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OPENING ADDRESS

By President Thomas Newlin, Sept. 8.

To a great number of those attending the opening exercise of Guilford College Dr. Newlin was no stranger. For five years he was Dean of this college, and left Guilford to accept the Presidency of Whittier College, Cal. Those who did not know Dr. Newlin were favorably impressed and ready to pledge him their allegiance.

Under Dr. Newlin's Presidency Whittier enjoyed a great growth. We are expecting the same thing for Guilford and feel sure that we will not be disappointed.

Dr. Newlin's address was full of good sound advice to the students, both old and new. "We must have harmony and unity in the faculty; harmony and unity among the student body, and especially must we have it between the faculty and students. I pledge my unwavering support to this college, and promise to stand by the student body as well as the faculty. I want to help maintain the standard for the high type of education this college stands for and I want the students to help me with their loyalty."

Many words of encouragement, and most excellent advice were spoken to the new student, who had just left his home to enter college. "Boys you must make the most of the four years ahead of you, for they are years that count. Do nothing in these years of which you will be ashamed in later life. Remember that college is a most beneficial place for boys and girls just leaving their parental roof to equip themselves for life. Your parents made great sacrifices to send you here. Many of you made great sacrifices to come. Probably you had positions, which brought pecuniary rewards for the time being, but I congratulate you upon your wise decision. I am very glad that you did not try a short-cut to education. Short-cuts do not pay. You must have a good, solid foundation upon which to build. Remember the house the wise man built upon stone. The rains descended and the flood came but that house withstood all. But the foolish man took a short cut and built upon sand. His house did not withstand the flood. Let this be a lesson for you and remember to "Drink deep, or taste not, of the Pierian spring."

THE OPENING RECEPTION.

On the evening of Saturday, September 11, the annual reception for new students was held by the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. Associations.

It would have been a task fully as interesting as it would have been difficult to analyze the state of mind of those who gathered at the library for the annual reception. There were "rising" Sophomores who perhaps were rapidly getting rid of their Freshman timidity; Juniors already abashed and sobered by the reality of being truly upper-class men; left over Juniors, recently made into Seniors, who were thinking how quickly time had been passing and how strange it seemed that this was the last time they would stand in line as students waiting at the steps; there were new students full of expectancy, somewhat anxiously, somewhat uneasily waiting for this new experience. There were alumnae too who could scarcely realize that they did not belong with the mass of students; other alumnae who had almost forgotten that they were once students.

At length the season of waiting ended as each in his turn was greeted at the door by President-emeritus Hobbs, who stood first in the receiving line. Next was our new President, Dr. Newlin, with Mrs. Newlin, Dr. Meredith and so in line ranged new and old faculty members. Just beyond the receiving line each student was met by a member of the social committee who gave to each girl a gray piece of cardboard cut in somewhat fantastic shape and to each boy a crimson card of the same description. On the cards were written the name of a fruit. The owners were told that somewhere in the crowd there was a plum or a peach or a date, the curves of whose card would exactly fit those of his or her card. When these cards were matched the plums and peaches and dates and fox grapes all made their way to the punch bowl and from there into the large reading room where seats were ranged about windows and cozy nooks on opposite sides of the room.

Judging from the reluctance with which the crowd dispersed after the announcement—ten o'clock—it would not be too much to say that the occasion was a most enjoyable one.

GUILFORD'S ATHLETIC OUTLOOK.

For years the Guilford College Athletic Association has been dependent upon the annual membership fees and the income from the various games for its financial conditions. In order to remove the possibility of a shortage in the treasury, due to the losses on games and the paying of rain guarantees, the boys and men members of the faculty, met in Memorial Hall not long since and imposed upon themselves a physical training fee of five dollars, which fee will give every man the use of all athletic goods and admit him to all games played under the auspices of the Athletic Association. The income from this five dollar fee, and the gate receipts from those who are not members of the Athletic Association, will put athletics at Guilford on a sound financial foundation. Since we can already tell about how much the income to the Association will be, the budget for each department has, in a general way, been made.

At a meeting of the cabinet last spring, it was decided that we would have football here this year. As a result of such a decision football has taken the attention of many of the boys for several days and everybody is becoming interested in the success of the team. These men are "hard at it" nearly every afternoon, and are making great improvement. Under the efficient coaching of Prof. Moore, we see no reason why we should not turn out a strong aggregation, considering the fact that no one here has played more than High School ball.

Everybody who knows anything about Guilford's athletic teams knows quite well that she usually puts out a strong baseball team—one that competes successfully with any team in the State. And the appearance of the men on the field every afternoon indicates that our past record will continue to be upheld. A majority of last year's men are back, and not a few new men are working very diligently for those places that are to be filled. For this reason we expect to see a team developed that will fight hard and to the last. So when we see our team in the first game next spring, we may be assured that we shall see Guilford represented by a strong, fast

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Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The favorable opening of our Y. M. C. A. is full of promise for a year of genuine Christian work. The very first meeting gave us hope. The hall was crowded with the new and old students, whose presence assured us that they are one and all interested in the things that are highest in life. H. Budd, who was leader for the evening, made a short talk, the purport of which was to hint to the new students the importance of throwing themselves with the best element in Guilford. Every one enjoyed the meeting.

After the meeting a canvass was made at which time an invitation to join us was extended to the new fellows. The favorable response of practically the entire student body gave evidence that those who have come to Guilford are fellows of real worth.

While we do not wish to minimize the first meeting, yet we must confess that our second meeting was even better. Every one will immediately understand why when we say that President Newlin led. His theme contained the thought of seeing a vision and finding a place in life. He read the account of Isaiah's vision and his response to the beckoning of that vision. For fear that we will detract from the talk by trying to paraphrase it, we will leave it to those who heard it to judge its wonderful spirituality, and say to those who were absent that they missed a splendid talk just by being a little careless and not being there. We must say that it is a source of much pleasure to all of us to have Dr. Newlin to take so much interest in our Association work. In passing let us say that while he is new to us, yet he just fits right in and makes himself very helpful. This can also be said about the other new members of the faculty. Another very enjoyable feature of the meeting was some special music given by F. H. Mendenhall, Paul Fitzgerald, Dancy Budd and Prof. Moore. We want some more like that.

Our Association is looking forward to our next meeting with great anticipation. For on that evening, Thursday next, our Y. M. C. A. conference will begin and last until Sunday evening. This means that our Association will have the privilege and the pleasure to entertain a bunch of fine

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