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EDITORIAL

TO THE ALUMNI

Since the opening of the school year, a number of issues of the Guilfordian have been sent out to old Guilford students and alumni. The Alumni Association and Guilfordian board have acted together in doing this in an effort to re-create interest in Guilford College. They have hoped that a few messages from their alma mater as found in the Guilfordian, would create a desire to become an active member in the Alumni Association.

In order to make this a convenient thing to do the Association has agreed to allow the present annual fee to stand but, in addition to active membership in the Association it will arrange with the Guilfordian board to have the College paper sent for a year to all who send in their regular yearly fee. For that reason there have been distributed letters with a handy blank that removes all red tape that usually accompanies making a subscription. Fill out and send this blank at once. The Guilfordian cannot afford to carry the extra 1,000 subscribers but it is hoped that not a single person will miss an issue. This is the last issue that will be sent free.

"EXCELSIOR" UP TO DATE

The Glee Club sang "Excelsior" last year, as one of its numbers. Here is a revised edition of this famous poem, taken from the Navy Log.

EXCELSIOR.

(With All Necessary Apologies.)

The shades of night were falling flat
 As at a mess hall table sat
 A youth who strove with all his might
 To eat a biscuit stuffed with white
 "Excelsior."

His brow was sad, his eyes were weak,
 They dripped the teardrops in his
 beak;

He held within his doubted fist
 A sausage as he loudly hissed
 "Excelsior."

He spied upon a nearby plate
 As if left there by kindly fate,
 A croquet lying all alone;
 He hit and we heard him groan
 "Excelsior."

"Try not the hash," his comrade said,
 "Tis stuffed with grass and rancid
 bread."

"Not grass, but something just as
 punky,"

The youth replied, "They call this junk
 "Excelsior."

Then homeward went the weary lad,
 His stomach ached, his heart was sad;
 He went to sleep in his own bed
 And clutched the mattress as he said,
 "Excelsior."

The morning dawned clear and fair,
 The breakfast bell rang on the air;
 The youth prepared his breakfast food
 And murmured as he softly chewed
 "Excelsior."

At dinner time his tired mind
 Was more to soup than meat inclined
 And as it trickled down inside

The youth most gratefully replied,
 "Eureka."

—The Log

ELBERT RUSSELL HERE

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we expect the Mohammedans to have faith in him for a life hereafter? How do we expect to have any success in spreading a teaching among strangers, that to them at least, seems a failure among the people who are teaching it? If we wish to be successful in our Near East missions we must first change our own national and individual lives to make them a model upon which to build our teachings.

The people are friendly towards those who enter their land on missions that they realize are for their own good. Uurses go around from home to home teaching the mothers how to take care of their children. In this way a better understanding is established. The people realize that the nurses are there for a sincere purpose of helping them.

The thing that is repulsive in Christianity to the people of the Near East is the type of christian worship that is prevalent in their locality. They are a people who worship one god in simplicity and without symbolism. The christian churches there have statues and images in them that Mohammedans take to be objects of worship. They hear of the Father, Son, Holy Ghost and the Virgin Mary and believe that the Christians are worshipping four gods.

Nurses go around from home to home with their simplicity of service and the absence of dogmatic creeds, have a wonderful opportunity to get in close touch with the people of the Near East.

Thursday evening Doctor Russell spoke to the joint meeting of the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. on the subject of the attitude of China and Japan toward Christianity.

The question in the minds of these orientals is not one of a mode of life but is whether or not they wish to accept the kind of Christianity that they see in the United States. American commercialism in China has taken a relentless hold on the people and the only way they can maintain their rights is by force. The idea is becoming prevalent that in order to get ones rights under Christianity one must use force. China and Japan have great industrial resources and millions of men that could be brought into action in case of war. They are learning to use our own methods and weapons against us when we give them the pretext. The Japanese nation is the newest of the great world powers. She, like all newcomers in a strange surrounding; is sensitive. The insult of the exclusion of their race from the United States has raised a question in their minds as to whether or not we really mean to be Christians according to the Bible. They see that the practices of our Western Civilization and commercial life are wrong when judged according to the standards of our own religion. And again is raised the question in the East; If Christianity is not a success among its sponsors, why should we try it?

