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The president's forum began active work in earnest at the meeting for consideration of the Student Friendship Fund as presented in the expanded chapel service Wednesday. For the past several weeks the matter has been presented to student attention at some time during the term, and brought to successful conclusion under the leadership of a committee chosen for the purpose. This year, conditions are such that careful and generous co-operation on the part of American students is necessary to fulfill the plans made by those in charge of the relief work among students in Russia and Central Europe. A campaign will be conducted on our campus, the result of which will definitely indicate to what extent there is understanding and sympathy towards students of other countries who are struggling against adverse conditions of which we can have no adequate conception, and who although they have much in common with us, have also a much wider range of experiences. Reconstructive work is the purpose of those in charge of the relief work—reconstruction in which direct relief will not be so large a portion as in previous years, which in most countries, with the exception of Russia where there is still widespread, rampant suffering for food, clothing, and medical assistance, will consist more in co-operative effort than in assistance to individuals.

The success of the campaign will depend entirely on individual effort and sacrifice. For our part we worked out takes for granted the interest and co-operation of all students. World fellowship should be, in every instance, a definite part of every student's life; and an individual should be actually ashamed if he has no part in world fellowship activities. This point of view has been rather difficult to make widespread in America, where it is not forced into it by our daily life, and the fact that we are beginning to feel it represents a decided spiritual advance.

A deep, understanding sympathy with the cause, which should be close on the heart of every student in every land, will help to bring about the generous response which we are anticipating. Sacrifice is the keynote of it all—merely the going without luxuries and trifles to which we are accustomed, but actual sacrifice of things more necessary to our well being.

There is nothing we think quite so annoying as the failure of part of someone to be on time. Punctuality requires no amount of extra effort as a usual thing, and it makes a world of difference in the opinion formed of one by others. Punctuality is apt to be learned only if allowed to secure the slightest sort of foothold; the rushing in to class or organization meetings or to meals may quite easily become a part of one's fixed habits; and this is indicative, surely, of at least a state of mental laxness.

There is one person who is universally disliked. It is not he who, whatever organization he

belongs, he is equally unwelcome. He is the shirker. He has an almost uncanny talent for evading action—mental or physical; and in shifting words to the shoulders of other people, he is really accomplished. He is absolutely guiltless of any form of toil. If most rates, this one applies without college as well as without. The girl who invariably leaves her duties for someone else to perform, refuses to accept her just share of responsibilities, and, indeed, refuses to acknowledge that she has any responsibility, is a shirker and is subject to all the penalties automatically imposed upon such a person.

There have been installed, during the summer, a large number of new chairs in the various classrooms. For a few days, these chairs remained in shiny, spotted condition; but we have lately noticed that they are beginning to look marred with the scratching of initials in pen and pencil, and the executing of numerous designs with some sort of sharp instrument. We consider this an extremely childish form of amusement, and it is besides, of a destructive character that is unbecoming in persons of collegiate years. It should be unnecessary to remind one that defacing of property is a serious offense, particularly in this instance where the property has been only recently installed.

Self-indulgence is an invidious habit which is likely to creep into the private habits of one especially when little habits of laziness and carelessness are easy to cultivate; and like these habits, it grows and grows and grows until it is a trait of character. If you notice this fault in yourself, try to form, instead, a habit of care in all your things, and unfitness in important matters will be less difficult.

The actual success of an undertaking matters very little in itself; it is the spirit behind it all—the honest attempt to accomplish something worthwhile in its results—which counts for everything in the long run. Have you heard of the man who remarks on the sign "What I admire most in Christopher Columbus is not his having discovered the New World, but his having gone in search of it."

We are quoting below what seems to us to contain a definite challenge to every thinking college student. The words are those of Ernest M. Hopkins, president of Dartmouth College, in a letter to the *Manufacturer's Record*, concerning his views on the youth movement; and it is especially applicable in connection with the Student Friendship campaign which is about to begin on the campus. He says: "It is important to live with the undergrade of the present day and to watch his growth and intelligent efforts to adjust his thinking to a world in which every condition is radically changed over conditions in former times, and not to acquire a confidence both in the sincerity and intelligence of the college student of today."

This is the reflection of a man who is in daily contact with a relatively large number of students, and who, beyond all shadow of doubt, must have reasonable grounds on which to base his conclusion.

Dr. Willoughby's statement in chapel Friday morning makes very clear the fact that public opinion must begin to express itself strongly and so decidedly on certain matters that the performance of non-moral, selfish—selfish, and dishonorable—acts, will not be tolerated on the campus. The students, who, because of their own selfishness, are less selfless in taking books from the library without signing for them, deprived one hundred and thirty-five others of those books which were necessary for the preparation of a lesson, have committed a serious offense. If, in the future, they have done something which might easily be interpreted as dishonest.

Student feeling is against things of this nature, and the expression of opinion will aid more than anything else in stamping out future occurrences which reflect not only upon the honor of the person committing the offense, but upon the honor of the institution, as well.

Historical Sketch of Sisters' House

It is only after careful exploration into the history of Salem, that one is able to appreciate fully the historical significance of this unique building. In order to understand just why this house was and is called "The Sisters' House," it is necessary to read the old diaries of the ministers of the Moravian Church who lived in Salem during the first years of its existence.

The first inhabitants of Salem came to Wachovia from Gettysburg, (Wachovia being a tract of land in North Carolina granted to the Moravians by Lord Granville of England.) Here they established a few houses, and eventually constructed a "meeting house," called the **CONGREGATION HOUSE**, where all church services were held, and where the minister and his family lived.

