

### Rev. H. G. C. Hallock Writes on Chinese Monkey-God Legend

The echo of the Darwinian dispute is more than nine-fold; its legends and its various aspects rebound as often as antagonist and protagonist have an idea and the breath to expound it. The Chinese had an idea about the common ancestry of man and monkey before Darwin's great-great-grandparents saw the light of day.

The Rev. H. G. C. Hallock, missionary to China, has become interested in the "proofs" of the theory, according to his letter written June 20 to the editor. He says he has handled photographs of an islander with a tail four inches long, and in Japan he has seen a stuffed calf with a human face.

The Chinese of old say that a monkey, except for his face, became not only a man but a god, and has his temples and is worshiped in China. The legend of the monkey god, according to the Rev. Hallock, follows:

#### Hatched From Stone

"The Chinese say he was hatched, by gentle zephyrs, from a stone egg on a rocky mountain, to be a delight to the uppergod. But, alas, he was a trouble-maker. He was ambitious and his exploits caused him to be acclaimed king of the animals and to wax strong. Through Long-Wang he got an iron rod which he could expand at will to span the sky or contract so as to fit in his ear, a magic wand. Pu-ti taught him how to fly and how to change himself into 72 different shapes. What he could not do is hard to say. But as he gained in power, and his friends said he was worthy to rule heaven, he wished to do so.

"Many kings made league with him and celebrated it with feasting. But our monkey got drunk, and while unconscious he was taken to hell. He awoke, overcame the powers of hell and escaped. He was accused to Yoh Wang who thought to keep Monkey quiet by bestowing upon him the title "Heavenly Horse-Keeper." He was elated; but learning it was an empty title, he, in fierce anger, smashed heaven's gate and overturned the throne.

"The upper-god called upon the hosts of heaven and hell to overcome the monkey; but in vain. After the monkey's victory the upper-god, in fright, conceded monkey's demands, made him a god, conferred upon him a real title, and allowed him to live in heaven in a grand castle. But monkey-god was not godly! He would steal, stealing and eating the peaches of everlasting life and, from Lao Chun's palace, stole and ate his pills of immortality. Doubly immortal, proud of his powers, he constantly mocked the other gods. He became unbearably overbearing. A great conference was called in heaven to which great Buddha was summoned. The monkey-god even tried to mock this, the self-existent one!

#### Buddha Makes Bet

"I have heard that you are a great jumper, is it true?" asked the Buddha. "I'll bet you can't leap out of my hand. If you do I'll make you King of heaven."

"The monkey eagerly answered, 'I can turn over 108,000 li in one somersault, why shouldn't I leap out of your hand?' Then the monkey-god turned a somersault to the five white pillars—limits of the universe—and wrote his name on one, to show he'd been there, and turned a somersault back in triumph.

"Didn't I turn out of your hand?" asked the monkey-god.

"See what you wrote on my finger!" the Buddha answered, and showed Monkey his name on his finger—one of the pillars! Monkey gazed amazed.

"Buddha seized him, put him under

a mountain, fed him with hot iron to punish him for his many sins, and said, 'After a number of years a monk named Dang Sen will come and free you. You shall follow and guard him as he goes for the books of Buddha from the Western Paradise.' Years sped; all came true; Monkey reformed, became true to his title, 'The holiest in the heaven,' and people began to worship him."

### Northwestern Alumni Association Totals 7,000

Northwestern university's general alumni association has today a membership of 7,000 at the end of its seventh year of existence, according to a recent report of Charles W. Ward, executive secretary. The association was formed in 1921 by a union of all the organizations representing the alumni of the several schools of the university and had then a membership of 2,600.

Its monthly magazine has grown to 44 pages in size and ranks as one of the two or three best publications of its kind in the country. Seventy-six cities have organized clubs of Northwestern alumni.

All of last year's officers of the association have been re-elected for another year. They are: President, Leslie M. Gooder of Winnetka; vice-president, Thomas A. Harwood, Evanston; secretary, Dr. John H. Cadmus, Evanston; treasurer, George P. Ellis, formerly of Evanston, but now of Beverly Hills.

