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DEDICATION.

To those who have consistently labored in the past, seeking by conscientious endeavor to elevate the common thought and attitude of the students of this institution, and to those who are just now entering a new stage of life, namely Freshmen, we wish to dedicate this the first issue of The Rutherford Rectangle of 1931-32.

It is our purpose so to conduct ourselves in all literary efforts that this institution may be benefitted by our frail efforts to augment her already numerous honors. To this end we begin our labors, not without due consideration of the responsibilities resting upon our shoulders and the knowledge that we must direct the outward expression of inward thoughts.

In order that success attend our efforts we solicit the hearty cooperation of each student. Cooperation is the chief factor toward success in any field; hence the necessity of it if our efforts are to be truly not in vain. Cooperation has assured the success of past editions of this paper; we trust that its achievement this year will surpass that of any former edition. Let us labor together as one.

CHRIST ON THE COLLEGE CAMPUS.

Quite often the question is asked today, "What place does Christ occupy on the modern college campus?" It seems that some people are skeptical as to whether Christ really has a place in the hearts and lives of the college youth of today. The only explanation for such skepticism is that those guilty of it have allowed themselves to become old in spirit.

Christ does have a place on the college campus today. The only difference is that His teachings are not discussed as frequently as they were in years gone by, but are put into practice more than ever before. Christ becomes a matter of practical reality rather than a disinterested absentee God to be discussed with fear and trembling and without a frank and earnest seeking for the truth. He becomes a present experiment rather than a distant ruler of destiny, alive instead of mummified.

Christ lives today in college life in the spirit of good sportsmanship. Youth learns to practice Him in competitive games by playing the game fair and square as well as impartially. Show me a Christian athlete and I will show you one of the cleanest and gamest scrappers on the team! And the clean sportsman is much more universally admired than the poor one.

Christ also lives in modern college life through the spirit of good fellowship. A person cannot visit a college without being seized by an infectious atmosphere of good will and happiness. Youth associates with youth, and reaches down a helping hand to him whose load is heavy. The value of friendship is learned through actually being a friend.

The Epworth League, the Y. M. C. A., and the Y. W. C. A. are all active factors in the Christian extension work among college students. Through the influence of such organizations young men and women learn to express their thoughts accurately and forcefully, and to seek new values of life through the teachings of Jesus. As their horizons broaden these young people are willing and eager to point others to a fuller life through Christ.

THE MINISTERIAL BAND

Those who have ever attended college can, no doubt, if they review the years thus spent, recall some particular organization whose influence stands out as being separate and apart from the usual routine of college life. The writer is persuaded to believe that this is especially true of Rutherford College in connection with the Ministerial Band.

This organization offers to those who have felt the divine hand of God resting upon them and have heard that still, small voice bidding them "Go preach my gospel" a wonderful opportunity to acquaint themselves with a number of the duties which they will be called upon to perform after they have left Rutherford and have entered the active ministry.

Contrary to the usual custom, the band will hold its meetings at 2:15 o'clock on each Wednesday afternoon instead of Thursday. This change was necessary in order that those who have classes on Thursday afternoon might be enabled to attend.

Although our number is not so large this year as formerly, we hope to make up for this deficiency by putting forth our very best efforts to do some real constructive work. The influence of the band has been of such nature during the years that have passed that almost countless numbers who have come under its influence have gone out into the great field of the active ministry feeling its effect upon their lives as a benediction that will last as long as the name of R. C. is mentioned. The writer feels that he is but expressing the true sentiment of the band in saying that the chief aim of the Band of '32 is to create such a spirit of brotherly love and helpfulness on the campus and in the classroom and throughout the entire community that we may be spoken of as being lined up 100% for any movement that will redound to the glory of God.
—McRay Crawford.

VICTORIAN SOCIETY PREPARED FOR ACTION

(Continued from first page) group (although the male element declines to admit it) would be putting it mildly. To say the least, this group is a necessary part of R. C.'s student body.

Rutherford has many activities to offer to the boys but only one to offer to the girls. The opinion seems to be prevalent among the co-eds that the Victorian is by far the best society on the campus. They certainly are striving to make it so, as is shown by their unceasing diligence. Since it is impossible for them to surpass in numbers, they are seeking to surpass in merit. They are confident that they can do this, and if their activities continue as they have in the past they bid fair to do so.

The Society held its first meeting last Friday afternoon, in order to organize and get started on its programs. The members wish to extend a cordial welcome to all who wish to attend at any time.

"It's just as I say, Bronson," remarked Coach Hayes, "the only thing worse than 'athlete's foot' is athlete's brain."

Prof. Garrett: "Mr. Whitener, suggest a topic for a theme."

High-pockets: "Yes sir. How about: 'Who Is the Smartest Guy in School, and Why Am I?'"

SMILE AWHILE.

Mazie: "I suppose that guy told you your lips were like twin cherries."

Mame: "Naw, that's stale stuff. He said they were like an old suit—they ought to be pressed."—Boston Transcript.

A little girl was teaching her dolls a Sunday school lesson. "Children," she said, "you know God made Adam and he was lonely; so God put him to sleep, and took out his brains and made a fine lady."

Snig: "Know anything harder than a diamond?"

Snigger: "Sure, making the payments on one."

For years and years, the two sexes raced for supremacy — now they've settled down to neck and neck.

Small Boy: "Dad, what are the holes in the board for?"

Dad: "Those are knot-holes."

Small Boy (after due consideration): "If they are not holes, what are they?"

Betty was taken to the museum by auntie. They went into the Egyptian room, and there saw a mummy. Betty asked what it was.

"That is somebody's mummy, dear," answered auntie.

"Auntie," she confided, "I'm glad my mummy's not like that!"

A New Jersey man boasts of having carried the same umbrella for fifty-two years. However, the man who owns it may catch him yet.—Detroit News.

"I'm engaged," said the taxi-driver, as a woman was about to enter the cab.

"I hope you'll be very happy," she said, meltingly.

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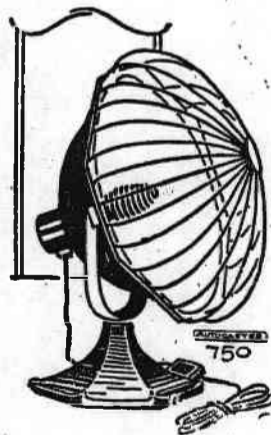
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