

least some group of living things. Such an interest would be a source of constant enjoyment.

Your Committee recommends that the courses proposed by the biological science departments be adopted as a requirement for graduation for all students entering the College in the fall of 1945 and thereafter. Normally these courses should be taken during the freshman or sophomore year. We also recommend that the courses immediately following the course in General Biology be reduced from five-hour to three-hour courses.

Your Committee does not feel that it should recommend a required course in a physical science or in general physical science. The latter does not seem to be practically possible, nor does it seem to be so essential for all students as does the course in general biology.

V. Western Civilization

The following report of a special committee, selected by the Committee on Curriculum, contains a proposal concerning which your Committee wishes to submit a recommendation:

1. All students in the College shall be required to have obtained already or to obtain in the freshman and sophomore years a knowledge of modern civilization in the West such as would be of college standard.

The requirement shall be broad enough to insure that anyone passing it successfully will have demonstrated understanding of at least the basic characteristics of the present society of which he is a part and of the cultural heritage of that society. It will emphasize not only the growth and nature of Western institutions as such, but also, as of equal importance, the rise and content of the Christian and the Democratic idea that has emerged in the West.

The historical scope to be included will be limited in time, say, from the later Middle Ages to the present. "This span of history has", as the University of Iowa Committee say of their proposed requirement in the same direction, "a large measure of continuity and unity. It is an era of civilization particularly pertinent to the present. It should be comprehensive in the sense that it brings