

ALMA CHILTON

LEADS Y. W. C. A.

Last Thursday evening Alma Chilton told of various customs of the Christmas season. The celebration at Christmas time is a mixture of Paganism and the Christian religion. Different dates are observed in different parts of the world, some people observing the sixth of January, while others observe it in March, April, May, or September. The twenty-fifth of December was widely celebrated by the pagans with a great feast, for the winter solstice; so Pope Julius established this date for the celebration of Christ's coming.

The Yule log was originally used in Scandinavia and is now used in England. It was brought in by men singing carols; if it burned it was supposed to bring good luck.

Decorating with evergreen came from the old Roman feasts. The church was weak in early days and was anxious to give to the Pagan people a new meaning for their feast and holiday, thus the holly with red berries is the modern burning bush. It symbolizes the love of Christ.

The mistletoe was from the Druids; the white robed priests gathered it while the people sang. It has come to be regarded as the emblem of Christ's birth.

The custom of the Christmas tree came from Germany, and candles from Norway. There the Yule candle was burned for the God Thow at the winter solstice. They are now called candles of purification. This year bayberry candles will be used as Christmas presents. The berries grow on the Atlantic coast and have a delicate fragrance. They are said to protect the women from all harm if lighted on Christmas day.

The giving of gifts was an ancient Roman custom. The Romans gave each other gifts during the January Kalends. Then when the Feast of Nativity was hallowed by the church, the time for giving gifts was changed.

The Dutch brought to us the custom of Santa Claus from Holland.

Thus we look upon the customs as sacred that have been celebrated for so many centuries, and it is not strange that at this season when every one is filled with good cheer, the wealthy should give gifts to the poor, to show that the spirit of Christ is abroad in the land. It is our privilege to spread over the world the news of the greatest gift that was ever given.

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cleaned so that you scarcely know your own room. One young lady has succeeded in turning our recent fire disaster to good account, and for ten cents a lamp for each student weekly almost makes us forget we are in darkness. Fine laundering, manicuring, hair dressing, shampooing are also among the fine courtesies extended in this new day, although one dare not go out from his room without a goodly supply of dimes and nickels.

The entire student body is exhib-

iting the real Guilford spirit these days. Watch the Guilfordian and see how they can do things.

Council on Ways and Means Elected.

The following members of the council of ways and means for the Students' Campaign for the Endowment Fund have been elected by their respective classes:

Seniors, Elsie Clegg, Hugh Moore; Juniors, Dovie Hayworth, Herman Raiford; Sophomores, Ruth Outland, Hugh White; Freshmen, Clara Henley, Spot Taylor. The preparatory students have not yet appointed their representatives. The faculty members of the committee are Miss Edwards, Miss Noles and Professor Balderston.

CLAY-PHILOMATHEAN RECEPTION

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subsidized delightful refreshments were served, consisting of Whittier apples, oysters, stuffed celery, Saratoga chips, pickles, wafers, frappe, ribbon cake, coffee and mints.

But Father Time would not pause in his course and just when everyone was gayest, when laughter was merriest, when chatter was liveliest, the departing hour came, and all too soon the scene of the happy occasion was left behind, all the good-nights were said and history had one more event to add to its pages.

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