

## Open Forum

### PRACTICAL OR NOT?

Kindred spirits, of course, discuss kindred subjects—ideas which are important and uppermost in the minds of both spirits. So it is quite natural that the Alumnae of Meredith should be interested in the present Meredith—the work which it is accomplishing, the progress which has been made since the Alumnae have left the halls of the beloved Alma Mater—everything which pertains to Meredith. Nor should we who are here at Meredith now forget that helpful suggestions can be made for us by those who walked through these same halls, who have passed through the same joys and sorrows which are our present. And soon many of us will be Alumnae, thinking, fearing, hoping, working for Meredith, while we revere, love and cherish our college it is by no means perfect as we can readily recognize. But—it is up to us who are interested in the welfare of the college to speed it no the road to higher development—higher attainments.

Which remarks bring me to the statement which started such a train of thought in my mind, a statement coming from the lips of an old Meredith girl who is intensely interested in the work of her Alma Mater. "Yes, Meredith is a wonderful college, with ideas and ideals set high. The biggest fault which I would like remedied is its lack of practical application." What I am wanting you to see is not that I as one of the present students agree with her, but to set you thinking about the matter. Are we in our desire for a *liberal education* leaving out the practical side too much? Is the curriculum too narrow, too theoretically taught? The majority of the girls who leave Meredith will teach for a few years anyway, not until the chance to make a home of their own comes to them but because they feel that as graduates of an A-1 college they should render unto society at large a different service from that which will be their portion later on. Now, the question at hand is this: Is the present work at Meredith too theoretical? Should the Education Department develop practical work further than mere observation of teachers in the local schools? The laboratories of the biology, physics, domestic science, chemistry and other sciences are of wonderful help, and we as a college have fairly good equipment, but—is this enough? I am not saying that it is not; I am not saying that it is. The biggest thing to my mind is getting each girl in the student body to thinking the thing through. As one of the professors remarked in class, "There is a decided difference between *learning a thing* and *learning about a thing*." Take your own case. Don't consider your sister who has gone out from here and has made a success of teaching, home-making, executive work or anything else. Will you, yourself, be fitted for anything when you leave Meredith? That is of vital importance to you in thinking the question over.

Nor is this a matter to be ignored, with side issues receiving greater consideration. It is a matter which the faculty in all probability have pondered over and looked at from every angle. And I do not say that you as individuals will or can answer the question—but, you can think about it—and more, express the opinions you have. Surely there is some sentiment among the student body concerning this and I should like to know how the students feel about it, or even how the faculty view the matter.

### EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

Every week members of THE TWIG staff are faced with the same question: "What is a student opinion?" May I endeavor to answer their question?

Meredith girls are bound to think—then why not make our thoughts known? If we read a new book we have some opinion about it. The good and bad qualities are compelled to come up in our minds. Then why not express these thoughts? Don't make all the student opinions mere school affairs, that would not be of interest to other people. Let the other people who read THE TWIG know that we have some relation with things that other people think and talk about. The daily paper carries topics every day that we could express opinions about. Girls, please let's think about broader and bigger things.

### PERSONAL INFLUENCE

Now that we have been having revival services, each one of us is interested in some one who is not a Christian. It is good that we love Christ so much that we want to see others happy in His love. Sometimes, when we ask a girl to go with us to the service or ask her if she is a Christian, she does not seem to appreciate our interest and we wonder why. Possibly if the curtain could be rolled back, we would see somewhere in the past that this same girl has been watching our daily life and has seen us do or say something that was not Christlike and she has not forgotten. It may have been an angry word hastily spoken, or an unkind deed done in a moment of forgetfulness, but she remembers and in her heart she is saying, "Who are you that you should try to lead me?" Of course the ideal would be to forget such things and remember only the good, but we are all human and Satan uses these little things as stumbling blocks in the paths of those we would see saved. It all goes back to the silent influence each and every one of us exerts in the little affairs of life, day by day. We all know the old proverb, "What you are speaks so loudly that I cannot hear what you say." Let us remember this and not wait for a revival to lead our friends to Christ, but live every day in such a way that others will see Christ in us and want to be like Him too. This is the life that counts.

### NEEDED REMINDERS

Since we regard ourselves as "college women" we are rather prone to take a materialistic attitude toward most things. We look upon Sunday school and church as something which we are allowed to cut five times a year during our first three years, and which we can gracefully avoid our last year by virtue of our Senior privileges.

We are apt to forget the virtue of faith and prayer, and we too often place our religion in the background. And so it is that a reminder in the form of a meeting like the one held by Dr. Maddry is a blessing "without disguise" to us all.

A number of us have not attended the services as we should have, but to those who have, many messages of hope and love have been given. Dr. Maddry always has a message for us and his messages for the past week have been unusually poignant and touching. It is to be sincerely hoped that we will have such reminders from time to time, and that more of us will hear and profit from them.

