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Our Campus Sweetheart

A man appears before me—
His face is kind and true
Lines of age are on his brow,
His eyes are clear and blue
A tender smile rests on his lips—
A smile for persons all
A mat of white rests on his head
As snow on pinetrees tall.
His form is bent with ages spent
Working for you and me
This college he designed and built—
He labored endlessly.
Like all great men, he had a vision—
It was strong and good
He saw this college bearing fruit in
Christian womanhood
He had ideals; he had a dream
Of wondrous things to be
He struggled on; molding his dream
Into a reality—
He labored on until the sweat
Was pouring from his brow
He labored on that we might have
What we enjoy now—
A right to knowledge and its use
A right to serve with love
A right to Christian fellowship
And prayer to God above
The college was built, professors employed
To teach the students here—
His wife began the conservatory;
Its fame grew far and near—
He brought plants to the garden
And tended them with care;
He went to Scotland with a "passport"
Of Flora Macdonald's hair.
He brought back to us the tombstone
Of Flora Macdonald's grave;
It tells of her rescue of the "Bonny Prince,"
A heroic act and brave—
He was the first president
Of our own F. M. C.
Through the years he led the school
With courage and sagacity—
We love our campus sweetheart,
This every girl will tell—
Our president emeritus,
Dr. Charles Graves Vardell.

—Dot Hamilton

Week Of Spiritual

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thing.

Self-pity is a common disease which develops into touchiness. For an example of a person suffering from self-pity, Mr. Dickson used Elijah. Like people of today, Elijah had good days and then bad days. The reason for Elijah's self-pity was that, having

previously felt himself better than his father, he now, realized he wasn't.

Self-pity enters when one takes his life too seriously. It takes all joy and happiness out of life. One is called a kill-joy and a spoilsport when he suffers from self-pity. It does not take long for such a person to lose faith.

Elijah was advised in three ways by an angel to overcome this

Your Opinion

By Nancy Bell

Although we are taking many subjects because they are required for our majors, we must admit that we are also taking them because we find them helpful and even enjoyable. At the same time there are some subjects that appeal to us more than others; so our question for this time is: "What course have you enjoyed most thus far in college?"

DeLanie Boney, senior from Wallace: "I've nearly every course. Naturally, my preferences have been in the English and Bible departments with Church History, St. John, Shakespeare, and Modern Literature leading the way. Mental Hygiene was another eye-opener. I am back in Miss Robertson's domain this semester too, because I think I've missed a lot by not having every course she offers!"

Dot Hamilton, junior from Hampden, Virginia: "I have most enjoyed Dr. Bullock's course in New Testament Letters, because I have been led to understand some of Paul's deep thinking."

Elizabeth McIntosh, senior from Fayetteville: "I have enjoyed all the courses in my major field, Bible and Christian Education because I was most interested in these; however, outside of my major I found Mental Hygiene the most interesting, helpful and enlightening."

Shirley Corbett, freshman from Atkinson: "I like Bible the best because of its spiritual enrichment, and I have learned so much from my study of it."

Mary Hagood Little, senior from Pollockville: "Besides my major courses this year I have enjoyed Bactediology and Bible."

Faye Jenkins, junior from Union, S. C.: "Outside of my major fields I enjoyed Essentials of American Government because it gave me a new insight into American politics."

Beth Robinson, senior from Burgaw: "Besides my Bible courses I have enjoyed Christian Education of Children, Mental Hygiene and Music Appreciation."

Shirley Bullard, freshman from Darby, Pennsylvania: "I have enjoyed my course in math."

Betty Hamilton, sophomore from Alexandria, Va.: "My favorite subject since I've been at FMC is Physical Education because there is no homework."

Marlene Jones, senior from Grassy Creek: "Besides my major courses I enjoyed history under Miss Robertson and freshman English under Miss Penninger."

Becky Ingram, sophomore from Parkton: "I enjoyed sophomore Bible because Dr. Bullock preaches such good sermons."

mood of self-pity: by physical exercise and refreshment, by getting a fresh vision of God, and by finding something definite to do.

Mr. Dickson closed by reminding the group that even though self-pity will come to everyone, one must remember that his life is not his own. Life is God's; he bought it with a price and for a purpose.

The freshman-sophomore discussion group met at 4:40 in Watkins. The Junior-Senior group met at 7:30. Both of these groups discussed "The Righteousness of God." Mr. Dickson opened the discussion and also answered questions which came from the group. Mr. Dickson pointed out that the righteousness of God is lack of blemish in Him. One can become "right with God" when he lives in His line and does the things He would have him do.

All stand in dire need of God for salvation. Everything goes back to God's nature. He is the most important thing that one

can know.

"Christ vs. the Aspirin" was Mr. Dickson's topic for the Wednesday morning chapel service. He began by naming the things which best describe the present age. The three things which Mr. Dickson thought best describe the nation today are the neon sign, the can opener, and the aspirin bottle.

