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If you were a public speaker, wouldn't you like for your audience to at least feign some degree of attention? Do you think you could be at your best when some poor being in front of you was forced to yield to the overpowering influence of slumber?

Thrift Week is in full swing all over the nation. Are we, as a College and as individuals, lending it our heartiest support?

Do you always consider the worth of the girl you are choosing to fill an office, or do you elect her on a popularity basis?

From now on, we are "On and "Off Campus" students, in place of mere boarders and day pupils. The very names suggest a vast number of things to be lived up to.

Secrets! The air is full of them; every where you turn there's a mysterious atmosphere. The answer to every question is "Oh, that's a secret." What does it all mean? Something momentous, we are sure, but what? It isn't Klu Klux, but meetings, the purpose of which remains deeply shrouded are continually announced. There's a new spirit prevalent, particularly between two definite groups; there's an air of we-know-something-nobody-else-knows and the majority of on campus girls are blissfully ignorant of things happening all around them. It's time to wake up, for something is happening. What?

"Brush up socially" the posters say—a good suggestion, for it is easy to forget that social duties have an important part in college activities. Freshman opinions to the contrary, the four years spent in college are distressingly short ones, and the time for encouraging friendships and acquaintances is limited. Remember that unintentional but thoughtless remarks do more harm than is ever imagined, and that a smile or a word often marks the beginning of real friendship.

We need a definite, conscious effort to develop this side of our school life. A splendid beginning has already been made in this direction by the I. R. S. committee. How can we others make it a success?

What's the matter with hockey practices? Nothing, but there's something radically wrong with the teams. Why is it that on days during which it seems a crime to stay indoors only the few and faithful stragglers know what it is to shoulder their hockey sticks and file up the hill?

Your teams need you but it can be safely guaranteed that once you get the inspiration and enter a real practice, you'll return in spite of your team, if need be. Queer, isn't it, that people must be begged to do things that are nothing but fun from the first minute to the last? Of course, exams are coming, but every one else is just as busy as you, and others come out; try it once and see what happens.

You say you can loaf four whole months at a time and have not a word said about it? You think you can bluff and get by with it all? Well, you maybe can—but I doubt it!

You say it's a waste of a lot of good time to work, so you get on without it? You're sure it will bring you as much in the end? Well, maybe it will—but I doubt it!

"Pray, what is the use," you insist, somewhat bored, "of making so much row about it? Just take my advice, and cram up at the last." Well, maybe it pays—but I doubt it!

What about that jam around the Post Office every morning? Isn't it unpleasant to have post office keys stuck into your eyes by some hand grouping blindly for a box, or if you have a book knocked out of your arms, to be afraid to stoop to pick it up while the mob is carrying out its attack? Of course if you receive a letter the sufferings endured for its sake do not seem quite so keen, but if, on the other hand, the box is empty, who can be blamed for losing patience after being subjected to such indignities? It is neither polite nor collegiate to rush in such a mad scramble for the Post Office the minute the bell rings. Common courtesy demands more consideration for others.

MARIAN NEELY BRINGS MESSAGE FROM STUDENT CONFERENCE

(Interpreted by Marian Neely)

On Friday night, January 11th, at the regular Y. W. C. A. meeting, the student body and many members of the faculty enjoyed one of the rarest events possible in a four years college life. Miss Marian Neely, the delegate to the quadrennial convention of the International Volunteer Movement held at Indianapolis during the holidays, beautifully interpreted the message and spirit of the conference to those who could not attend.

Miss Neely began by saying that attending the conference had been one of the most wonderful experiences of her life and she would never forget it for she gained things that she could always carry with her. Some things, she said, she could tell about but there were lots of things that she got from the meetings that were impossible to impart to others. The conference had representatives from every state in the union and many foreign states. Some 7,000 delegates met in this conference, and though an immense cosmopolitan group there was a common purpose and aim and a wonderful spirit of fellowship and harmony noticeable all through the conference.

Miss Neely told of her trip to and from Asheville, the leave taking point for the southern states. How even on the train the spirit of the meeting was manifested and groups were even then discussing problems affronting every thinking person of today.

The most important problems discussed were—The Race Problem, War, and The League of Nations. Such noted men as Dr. Sherwood Eddy, Dr. Robert Speer, Dr. Harrison Elliott, Robert P. Wilder, and Dr. John R. Mott, were among the speakers.

It seems the Race Problem received more attention than any of the other questions. A majority of the discussions groups chose this for their particular topic. The most striking things brought out in the conference were—that the negro should have equality in the sense of privileges and opportunity; that war was unchristian and should be prevented; and that the League of Nations and a World Court are the best means to ward off war. The real fundamental message of the conference, however, was the deep spiritual meaning attached to all that was said and done. It left a deep impression that Christ and Christianity were the real means of securing Peace and Harmony in the world.

Much inspiration was gained from this conference and Salem students rejoice that through their representative they were able to get something of the spirit, enthusiasm, and wonderful message of the conference.

FORMER TEACHER TO CONDUCT EUROPEAN TOUR

Miss Hazel Young, a former teacher of Biology at Salem College, has announced that she is planning a European tour lasting from the early part of June to the first of September. This tour will include many places of interest in England, Scotland, France, Switzerland, and Italy. Miss Young will be a splendid leader as she has spent the last two years in these countries. All girls interested in this tour which will be under the management of one of the largest international tourist companies will please give their names to Miss Stipe who will see that they get the proper information from Miss Young.

