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Why should the opinions of the crowd be your opinions? And why should you be unable to form your own ideas and stand by your own convictions? Following the majority in all issues results in the suppression of all possibilities of independence. The line of least resistance appeals only to the person who has no strong moral fiber and no sense of reliance on his own capabilities. We quote the following from an editorial on the same subject: "Yes, you are afraid to be great; afraid to stand alone. You choose to be like others; to float with the tide; to go with crowd, swallowed in a gregarious nonentity. That's the herding instinct which deteriorates men into cattle. It's the easiest way and it will keep your soul scrawny forever."

Self-confidence is undoubtedly a valuable quality to possess. Of course egoism and self-conceit are never desirable, but neither is the inferiority complex. Lack of faith in one's own ability is one of the dangers to be combated early in college life. Surrounded by an atmosphere of superiority, a girl is likely to acquire and cultivate a doubt of herself which will last long after any possible reason for it has disappeared. Self-distrust is a form of fear which is not only useless but harmful. Nothing can be accomplished so long as this attitude is maintained and no amount of hard studying can overcome it. Belief in one's self is first necessary and success naturally follows. After all there is not such a vast difference between the ability of one school girl and another. You may have a talent which some one else has not. Search out your own capacity for achievement and live up to it.

As the year advances there is a growing tendency among students to ignore study hour. This period is set aside every night for the express purpose of studying and should be used as such. There must be very few girls in school whose lessons do not require at least this much time for preparation and the majority do want to learn. It is, therefore, extremely selfish of the few girls who are not willing to study to disturb many of those who do. Of what are we busy signs when in the corridor an hilarious group sends sufficient noise to annoy the whole dormitory? This failing becomes more and more common as time progresses and it is no wonder that student self-control and student honor.

Proper ventilation in class rooms is almost as requisite to success in academic subjects as is proper application and interest in the subject. A room full of warm, stale air is not at all conducive to clear thinking; its influence is stupefying, deadening. And yet, when we go from one recitation to another we find windows closed and radiators hissing at full steam. It would not be especially difficult to open all the windows between classes and to see that there is a

sufficient amount of air circulated during the period. That crowded, staid ceiling will not exist and minds will take on an unbelievable activity.

## Mr. Campbell Talks On Public Health

Scientific Society Enjoys Interesting Lecture on Public Health Department.

Last Monday evening at the meeting of the *Societas Scientiarum* Mr. Campbell gave a very interesting talk on the System of Public Health.

The health of a community is a very important subject to every citizen; hence it is necessary that there should be some organization with offices and system to attend to this part of public welfare. The Board of Health has full executive power in this line. It must appoint a health officer, the inspectors, the physician, and the public health nurse; it must furnish laboratory services for examination of suspected cases of tuberculosis, diphtheria, and typhoid fever; it must provide for a veterinary officer, common law, legal council, and publicity. All of these branches of the organization have separate and numerous duties to perform.

The health officer is at the head of the department, and sits not only to the Board of Health. It is his chief duty to investigate all circumstances and affairs that are most vital to the common safety in regard to health, and to report such needs as he finds to the Board. He must see that all conditions of the department are properly performed.

There are several inspectors who specialize in certain matters which are important in preventing disease. There are those who examine food, milk, water, diseases, and restaurants. Of special importance is the testing of milk, because milk is a favorable place for the multiplication of bacteria of many kinds.

The chief medical service is rendered by the city physician. He finds it his duty to see that all contagious diseases are properly quarantined. He determines the length of the quarantine period and sees that proper fumigation is carried out after a disease has been present in a house. He gives toxins and vaccines and conducts clinics for children and tuberculosis patients.

The public health nurse is a connecting link between the health board and the people who really need help from the city. This person is able to see the true conditions of many homes that the higher officers could never reach. She recommends that unsanitary places be improved, and that people themselves be prevented from living in such places.

It is necessary for any efficient health department to have laboratories where persons who are suspected of having tuberculosis, diphtheria and typhoid fever may be examined. The presence of these diseases is detected by various blood tests.

In closing, Mr. Campbell stated that people are slowly coming to realize the importance of public health disease instead of curing it and that these attempts at prevention keep the Board of Health continually occupied.

## Who's Who and Where

Virginia Griffin and Lucile Carroll spent the week-end at their homes in Wilson.

Helen Ritchie visited her home in China Grove last week-end.

Isabel Smith spent the week-end at her home in Mount Airy.

