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LOCALS AND PERSONALS.

Everybody busy during the past week with examinations. Now for a breathing space

Mr. Spencer Williams, of Norfolk, Virginia, formerly a student here, spent Sunday intown visiting his old friend and college mate, Mr. R. Henry Barnes. Mr. Williams was prominent in Society circles while in college and has a host of friends to welcome his return.

A pleasant caller at West Dormitory Sunday was Miss Effie Isley, who was stopping with a sister, Miss Marguerite, of the College. Miss Isley graduated from Elon College in 1904 and since her graduation has been teaching.

Mr. Henry Barnes, who has been at home for the past several weeks on account of a severe attack of "grippe," left this week for Eastern North Carolina and parts of South Carolina in the interests of the O. B. Barnes Safe Co., with which firm he is connected in the capacity of traveling salesman.

Miss Mary Ethel Clements, Linda Barnes and Mary Lou Pitt spent the weekend in Durham, N. C. visiting Mrs. R. J. Kernodle. All reported a most pleasant trip, on their return Monday morning.

Others of the college who spent Sunday out of town were Misses Nellie Davis and Eva Chrisman at Burlington and Miss Annie Rippey at Altamahaw.

Y. W. C. A.

We had a very interesting meeting last Sunday afternoon in our Y. W. C. A. The subject for the afternoon was the life of Solomon. Miss Pearl Fogleman, the leader of the meeting, gave us a very interesting paper on the life of Solomon, emphasizing the busy side of his life.

Each girl gave her favorite verse from the writings of this man; which caused the meeting to be of great interest. All left the meeting knowing more about the life of this great man, Solomon. We hope the girls will realize the good they will receive by coming to the meetings on Sunday afternoon, and will come and take part each time. Annie Bagwell.

THE BAND ELECTS OFFICERS.

The annual election of officers for the college band was held in the band hall on Tuesday afternoon, March 8, 1912.

This resulted in Mr. O. M. Barnes being chosen as President, S. C. Spoon, secretary and Librarian, S. S. Myrick, treasurer, F. M. Aycock, Vice-President, R. E. Lincoln, property man, J. M. Murry, assistant director and R. A. Campbell, director.

The band now has a room for exclusive use and a "home sweet home" of its own, having taken for rehearsal and storage the one vacated when the art studio was moved to West Dormitory.

There is also a move on foot to secure uniforms for the coming season, which, if successful, will enhance the ensemble appearance of our "wind jammers," considerably.

SUNDAY SERVICE.

The preacher for the eleven o'clock service Sunday was Dr. J. U. Newman, Dean of the Faculty. He used as his subject: "How God Deals With Those Who Fail," based on the Scripture found in Luke 5, 3-5: "And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people out of the ship. Now when he had left speaking he said unto Simon, launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught. And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net."

The following are some of the truths and applications brought out in the discourse:

In the account of the event mentioned in the text, there were four men, Simon, Peter, James, and John, engaged in fishing. That was their business, and one in which they succeeded. At this time they had fished all night with a constant and a continuous effort, and had caught nothing. These were experienced fishermen with well equipped boats, still they had failed and gone to the shore to wash their nets.

While they were washing or mending their nets, Christ passed and asked Peter to take him into the boat and carry him a little way from the shore. Then Christ spoke to the crowd on the shore a while and then told Peter to go out into deep water and cast out his net. This was a challenge to Peter's faith. For no experienced fishermen would attempt to fish in the deep water. Peter did not see any reason for the going, but he went, using the little faith he had. He told Christ that they had done their best and failed, so he saw no use of trying again. But when they cast their net out, they enclosed a great multitude of fishes, and their nets brake. When Peter saw that, he realized that he was in the presence of the Lord, and he cried out, "O Lord, I am not fit to be in thy presence." The Lord's reply was, "Follow me."

From this event we may get three remedies that Christ used in helping man. First, the presence of Jesus; second, the command of Jesus; and third, the call of Jesus.

We know what it is to fail and be discouraged. We know what it is to come to the point where seemingly it is not worth while to try again. At such a time we are tempted to go to the shore and live just a moral life and give up our work in the church and the kingdom of God. At just such a time Jesus came to those fishermen. In like manner He comes to us when we feel that we are a failure in ourselves. At man's extremity comes God's opportunity. So what we need when things become dark is not to give up, but let Jesus come into our lives, hearts and homes, and drive away the

gloom and despair that overshadows our lives. Those hours of failure and gloom make us ready to follow Jesus.

