

The Bureau of Printing, Manila

SYSTEM OF APPRENTICE INSTRUCTION IN THE MANILA BUREAU OF PRINTING

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HE Manila Bureau of Printing has instituted a system of apprentice instruction which is a radical departure from all known methods of vocational training. The practicability of its scheme has received world-wide approval. Leaders in the graphic arts and instructors in institutions devoted solely to teaching printing and its allied trades have expressed admiration at the fullness of its details and the

coherence of its parts. Instructors in Harvard University, impressed with the thoroughness of the Bureau's system, have signified their intention of using its material in connection with this year's course in printing in the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration.

The efficacy of the system is best evidenced by the evolution from an all-American force in 1902 to the present one composed

The printed word is the greatest contribution to man's storehouse of knowledge. The gift of knowledge is man's inalianable possession. Its benefits can be frequ impacted, but its substance can not be bartered or given aimag

of 94 per cent of Filipino workmen. Of this native element, apprentices constitute 63.63 per cent. All of the mechanical work of the Bureau of Printing is being performed by Filipinos, Americans acting only in a supervisory capacity.

Apprentice instruction places the Bureau of Printing in a position unique among the world's printing offices. No other public or private *producing* establishment in existence is operated with so large a percentage of students comprising its technical force. In American and European printing offices the apportionment of apprentices to journeymen is on a basis of from 1-to-15 to 1-to-5, whereas in the Bureau of Printing the present ratio is 1§ a pprentices to 1 nutive craftsman.

The Bureau, however, is not primarily a school of printing. It furnishes all the printing and binding for the Philippine Government and certain work for local stations of the United States

A Battery of Linotypes, Composing Division, with Filipino Operators



Army and Navy. Among its customers are the various Insular bureaus and offices, the Philippine Legislature, 38 provinces, and 725 municipalities. Its modern equipment consists in part of twenty linotypes; thirty cylinder, platen, embossing, and automatic printing presses; fifty bookbinding machines; twenty-five stereotyping and electrotyping machines; a photo-engraving plant equipped for line, half-tone, and color-process engravings; a machine shop; and a power plant in duplicate. The plant is valued at ₱1.000.000.

During the last decade the business of printing and publishThe printing press is the great contributing factor to the progress of the human rare. The industrial success and intellectual advancement of all nations may be measured by the quantitu and quality of their printed matter

ing has advanced from a comparatively obscure position to sixth place among American industries. In 1909, the last year for which statistics are available, its products were valued at #1,500,000,000.

Coincident with the amazing growth of the printing industry there has been rapid development along the line of technical education in order to improve the quality of workmanship. Printing courses have been established in public and private schools, in which this vocational work is now being carried on in many States of the Union. The Congress of the United States has also recognized the need of industrial instruction in the skilled trades. There is now pending in that body a measure which provides that the Government shall establish and exercise control over trade schools in all parts of the country.

The Bureau of Education is in charge of all industrial educa-

tion in the Philippines with the exception of printing and its allied trades, which are in the hands of the Bureau of Printing. Both Bureaus are under the supervision of the Secretary of Public Instruction.

The principle of the instruction imparted in the Bureau of Printing is to form a systematic and coördinate sequence, and, to accomplish this, all the operations of each trade are divided into specialties and subspecialties, which are segregated into classes in the order of their relative innortance.

The manner in which the specialties and subspecialties are





Ruling Machines in the Bindery

arranged for each of the eight trades taught in the Bureau of Printing is shown in Plates I and II. Numbers are assigned to specialties and letters to subspecialties. Plates I and II pertain to the photo-engraving trade, which is divided into 41 specialties and 154 subspecialties.¹ The same general scheme is applied to each of the trades, the number of specialties and subspecialties in each division being as follows:

Trade.	Special- ties.	Subspe- cialties.	Total.
Printer	47	258	305
Pressman	45	136	181
Bookbinder	74	196	270
Photo-engraver	41	154	195
Stereotyper and electrotyper	40	140	180
Total	247	884	1, 131

Fifty-five specialties and 265 subspecialties are taught in the

¹In explanation of the hintus from 32 to 101, it may be stated that the numbers assigned to specialities are the same for both the appreticeship and cost-accounting systems of the Bureau, via, 1 to 100, inclosive, for chargeable specialities; 101 and upward for nonchargeable specialities. A forther division of chargeable specialities is made in those divisions having both machine and hand specialities, as follows: Machine, analysis the substrated to 100, inclusive. This system of numbering enables the abstractor to make all entries from the workman's daily time and its advantages will be apparent when its is understood that machine and its advantages will be apparent when its is understood substrated.

