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LOCALS AND PERSONALS.

The annual protracted meeting began here on Thursday evening, Jan. 25, and will extend through the present week, closing Sunday evening, February 4th. Much interest is being manifested and good results are anticipated.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Underwood Butler, evangelistic singers, have been engaged and arrived for the first service. Mr. Butler with his rich, round and appealing mezzo tenor voice and Mrs. Butler, contralto, have a way of their own of interesting their hearers and rousing interest in the song services which precede the service, proper. Solos by each and duets interspersed with good, lively, wide-awake singing by the congregation are forming a most attractive and, we believe, helpful feature of these meetings. Indications are for an excellent season.

Mr. and Mrs. Butler, with their young child, are being entertained at West Dormitory.

Rev. L. E. Smith, of Greensboro, N. C., visited the college Monday evening and Tuesday. Rev. Smith graduated with the class of 1910 and is at present pastor of Walker Avenue Church, Greensboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Atkinson, of Cardenas, N. C., spent Sunday with Dr. and Mrs. J. O. Atkinson.

Prof. and Mrs. Brannock were with the latter's parents at Mebane last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kemp B. Johnson, of Cardenas, N. C., stopped at West Dormitory Saturday evening to see their daughter, Miss Ruth. While here Mr. Johnson attended a meeting of the executive committee of the board of trustees.

Mr. V. H. Coletrane, of the College, spent Saturday and Sunday at Belmont, N. C., visiting Mr. H. M. Neese.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hobby, of Gibsonville, N. C., visited Mrs. W. A. Harper at the West Dormitory during the past week.

Mr. H. M. Neese was at his home near Belmont, N. C., Sunday, January 28th.

Dr. and Mrs. Amick were absent from the college Saturday and Sunday, last, visiting friends and relatives at Belmont, N. C.

Another week end caller at West Dormitory was Miss Edith Walker of Burlington, N. C. Miss Walker was formerly a student here and has many friends to welcome her return.

Miss Grace Rhodes passed through our town on Tuesday morning, last, en route for her home in Harrisonburg, Virginia, after spending since November with her friends and relatives in this State. Miss Rhodes, during her sojourn in the Tar Heel State, was several times a pleasant visitor to the college and we shall look forward with pleasure to her return which, it is to be hoped, will be soon.

The graded school of our village missed one of its teachers for the past several days, due to the fact that Miss Affie Griffin was ill with cold. We, as well as her pupils, are glad to announce she is out again and busily engaged in her school

work. Miss Sudie McCauley, of the College, supplied for Miss Griffin, during the latter's absence.

President Harper returned to the Hill Thursday evening and bore the joyful tidings to the student body Friday morning that the Special Fund had been completed and that the fifty thousand had been all promised, pledged, and a good part paid in. Thanks to the never-failing loyalty of Elon's constituency.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Clymer of Greensboro, N. C., visited at West Dormitory on Thursday evening and night, returning Friday to their home. They came to attend services in the chapel and see their daughter, Miss Thelma, of the College.

Mrs. J. W. Patton and Mrs. J. V. Dick, of Gibsonville, N. C., were in town Thursday evening attending the meeting.

Mr. John Ray Parker, of the department of cuisine and make-me-glad, royal high commander of the commissary department, is at present home on a vacation, but, contrary to rumor will return and assume his old position as slaughterer of the Essex lions, and salter of Glasgow magistrates, en aqua, Irish apricots. Gravesend sweet meats, etc.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS.

A meeting of the executive committee of the Board of Trustees of Elon College was called by the President on Saturday evening, Jan. 27th. Business of a routine nature was dispatched, then the matter of improvements was taken up. Under this head it was decided to finish the porch at the rear of West Dormitory, thus giving three large and spacious verandas, one to each floor of the ladies' building. This fills a long-felt need and will improve the looks of the earthly domicile of the cold section of our student body very materially. Fire escapes will be placed on the Administration building and also East Dormitory, thus making safe all life in the event of an emergency of this kind.

Upon request of the town council it was decided to allow them to connect with the wires from the college dynamo for power to supply four arc lights, one at each corner of the campus, and as many other large incandescent lights as the council through its street committee may deem useful.

These improvements will be welcomed by all students, villagers and friends of Elon and we hope to be able to announce others soon.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

Dr. E. U. Hoenshel, author and lecturer of Dayton, Va., will appear in the chapel of Elon College on Tuesday and Wednesday nights, Feb. 6th, and 7th, speaking on two subjects, viz.: "Where The Master Trod," and "The Cruise of The Neptune."

