The Small College


President Hall’s avowed purpose is “to throw a little light on an important and traditional segment of higher education in America by use of the case method. From the events in the life of one college during the administration of a single president may be drawn lessons of much wider applicability. . . .” This book, then, attempts to be nothing more nor less than a highly personal account of the conduct of the president’s office at the College of Idaho from 1939 to 1948. Problems are frankly stated and reasoned. The answers are not all here, for no college president has all the answers. President Hall offers the reading public the opportunity to accompany him in the conduct of his responsibilities and to draw its own conclusions on how these were discharged. This is done with frankness, vigor and literary ability. Educator and layman alike will have difficulty in putting this volume down, once begun. What a refreshing change from most professional literature!

The problems of most colleges and many universities are all here. Faculty salaries were, as in other places, still at a mid-thirties low, and a certain amount of stagnation had set in. How could one attract scholarly young men with real teaching ability to this small institution in the sagebrush? The endowment was insignificant and the draft soon cut deeply into enrolment. How, to quote a chapter heading, make “Two and Two Make Six”?

Bibliography in an Age of Science


Librarians reading these second Windsor lectures will have the eerie sensation of moving along the thin knife edge of the barely known into the realm of science fiction—science fiction set in the library. Librarian readers will be uneasy unless they have prepared themselves by acquiring a bowing acquaintance with Berkeley’s Giant Brains and Wiener’s Cybernetics. The statements made and implications drawn by Dean Ridenour, a physicist and radar expert, and by Professor Hill, another physicist and one-time Bell telephone engineer, out-fantasy Frederick Keppel’s “Looking Forward, A