Lois Crowell, Rosa Caldwell, and Annie Litaker spent the past week-end at Concord.

Eleanor Williamson was the guest of Emily Jones at Durham for the past week-end.

Mary Lee Mason visited her home in Gastonia.

Anna Belle Brantley visited her home at Charlotte last week-end.

Frances Campbell, Elizabeth Sifford and Betty McCord spent the past week-end at their homes in Salisbury.

Flora Binder spent the week-end with Helen Kerker in Kernersville.

Etta Heart Graham visited her home in Durham during the past week-end.

## Miss Read Gives A Recital On Thursday

Head of Violin Department Delights Large Audience on Thursday Evening

Miss Hazel Horton Read, head of the Violin Department of Salem College, gave a recital in Memorial Hall on Thursday night, October 30, at 8:15 o'clock. She was assisted by Mrs. Ruth Ann Duncanson at the piano.

The stage was beautifully decorated with chrysanthemums and ferns which formed a lovely background for the occasion. Misses Margaret Holbrook, Elizabeth Parker, Sarah Yeast, Rachael Phillips, and Isabel Wenholt, pupils of Miss Read, were ushers. Miss Read so completely charmed and delighted her audience that encores were demanded throughout the evening. The closing encore, "The Old Rube," was among the most beautiful selections on the entire program.

The program opened with several difficult movements by Vieuxtemps which finally reached a brilliant climax in the closing *Saltarello*. There was a distinct contrast between the two numbers in the second group; the first was soulful and emotional; the second, characteristic of its composer, was extremely light and capricious. Possibly the most striking selection on the program was "Avalanche" by Burleigh. It is a dramatic, realistic description of the destruction of a church by a land-slide. Miss Read interpreted this number with such vivid effect that her hearers burst into a storm of enthusiastic applause. The last number on the program, "Gypsy Dance," by Nacbes, was very brilliant and picturesque.

Miss Read is an artist of the highest order, and Salem College is indeed fortunate in having her as a member of its music faculty. She plays with a spontaneity that is delightful. Her remarkable technique, her power of expression and interpretation, and the ease and grace with which she plays all give evidence of her unusual talents. The entire program of the evening was as follows:

I.  
Fantasia Appassionata—Vieuxtemps.  
Allegro Moderato.  
Largo.  
Saltarello.

(a) On Wings of Song—Mendelssohn.

(b) Capriccio—Haydn.

III.  
(a) Midnight Bell—Heuberger-Kreisler.

(b) Valse Bluette—Drigo-Auer.

(c) Avalanche—Burleigh.

IV.  
Gypsy Dance—Nacbes.

## MacDowell Club Will Present Picture

Booth Tarkington's "Pied Piper Malin," Featuring Thomas Meighan, for Saturday.

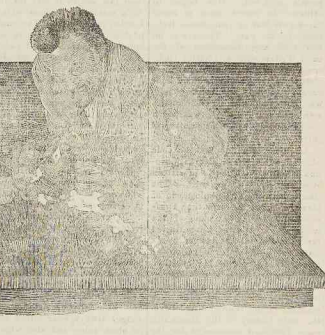
What could be more delightful than an evening of real entertainment? Such an evening will be afforded the students and friends of Salem on Saturday. The MacDowell Club is to present "Pied Piper Malin," starring Thomas Meighan, and this picture will live up to the reputation that "The Bachelor Daddy" has made. Lois Wilson, heroine of "The Covered Wagon," is supporting Mr. Meighan in the cast, and other well-known actors and actresses will take part in the picture. Best of all, probably, is the fact that Booth Tarkington wrote "Pied Piper Malin," and this picture for Mr. Meighan, and personally directed the production of the picture.

## Pola Negri and Betty Compton are Stars at Broadway This Week

The Broadway Theatre offers a very nice program of pictures for the coming week. Pola Negri in "Shadows of Paris," said to be one of her best pictures, holds the boards Monday and Tuesday—while Betty Compton in a new release entitled, "The Foulie," has full sway for Wednesday and Thursday. Ernest Truax in a comedy called "6 Cylinder Love" will be shown Friday and Saturday. "Last Married," a honeymoon farce comedy is the road attraction at The Auditorium Theatre for Monday evening only. Seats are now on sale at the box office. The management takes the view that this is a good clean comedy and one worthy of consideration for all lovers of good wholesome entertainment.

## PARTICIPANTS IN AD CONTEST RECEIVE GIFTS.

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