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Emile Boutmy's "School of the Political Sciences" in Paris Has For Years Educated Practically All Appointees to the French Foreign Services.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—"Among the many things Mr. Root has done for this country during his public career one of the greatest and most abiding is the new regime he has introduced into the consular service," said, the other day, one of the best known citizens of the District of Columbia. "Much yet remains to be done and doubtless the Secretary would gladly have gone further if Congress had given him the authority, but he has at any rate made more than a great beginning."

—That this country is even yet laggard in providing for an intelligent well-educated consular service is a conclusion that has been strengthened in the mind of Dr. Richard D. Harlan, former president of Lake Forest University near Chicago and eldest son of Justice Harlan of the United States Supreme Court, who has been making a tour of England and France in the interest of the George Washington University of this city. When Dr. Harlan went abroad last summer he had in mind particularly to investigate two schools in England and France which have acquired a wide reputation for their practical methods of preparing young men for diplomatic careers. These are respectively the great Ecole des Sciences Politiques, Paris, and the London School of Economics and Political Sciences, which, in many respects, must serve as models for the organized school of diplomacy which has been in process of upbuilding in this city since 1898.

In speaking of the Paris school Dr. Harlan says: "The story of the Ecole des Sciences Politiques makes one of the brightest pages in recent French history. At the close of the Franco-Prussian war the one thought upper-most in the minds of every intelligent patriotic Frenchman was, 'What can be done to lift our coun-

try out of the dust and make a new France.

"It came into the heart of Emile Boutmy that the best way for him to help his country was to found a school where her sons might acquire a better knowledge of the nations of the world (France included), of diplomacy, history, social questions and the political science. With this end in view, Boutmy founded Ecole des Sciences Politiques, in 1871, and gave generously of his means and all his energies and time to its upbuilding.

"The success of this school was instantaneous. It now employs fifty professors and instructors and has 1,000 students. So important has been its service to France that during the past ten years all the appointees to the French foreign service, whether diplomatic or consular, with only three exceptions, have been graduates of this school.

"Its diploma helps not only to open the door to the public service, but has enabled its graduates to carry off many of the richest prizes in large commercial enterprises in France, and Emile Boutmy's name will always be remembered as one of the benefactors of modern France.

An equally enthusiastic account is brought back of the successful working of the London School of Economics.

This institution was founded in 1893 for the purpose of giving young Englishmen training in the sciences particularly appropriate to governmental service at home and abroad. It was overcrowded in the first year, and larger quarters had to be secured. It happened in 1900 that the University of London, composed of various schools of the higher education, had to be remodelled, and with it the School of Economics was affiliated. Lord Roseberry in 1902 presented the building now occupied in Clare Market.

The school had a total of 1,635 students in 1906-7. It is independent of government control, though a subsidy of from \$12,000 to \$15,000 is granted by reason of special service to the State. Each season the institution receives 400 students nominated by eight of the leading railway companies of Great Britain from among the more promising of their employees. The Secretary of the British War Department has also undertaken the training of thirty selected officers in some of the subjects offered by the school. Many important private corporations of the British metropolis now send their best clerks to the School of Economics after business hours as a means of increasing their efficiency.

In accordance with the reforms instituted by Secretary Root, young men in all the leading colleges are now being urged to consider the diplomatic service as offering a field for a career. It is, however, generally recognized that even the best equipped graduates of universities and technical schools need specialized training for the particular calling which they are going to undertake. This is the kind of training which they would secure as a matter of course in Great Britain or France, and which is beginning to be recognized in this country as necessary, provided Uncle Sam is to be better represented abroad than he has been in the past. During his tour Dr. Harlan had occasion to interview hundreds of business men, both Americans and foreigners, and he discovered that almost without exception they say that the United States consular service is still far from being up to the mark.

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