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SCHOLASTICS

One of several commonly called "tough" courses has recently suffered numerous drops.

This in itself is not a startling occurrence, for there are always changes in nearly every course. It is unusual in this case, however, because everybody seemed to be enjoying this course until the students learned the extent to which it had been developed through parallel as well as textbook study in order to make it a more profitable and interesting course.

We are not condemning those students who changed to an easier subject. Some of them, we know, had schedules as heavy as they could successfully carry, but we are encouraging girls not to run away from work, and this incident is an example of what most of us would do to get by with as little work as possible.

We all agree that everybody wants to have time for pleasure, and that all work and no play makes Jill a dull girl, but we know also that all play and no work often makes Jill a muddle-headed young "socialite" about whom we hear her contemporaries remark, "Yes, she's the beautiful but dumb type."

Nobody wants a girl to be a bookworm. What we advocate is a serious attitude toward study. It is no crime to study! We have known girls who would talk all day long trying to convince us that they did not have to open a book to pass. There are a few geniuses who can slip through with little effort, but it is nothing to their credit if they did not take as much from their courses as they could.

For some of us Saint Mary's is the only opportunity for higher education. For others it is only a step to more advanced work. In either case, we should not let a chance slip by to learn all we can. There is so much for us to learn that we should be willing to apply ourselves to study more diligently in those years that are particularly designated for our education, and for which our parents have sacrificed so much to send us to school.

If we are honest with ourselves, we will admit that what we derive from our courses depends upon what we put into them. The most interesting courses are often *not* the easiest ones, whereas the reverse of this is often true.

Good, hard study and courses that require it more often than not yield "infinite riches."

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICE LEAGUE

The Y. P. S. L. is the organization for the young people of the Episcopal Church, but here the whole student body, regardless of individual religious affiliations, are members of the League.

The Y. P. S. L. council is made up of old and new girls who, with Mr. Kloman's help, are selected because of their associations with their home leagues and other particular qualifications.

The new council has elected its officers and begun its plans for interesting programs for the year. Usually, meetings are held on the second Sunday night in the month, but the first this year will be the social meeting Tuesday night.

The Birthday Thank Offering and the support of an orphan at the Thompson Orphanage in Charlotte are the principal services of the League.

The Birthday Thank Offering box gives every member the chance to contribute to the work of Dr. Tucker in St. Luke's Hospital, Shanghai. The box is kept in the dining room and moved from table to table according to birthdays.

The orphan is a twelve-year-old girl.

The League provides her with clothes, sends her a Christmas box, and tries to do little things for her that will make her happier. The council is trying to arrange for her to visit Saint Mary's one week-end this year. She has said that she would like to come, and the council feels that having her here would make the League members realize that their service is really valuable.

FOR CONSIDERATION

This plea is made in behalf of the Hall Presidents. Their duties have changed since the installation of the Honor System. They are no longer proctors who have to play watchdog with their neighbors.

Nevertheless, they are held responsible for the conduct on their halls. They do not have to spy, but it is difficult to pass up an obvious violation without even so much as a "Please, don't do that." They would be spared a great deal of trouble if everybody would take it on herself to be hall president in thought if not in name and help her to keep an orderly hall.

It is difficult to obey a house regulation bell the second it rings, but a more prompt response saves the hall president the agonizing feeling of wondering whether it is her duty to ask a girl, for instance, to stop wandering up and down the hall after room bell when she feels that the girl will report it herself.

The hall president does not want to hurt anyone's feelings by reminding her that the bell has rung. Why not relieve her of that embarrassment by looking after yourselves?

Another plea we make is consideration for the chaprons at football games. When one goes to a game, she should find her seat and stay there. Standing up and moving about continually annoys other spectators who have come to see the game as well as the crowd.

For the librarian, also, we ask that you remember that the library is a place for study and not idle chatter. If you want to talk, go outside. Of all rooms in school, the library should be one place where students know they will find absolute quiet for hard study.