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Merry Christmas, everybody! Five more days and we shall be leaving to spend the following three weeks amid all the gaieties and delights of the Christmas season. They will be three weeks filled to the brim with joyousness and we shall return at the end of the term refreshed and with a new enthusiasm for our scholastic duties and the routine of campus activities. The Christmas spirit is surely in the air, evidenced especially by the chapel music, the Christmas party, the Senior vespers service and most inspiring of all, the Advent addresses by Bishop Rondthaler in the mid-week Young People's Meeting. Salem is this Christmas a place at Christmas time, with its dear Moravian customs and its extending the holiday season over several weeks in place of several days. Be thankful that you live in such an interesting community at this time of year and go home, filled to the brim, with the genuine spirit of the Christmas tide. Again we wish you in the homeliest of phrases, "A very merry Christmas and a bright New Year!"

Wake up, Salem students, to your responsibilities as members of your class. How fair is it, do you think, for a few girls to shoulder all the work and all the worry and for every other member to share in the honors of achievement and success?

An individual opinion is worth very little unless it is openly expressed. One has no patience with the girl who is afraid to voice her sentiments on questions of real importance because of "what people may think," and because "she will make enemies of half the school." Pure cowardice is alone responsible for her attitude.

During the past weeks, much stress has been placed upon honor in the class room; but the social side of the problem is also important. Student government necessitates honor in the individual to prevent injustice to the group. There are rules made which apply to one girl as much as to another and she who breaks these rules and by evasive and deceit tries to escape the consequences, performs an act which is unfair to all the members of the association. Except in rare cases, the breaking of a rule is not necessary and when, after due consideration, one finds it to be so, the only honorable thing to do is to report one's self. In living under the student government system, one deliberately acknowledges its authority and one's own responsibility, and any act which is wilfully opposed to its regulations and principles is a breach of honor.

Honor has been defined as "a sense of what is right and comfortable to a high standard of living." According to S. C. Parker "ordinary observation of social life reveals that cheating is one of the most prevalent forms of misbehavior," of failure to conform to a high standard of living." He further explains

that every one knows what cheating is, knows that it is considered immoral, knows also that it injures the group as well as the individual. Yet cheating continues. Boys and girls cheat in games, men cheat at cards, golf and other sports, politicians cheat the public in many ways, and dishonest business men are found everywhere.

Since this is the case it is not remarkable that a certain amount of this form of dishonesty should be found in every Freshman class composed, as it is, of girls from high schools all over this and other states; but that there should continue to be a group which, after several months of instruction, remains "impervious to appeals alike from the administration and from the Student Self-Government Association for strict honesty in lines of Academic work" indicates a widespread lack of personal ideals which condemn cheating. We need to develop in our student-body ideals and habits that will make cheating impossible. We need to make our group standards toward right and wrong such that they will automatically create the conditions which compel the individual to respect them. This cannot be done by vague indefinite suggestions; the attack must be direct and prolonged. Students value and will strive for the approval and admiration of their fellow students more often and more whole-heartedly than for the approval of instructors and often of families. Are we, as students, all allowing ourselves every opportunity to voice our disapproval of every failure to conform to "a high standard of conduct" of every attempt to deceive for purposes of gain? Any system is judged by results. Are we content with results at Salem?

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM IN BRANCH CLUB

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The concluding number of the program was a dramatization of Les Trois Meses Basses, by Miss Binder, Hall and McAlpine, assisted by Miss Nance, Rashid, and Platt. The play was well given and being of a light and witty type, created much laughter. Just preceding this number, Miss Mary Lee Taylor gave a recitation of the story, thus making the play more easily understood and appreciated.

"Don't boast. Unless your work speaks for you, there is no more to be said."

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SOCIAL FORUM HAS FIRST MEETING WEDNESDAY

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maître's short story entitled "Les Grands Souliers."

4. It arouses public opinion in the student body and contributes toward their solution.
5. It develops a real sense of group consciousness among the students.
6. It offers an opportunity for discussion, it offers training in initiative, poise, the give and take involved in the challenge of debate or discussions and in co-operation.
7. Through impetuous resolutions of the forum, many delicate questions of social usage are settled.

One great value of the Social Forum is the bringing together of off- and on-campus students. Miss Sipe stated her wish that the off-campus students would make the college their second home.

Alice Dunbar, vice-president of the I. R. S., responded by saying that she believed that a closer relation existed between on- and off-campus students than ever before.

The remainder of the hour was spent in having a social good-time which included refreshments were served by the I. R. S. girls.

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