynote idea behind this year's celebration was "The History of Our School," and those who spoke on the occasion presented their speeches accordingly.

Following Dr. Hinckley's Invocation and Introduction, Mr. Austin H. Fitz spoke of the early history of Babson Institute, Dr. James M. Matthews spoke for the Corporation, Mr. H. Clyde Baldwin for the Board of Trustees, Mr. B. R. Canfield for the Faculty, Mr. John A. Perkins ('46) for the Alumni, and Mr. John M. Daigle for the Students. Their speeches exemplified the factors which were responsible for making Babson Institute the outstanding school that it is today.

The Founders of Babson Institute were then presented with a token of the college's appreciation, a pair of symbolic silver sea shells. Mr. and Mrs. Babson thereupon expressed their thanks and Mr. Babson spoke for a few short, but informative, minutes concerning one of his many successful business enterprises. This was one of the few occasions during the college year that Mr. Babson addresses the student body, and the audience listened closely to his words.

The Vice President of the Alumni Association and the President of the Student Council expressed their gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Babson and Dr. Hinckley concluded the assembly with the Benediction.
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