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## EDITORIAL COMMENT

### The Campus Sunday School

Have you been attending Sunday school this year? If so, have you not noticed from the reports of the secretary that our attendance has averaged thus far about eighty-five or ninety people every Sunday? Have you not noticed also that we have a group of competent teachers who are thoroughly interested in their work and who are prepared to give us some worthwhile message each Sunday morning?

There are a good many students who spend the week-ends away from the college, but out of a dormitory group of a hundred girls and an equal number of boys, we should surely have more than eighty-five at the college for the week-end. If they are here, where are they keeping themselves on Sunday mornings?

A little examination of the situation will show us that the majority of these students are in their rooms because they have not become sufficiently interested in our Sunday school to find out just how interesting it really is. We think that because we are a little bit sleepy and tired on Sunday it will be a fine time to just stay in bed until time to go to church. We yield to the temptation and the next time it is a little easier to stay, so that quite soon we have formed a habit of staying away altogether.

Are you one of those who stay at home? If you are, then you should consider whether the Sunday school is worthy of your attendance or not. Religion ought to be just as important in our estimation as athletics or societies or school work. Maybe you have never really thought about why you were not a member of Sunday school. If so, let us remind you that you should be. There is not one of us who cannot go if we will only determine to do so, for we would probably spend that time uselessly.

The lessons for this quarter taken from the life of Christ are particularly interesting and there is no student in college who will not profit by taking advantage of this opportunity to study about Christ through the Sunday school.

Come along, and bring your roommate with you.

### Literary Societies

The new students have now been at Guilford a month and a half. That is time enough for them to get accustomed to their new surroundings and acquainted with the opportunities for development offered by Guilford.

These opportunities are many and varied. There is one, however, to which we would like to call their attention. That is the opportunity offered by the four literary societies. Every boy should by this time be either a Clay or a Websterian, and every girl should have joined either the Zatasian or Philomathean literary societies.

If you fail to do this and do not prepare yourself to take an active part in public life in the future, you must expect to have a great regret. We just what does society work offer one? It is hard to estimate its possibilities for an earnest worker. We might, however, enumerate a few.

The art of public speaking is probably the most important and should be mentioned first. Knowing how to express oneself successfully is invaluable in life. Regardless of a man's store of knowledge and the degrees he may have attached to his name, if he is unable to pass on to his fellow man, he is a failure. It is in the literary societies that we can learn the art of expressing ourselves.

If this were all, society work would be thoroughly worthwhile. However, there are other important benefits. One learns to cooperate. Moreover, one learns the rules of order of deliberative bodies. This will be of much practical value in the future lives of most college graduates.

It will make very little difference which society you join so long as you are in harmony with the spirit of that society. The thing that does matter is that you get into one of the societies.

Ask college graduates who have been active society members, what they think of society work. We have often heard them say that they considered it worth even more to them than any course they had taken in college. What has been true for these will surely hold true for us. We shall need the training afforded by literary society work in the future. Therefore, to those who are not members of one of the societies, we would say get in your society and get to work.

## THE MAGAZINE SHELF

by John Webb Cannon

Since it has been accorded to us the honor of reviewing each week for the Guilfordian a magazine from the group of magazines that deserve our attention, and from general appearances, do not get it, let us look for a moment at the Century.

Now if you want statistics, if you want information ready to use in a concentrated form, if you want precepts and morals thrust down your throat without ceremony, by all means leave the "Century" alone. But if you like the gentle art of suggestion, if you like to see the human passions struggle to the last ditch and then leave you undecided, if you like to read articles on civic, economic, and social problems that do not claim to be panaceas, then I think you can find no more enjoyable thing to digest, than the Century.

The "Dark Ride" in this last issue is the one of the most puzzling pieces of English that ever came under my immediate observation. Interesting yes, but what is it? It absolutely refuses to be classified. Read it, see what it is—I'm sure it's not. In this same number there are two outstanding love stories, "Fisher of the Moon" and the "Kingdom and the Power and the Glory." The former, in spite of the fact that it falls back on Indian lore for a plot, furnishes one with a very interesting side of that passion which is as old as man. The latter, I may be wrong in classifying as a love story but the dominant forces are, a woman's love and God's, with the latter probably holding the minor place.

To those of you who are especially interested in sociology or education, "Salvaging Civilization," by G. Stanley Hall, also of the October issue, will probably be the star article. Undoubtedly this and "Has Germany Changed," by A. W. Vernon, gave us a lot to think about along social lines. W. Y. George's "Death of the Jester" is a very dramatic picturization of that time in a man's life when his work is done. The last pieces I wish to call to your attention in this number are two humorous sketches, one, "Disarming the Drama," by Woolcot, and the last, "Adventures of an Illustrator," by Joseph Pennell, a Quaker.

### QUAKER QUIPS

Chemically, hash is a mixture, comically, it's a joke.

*It Happened Saturday—*

Marshall took with him his ever-Reddy motto: "Be-a-man."

John Cameron, returning, "Carrie, Tarry."  
The rest comes later.

Louise Hester said she had been and that was enough.

"Good eats  
A gay time  
A Merry-Man!"

—Janie Mae

Miss Louise, on Founders' porch—"Get thee in, Lila Mae."

Lila Mae—"I shall be 'Cumming' when I have the Goat tied."

As a result of the hike Cordia Thompson has acquired a new interest in Chappell talks.

The return trip had in store interesting views for the few of us whose eyes were on the alert. Close by the town's end was a quiet glen. Farther on trees lined the roadway, the rarest specimens were an olive supporting a tired Frank, and a dewy-kissed hazel. Nightfall is probably responsible.

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