

WILLIAMS WANTS FEWER 'NICE BOYS'

Dennett Says Higher Standing Prep School Graduates Are Too Numerous There

ALUMNI HELD AT FAULT

More Students From Ordinary High Schools Would Be More Representative, He Adds

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BOSTON, March 11.—Dr. Tyler Dennett, president of Williams College, told alumni at the annual banquet here that the undergraduate body was not truly representative of the American people nor of the youth of America because of the influx of "nice boys" from the higher class of preparatory schools.

He said he would like to see a more balanced enrollment, numbering more boys who did not go to a prep school but were graduated in good standing from an ordinary high school.

"But," he said with a smile, "high school students are giving us a wide berth."

He described the situation as a problem the college would like very much to solve.

"We're getting 'nice boys' on the campus now," he said. "I put that phrase 'nice boys' in quotes. They are coming from a number of the popular preparatory schools."

Williams, in order to keep freshman standards on at least a par with the prep schools, he explained, was of necessity making it increasingly difficult for high school students to maintain the college requirements. Williams alumni were contributing to the situation, he said, by ignoring high schools almost entirely and sending their boys to preparatory schools.

He spoke of Hotchkiss, Exeter, Deerfield and Kemp Academies in mentioning the popular preparatory schools. Without pointedly criticizing the preparatory schools or those who send their sons there, he declared the preponderance of such graduates enrolled made Williams a much less representative college than it had been formerly.

Dr. Dennett referred to the Supreme Court temptest when, in reviewing his tenure as president at Williams, he said:

"If the Supreme Court should ask me, I'd say that while the young men of the Williams board are sometimes divided on liberal policies; it has been my experience, without exception, that all the older members have supported the more liberal policies and I have depended upon them fully—not that the Supreme Court has divided on issues on the age basis."