Graduate Apprentices As Operators

auxiliary trades of engineer, machinist, and electrician, making a grand total of 302 specialties and 1,149 subspecialties in the eight trades mentioned.

The specialties of each trade are distributed over seven periods, or four years in all. During the first three years (six periods of six months each) the student is designated as an "apprentice," and in the final period of one year he is known as a "junior craftsman." This provides ample time in which the student may familiarize himself with each specialty of the trade. It is not contended that within that time a superior workman can be evolved from the crude material, but the fouryear period of systematic instruction has proven adequate for turning out workmen who have assimilated a general knowledge of all the specialties of their trades. Graduate apprentices are also given opportunities to demonstrate their fitness for the positions of copy editor, proof reader, work-order writer, computer, estimator, and such other assignments as require workmen of wide experience. A comprehensive technical reference library, available to all, affords an excellent medium for self-education in office administration and organization, the relations of the various printing trades to each other, and the physical qualities of the more important printing-office materials. The value of the information contained in this library is impressed upon the mind of the apprentice, and he is urged to consult it freely.

Bureau of Printing apprentices have a distinct advantage in not being required to devote any part of their time to running errands, "sweeping out," and other tasks that usually occupy the greater part of the first year of apprentices elsewhere.

Although this is an age of specialization, it is believed that



A Class 6 Apprentice

the most efficient workman is one trained in all of the operations pertaining to his trade, making him more adaptable as a competent specialist. This method also provides a mobile force, advantageous alike to employer and employee.

A system of instruction whereby each workman becomes thoroughly conversant with all of the details of his trade makes him superior to that neglected class which is subjected to a monotonous grind on one class of work. It places him thoroughly in line with the principles of so-called

scientific management, because during his apprenticeship he unconsciously acquires much of what such systems are now endeavoring to establish.

The first class period of six months is considered ample in which to determine an apprentice's fitness for the trade to which he has been assigned. If he shows inaptitude, particularly with respect to mechanical details, he is advised to seek

other fields of labor. Justice to the employee as well as to the employer demands frankness in a matter that influences the formative period of a boy's life. If an apprentice demonstrates aptitude during his first class period but is unable to qualify for promotion within the prescribed period of six months, he is retained in the class until he has thor-



Imposing Forms for Press

oughly mastered the specialties of that class period. The extension, however, in no case exceeds three months. If, after three months' extension, an apprentice fails to qualify for promotion, he is separated from the service. It has been demonstrated that changing an apprentice's classification, with a corresponding increase in compensation, confers a mark of distinction and gives him an incentive

to maintain his interest in the work. As new kinds of work are introduced at the beginning of each class period, it may readily be surmised that an apprentice will put forth his best efforts to master the specialties of his current class in order to advance from the monotony of a class-end period to the welcome change afforded by new duties.

A prerequisite to the success of any apprenticeship system is the employment of instructors who are thoroughly skilled in their work. They



A Row of Platen Presses

must have not only unusual ability and the faculty of imparting their knowledge, but also, what is more important, the disposition to impart that knowledge in the freest manner and to the fullest extent.

In the Bureau of Printing the attitude of a craftsman instructor toward an apprentice is similar to that of a teacher and pupil in a school. The instructor instills into the mind of



Some of the Cylinder Presses

the student the importance of exerting every effort toward attaining efficiency. The apprentice is given a scheduled task and shown the proper manner in which it should be performed. He is never permitted to become a mere animated machine. Instructors take a personal interest in the work of each apprentice, carefully explaining every opera-

tion. The apprentice is never forced to acquire his knowledge through chance contact with other workmen.