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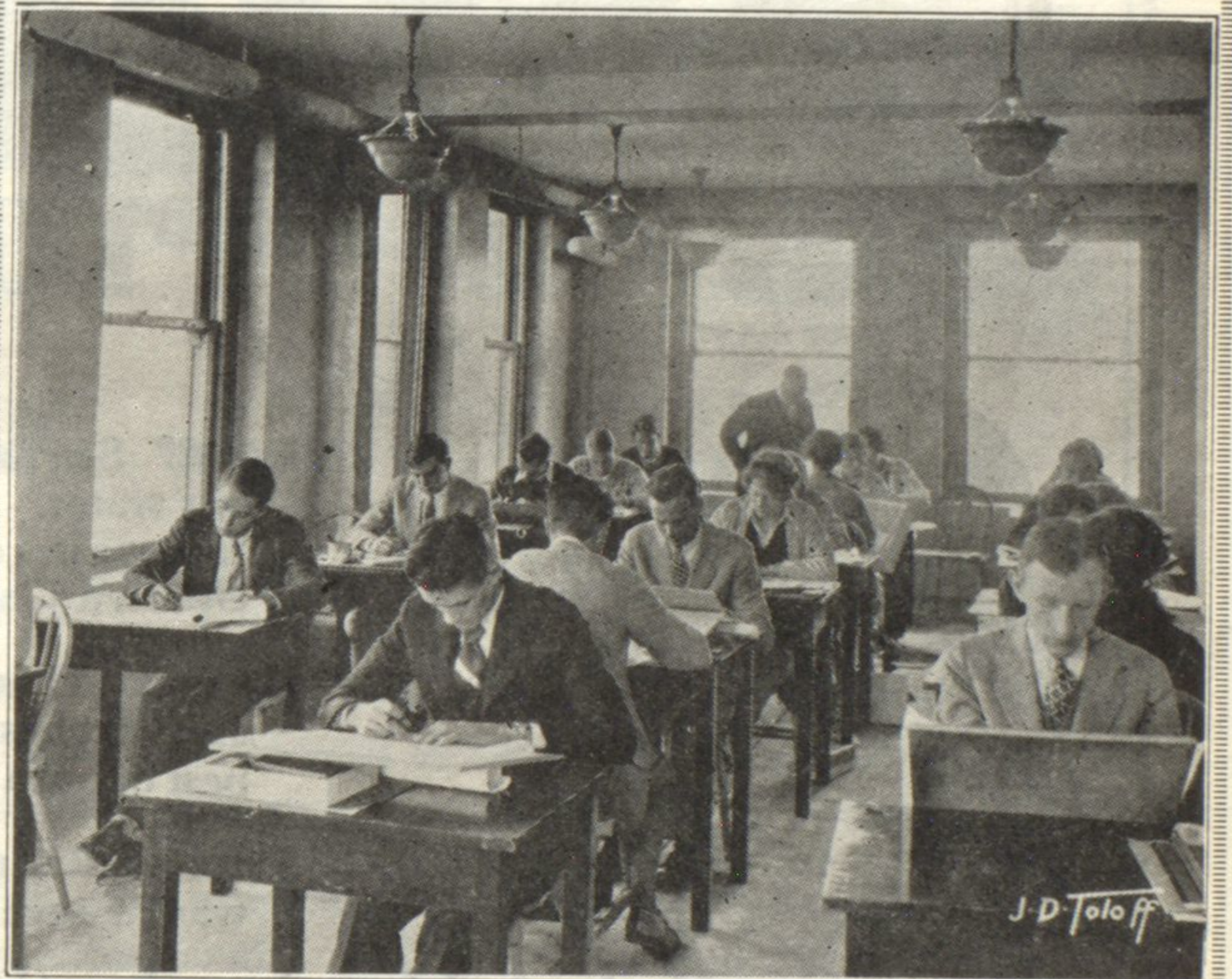
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