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WHAT IS AN EDITOR?

The National Conference of Editorial Writers held its first meeting in Washington. They devoted an afternoon to the technique of the editorial art or craft. From the discussion two conclusions emerged:

1. There are no standards for editorials (which is all right with this editorial writer).
2. There are standards of editors. The standard editor, if you could find him, must have had some slight preparation for his job. He must have made Phi Beta Kappa in college and edited the Harvard (or at least Yale) Law Review.

He must have mastered all the "Great Books," including Aristotle and Aquinas, but he must not have lost his youthful ability to turn out a funny piece, say, on "the short view of the long skirt and the long view of the short skirt."

He need not have been a judge but he must have acquired a knowledge of law and court procedure which could come only from 10 years of general practice at the bar. It is not required that he should have been Secretary of State, but it is mandatory that he should have lived a total of not less than 150 years in India, Europe, South America, Russia, Palestine and China, with side trips to the Solomons and the Aleutians.

He must have served a term as city manager and it would help if he had served one in prison. It is not essential that he be a scientist, but it will be sufficient if he has a working knowledge of nuclear physics based on a thorough understanding of Einstein's general theory of relativity and the late Dr. Planck's quantum theory.

Politics, tariffs and taxation must hold no secrets for him. He must be able to watch the world making a fool of itself daily without having his faith shaken that he can change all that with a couple of hundred well-worn words tomorrow.

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