Two sweethearts from Raleigh were rambling around, when they came across the Almo.

The young man ran his eyes over on a title on the billboard, and here is what he saw—"The Woman Pays." "Lizzie," he said, "I think we'll go in here."

## College News

Geneva Yeargan, Cleo Chason, Doris Honeycutt and Vera McGugan spent Thanksgiving at home.

Elizabeth Richardson, Marguerite Harrison and Maude Bowers spent Thanksgiving in Wake Forest.

Jennie Mae Hartsfield and Bettie Hewlett spent Thanksgiving in Durham.

Mary Grey Harris, Ivy Grace Doughton, Ruth Lilley, Louise McComb and May Woodley spent Thanksgiving away from the college.

Mary R. Seawell, Nora Moody and Ernestine Whitley spent Thanksgiving with their sisters in Raleigh.

Helen Thompson, Pauline Freeman and Velma Patterson were at home for Thanksgiving.

Genaria Honeycutt, Mary Lee Copeland, Nerine Ratley, Lorraine Sawyer and Bettie Shearin were gone for Thanksgiving holidays.

Portia and Louise Alderman spent Thanksgiving at their home in Chapel Hill.

Mary Cheves, Clyda Parrish, Maud Brock and Gladys Erwin were away for Thanksgiving.

Eleanor Lane, Grayce Butler, Mary O'Kelly, Mary Martin, Helen Oldham, Blannie Betts and Sadie Riggs spent Thanksgiving at home.

Bessie and Nannie Jackson, Mary R. Hunter, Annie Ree McGugan and Ellen Broadwell were away for Thanksgiving.

Ruby Barker, Ruby Daniel, Lucy Perkinson, Mildred Allen, Beulah Stroud and Iona Daniel spent Thanksgiving away from college.

Mary Shipp, Annie Mae Brown, Mary Love Davis and Mary Biggs were away for Thanksgiving.

Evelyn Veasey, Crystal Davis, Nell Cheek, V. P. Milton, Ruth Hilliard and Lucy Knight spent Thanksgiving with their friends.

Mary Crawford, Pearl Haywood and Mary Allison spent Thanksgiving holiday away.

Lucile Walker, Margaret Wheeler, Eloise Greenwood, Audrey Williford, Edith Maynard, Miriam Walton, Minnie Bell and Ruth Murray spent Thanksgiving away.

Roberta Crawford spent Thanksgiving with Mary Yarborough of this city.

Mary Worsley spent Friday night at the hotel with Mrs. O. S. Gay.

Linda Cobb was at home for a few days to have some dental work done.

Carrie Parker, Mary Moss, Mildred Poole, Lucy Knight, Lucile Pitt and Mary Shipp spent this week-end away.

Mary Alderman went home for a few days to have her eyes treated.

Fannie M. Ange spent the week-end with Blanche Banks.

Catrina Gill, Verna Butler, Geneva Yeargan and Doris Honeycutt were home for the week-end.

Pearl Haywood, Louise McComb, Mary Ayers, Florida Register and Estelle Pittman were away from college this week-end.

Emily Cheek, Sara Oliver, Dorothy Dunning, Annie Bell Noel and Neva Pearl were away for the week-end.

Elizabeth Purnell, Lois Stafford, Sybil Myers, Mary Willis and Virdell Matthews spent the week-end away from the college.

Bessie Lee Moss, Daphne Paul, Alice Lawrence, Beatrice Townsend and Ruth Pearce were out for the week-end.

Inez Holloway, Audrey Williford, Clarissa Poteat, Sara Thomas and Nedra Sanford were out this week-end.

Mabel C. Hoggard, Lucretia Dean, Eleanor Lane, Margaret Eagles and Annie Kelly were away this week-end.

Iris Yelvington, Lois Waller, Emma Lee Smith and Lillian Evans were at home for this week-end.

Velma Patterson, Florence Stokes, Mildred Smith, Annie Cooke, Eloise Greenwood and Annie Ree McGugan spent the week-end away from the college.

Margaret Overton, Annie Harris, Rachel Wilkinson, Ruth Boyce, Elizabeth Higgs and Winnie Rickett spent the week-end with Roberta Crawford.

Ruth Shaw Brittain, Elizabeth Daniel and Virginia White spent the week-end with Sudie Creech at her home in Goldsboro.

Mary R. Seawell, Mary Beal, Mabel Andrews, Lucile Jones and Mary Ayscue were at Red Oak for the week-end.

Rachael Daniel, Mary Crawford, Ruth Leary, Geneva Benthall and Mary Love Davis were at Wilson this week-end.

Farmer: "Have you milked all the cows?"

Dairy Maid: "All but the American one."

Farmer: "What do you mean by the 'American one'?"

Dairy Maid: "The one that's gone dry."

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