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EDITORIAL COMMENT

It is not the policy of the Guilfordian to issue a reprimand for every petty offence or every breach of conduct that occurs on the campus. In fact we are inclined to leave many of the tasks of reform to student opinion, which is indeed a very effective way if properly put forth, but too often this method fails to make a sufficient impression upon the minds of offenders to bring about a better condition. For this reason, this publication wishes to condemn in unmeasured terms, if possible, the action of certain members of a particular group of students at the Faculty-student banquet.

Evidently the persons—and by way of introduction, we will state that the greater part of them were seated at the table along the west side of the dining hall—forgot that they were guests of the faculty or that they were members of a group who had met for something worth while. This seems true from the fact that after an unavoidable accident had put the lighting system out of commission, these persons, evidently forgot that accidents are liable to happen under any circumstances, and seemingly did not know that it is a duty of everyone to acquit himself or herself to some extent with the generally accepted rules of conduct, or at least to conform to a reasonable course of action. There followed a riot of misbehavior which in itself was far from being appropriate to any occasion. But the worst part of the affair was, that instead of subsiding as the program continued, it grew worse until it reached the point where two of the chief speeches of the evening had to be delivered under conditions which ought to have been resented by even the least thoughtful of the offenders.

It is certainly hoped that such a demonstration of poor culture will not occur again and that those responsible for this one, shall see wherein they are making a poor contribution to the group.

We hear much from some students concerning "rules," "no privileges." May it be said that it is on account of such actions as stated above that rules are necessary. It is these same persons who have demonstrated how unappreciative they are of privileges and how little they know about the proper use of them. It is just such unbridled and unthoughtful actions as these that will make necessary a further curtailment of our privileges.

All colleges have some particular records or reputations in which their students take special pride. Guilford has hers as do the others. Particular things for which she stands are continually being brought before the minds of the students.

We wonder if students here know that Guilford has a rather wide reputation for appreciative audiences. She has, and it is one of which we ought to be proud and sufficiently

proud to uphold it and to make public opinion so strongly in favor of a continuation of this enviable record that we will not be robbed of it by carelessness of those who go to make up our audiences.

So fine a commendation as is usually given Guilford audiences by performers and speakers who come to us, cannot be passed over lightly and must not be lost on account of a few persons. Every person present at each public meeting contributes either to the upholding or the destruction of that reputation, whether he or she realizes it or not. Fortunately for us, most members of our audiences help to make the reputation even better, but there are a few who seem to be careless in regard to this matter. We believe that if there are matters of so much importance that they make a conversation necessary during an entire program they should be discussed some place other than in the presence of those who are responsible for the program.

But as we said before, just a few do this.

FACTS ABOUT COTTON

Disclosures of one kind or another during the last week with regard to the cotton situation served only, as a whole, to depress quotations. Yet some of the facts disclosed were rather of a reassuring character. Among these may be mentioned the report of the Census Bureau as to the consumption of cotton in domestic mills last month. This showed a total used of 494,000 bales, an increase of 10,000 bales over September and one of 95,000 bales over October, 1920. On the other hand, A. H. Garside, statistician of the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers, figured out a supply of at least 15,500,000 bales of American cotton for the estimated carry-over of 8,520,000 bales. The average consumption since 1914 has been about 11,900,000 bales per year. If this is not exceeded this year there will be a few million bales left over. Demand from abroad is slackening. The weakness in cotton has been making an impression on the goods' market. This has been shown not so much in any reductions of price by the mills as in concessions by second hands and in limiting the amount of transactions. Jobbers have been chary of buying until after taking of inventories, being desirous of making a good showing from the credit standpoint.

The United States Forest Service reports that 927 large mills, representing about one-half of the annual lumber production of the United States, cut 16,709,115,000 board feet in 1920, compared to 16,254,812,000 board feet in 1919. The total cut by all mills in 1919, as reported by the Bureau of Census, was 34,550,000,000 board feet.

ALUMNI NEWS

Another Alumnus to the Literary Front.

A few days ago, the mail brought to my hand a beautiful surprise in the form of booklet, the title of which is "Hemlock Twigs and Balsam Sprigs" by James Peele Parker.

The booklet is bound in brown with the Twigs and Sprigs illustrated in green on the outside.

The Foreword indicates a prominent index of the author's character—kind but unostentatious helpfulness.

The Toast brings the invigorating fresh breeze of the Sky-Land to which it is addressed.

The booklet is unique and artistic in its make-up; and in its happy portrayal of our mountain section gives the impulse of lofty grandure, beautiful valleys, luxuriant verdure romantic caves and babbling brooks; and above all the ethereal blue of the sky which overarches and blesses all who have eyes to see and hearts to feel the wonders of our homeland. The booklet is a little gem of the mountains and will refresh all who read it.

We congratulate the author, James Peele Parker of the class of 1893, now of Black Mountain, and hope this venture may be followed by other thoughts and descriptions of equal or greater worth.—Mary E. M. Davis.

Mr. Raleigh Tremain, '21, is principal of the Montrose High School, Timberland, N. C.

Mr. Roger Kiser, '19, is principal of the Candor High School, Candor, N. C.

Miss Irma Coble '14, and Miss Eula Hockett, '19, are members of the faculty of the Raeford High School, Raeford, N. C.

Miss Alice Dixon, '10, and her sister, Miss Blanche Dixon, '15 visited relatives at Guilford College last week-end.

Mr. Edwin M. Wilson, '92, of Haverford, Pa., called at the college during the holidays.

Mr. Raymond Allen, '95, and family spent a few days with friends at the college recently. Mr. Allen was en route from Florida to his home in Lansdown, Pa.

We are glad to note that Mr. L. Lea White, who has been ill for some weeks has sufficiently recovered to resume his work.

GUILFORD CLUB HOLDS MEETINGS DURING HOLIDAYS

The Guilford Clubs were quite active during the holidays and three clubs, Guilford College, South Alamance and Burlington, held meetings during the vacation.

The Guilford College held a banquet at Founders Hall on Wednesday evening, December 23, with about fifty people present. Prof. A. Wilson Hobbs, of the Department of mathematics at the University of North Carolina, was toastmaster for the occasion. The club took great interest in the plans of the college as presented by Dr. Binford. He showed what past generations have accomplished in founding Guilford College and have contributed to making it what it is to-day, and what the task is which is now before the present generation.

The South Alamance Club met at Spring church on December 31. Dr. Perisho was there and the occasion was a very enjoyable one. Dr. Perisho also attended a meeting or the Burlington Club on January 2. Mrs. Fossil and Mrs. Carrol, formerly the Misses Turrentine, are very active in the club work. Mrs. Margaret B. Smith, who was Miss Margaret Lowe, took a leading part in the management of the affairs of the meeting.

U. S. District Attorney Fred J. Kopff of New York says that 25 or 30 bootleggers operating in New York City have defrauded the government out of \$50,000,000 in income tax on their profits from rum.

About 500 persons a year commit suicide in the State of Massachusetts, and the suicide rate has increased from 4.9 per 100,000 persons in 1850 to 13 per 100,000.

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