Friday morning Doctor Russell gave an interesting allegorical talk entitled, "Do not kill the bird of Paradise." Bad means never brings a good ending. A boy took a watch from a jeweller's window one day while the jeweller was not looking. At first the boy was very happy, but he soon found that he didn't have what he wanted after all. He couldn't show the watch to his friends for fear that he would be caught.

An African hunter had heard of the bird of paradise and wished to see it very much. One day at noon he went to the place where it appeared and gazed upon its beautiful rainbow colors. He was so enraptured that he pulled up his gun killed the bird of paradise in order that might have it for his own. But when he went to pick it up he found a lifeless bloody bird instead of the beautiful creature which he had heard so much about.

We should keep the best things of life just a little beyond our reach to that we may enjoy and appreciate them to the full.

Anyone who waits for times to get normal before doing something will never do anything.

Improvements come and improvements go but life goes on forever in much the same old way.

ALUMNI NOTES.

Class of 1925 continued

Frank Casey is teaching History in a Baptist preparatory school at Ayden, N. C.

Nell Chilton is teaching fifth grade work in the city school at Burlington, N. C.

Clara Coble attended the second session of summer school at N. C. C. W. and had planned to teach English at Pomona High School near Greensboro, but was forced to change her plans on account of her health. She is now taking a rest and having a good time.

Edna Coble is teaching Home Economics in the high school at Moyock, N. C. Edna finds Moyock a very interesting place and is enjoying her work immensely.

Frank Crutchfield is taking graduate work in Physics at North Carolina State College. He is taking part in the college glee club and band and is a member of the choir of the first Baptist church in Raleigh.

Edith Hollowell is teaching seventh grade and music at Teachey, N. C., which work she is liking very much. She is planning to spend Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hollowell of Guilford College, N. C.

James Howell is principal of the high school at Fure, N. C.

Olive Jinnette has charge of the department of Home Economics in the high school at King, N. C.

Katie Lambeth is taking a commercial course at N. C. C. W., Greensboro, N. C.

Ralph Landis is teaching Agriculture in the Country Life Academy, Star, N. C.

Carrie Norman has charge of the seventh grade room and teaches Mathematics in the high school at Summer High School near Greensboro, N. C.

Harriet Pringle and Garland Presnell were married on May 16, 1925 and are living near Guilford station.

John Reynolds is assistant principal and teacher of Mathematics and Science in the King High School.

Blanche Robertson is teaching French and Science in the high school at Teachey, N. C.

Clyde Shore is salesman for the Provident Mutual Life Insurance Company in Winston-Salem, N. C.

Fairy Staley has charge of the department of Home Economics at the Altamont Consolidated High School at Crossnore, N. C.

Ghita Tuttle is spending the winter at her home in Rural Hall, N. C.

Ethel Watkins is teaching History in a high school near Wadeville, N. C.

Inez White has charge of the sixth grade work and the Physical Culture for girls in the Sumner High School, Greensboro, R. F. D. No. 1.

Bertha Zachary is teaching fifth grade in the King High School. 1889

Mrs. Florina Worth John is Head of the Department of English in the Fayetteville High School. She is active in the Literary Clubs, Woman's Clubs and the church work of Fayetteville, N. C. Occasionally she contributes poems and articles to magazines.

Mrs. John, who before her marriage was Florina Worth and who was a member of the first class to graduate from Guilford College, was also, while a student, the first president of the Girl's Debating Club which later became a Literary Society. After her graduation from Guilford Mrs. John spent one year at Bryn Mawr College.

On June 25, 1902, she married Reverend R. B. John, a Methodist minister, and has lived in several towns of Eastern North Carolina. From 1917 to 1922 she was Dean of Carolina College, Maxton, N. C., of which school her husband was president for six years. For a number of years Mrs. John was president of the Woman's Missionary Society of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and for a number of years has been prominently connected with the work of the Woman's Clubs of this State.

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