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GUEST EDITORIAL

Several years ago when I was attending one of our Southern universities, I was amazed and very much shocked to find dishonesty on a large scale. In one of the classes, which was composed almost entirely of teachers, there was flagrant copying out of the textbook of the answers to test and examination questions. I was surprised beyond measure to discover that one of my acquaintances was a "ghost" writer for some of the non-studious group; she specialized in term papers and book reports. There was much criticism of the faculty because a popular football player was suspended from the university for cheating on an examination. Definitely this school was honeycombed with a spirit of dishonesty.

In contrast to this I found myself several years later in an entirely different atmosphere in another one of

our Southern universities where honesty permeated the air. One of my northern friends there said that her faith in human nature had been completely restored by the spirit of honesty which she found practiced there. I became positively careless with my possessions because everyone was so honest. I could leave notebooks and books in public places and go back hours later and find them safely resting in the exact spot where I had left them. One day I accidentally lost my watch in the shower and a perfectly strange girl whom I didn't remember have seen before hunted me up to give it to me.

One naturally thing that a Christian college should have the spirit of honesty prevailing on its campus. The peculiar Christian college which has our whole attention at the moment is Montreat College. Do students feel that they are saturated with honesty here? Have you ever heard anyone say that such a person copied her algebra problem from the student sitting next to her during a test period? Again, does a girl in one of the dormitories use her friend's stamps without the friend's permission and, also, without paying her back later? You will think such things can't happen in Montreat, but they do, and you are responsible for them happening here. You either actively participate in what you can "white lies" or "helping" your fellow students to receive this kind of dishonest aid; or, on the other hand you positively participate in it by knowing that certain things are going on and doing nothing to keep your fellow students from being dishonest by your disapproval.

Homework could be one hundred percent honest and dormitory stealing could be cut out completely if you disapproved of it. You ask how to do this? Each one can make it a rule for herself never to tell a lie or misrepresent the truth and to always study diligently so she will not be tempted to copy or cheat in any way. You may reply that this is ideal and can never be attained; therefore, why try at all? If we are honest with ourselves we will have to admit that

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