MR. A. SHAPIRO LECTURES ON JEWISH TALMUD AT MEETING OF HISTORY CLUB

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question: "If God is the source of all good why did He steal a rib from Adam while he was asleep?" Before the rabbi could answer his daughter requested permission to speak. She turned to the questioner and asked him to call the justice of the peace. When he inquired the reason for her request she replied that a robber had stolen a silver goblet and put a gold one in its place. The man then said he considered this giving not stealing. The girl retorted, saying the man had answered his own question, for God had given Adam in place of one bone a beautiful and loved companion.

Since the days of the prophets the Jews have had three great teachers, the two compilers of the *Talmud* and the writer of the thirteen articles of the Jewish faith. The writer of these articles was a great astronomer, philosopher, and physician of old Spain. He was so revered by the Jews that he was called the Second Moses.

These articles state the divinity, omniscience, and omnipotence of God, the everlasting preeminence of the Mosaic law, the belief in the Messiah's coming, and the assurance of the last judgment.

MISS MARGARET ALBRIGHT TO GO AROUND THE WORLD

A number of Greensboro people are leaving this week for New York where they are booked to sail January 15 on the S. S. Laconia for a cruise around the world. One party will be composed of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Justice, Miss Marion Hunter and Miss Margaret Albright.

Miss Albright and Miss Hunter are leaving Wednesday evening. Miss Albright will go direct to New York where Miss Hunter will join her Friday after a visit in Baltimore, Md., with her sister, Miss Eugenia Hunter, who is a student at Goucher college.

The voyagers will sail for Cuba from New York and after a brief stay in Havana will go through the Panama canal, touching on Colon and Balboa, to San Francisco. A visit at Honolulu, and the steamer will turn its nose toward the far orient. Tokio, Yokohama and Kobe are the points in Japan to be visited, and in China, Shanghai, Hong Kong and Canton will be the cities at which stops will be made.

Leaving China the tourists will go to Manila in the Philippines and Matavia in Java. Singapore is next on the itinerary after which Rangoon in Burma will be visited. In India the cities to be taken in are Calcutta, Colombo and Bombay.

Through the Red sea to the Suez canal the travelers will go until they reach Egypt. Several stops will be made in various cities, and then the holy land in Asia Minor will be visited. From Jerusalem the tourists plan to go to Athens and thence to Naples. Those who follow the lines of the regular tour will go to France from where they will sail.

Ninety-three essays from American colleges and universities have been submitted in the National Student Contest, promoted by the Inter-Collegiate Prohibition Association, on the theme, "The World Movement Against Alcoholism." Thirty-four cash prizes of \$300, \$200, \$100 less and aggregating \$1,000 have been offered. The decision will be announced at the Student Convention at Washington, D. C., January 12th and 13th.

—Exchange.

OPEN FORUM

The Indianapolis Convention

"What are you going to do with your life?" was one of the big questions of this great convention of students. This is the great question every student will have to decide for himself and why not decide now? These appeals were put before over six thousand students in Indianapolis; these students can't answer all these appeals, so why not give them your consideration, and maybe you will find your life work.

Dr. Cheng, of China, told us of China's need, saying that "Industrial development in China is still in its infancy. Nevertheless, the day is not very far off when China will enter upon the industrial stage of the world and show her power and efficiency. China will soon become one of the best markets for the absorption of the machinery produced by the West. Industrial problems are also beginning to challenge the energy of those concerned about the welfare of ill-paid men, women, and children working in these modern factories." Another message that he brought was, "Men are seeking blindly for something or somebody that will meet the needs of the human soul."

Mr. Hatanaka, of Japan, came with the appeal that we come to Japan. He said "The desire is there and there is need for more people who are Christians to bring Christ to Japan." He also said, "Thank God that the Christian churches are supplying Japan with Christian leaders."

Professor Masile, of India, said "There are over fifty million people in India depressed. There is great social, political and religious unrest and the religious unrest is the one that deserves the most attention because it is the most noticeable. India is the most religious country in the world, but its religions do not satisfy. No one can give to India except Christ."

India wants the same that we have, peace, joy and happiness, but unless she knows Christ there is no hope for these things. There is a strong call for Christian students to come and help the church in religious India.

Professor Andres Ocuca, of Latin America, brought us a vision of the undeveloped conditions of Mexico and South America. There are great gold fields as well as great oil fields and if this country were only developed there would be a great opening for a market for our goods. In Latin America there is a lack of education and there is also great religious unrest. These people are looking to Christian America to bring them peace and happiness and it can be brought only through Him.

In America, there are ten million in poverty, unjust distribution of wealth; so there are also fields of service here. It is time that students were waking up to the need there is for Christian service. Let us make our life count and give to God the best we have spiritually, mentally, and physically.

—Marian Neely.

Chief Justice Clark of the North Carolina Supreme Court donated recently from his private library 219 volumes of historical work to Elon College.

—Exchange.

Social etiquette is now being offered as a course to Wichita College students. It includes table manners, letter writing, and proper conduct at all times. The purpose of the course is to remove individual faults and to develop social talents.

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