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EDITORIALS

"Stand up straight" urges the Athletic Association.

We are very much indebted to Miss Mary Tillery, the president and artistic member of the senior class, for designing our new emblem. We like it very much.

TO THE ALUMNI

To the alumni, both those of recent years and those older, we wish to extend a hearty plea for your loyal support and co-operation. The Twig is making its initial appearance for the session of 1921-22. The present students are going to back us up, but even at that, we are going to need you. You have never yet failed your Alma Mater when she called, and knowing this, we are confident that you are going to aid us in launching this "baby newspaper". We are deeply conscious that it was in your minds and hearts, especially you alumni of '21, that the germ of thought which has only recently developed into The Twig was born. We do not ask you to give to us alone, but we want to give to you as well. Through our columns you will be able to keep up with our college activities, to find out all that happens in our walls. You will see how we are materializing your dreams, and what plans for the future we are arranging. No, we knew that you, our older sisters, will stand by us, and be our friend and ally in the new enterprise.

STUDENT OPINION

SHALL MEREDITH BE MOVED

The topic of the day among Meredith girls, and interested outsiders, is that of moving Meredith College. The general opinion among the students is that we would better ourselves in numerous ways, while a few are adverse to this idea. Where and when this plan is to materialize is yet to be decided upon. Nevertheless, we readily understand the advantages to be gained by that one step.

In the first place, we are sadly in need of larger grounds, which is an essential prerequisite to further developments. This would give us a chance to "spread" in more than one way. If we had larger grounds, we could then meet the problem of taking care of the number of girls who apply for admission each year, for then we would have space to build the several dormitories needed. A spacious and beautiful campus appeals to the eye, and what catches the eye, soon becomes dear to the heart. This would give to each girl a greater desire to improve and beautify her college grounds. No one wishes to expend time, money, or energy upon a fruitless project. Besides meeting the rooming question and arousing a sense of pride, larger grounds would mean a place of health, and a place of pleasure for the girls. Walking would no longer be confined to side walks and the Wake Forest Road where we are critically observed by the public eye. Some of our entertainments would be most effective and delightful on a wide lawn, instead of forever depending upon the chapel, society halls, and the "Y" room. With extensive grounds we could increase our athletics, adding to our tennis and basket-ball courts, and not feel guilty of trespassing upon public opinion, when drilling in outdoor gymnasium classes.

Having secured ample room for our location, the next consideration is the buildings. The deplorable need of dormitories has already been mentioned. It is useless to enumerate the necessity of such buildings as the gymnasium, infirmary, music hall, library, chemistry building, laundry, etc., etc., ad infinitum. A college with a Meredith reputation and standard claims the right of being properly equipped. Possessing suitable buildings and grounds, we would not live through that critical moment, nor be seized with an apologetic chill when we are awaiting the first expressions of the stranger who stands viewing Meredith.

These are merely a suggestion of the benefits to be derived from the removal of Meredith. Let us now review the minor objections.

Those who want Meredith to remain crowded upon one, small, city block, and be

deprived of opportunities for improvement and advancement, contend that Meredith would not be Meredith if located elsewhere. To allow Meredith to remain fixed in the same site is like trying to make a modern girl wear an Elizabethan costume; for our college has grown in modern ideas, and attained high standards. Why then should we stunt the natural development of our college?

Another absurd idea of the adverse party, is that we would be utterly cut off from the outside world; that we would not have the chance to go down town shopping and to the movies as often as we do now; that we would probably have Sunday School and Church in our own chapel, thus not being able to mingle with the town people and accept their hospitality. These statements are true to a certain degree, but if such changes are necessary for the improvement and progress of our college, shall the individual become a stumbling block by assuming this selfish attitude?

The question continues to be a daily topic for conversation at the dinner table, on the halls, in afternoon walks—and even Wake Forest appears vitally interested. A well-known professor was heard to say that "other colleges build in stone and concrete, but the Baptists are character builders." We are proud of such a genuine statement, but we cannot get away from the present needs of Meredith, and her daughters stand loyal, ready, and willing to promote the welfare of their Alma Mater.

Mabel West, '21.

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