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## Beating Around the Bush

It is really difficult to decide what we have or have not definitely learned. There are many things we think we have learned, and yet our actions prove that we are still undecided about them. We are taught to discriminate, to a large extent, during our childhood, between right and wrong. Yet all through life we are constantly having to make decisions between the one or the other that we hardly know how to make. In this age of free thinking, liberties of every kind, and every standard and class of society mixed together, it is hard for even the matured, experienced person to know just what is the thing to do. What seems to be right to one person is wrong to another. Pope says, "Tis with our judgments as our watches, none go just alike; yet each believes his own." Every young person has to grapple with theories and problems turn them around, tear them to pieces, study them and come to his own conclusion every day of his life, and form new philosophies of life with every new experience. Thus we see that what we think we have learned today, tomorrow may prove to be a mistake. This search for truth continues throughout life; for when a person reaches the place where he ceases

to question, to put aside old learning and old theories to make room for the new, he is no longer of much use to this world.

So many of our difficulties would be overcome if we could just learn to understand ourselves. But this is almost an impossibility, though we can improve our personalities by making more careful observations of our actions and reactions. The human being is truly a complicated affair, and this we may be thankful for. It is the conflict of personalities in us that either makes us or breaks us. It is that which makes life interesting and worth while. If we were all good or all bad, how monotonous it would all be. Striving with our emotions, having to make decisions, being tempted with this and overcoming that, are character builders. A conflict in our personalities proves all important, since the whole object of our existence upon earth is the building of strong characters. We should not be discouraged if we seem never fully able to understand ourselves, for this is the broadest and deepest problem to be solved, and one which has never been completely mastered.

It takes much beating around the bush to come to any conclusion; and I think that, in this paper, I have done enough of that.

## Granite

Margaret Slagle

Long, powerful  
The arm of the crane  
That lowers itself  
Into the deep, treacherous pit,  
Bringing up stone,  
Large boulders  
To be crushed — some of them;  
Others to be carved and shaped.

Granite—  
Beautiful and cold,  
Costing the buyer but little  
money,  
Costing a lowly laborer in the  
quarry  
His life.

## Next Issue

Examinations begin next Monday and following the examinations there will be a holiday until March the 24th. For these reasons THE CLARION will not be published again until April the third.

## Value of Junior Colleges

Everywhere junior colleges are springing up, proving that the public is recognizing more and more the value of a junior college education. We students of Brevard College are, along with students of other junior colleges, indeed lucky for at least two outstanding reasons. First, it is probable that the time is coming when two years of college will be added to the high school curriculum and supported by the state. This means that the average person in the future will have two years of college education; and unless we students of the present day do not have at least a junior college education, we will not be fitted to meet the competition offered us by the others in the activities of life. At least two years of college is fast becoming a necessity. The second outstanding reason is the fact that the step from most of our existing high schools to universities is so great that it may cause a serious, even permanent, maladjustment in the life of the student. Junior college is a bridge over which we cross the dangerous river between the two institutions of learning. Not only is it a stepping-stone between two very different types of study, but it is a shock absorber between two very different types of social life. There is enough personal contact with both faculty and other students in a junior college to make the student feel less the abruptness of the change in his way of living.

There is a growing sentiment in favor of the junior college. The future looks bright, and we who attend them can feel proud that we are among the first to take advantage of their opportunities.

## Why Not Open the Library at Night?

During the cold winter months the library, as well as other parts of the Administration Building, was closed at night in order to save fuel. This was certainly a good move. But now that it has warmed up considerably we wonder if it would not be best to open the library at nights as was the practice before the cold spell. There

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