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## Dr. Hall Lectures

**The Meaning of Life, Its Opportunities and Evils, Interestingly Propounded.**

Dr. J. J. Hall, South Atlantic secretary of The American Peace Society, delivered a splendid address here on the evening of January 27th. It was a message on "Life: Its Meaning."

The speaker began with a few words concerning the conference recently held in Washington at which numerous prominent men endorsed the peace notes sent by President Wilson to the belligerent countries. He took a few moments also to eulogize the Chief Executive's masterly address to the Senate.

Dr. Hall then took up the main part of his address. He emphasized the fact that we of today are living in a crucial time—a time when it is "bliss to be alive." In future ages nations will look back upon our day as a turning point in the world's history.

"The mass of human beings," said the speaker, "are without any adequate conception of the grandness and the real purpose of life. We are, so to speak, mere animals; not so far removed from the primitive Indian in our desire for adornment and love of display."

He next spoke of environment, and its determining effect. Home, books, schools, pictures, companions, all these factors enter into the make-up of life. Since man is essentially a

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## ARCHDALE VS. COX.

**Soccer Championship Soon to Be Decided.**

The interest in Soccer, which rather languished during examination week while the adherents to this strenuous out-door game were engaged in the process of trying to evolve their minds from a state of comparative ignorance to one of hurried "preparedness" against the onslaughts of the Germans, Latins, English, French, Greeks, scientists and historians, was revived again by the announcement that the annual series between Archdale and Cox Hall was soon to be played. Prof. Woosley, who has been coaching the boys on some of the fine points of the game, has had no difficulty in getting many out every evening. The boys have found that Soccer, which to the uninitiated appears to be a mere rough and tumble scrap over a spherical pigskin, in reality requires skill as well as muscle.

The first opportunity given the boys to demonstrate their skill in this game to the public will be on Thursday, February 1 at 4:15, when the strong Cox Hall team will engage the plucky Archdale team for the first game of the series to decide the campus championship. The second game of the series will be on Thursday, Feb. 8. The deciding game, if such one is necessary, will be played at some later date.

## Guilford Loses Two

**Wake Forest and A. and M. Down the Quakers in Closely Contested Games.**

The light Quaker Quint lost its first intercollegiate game of the season on the Wake Forest floor by the score of 18 to 17, the Baptists winning the event in the last second of play. In the first half, the Guilford team had things its own way, scoring with ease, dribbling and passing all around the Wake Forest aggregation. The entire Guilford five was participating in the merriment, Semans, Jones and Zachary each securing a field goal in this half, while Massey pocketed two field goals and added five foul goals to the total for the Crimson and Gray. The Baptists, during this first period, had been covered and only Dickson was able to score two field goals, while Franks shot a single foul, making the total for Wake Forest, 5. Thus stood the score at the end of the first half, 15 to 5, and as the Wake Forest correspondent puts it, "The Quakers outplayed the Baptists in every department, leading at the close of the first half, 15 to 5."

The usual intermission of ten minutes followed and the teams again took their respective positions, presumably to play the second half of the basketball game, but what had previously been a clean, straight-forward game of the indoor variety soon took a decided turn. The referee forgot, in reply to the hooting and battering of the Wake Forest onlookers who combined with their natural vocal ability all the dumb bells which the gym afforded, applied energetically against the walls of the building, that the sport in progress was basketball instead of football and a season of holding and "roughing it" followed by means of which the Wake Forest team was able to prevent the Guilford team even a semblance of a shot. To be absolutely sure that the game was not basketball, one Wake Forest lad took a hefty heave with his foot at Semans who was in the act of shooting. Pushing, shoving, holding, tackling, all were employed in the effort to satisfy the boisterous demands of the Wake Forest adherents for a victory. The result was inevitable; the Quakers had never played in a game in which such tactics were employed and of course continued their straight basketball and in the final moment of play Franks, the big Baptist center, pocketed the deciding field goal of the contest. The Quakers, who had scored five field goals with ease in the first half, had been held without a chance of a field goal during the second half while the Wake Forest quint, being guarded in the usual manner, had added five field goals to their score. The victory went to the Baptists by the narrow margin of one point, but was it worth it? Football tactics may win a basketball game, but here's hoping the Quakers will never stoop to such

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## Faculty Approves Simplified Spelling

**Consents to Its Use in College Publications and Written Exercises.**

The following resolution was introduced by Prof. Davis at the last Faculty meeting. It was passed unanimously:

"In view of the beneficent purposes and well directed efforts of the Simplified Spelling Board, we the faculty of Guilford College, N. C., hereby express approval of the amended spellings proposed by the said Board and consent to the use of the same in college publications or in written exercises for the college when consistently employed."