The congregation was divided into groups, called choirs. The children, the single brethren, and the older boys, the widows and widowers, and the married people, each composed a single choir. Of course the married people provided themselves and their children with houses, but the children reached the age of fourteen, they became members of the older girls or older boys choir, and at the age of eighteen, they became members of single sisters choir or single brothers choir, as the case might be, and lived in the Congregation House.

In order that more work could be done for the betterment of the community, more thought and concentration could be put on religious affairs, more time could be spent for education, it was decided to construct a choir house for each choir. However, the house for the single sisters was not built until several years after the settlement of Salem. On April 10, 1772, twenty sisters came down from Gettysburg, and were housed in the Congregation House. This house was later removed to make room for the present Main Hall.

The sisters supported themselves in various ways—some about the house, some doing weaving, weaving and mending, and some earning their living by doing work in the homes of the married couples of the community. The wages were twenty-seven cents a day in summer, and twenty cents a day in winter.

In 1782 the sisters began discussing the possibility of erecting a choir house of their own, the Congregation House fast becoming too small to accommodate them. This assembly approved of the construction of a house for the sisters, which gave permission for an appeal for funds to other Moravian churches.

On July 1, 1783, orders were given to begin the collection necessary for the building of the house, and a committee was appointed to prepare the plans. The preparation of building material brings vividly to mind the isolation of Salem in those days, and its dependence on its own resources. An

order was sent to England for window glasses, locks, etc.; but the lumber was cut by their own workmen, from land belonging to the congregation. The workmen were carefully instructed to cut only oak for the beams, etc., while poplar could be used for the lathes.

The erection of the Sisters' House was unexpectedly delayed, however, by the burning of the Tavern on January 21, 1784. It was impossible, due to the lack of workmen, to construct two buildings at once, so the Tavern was rebuilt at the expense of the Sisters' House. In February, 1785, the erection for the Sisters' House began and on March 31, the cornerstone was laid. From its data in the Salem Historical Museum one finds a detailed account of the laying of the cornerstone.

Work on the house was now steadily pushed. Four cellars were built. The foundations were of stone, but the walls of the building were of brick made by the women brick-yard, where tile for the roof was also made. The high pitched roof gave space for a large sleeping hall, with another overhead, making it practically a three story house.

On the first floor there were two doors on the street, and two in the rear. The northeast room was the kitchen, with the bake-oven beside the door; the dining room was in the middle on the west, and a flight of steps led from the hall down into the vaulted cellar. The total cost for the Sisters House and the out-buildings was six thousand three hundred and thirty-two dollars and sixty cents. In 1786 the Choir House of the Single Sisters was completed, and the congregation set apart a day for the dedication of the building.

Persons with little knowledge of Moravian customs have sometimes compared a Single Sister's House to a convent, but there was nothing conventional about the life therein. Instead of solitary life the women were grouped in rooms, living in the closest personal association with each other and all dressed in common sleeping hall. There was very real religious life, but it was the pleasure rather than the duty of living, with frequent meetings to cheer and strengthen them for their daily toil. It was true that the unmarried men and women were kept strictly apart, but this was usual German etiquette, not a Moravian peculiarity, and no attempt was made to prevent marriage. Indeed the betrothal of members of worthy brethren was considered of sufficient importance to be recorded in the diary.

The sisters lived in their Choir House under the same system as it was needed, leading a quiet, humble life, with the one thought of pleasing their Heavenly Father in their daily lives, until perhaps some were chosen by lot to become the brides of the brethren who by the way were to be recruited in Brethren's House. If, perchance, a sister was not chosen, she continued to live in her own room, under God, living up to the high standards set by her predecessors, and by explaining explicitly the rules of her choir.

The original Sisters' House included only the northern part of the present building, but in the early

part of the nineteenth century, the third door and the eastern portion of the building was added.

Budget Pay Day To Be On October Twentieth

On Monday, October 6, at one-thirty, a business meeting of the Student Self-Government Association was held in the Recreation Room.

After the roll was called, the president, Mary Hill, made several important announcements. Monday, October 20, has been set aside as pay-day for the Budget, at which time the money is to be paid to Sarah Voss, who will be in the living room of Alice Crowell Building. A fine will be imposed on those who fail to pay on the appointed day.

Delegates Are Elected To Press Association

Miriam Britz and Dorothy Siewers to represent Salemita at Convention in Greensboro.

At a called meeting of THE SALEMITA staff on Wednesday afternoon, October 8, Miriam Britz, Managing Editor, and Dorothy Siewers, Reporter, were elected as delegates to the convention of the North Carolina College Press Association at Greensboro College on October 30, 31 and November 1. These meetings are held semi-annually for the purpose of exchanging views and mapping out plans for the coming term. All college newspapers and magazines in North Carolina are members of the Association.

Who's Who and Where

Ruth Platt spent the week-end at her home in Durham.
Frances Campbell and Elizabeth Siffert spent last week-end in Salisbury.

Flora Blander spent the week-end with Helen Kerrier in Kernersville.
Ella Haper spent the week-end at her home in Lexington.

Myrtle Valentine spent the week-end at her home in Mount Airy.
Pauline Tucker went to Madison for the week-end.

Anna Morrison and Elizabeth Parker went to Davidson last week-end.
Katherine Eggleston spent the week-end in Madison.
Betha Law spent last week-end in Chapel Hill.

Miss Helen Pugh Is To Appear in Piano Recital

On October 16, Miss Helen Pugh will give a piano recital in Memorial Hall at 8:15 p. m. Miss Pugh, the well-known child prodigy, is the daughter of Mrs. Adams J. of Montreat. The music lovers of Winston-Salem will be interested in the announcement of her appearance here.

Freshman (looking over a musical program)—"I wonder who composed the intermission."
—T. technician.