A competent craftsman instructor or supervisor should be [Continued on page 378

PLATE I

MANNER IN WHICH ALL OPERATIONS OF EACH TRADE ARE SEGRECATED INTO SPECIALTIES AND SUBSPECIALTIES. THE EIGHT TRADES TAUGHT IN THE BURRAR OF PHINTING CONSIST OF 202 SPECIALTIES AND 1,149 SUBSPECIALTIES. INSTRUCTION IN EACH TRADE IS IMPARTED ACCORDING TO AN INVARIABLE SCHEDUCH (SEE PLATE II)

PHOTO-ENGRAVING SPECIALTIES

Alterations	13. Etching, eine, line,	22. Photographing half cone, special (reproduct)
Anchoring	(a) Exching line print.	of pencil drawings, etchings, and steel or co
 (a) Deliling anchor holes. (b) Counterinking anchor holes. 	 (3) Reloaching eiching. (c) Powdering and burning in line work. 	perplate prints). 23. Photographing, line:
(c) Outfining anchor marks.	(d) Proparing and mixing cooling solutions.	(a) Focusing line.
	 Finishing, half-sone. 	(14 Calloff reliting and eccritizing place.
(e) Catting anchors.	(a) Spotting.	(c) Fiscing plate in plate holder and tital
Seeding, plais: 641 According mechanism.	 Extending corner lines. Barninhing. 	explorate. (d) Developing negative.
(3) Aligning plate with line gauge and clamp-	15. Finishing, half-tons, calor:	(c) Clearing out developer with cyamide.
 (r) Boreling, leaving plain border. (d) Cutting graved or white line. 	 (i) Extending corner lines. (c) Burnishing. 	 (g) Clearing negatirs. (A) Final interviction.
 (4) Cooling graved or white line. (r) Beveling, leaving black and white line. 	(d) Outlining for out outs.	(A) Final intervineation. (b) Final cleasing.
	(c) Trianming colouts.	
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 (4) Adjusting mechanism. (b) Aligning plate with line gauge. 	 Finishing, itse: (a) Spotting. 	 (b) Coaling metal with sometring solution (c) Printing negatives.
(3) Alighting peaks with time gauge. (4) Cutting black and while lines in multiple.	(i) sponing. (i) Triuming.	(c) Fristing negatives. (c) Reling up print.
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(4) Making raised berder line by burring up.	(d) Correcting.	peinting.
(e) Cutting raised line down to printing sur- face and graving white line.	17. Morthlag: (c) Adjusting mechanism.	(f) Durning or baking in enamel.
fare and graving white line. (f) Reveling,	(c) Adjusting mechanism. (b) Outside mertising.	 (3) Broouching print. (A) Preparing and mixing line and half to
(a) Adjusting mechanism.	38. Mounting or grouping original copy-	
	(a) Grouping of copy for half-cone repro-	(a) Black and white. (b) Color.
(c) Drilling countersinks for tack heads. (d) Planing blocking wood smooth on one	Oattina. (1) Grouping argatives for printing.	(0) Color. 26. Belegraving.
	(c) Grouping or arranging objects for half-	27. Retraching:
(c) Nations extents blocks.		
(f) Plating mounts type high.	plate photography. 23. Photographing, color operating; making color	(b) Negatives. (c) Plates.
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		(b) Line work.
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(a) Taoling outline. (b) Secting.	(d) Developing record negatives.	 (d) Sharpening router bits. 29. Stripping negatives.
(r) Tripping.	(r) Clearing and fixing record negatives.	(a) Coaling negatives with rabber.
	(f) Internifying second negatives.	
(4) Catting conditioned mat to size.	(g) Reducing record angeliers. (b) Printing transparencies from record ang	(c) Celling and squaring presilve fim.
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(r) Trimulag		
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(c) Air brunh.		(b) Tooling
(d) Colom.	(4) Proparing and mixing chemicals.	(c) Exching.
(c) Preparing block and white copy for color	26. Photographing, dry-plate work:	(4) Bouting. (c) Triuming.
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(5) Staging and polyching.	abjects for half-tone reproduction.	(b) Cleaning and polishing.
 (r) Trial proof. (4) Preparing and mixing etching solutions. 	(r) Making transparencies. (r) Nounting prints.	 (c) Drying. (d) Fulling offset on zine.
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(5) Trial proc.	(r) Developing negative.	
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PLATE II

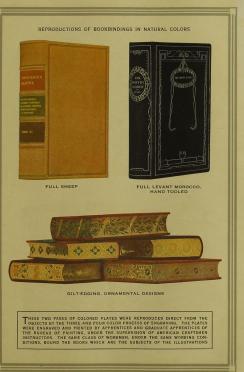
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PLATE II