The Travelogues of Mr. Hoenshel are the outgrowth of extended tours made by him in recent years. The trips were made entirely independent of tourist agencies in order that places not usually seen

by tourists might be seen by him, and might be viewed without molestation of tourist guides, thus securing opportunities to see the scenes of the past and to hear the voices of history-makers above the din of modern rush and clamor.

Almost half a thousand times has Mr. Hoenshel appeared on the lecture platform to the delight of his audiences. The peculiar feature of his work is that without mechanical aid he tells his story in such easy, entertaining style that under his guidance the auditor forgets the present and in thought becomes a tourist himself.

In his descriptions, lands far off are brought near, the silence of the ages is broken, and the past lives again; one looks upon strange peoples and scenic wonders; one hears nature's songs of peace and then the martial tread of armies. In the shifting viewpoint of the story, the peasantry, the castle, the battlefield, the ruin of a thousand years, the deary snow-waste, the sun at midnight—each has a voice that is heard and a scene that is vividly portrayed.

Dr. Hoenshel comes under the auspices of the general athletic association and all are hence interested in a good house aside from the intrinsic worth of the lectures. The speaker of the occasion is by no means a stranger here, having spoken three times previously to Elon audiences and we feel sure the Doctor will, on this trip, only strengthen his already strong impression here. EVERYBODY OUT. FEB. 6TH AND 7TH. ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

FROM THE PULPIT.

The sermon Sunday by Dr. J. O. Atkinson was the subject of much favorable comment. The earnestness and zeal with which he delivered it helped to impress the truths in the life of each individual present. He used as his text John 1: 1, "I the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God." The theme derived from this text was "God's mysteries are an open field for man's enlightenment." He treated the subject somewhat in the following manner:

God's mysteries are not to cloud our life, but to open up things to us that science and philosophy cannot do. Religion is always bigger than any science or philosophy. When we have done our best to acquire all the knowledge we can, then the Bible is an open door to things beyond the depths of the human mind. It does not lead us into the dark and hazy realms, but it gives us plain facts and all we must do is to believe them. Take the mystery in the text, "In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God." You will say I am confused already. You need not be, for this is an attempt of God to explain that which man cannot solve. He tells us in a few words what man might write volumes on and then fail to give any light on the subject. He is the wise man who follows the truth given by God.

An ignorant mind charged with the Christ Spirit is a larger mind than the most highly trained and cultured mind without the Christ spirit. He will do more for humanity, himself, and God, and will reap a greater reward for his service. Until we put our hands into the divine hand and allow Him to lead us, we will not get very far. There are some exceedingly large small people, people who are small in intellect and worldly goods, but large in the richness of their experience and power in God's kingdom. They are what men call small, but they are giants among us in God's sight. On the other hand, we have some exceedingly small large men, who count themselves great, but are dwarfs in the sight of God.

You and I can never get a true conception of life as long as we look at the things around us. We must look up and beyond to learn those things that the finite mind cannot impart. You and I cannot understand the words of the text through our minds alone. We will never understand God, by looking through the word at Him, but we must look through him at the word and we can see the beauties that the great worldly mind cannot understand.

Once a father put his children to work putting together some blocks that had on them a map of the United States. The children worked long and faithfully, but the mystery was the more puzzling; until finally in their play they turned one of the blocks over and there was the picture of a hand on the back side. From this they looked on the back of other pieces and found different parts of a man. Then they began to put the various parts of the man together, and when they finished they had a picture of Washington. By turning each block over in its place, they had the United States. Never will we understand the puzzles of this universe until we first look on the face of Christ. If you would examine all the books written, you would never understand the purpose of your creation, until you turn your face upward toward God. By knowing Him we come to understand ourselves.

Our text contains three mysteries. First, the existence of the Word. This was not given to mystify our mind, but a plain fact, although one that our science cannot tell us. What is a word? It is the idea of a thought, the symbol of an idea or an expression of God.

The second mystery is in whose presence was the Word? He tells us in whose company the Word was spoken, "The Word was with God."

The third mystery of the text is the power of the Word. God speaks through nature, art, and music. God is all the time speaking to his children, and if you and I will only listen and heed, we may live masterpieces of manhood and womanhood that will not die with the using, but may be of service to ourselves, our fellowman and God.

J. S. Truitt.

Sorrow's crown of sorrow is remembering happier things.—Tennyson.