The progress of the movement is striking. The National Education Association approved the movement in 1898 and adopted 12 simpler spellings for immediate use: tho, altho, thru, thruout, thoro, thorofare, thoro, catalog, decalog, pedagog, program, prolog. In 1916 it voted to use in its publications the spelling t in past tenses of verbs ending in -ed pronoun t.

The Modern Language Association of America, 18 State Teachers' Associations, and many other educational bodies and learned societies, approve the movement. Spelling-books and State Courses of Study, in constantly increasing numbers, are including some of the simpler spellings in their regular lists, or as a statement of the principles of the Simplified Spelling Board and approve its recommendations.

It is also noteworthy that 292 universities, colleges, and normal schools either use simplified spellings in their official publications and correspondence, or permit students to use them in their written work. 170 of these institutions, including 17 state universities, have formally approved the movement for simplified spelling, in most cases by faculty resolution. Most of these institutions have taken this action within the last 2 years—an increase of more than 650 per cent.

## Y. W. C. A. DISCUSSES COURAGE.

Sometimes the best things can be put in the fewest words. Such a statement would be a rather satisfactory summary of last week's Y. W. C. A. meeting.

There was no special leader. Ellen Raiford lead the devotional part of the meeting and added a few words about those things which constitute a girl's courage. Then the meeting was made general and several of the girls expressed their own opinions about those things which take a great deal of courage.

After this Addie Morris, chairman of the Mission Study committee, presented the need of systematic giving. Slips of paper were distributed and nine more girls pledged and a number of those already pledging raised their pledges.

## Spargo on Socialism

**Noted Lecturer Explains to Students Meaning of Socialistic Movement.**

Mr. John Spargo, noted Socialist author, lecturer and leader of New York, delivered a very interesting lecture to the students here last Monday on "The Meaning of Socialism." The distinguished speaker declared that the socialistic propaganda as all other human movements was misunderstood frequently. He asserted that the ideal of the Socialist was not the collective ownership of all the means of production but only those which were essentially social in their character. His plan of Socialism permitted private ownership of all those articles which were distinctly individualistic in their nature. Moreover, Socialism does not mean complete economic equality; it seeks to establish only equality of opportunity.

The lecture was a scholarly presentation of the propaganda, richly interspersed with English humor.

## SOCIAL LIFE RESUMED.

**Music, Tucker, Jerusalem and the "Old, Old Story" Harmoniously Blended.**

Saturday night, after the lecture given in Memorial Hall, the boys and girls all "trapped" over to New Garden to attend once a gain, a social.

Some special features had been planned, but owing to the late hour groups were forced to entertain themselves, "each in their own way."

Some rose above the common level and made their way to steps on the stairs where—well—perhaps the last vaudeville show was described, or perhaps the course in Freshman English was discussed, or perhaps—the "old, old story" was breathed—at least from the stairway shone some happy and contented faces.

The music lovers present found their way to the piano, and soon the cares of the weary were borne away on the strains of such classic selections as "Tooka Hula," "My Own Iona" or "Pretty Baby."

Some of the group were desirous of going to Jerusalem, so to the ringing of the dinner bell, a large troop started, only Jones Smith reaching the goal.

Then weary of traveling the rough road to Jerusalem, "Tucker" was played until the contestants were completely "tuckered out" and by this time Oma Gray, in the role of Miss Louise, sent every one home.

## SENIOR CLASS MEETING.

The Seniors assembled themselves Tuesday evening, January 23, for the first class meeting of the new year. It was with a degree of sadness that we realized that the '17 which we had looked forward to for so long a time had at last rolled around.

The following officers were elected: Itimous Valentine, President. Hazel Armstrong, Secretary. Edwin Carroll, Marshal.

After adjournment Messrs. Newlin and Beeson appeared upon the scene with their arms loaded down with good things to eat.