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EDITORIAL

May 31, marks the closing of another school year for Guilford. In general, success has crowned the efforts put forth this year. The officers of the Administration, Faculty members and the student body have worked co-operatively and earnestly to bring about this success. A creditable senior class, both in quality and quantity will go out this year to help set Guilford's already high standards, even higher.

A review of the year's work shows progress in many ways, and no unbiased person can rightly contend that the institution is not going forward to better things. Guilford is yet far from perfect and will always be, as will every other institution, but no amount of knocking on the part of those who are indebted to the college; and these are more numerous than we often think, will ever make it the Guilford that we hope to see.

If affairs have not been conducted as we think best, we have a right to express the opinion, but we have no right to stand in the way of those, whose every effort is in the interest of a better college. The thing that will best carry forward the work for Guilford is a greater feeling of responsibility upon the part of each Guilford student, both old and new, for its success. The Alumni have responded loyally to the financial support of the college and in some measure have aided in the campaign for students, whether this has been to the greatest possible extent is a question for each Alumnus to consider carefully. Their efforts have been quietly appreciated in the past and the college looks to them for greater service in the future. The expression, "Put Guilford on the Map" has long ago become obsolete. Guilford is on the map and the

great task of her supporters is to place her on the map in big letters. At this time a most important part of this work is the assembling of a larger student body. To our loyal Alumni we look for much of the work necessary to the accomplishment of this. But in this matter the student body is in position to play a greater part even than the Alumni. The present Guilford students are in better position to present the Guilford of today, to those around them. With them the fire of enthusiasm is not quenched by the many activities of life which characterize Guilford Alumni, and on you, students of today is placed a great portion of the work of advertising this institution. It matters not in what portion of your own state or of the United States you may be during the coming vacation. Talk Guilford to those whom you see. You think it's the best place for you, then you are justified in saying that it is the best place for others. Perhaps you are not enthusiastic about your college. Well you ought to be. Guilford has done more for you than you can ever hope to repay, if you have allowed her to, and the most consistent efforts on your part to bring students to her next year, will be a very small part of the debt that you owe your Alma Mater.

This work can be done by organized efforts of students and Alumni, working with each other and with the college authorities. These organizations should be put on a working basis at the earliest possible date in order that the work may not longer be delayed. It is the duty of every believer in Guilford to put forth a strenuous and united effort toward the accomplishment of the great aim. And to those who play their part well in this, the fruits of their efforts will only serve as fuel to the fires of enthusiasm for a still greater Guilford and their supreme pride shall be expressed in:

"Hail! Dear old Guilford,
Thy loyal sons are we"

ALUMNI HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

At seven o'clock in the Henry Clay Hall, Monday evening, the Alumni Association met in regular session with President A. W. Hobbs presiding. Following the reading of the minutes of the last meeting reports were read which contained some valuable suggestions concerning the future development and extended usefulness of Guilford.

The reports of the various committees were read, all of which were very encouraging.

The report of the Athletic Committee was of special interest, since it contained evidence of the fact that athletics were being put on a broader scale. It is gratifying to know that the body of every student at Guilford is being trained as well as his or her mind.

The Executive Committee reported that the following officers had been elected: President, J. O'Neal Ragsdale; Secretary, Rhesa L. Newlin; Executive Committee, H. A. Carroll, and L. L. White; Trustee of Loan Fund, Laura D. Worth; Alumni Trustee, D. D. Carroll.

Considerable discussion was given to the matter of the alumni co-operating with Guilford students in various centers looking toward the organization so that the spirit of Guilford may ever remain in the minds of the people of the state, R. L. Newlin presented a plan of organization.

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Then two students, Spot Taylor and Edna Raiford spoke briefly to the association soliciting the co-operation of the alumni in this matter. It is interesting to know that the Association approved the general plan unanimously. Active alumni from different points volunteered to co-operate with students in carrying out this important work during the next year.

W. E. Blair, a member of the Board of Trustees gave a very encouraging report concerning the financial condition of the college. Then Dr. Binford brought the most interesting news of the evening when he announced that The General Education Board of New York had contributed \$5000 a year for two years to the sustaining fund.

The names of recently deceased members were read as follows:

Thomas J. Covington, Gertrude Cronk, Joe Reddick, Ezra Moore and R. Cabel Lindsay. Several members of the association spoke touchingly concerning the lives of these who have passed on before us.

After adjournment the annual reception in honor of the graduating class was held in the library. This social hour was enjoyed very much by every one present.

DEAR OLD GUILFORD

Dead Old Guilford! Dear Old Guilford!

Sweet the echo, loud and long,
Filling sky and field and forest
With the glory of that song.

And we listen hearts attuned
To the melody profound,
While the great high, vault of heaven.
Thrills and echoes with the sound.

Dear Old Guilford! Dear Old Guilford!

Let its music fill the air,
Floating softly o'er the treetops
Spreading gladness everywhere.
And we stand enraptured, silent,
Awe and calmed, by song so rare,
Till there steals a sense upon us
That is sweet beyond compare.

Dead Old Guilford! Dear Old Guilford!

Let its music ring again,
Filling every hill and valley
With that glad, majestic strain.
And we pause amid our labors,
Sordid care and earthly gain,
Till our hearts with joyous rapture
Join in singing the sweet refrain.

Emerson Raiford.
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