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Societies, why not unite, or vie with one another, for the good of our Alma Mater? She needs a library.

A CUP OF COLD WATER

There are many people, yes, even at Mars Hill, who while reading a paper or magazine will turn hastily by an article on religion. They say, "It's too dry," or "I have heard the same thing before." Such a person has misjudged religion.

There are two kinds of religion: that of theory, and that of practice. But the religion of theory is not really a true religion. It is but a sham.

To me the supreme test in one's religion is that he "practices that which he preaches." That is an old and trite statement, but it is true. Only true statements live through he ages.

Often as one hears a great man talk about religion and living the right kind of life, he will say to himself that it is all right for a man with a noble character like the speaker to say that; he can give his thousands, perhaps; and he even can travel the world over preaching his religion to many nations; but what can a poor student like one's self do to proclaim to the world the Christian life? He has neither money nor talent. He is but a student with the common campus as the only place where he can come in contact with many others.

How can he be a great Christian, helping others to live the beautiful life, helping others to bear their burdens. Ah, that is just it. How can he be a true Christian and proclaim Christ before men?

Remember, "Whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water. . . shall in no wise lose his reward." A CUP OF COLD WATER and it is one of the most insignificant things in man's life.

That is the key to the real religious life, to the true Christian character. It takes not the gift of a thousand dollars to show the world that a man is a Christian. No, that is the easy way. The real test is whether or not he can smile or say, "Good morning," to his enemy or rival, whether or not he can hide a deep hurt with a cheerful song on his lips. If a man can do that, he must be a Christian. He has a secret source of strength; and strength only can hide a wound.

Some have the false idea that being a Christian means one must go about with a long face. That is indeed a false belief. The Christian is the one who should be happy. He has nothing to worry about; he is SAVED. A student with a smile or grin on his face is as much, or perhaps more, a Christian than the one who surveys his fellow students with a pious air. It should not be necessary to wear an expression to show one's Christianity; that should come spontaneously from the heart, and that is the only true religion.

THANKSGIVING DAY IS COMING!

We should remember that there are others in this world who are not as fortunate as the least fortunate of us. The orphans—the homeless, fatherless, motherless—especially deserve consideration; besides we owe it to them.

According to the North Carolina Orphan Association, the needs at many of our orphan homes are most urgent. The children must be fed, clothed, and educated. It does not require a play of emotions to arouse sympathy for the orphans, but we should not only remember them with prayers, but we should also remember them with something sustaining of body and mind.

Remember the Thanksgiving offering!

OPEN FORUM

What say you?

No student can know this institution without realizing the why and how of its reputation. Not a student here would voluntarily indulge in practices with the intentions of hurting its reputation. Yet we practice some things that, if not checked, will slowly but surely do great injury to the reputation of the school.

One practice especially should be given serious thought before it grows to be a real menace to the reputation of the school. We are slowly developing the habit of inattention to and disturbance of not only the messages brought to us at the chapel by our faculty, but also messages brought by visitors to our campus.

A particular instance of such conduct can be given by recalling the recent address, accompanied by pictures, which Mr. Jenkins was so kind in giving to us. During that lecture several students kept up a low murmur, and others imitated or mocked Mr. Jenkins when he snapped his fingers as a signal to change slides. Some even left the Chapel during the speech.

It is easy to see that such conduct does hurt the reputation of the school. It is true that local citizens are responsible for part of the conduct; but the conduct is, and will be governed by the standards which we set for ourselves.

Now, as stated before, this practice is still in its infancy, but it is constantly growing worse. As has been stated from millions of platforms, it is the little things that make or break us. Shall each of us act on a committee called the student body to check this little stream before it becomes a mighty river? We all want visitors to go away and give Mars Hill a good name. We must think of this and act accordingly. Let each of us be conscious of his responsibilities, as a unit of this institution, at every public occasion.

Sam Miller.

APOLOGIES

"I apologize." This is one of the hardest statements to make when face to face with one that has been wronged. Yet it is one of the noblest acts that a man can perform: Perhaps the wrong was unintentional; or it may have been deliberate and carried out according to plan. Regardless of what the wrong may be, it is noble to say sincerely, "I apologize."

It is hard to say it. A man will be willing to make great restitution when he is truly sorry, but to say, "I am sorry, I apologize," requires a great deal of courage. It takes courage to face an angry dog. It takes courage to stand at the battle front. It takes courage to ask a woman to be your wife. It takes courage to enter the office of a great business executive and ask for a position. It takes courage to apologize. But there are times when it should be done. If one realizes that he ought, it is cowardly not to do so.

At the same time, the world thinks little of the person who is so sensitive that he is always demanding an apology. There are times when this might be right. An apology, however, that is forced means little and lacks sincerity. It should be prompted within the heart of the offender.

