



Y. W. C. A. NOTES.

"Each New Year's Eve—all by myself I think of all the things I do; I put the bad ones on a shelf And the next day start all over new. And the New Year starts all smooth and fine, And yet I vow, I can't explain Why, when the bells of New Year chime I have to do it all again."

How typical this is of all of us! As we look back and recall our New Year's resolutions of former years, how many of them have been carried out? Why did we not live up to all of them? What made possible the realization of some and not all of them?

Courage has been defined as the strength that carries us over the rough road; the power to face the day's work. In other words, courage forms the foundation and constitutes the "back-bone" of everything really worth while. Therefore, to courage should be attributed the praise for the realization of our former resolutions.

How much courage had you planned to combine with your resolutions for 1922?

We have often heard that "it is better to make no resolutions at all than to make them and not carry them out." There is more truth than poetry in this statement, because a good resolution taken and unfilled unfits one for the next.

So, now before we make a single New Year's resolution, let us consider carefully whether or not we possess the courage to carry it out.

Courage is something we need every day. Courage woven into your 1922 resolutions for a bigger and better Y. W. C. A. is going to add fresh enthusiasm and cause our association to approach the ideal. To conquer we must let our heels be at the command of today.

Let us say to conscience "rouse up a steady mind and do that work now." Then let us put that steady mind with a will into every "job" that can carry on, whether it be serving on a Y. W. C. A. committee, upholding the principles of student government, learning a hard, uninteresting lesson or playing an unusually exciting game of tennis. Whatever our "job" be, let us "carry on" with courageous minds, for one person's failure at his "job" may prove a cog in the wheel of the work of many.

Therefore, may we be thoughtful and brave in the formation of our New Year's resolutions, and then may we carry them out fearlessly, always mindful of these four lines:

"Present and Past my heritage
The Future laid in my control;
No matter what my name or age,
I am the master of my soul."
As you look back over the time that

lapsed between the 15th of September and the 15th of December, 1921, and recall the things that interested you most, that influenced you much, that gave you the greatest joy, and finally, that have proved the most profitable—what have they been? What part has the Y. W. C. A. played in your development? What has the Y. W. C. A. meant to you? Whether the answer be "much" or "little", there is still room for improvement.

This is the beginning of a New Year. It's the time for all of us to see just where we are and what things we need to remedy in order to start the New Year right.

The most satisfactory way of taking personal inventories is to ask ourselves personal questions. Was your Y. W. C. A. last fall the most uplifting, influential, enthusiastic organization in college? If not, why not? It should have been.

Did you give to it the best you had? May each of us adopt a New Year's creed for our Y. W. C. A. And may this be the creed:

"I want my Y. W. C. A. to be the biggest thing in college. I want it to penetrate into every nook and corner, to influence every girl's life spiritually, morally, physically and mentally. I want its spirit to be felt in every phase of college life."

SALEM HELPS MOUNTAIN MISSION.

A grateful letter of thanks for Christmas boxes sent by Salem students and faculty was received with pleasure. It was as follows:

White Bluff, Tennessee,
Jan. 4, 1922.

Dear Salem Girls:

Happy New Year for you and Salem! We wish to thank all who helped to make "Elizabeth House" school children so happy at Christmas time. Miss Edmundson and I just gasped when we opened that box, and then there came another one! We have never received such a beautifully packed box, and all those brightly-wrapped presents! Thank you, thank you, girls! I am sure the children do too, though some said it to the "Santa Claus" who was present for a few precious minutes at the tree. I never saw such cute dolls, and every girl from 5 to 17 received one. The middle blouses were most appropriate. We snatched the "Ivory soap" out at once putting it into use that very afternoon, as not a piece could we find a few hours earlier.

The cunning little toys were hung in the tree, which was 12 feet tall. Some of the clothes were sold in our unique store and some given away. The pair of shoes went to a desperately poor woman. Everything proved useful, and we all thank you girls and everyone else who contributed—not only for the gifts, but for the missionary spirit prompting the act. With love and appreciation, from Elizabeth House.

FRANCES MARY BROWN.
Salem, '15-'16-'17.

A later note sent thanks for a year's subscription to St. Nicholas, which will be a constant reminder of the interest of Salem in the struggling isolated school.

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