Why do we give up? We belong to the church, but we are not happy. The trouble is we stay too near the shore. Launch out into the great truths of the Bible and they will mean much for you. If the church has not meant much to you, launch out into service and let the soul commune with God. Some will say, I have tried to be a faithful member of the church, but have failed. I have toiled twenty or thirty years in the church and have never received much. What is the trouble? You have cast your net on the wrong side. You have tried to live a Christian in your own way.

Sometimes men say, I have worked in the church and it does not seem to do much good. Then we might ask ourselves if we are doing the special service unto which God calls us. Life is a failure for the man who chooses his own profession. You have cast your net on the wrong side. Why do so many intelligent business men take to drink and ruin their lives? It is because they got into a vocation that did not satisfy them. They have made a ship wreck of their lives just because they got in the wrong profession. This led to drink, opium or something to ease their dissatisfaction.

The greatest thing in the world is the religion of our Lord and Christ. It meets all the needs of the body and soul. Let men and women take time to launch out into the deeper things of life, then be sure you let God tell you into what profession you cast your net. And when you do that God will let His blessing rest upon you in all your work. God has a work for each one of us, and our life will be a failure unless we do that work. Launch out into deep water and cast your net on the right and you shall be blessed.

J. S. Truitt.

MISSION STUDY.

The winter term is coming to a close. At our last meeting we finished the study of Mr. John R. Mott's book "The Decisive Hour of Christian Missions."

The book was studied by the class with much enthusiasm and interest. It impressed us in every chapter and topic the title, "Now is the decisive hour."

When opportunity knocks then is the time to open the door and give to those that know Him not the life-saving power. Are we in unity? Are we, College men and women, opening our doors to the heathen call; to the mission call? By the study of Mr. Mott's book we have begun to know what the mission field means and what is being done in mission fields at present and what can be done in the future, if we strike the iron while it is hot.

Next Sunday we take up the study of Home Missions and solve the initiative problems that have baffled our predecessors.

Also, we are going to increase our membership next Sunday by the hearty wel-

come that we are going to give one young lady and one young gentleman.

Will you come and see who these new members are and then join us yourself? The only admission fee that we ask of you is work. We want your co-operation and work.

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MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION.

The ministerial students enjoyed a meeting of their Association Wednesday evening. Mr. S. S. Myrick, of the Eastern North Carolina Methodist Conference, was the leader. He used the "Power of Prayer" as his subject. Mr. Myrick gave the following story: An engineer's wife would take him by the hand each morning and say, "God will keep you today, because I will pray for you, John." And for many years He did protect the engineer. One day as the wife was lying on her death-bed, she told the engineer that if such a thing were possible, she would be his guardian angel. For thirty years everything ran smoothly. One day the engine was being driven at a great speed down a long mountain grade. The wheels almost sang. The engine was doing its best. The hand of the now aged engineer was on the throttle. Something seized his strong arm. Nothing could be seen. It seized and re-seized his arm, yet it was done by an unseen hand. Engineer was greatly disturbed. He closed the throttle and the brakes had just brought the train to a standstill when a great wash-out was seen in the track ahead. Thus prayer had been answered.

The President, Rev. J. E. Morgan, of the Western N. Carolina Christian Conference, called a business meeting in which the following men were elected as delegates to an inter-collegiate Ministerial Association of the State to be held in the Y. M. C. A. Hall at Durham, April the twentieth and twenty-first: Messrs. C. B. Riddle, of the Western North Carolina Christian Conference, and J. C. Stuart, of the Eastern North Carolina Christian Conference; alternates: Messrs. C. J. Felton, of the Eastern Virginia Christian Conference and J. G. Truitt, of the North Carolina and Virginia Christian Conference. J. G. Truitt.

PROVERBS AND PHRASES.

To apprehend contempt is to have deserved it already.—Pierre Loti.

Good maxims are germs of all good; finely impressed on the memory they nourish the will.—Anon.

A prosperous fool is a grievous burden.—Aeschylus.

Moderation is the noblest gift of heaven.—Euripides.

Let thy speech be better than thy silence, else keep silent.—Dionysius the Elder.

When a woman has gone out of my life I have always risen, opened the door for her, bowed, shut the door again and gone back, quite content to my pipe and book.—Thompson.