Did not the great Teacher as he sat on the mountain and taught the multitudes say to those about him "Therefore, if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift?"

An offense that is publicly com-

mitted, then the less publicity the ed if possible. If privately committed, then the less publicly the better.

Mr. Evan T. Rees Dead

The following announcement has just been received:

The Officers and Directors of the Empire Chair Company of Johnson City, Tennessee announce with deep sorrow the death of Mr. Evan T. Rees Secretary

on Saturday, October the fifteenth nineteen hundred and twenty-seven

Mr. Rees was for several years a trustee of Mars Hill College. He was a noble, generous, Christian gentleman. We regret his loss to his many friends and the world that he has helped to make better, and extend warmest sympathy to the bereaved family.

A Thief Enters Boy's Room

One night recently a thief entered a room and stole property of one of our students that was absolutely impossible to replace. During the same evening thirteen other students entered the same room and deliberately robbed the inmates. The article stolen was time. The material taken in the robbery was time. Fourteen interruptions in two hours!

What else was stolen? A part of the student's grade was taken. He was unable to do his best work. A part of his knowledge was denied him. It was his by right, but the robbers did their work. He did not get it. Was there anything else? Yes, a part of his good name. Inefficiency lowered him in the estimation of his teachers and fellow students. But that is not all. This inefficiency will not count on his grades only. It will go with him throughout life. He failed to get his best equipment. Therefore, his work in later years will be hampered, and possibly his family will suffer a part because certain thieves entered his room night after night and stole his time.

If only half of the boys in the dormitories entered his room one time a month, that would be approximately four interruptions a night. That would mean that his current of thought, his concentration on his work was stolen four times during the evening for a greater or less degree, while the time would be gone forever.

Who were the thieves?

THE MOUNTAIN EVERGREENS

I love the faithful, balmy evergreens That with their friendly branches furnish screens

From winter's stinging air; The pines and cedars whose soft arms enfold And shelter from the winter's blast and cold, The shivering, timid hare.

They are the memoirs that summer leaves

To reassure a changing world which grieves

To see her sunshine go, They hold out hope that in the wake of spring

The soothing, budding fancies will bring The rose instead of snow.

The oak in autumn sheds his full array;

The maple's robe gets thinner day by day;

The flower's flame is dead; But pine and hemlock bravely face the blast

Which always comes to earth not to last And all his jewels shed.

Their gentle murmurs holding of May Are Nature's own living joys to pay For dreary, wintry hours. Care, rest, and harmony their repeat, There is no discord in their be sweet; Only songs of joy and flower Edward Ha

WHAT SHALL WE DEBATE

1. Resolved, That the policy of state department in approving disapproving private loans to foreign governments should be stopped.

2. Resolved, That the Ku Klux Klan be outlawed in the United States.

3. Resolved, That the protective tariff as at present imposed by United States Government is justifiable.

4. Resolved, That North Carolina should provide retirement with annuity for teachers, similar to Pennsylvania plan.

5. Resolved, That the Bible should be taught in state high schools.

6. Resolved, That a five day week be observed by the labor unions the country..

7. Resolved, That the Australian ballot should be used in all North Carolina state elections.

8. Resolved, That the short ballot should be adopted for North Carolina state elections.

9. Resolved, That Congress should have the right to annul decisions of the Supreme Court.

10. Resolved, That North Carolina should require all automobile drivers licensed in this state, to have accident insurance similar to the required in Massachusetts.

NOTICE THE ADS AND WIN A PRIZE

There is an extra letter in several of the ads in this issue. When properly reassembled, these letters will spell the name of some person on the campus. The first to have the name correctly written to the business manager of the Hill Top will receive a suitable prize—cash to a girl or a knife to a boy.

The Hill Top Staff

Former Mars Hill Student is State B. S. U. President

The forty-four delegates from Mars Hill, who attended the B. S. U. Conference in Raleigh, October 28-29, will not soon forget the hearty welcome, the genuine hospitality, and the unselfish manner in which they were received by the students Meredith and N. C. State College. They were unhesitating in sharing their room comforts and earnestly tried to make the general atmosphere on all occasions most pleasant.

The keynote, "Christ Adequate" was impressed upon the hearts of the attendants by many placards and advertisements.

In the opening session R. P. Caudill, former student of Mars Hill, now State B. S. U. president, forth the following aims of the Conference: First, to make "Christ" personal application. Second, to increase and deepen the spiritual life of the students in North Carolina. Third, to increase soul winning. Fourth, to strive together to promote church reverence.

Those who attended the conference in a sincerity prayerful way resolved to live more closely to Him and to carry out the high ideals set forth by this Conference.