WORKMAN'S DAILY TIME TICKET

PHOTO-ENGRAVING DIVISION

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WORKMAN'S DAILY TIME TICKET

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DESCRIPTION OF WORKMAN'S DAILY TIME TICKET

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able to classify and make allowances for the idiosyncrasics of the boy in his charge. He must be able to determine, at the expiration of the first class period of apprenticeship, whether his charge is fitted to continue at the trade to which he is assigned. Inability to comprehend mechanical details, continued indifference, failure to make an honest effort to take advantage of the craftsman's instructions, and perfunctory performance by listless "time servers" are carefully noted. Such delinquents are separated from the service to make room for applicants who will show more interest in their work.

Strict discipline is maintained at all times. Upon entrance each apprentice is given a pamphlet containing the office rules. Infractions of the rules and cases of carelessness and insubordination are made a matter of record. Verbal reprimands by



A Stage of Binding Called Forwarding

craftsmen instructors are not permitted. Adverse reports in the form of letters of reprimand are sent to the offending employees, who are given opportunity to make statements in their own behalf. Adverse reports are also made in cases of errors which are manifestly due to carelessness or inattention. These reports are filed, and when the employee's efficiency record is compiled a deduction is made for each. Letters of commendation are given to apprentices for exceptionally meritorious work.

Instruction in the operation and the ordinary adjustment of machinery is imparted by the immediate instructor, while the technical knowledge of a machine and its parts is acquired: from the chief machinist. All power-driven machinery of the Bureau of Printing is inspected three times a year, according to a dated schedule. Two of these inspections are made for the purpose of reporting on the condition in which machinery is cared for by the operator, and at the third inspection the machine is completely overhauled for purposes of instruction.

The Bureau of Printing Desk Book is the only technical publication used in connection with apprentice instruction. It has been indorsed by American and foreign publishers and is recognized as a standard work of reference in the printing trades.

For the information of all employees-apprentices, junior craftsmen, and craftsmen-a comprehensive list of technical



The Difficult Process of Finishing

terms and definitions peculiar to each trade is posted in a conspicnous place and is accessible at all times. With these definitions, printed instructions are also provided relative to the performance of the more intricate operations of each trade.

Each apprentice is orally examined by his foreman as to his knowledge of such terms and definitions, and none is promoted who does not possess information to the extent of securing a passable rating.

Apprentices are required to attend a public night school in English unless excused by the Director of Printing. Excuses are granted in those cases in which apprentices may wish to receive instruction in a private school or from a private tutor, when they have completed the intermediate course of study prescribed by the Bureau of Education, or when they satisfactorily pass a test in English. All apprentices who have been excused from night-school attendance are required to continue the reading of standard English literature and to render a monthly report thereof, in writing, to the Director of the Bureau of Printing. Where the art of printing remains undeficiloped, the common people exist in a condition of serbour, for their ignorance, prejudice, and superstition require the placing of their political destinities in the hands of the fear

After an employee has assumed the duties of a craftsman, additional responsibilities are placed upon him and every effort is made to inspire him with the confidence necessary to enable him to act in a minor executive capacity, such as assistant to the foreman or in charge of a group of workmen.

Apprentices are selected for appointment from lists of eligibles certified by the Bureau of Civil Service of the Philippine Government. In making selections, physical as well as educational qualifications are taken into consideration. The educational test is a simple one, given in either English or Spanish, and is waived in the case of graduates of intermediate and high schools. Those taking the Spanish examination must possess at least a slight knowledge of English. The examination is known as the third grade, and comprises the following subjects and weights: Spelling, 20; arithmetic, 20; letter writ-



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ing, 20; penmanship, 20; copying from plain copy, 20; total weights, 100. To be eligible for appointment, applicants must obtain an average rating of 70 or more. Minimum and maximum age limits are 15 and 20 y e ar s, respectively. Each an-

pointee must be in good physical condition and must weight not less than 46 kilos (112 pounds) and be at least 155 centimeters (5 feet 1 inch) in height. His general fitness for an indoor occupation must be unquestioned. The product of the printing press is indispensable to every literate member of the human family. Mithout it, the world would stagmark, history foodb become tradition, and posterity would be robber of its inderitance

As the civil-service examination for apprentices is the same for all branches of the printing trades, the matter of the apprentice's assignment is influenced to some extent by his physical qualifications, although his wishes are given consideration if he indicates a preference and is deemed otherwise qualified for the work.