Everyone gets headaches from so much noise in the land today. The ringing of bells and the clanging of machinery cause many people to have headaches. Four million pounds of aspirin were sold in the nation in only one year.

Mr. Dickson told of a picture which was taken on a street corner. The passers-by did not know it was being taken. After the picture was developed, it was amazing to see how many different expressions were shown on people's faces. Many had frowns on their faces. Still others revealed sorrow and sadness. Many expressions were grim, and hatred could be seen plainly. But, yet, all of the creatures are children of God.

When one is in trouble, there is always one person he can go to when all others depart from him and leave him to solve his own problems. This person is the only person who knows everything and who understands every problem. He is anxious to speak to individuals and he wants to bear their burdens on his shoulders. He is like a doctor, but not one that is sometimes out, because he is always in. To those who are weary, he will gladly give rest. Who else could this person be but Jesus Christ?

Christ has given several prescriptions to those who are weary and are seeking rest in him. First, Christ offers real help by making one look at himself. One should get at the inner part of his life, because it is there that one really suffers. One can take an aspirin and relieve his pains temporarily, but the real trouble needs more than an aspirin. Headaches could be caused by some weakness on the individual's part and he must remember that God used his weaknesses as an opportunity to work and to help him grow in faith. One can do all things in Christ who gives strength. He can help and will help if one but lets him.

The second prescription which Christ gives is that one needs to practice what someone has called "turning ourselves over to Christ." When one turns a problem over to God, the whole problem should be turned over, not only a part of it. One can turn his entire life over to God and rest assured that it will be safe and secure with Him. Because he cares for all, everyone can find in Him a resting place. He can make those who have been sad very happy. Why should not everyone "Let Go and Let God?" challenged Mr. Dickson in his closing remarks. Give your life to God today—all of it.

"Becoming Mature" was the topic of Mr. Dickson's message at Vespers on Wednesday night. He brought out the fact that life is just a fluid matter and that one never reaches his goal. When one arrives at the goal that he has set up for himself, he wants to climb even higher.

Everyone looks at a tiny baby at one time or another and thinks how nice and pleasant his life must be with nothing to worry him. But a baby's life is not so pleasant as it looks as if it is. He has to depend on his mother or someone else as a source for his needs. He has no security of his own, but his mother represents security to him.

Mr. Dickson pointed out that even a baby has to make decisions. For instance, he has to decide whether to holler or swallow at

certain times.

A few years pass; the child starts to school. He begins to see other people as individuals. He learns that they have rights just as he does. The child begins to learn certain health and moral laws.

Then the child becomes an adolescent. By the time he reaches this age in life, many social attitudes have already developed in him. In his daydreams he has visions of his future life very often during this period.

Mr. Dickson described the progress of growth in the following ways: First, philosophy of life is evident at every age level. Everyone has a philosophy of life which is a setting up of high ideals. Second, make your philosophy grow. One should be like Paul who put away childish things when he became mature. Third, increase your knowledge about how life behaves. Very often one complains about his failures, but failures go to make up a life, and one must learn to take life as it is. Life has unchanging laws, so learn them and take them in stride. Fourth, one needs to become a self-giving creature. God has given all certain amounts of energy, some of which is to be used in concern for other people. Energy should be spent in the pleasure of giving and not in the spirit of getting something in return.

As one grows up, he should develop spiritually, mentally, and socially. The Kingdom of God is for mature men and women who are able to fight the eternal battle.

The freshman-sophomore discussion group and the junior-senior discussion group met at specified times in Watkins Hall. The discussions centered around the topics of "Courtship and Marriage." Again Mr. Dickson opened and led the groups in the discussions. Problems and questions were brought up by the girls in the group. Mr. Dickson made all aware of the need of Christ in every marriage.

"Learning to Love the Hard to Love" was the topic for the Wednesday morning message. "Why don't we love or like some people?" Mr. Dickson gave five reasons which might be the answer to this very important question.

(1) We don't like them, because they are different from us.

(2) We don't like them, because we are sure we know all about them from what we see on the surface.

(3) We don't like them because, they seem to be self-important.

(4) We don't like them because, we feel that they are better than we are.

(5) Lastly, we don't like them, because we are more concerned as to how they treat us than we are as to how we treat them.

Mr. Dickson pointed out four things which might be done to help one to like others more:

(1) Practice liking people.

(2) Put yourself in the other person's place.

(3) Study the reason for your dislike and try to find out why you don't like that person.

(4) Practice looking for some good in everyone. There is some good in the worst of the world around us.

The climax of Spiritual Enrichment Week came on Thursday night when the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed. In his few and well-chosen remarks at the beginning of the service, Mr. Dickson stressed that there is no greater honor that anyone can experience than partaking of the Lord's Supper and being a Member of His Church.

The entire student body is grateful to Mr. Dickson for his having come to the campus here and helping to bring all closer to God.