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THE GUILFORDIAN'S GREETING.

The new students have been welcomed to Guilford College by the faculty and old students, both individually and collectively, but this is the first opportunity that has been given to the GUILFORDIAN to greet you through its columns. To one and all we extend a hearty welcome. We are glad to have each one of you here because each individual is a unit, which when combined with the other units makes the student body. The student body in turn makes the college and it is you new students who will make future Guilford history, that we especially desire to welcome to this institution. In so doing we would also like to make you realize the responsibility now resting on your shoulders. Yours parents' faith is placed in you and it is your duty to justify their confidence by winning for yourself an individual place among the students of Guilford, which we feel encouraged to believe you will.

To the old students who are back, and with whom we have already formed a pleasant acquaintance, we wish a very successful year. We are glad to see your familiar faces on the campus again—you who are known and tried friends.

THE GUILFORDIAN not only wishes to welcome the students to Guilford, but it also wishes to extend a hearty invitation from the board, to each individual student, to use its columns.

This paper is the students' paper and should be a medium of expression for any ideas that the

students may have. Any suggestions that have as their object the improvement of the paper or of conditions at Guilford will be accepted and highly appreciated.

Finally in this the first issue, the board wishes to ask the hearty support of the student body, the faculty, and the alumnae. We ask you to support it financially by paying your subscription fee and help make it a better paper by numerous contributions to its columns.

Every autumn there comes to Guilford College a large crowd of young men and women as new students. They come, as a rule, to obtain the completeness of mental training and that breadth of vision which college life is believed to impart to the earnest student.

Today, it is recognized that college training is not restricted to things learned from text-books. There are many other influences surrounding the student, probably the most potent of which, speaking strictly of Guilford, although it may apply to similar institutions, is connection with a Literary Society.

Here we have four well organized societies, each one capable of doing efficient work. Two of these societies, the Philomathean and the Zatasian, are composed of the girls of the college without class restrictions. The other two societies, the Henry Clay and the Websterian, are composed of the college boys also without class restrictions as to entrance.

These four societies are to all practical purposes, governed by similar constitutions; they have many common interests and undoubtedly they are working to the same end—the development along general lines of its members.

But to reach a pertinent point—why the prevalent friction between the two branches of these societies? It would seem that the girls' societies were striving for altogether different results or that the young men's organizations had in mind divergent ends. Speaking generally, a member of either of these societies is firmly convinced that his society is accomplishing more real good than its fellow society and therefore he feels it his duty to inform the new student of this and solicit a promise from him to join "his or her society." In some cases the student is scarcely allowed independent thought but is besieged by representatives of the rival societies until, out of sheer weariness, he breaks off with one group

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of persuaders and attaches himself to the other organization—and, in turn, does unto other new students as he has been done by.

Why do not those students who employ this method of gaining society members realize that one person who joins a society on his own volition is of as much value to that society as would be two members gained by coaxing? Were not undue influence brought to bear upon the students, each one would, after careful consideration, attach himself to the society more in keeping with his personal likes and dislikes and would willingly assume his share of the responsibilities. Almost invariably, if the truth could be learned, that person who is not interested in his society, nor loyal to it, was over-persuaded by some old student to join the organization.

If this college stands for one thing, educationally, let that thing be broad-mindedness. The spirit existing between the societies when new members are eligible is intolerable. Always there is a veiled resentment but in autumn it bursts into such a blaze that the year is nearly over before it can even appear dormant again. The fact that this condition has existed almost ever since the societies were made distinct organizations is a potent reason for its discontinuation. A friendly rivalry is very necessary to the life of either the girls' or the boys' societies, but let it be more in the work done than in the number of new members secured by questionable means—and above all, *let the rivalry be friendly.*

CHANGES IN THE FACULTY.

With the coming of the new school year we see many new faces and miss many of the familiar ones of last year. Among those whose absence we realize most are several members of the faculty. We are indeed sorry to part with these and trust that some of the friendships made will be lasting ones. Those leaving were Professors Hobbs, Dixon and Montgomery and Misses Rhoades and Daw-

son. Their places have been filled by Professors Brinton, Balderstein and Moore and Misses Papworth and White. We heartily welcome these to Guilford and assure them of our earnest endeavor to make their various lines of work real pleasures.

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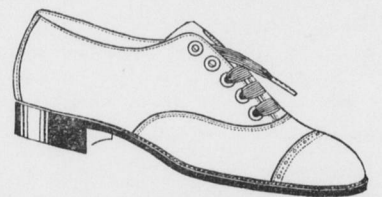
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