Apprentices are rated on quantity of work; quality of work; aptitude and adaptability; habits, character, and conduct; and attendance and physical condition. Promotions from one class to another are made when the apprentice has qualified in all the specialties included in his current class. The recommendation of the foreman is accepted as proof of fitness, being based on daily observation of the quantity and quality of the work of each apprentice, which renders further examination unnecessary. The Bureau's daily time ticket (Plate III) is also of much value in

or much value in determining the rating for quantity. The apprentice must have completed the full period of six months, as the class period is extended in an amount of time equal to that which may have been lost for any cause whatsoever.



Finishing Half-tones and Etchings

The printing law of the Philippine Islands provides that native apprentices, from the date of their entrance into the third year of apprenticeship, for each year of honest, faithful, satisfactory, and continuous service in the Bureau of Printing,



shall be entitled to receive. at the end of the next succeeding year of honest. faithful, satisfactory, and continuous service, extra compensation as follows: Twenty centavos per diem for each full day of actual service rendered at a daily wage of #1.20 or more but less than ₱2.40; 40 centayos per diem for each full day of actual service rendered at a daily wage of ₱2.40 or more but less than #3.20; and 60 centavos per diem for each full day of actual service rendered at a daily wage of ₱3.20 or more. An apprentice separated from the Bureau of Printing after such extra compensation has been earned and before it becomes due shall not be entitled to receive any part thereof unless such separation shall be on account of lack of work, permanent disability, or death, in which event such apprentice, or his estate in case of death, may, on the recommendation of the Director of Printing, approved by the Secretary of Public Instruction, receive the extra compensation accumulated at the time of separation. The law further provides that the services of such apprentices shall be deemed continuous until such apprentices are definitely separated from service in the Bureau of Printing.

The per diem compensation and bonus of apprentices, junior craftsmen, and craftsmen are as follows:

Designation.	Wages.	Bonus.
Class 6	P0.80	None.
Class 5	.90	None.
Class 4	1.00	None.
Class 3	1.20	None.
Class 2	1.40	P0.20
Class 1	1.80	. 20
Junior craftsmen	2.25	.20
Craftsmen	2.50	. 40

It will be noted that no extra compensation (bonus) is allowed until the completion of the second year of apprenticeship.

The Bureau of Printing has been a vocational school of the best kind for the Filipinos who have entered its service. The y have learned the value of continued and earnest application to one of the most useful of arts, and to seek for superiority and excellemee in their work. While the Bureau has been indispensable in the effective performance of the work of the Goyernment, yet it has



Various Kinds of Blank Books

had even greater value as a training school for the Filipinos. It has been effective in improving the art of printing throughout the Islands and has also been a most useful instrumentality in extending the use of the English language through its dissemination by the intelligent and progressive young Filipinos who go from its service to engage in enterprises of their own or as the employees of others.

The success which has attended the technical training of apprentices in the Bureau of Printing has demonstrated beyond peradventure that the application of *system* to vocational training will produce efficient workmen in *any* of the skilled trades.

The Bureau of Printing was established in 1901 upon the recommendation of Hon. W. H. Taft, Governor of the Philippine Islands. Hon. Elihu Root, Secretary of War, selected Mr. John S. Leech, of Illinois, a division chief in the Government Printing Office, to prepare complete specifications for a plant equipped for every operation known to letterpress printing. These were presented by Mr. Leech to the War Department within three months, when the first shipments of equipment and supplies were made. The continuity of his Philippine service has been interrupted but once, when, in 1908, he was transferred by the President of the United States to effect the reorganization of the Government Printing Office at Washington. In that institution he substituted modern business procedure for obsolete methods and provided, for the first time in the history of that office, a uniform scale of printing charges which admitted of but one interpretation and placed all participating requisitioners on an equal basis.

The instructions to the Philippine Public Printer included not only the installation of a plant to handle the Government work, but also required the instruction of Filipinos in the printing trades. This has been accomplished through the system herein described, and, of the various governmental activities with which he has been identified during twentyfour years' service under the American Government, Director Leech considers the Bureau of Printing system of apprentice instruction his most effective work.