

SELMA SCHOOL NOTES.
Why I Believe in a School Spirit.

I want to talk to you boys and girls a few minutes this morning about school spirit and why I believe in it for the Selma School. You can not truly believe in your school without enriching the spirit of purpose in you and the spirit of life in the school and community. School spirit makes you sincere and distinctively sets you on the side of right in everything pertaining to the school. The primary purpose of school spirit is self enrichment and not glorifying the school, although this does come of a true school spirit.

There is a false and a true school spirit. The false spirit is narrow, perhaps sinister in its motives, and even distrustful of the motives of other schools that may contest in any way with it. Such a spirit measures everything by its own false standards; it cannot see any good in anything or anybody's motives. Sinister motives in us beget distrust in others. This is not the spirit we want. We desire the spirit born of honesty, uprightness and integrity, that will make us love our school, our societies, our ball teams and our efforts for better conditions; we want the spirit that will make us strive with all our might to win and win honestly every contest with another school. But we want a spirit broad enough to make us admire and respect the good in an opponent or rival. Such a school spirit will cultivate in you, as an individual, the spirit of fair play on the school ground, the spirit of honest dealing with the other fellow. It is the spirit of goodness and beauty that will make you see the great heart universal in everybody and everything.

What I am trying to get at this morning is that our school is big enough to catch the spirit that will make us unfold, like the rose, our beautiful qualities. Our walls are vast enough, our playground is broad enough, our community is big enough for this universal-hearted spirit to develop. We need to see our opportunity. Burns saw it in a violet and its fame and fragrance have filled the world; Homer caught the spirit in the fragmentary hills of Greece, and the Grecians never traveled abroad for inspiration; Shakespeare found the universal heart in tiny England and reflected the wide world's experience; Christ needed only the Judean byways to paint pictures which hang forever in our minds, excelling all others in wisdom and beauty.

Our school spirit must have its birth here, coming out of our experiences and individual efforts, surrounded by a local atmosphere, but it must be with a sympathy and broadness of understanding that will make it applicable to your life's work.

I can feel this spirit coming. I see its evidence in the literary societies, in the athletic organizations, in the Glee Club, in the playgrounds, it was wonderfully manifested in clean up day, and Arbor Day; it is showing beautifully in the Mother's Club, in the support of the library, in the attitude of the business men of the community who pay the taxes to support the school. We welcome the school spirit, we want it to fill the air. We want it to come most of all into the lives of our boys and girls. It can come only as you develop the unworked fields of your mind, in your individual effort to find the beauty, and the power that come only as a reward of faithfulness to those who, in the right spirit, seek to find and express the truth in living.

Students, teachers, all of us! I appeal for the true spirit, for individual effort, for honesty of purpose, and for the right attitude towards your school mate and yourself, and for a keen pride in our progress. This will give us the proper spirit, which never comes without individual and united effort.

Mr. Moser made the above talk in the morning exercises Friday. This talk was very interesting indeed, and the students listened with eagerness. They seemed to comprehend what he said and their eagerness seemed to mean that they would do everything in their power to abide by what he said.—C. L. R.

Our school is trying to make its library one of the social centers of the town. This means a social center for both old and young. Do you know what you would find in our library if you were to visit it? You would find historical and scientific reference books besides volumes of fiction and poetry. We also have eight reference books for the Domestic Science Class. One of our recent acquisitions is sixteen new volumes of "Southern Literature." The cost of these was sixty dollars, but we do not regret paying this. In the Teacher's Reference Library, we have fifteen volumes consisting of various subjects such as: Readings, Storytelling, plays and games and school music. These books are by the very best authors. From these reference books, teachers get

new ideas and plans for teaching and making the various subjects interesting to the children. There are also fifteen of the best magazines which come to our reading table. These are used by both students and teachers. The tenth and eleventh grades are using The Independent magazine in their History and English work. One period each week is given to this subject. We have a great number of books in our library of the best selections but there is sufficient room for growing. There are a good many people in town who have books which they have read and do not care to keep them. Now, these books will give other people pleasure. Why not put them in a place where the community may enjoy them? In order to give the community a chance to enjoy these books and give them access to the library, we have decided to open the library on Sunday from 2 o'clock to 5 o'clock. The school will be very glad to have the people of the community come in and read. We are going to have Wednesday as "Donation Day." On this day any person wishing to donate a book may do so. The school will appreciate this donation and see that other people will get the benefit of it.—L. S.

Tuesday, after school, the Athletic Association had its regular meeting in the High School room. Many things of interest were discussed. The boys decided to get two new basketballs and make the recess time more attractive to every boy in school. Much interest is being manifested in the general development of the athletic spirit at school now. The idea is to make the playgrounds perfectly democratic to get every boy to do his part towards equipping the playgrounds, and to take active interest in some kind of sport. What the large boys have done is contagious too, and the middle size boys are going in for organized games in a hurry, and such as volleyball, basketball, and racing. It is amazing to see about fifty of these fellows lined up for a backward running race across the field. But they have the spirit and put fun and amusement into the whole recess period. Play at recess and work during school hours is our motto.—A. A. M.

Mr. Moser has made it possible for any pupil in the High School and seventh grade that signs the pledge to use the library in the proper measure, to read the books in the library during any vacant periods of the day. The pupils have not been using the library as much as they should. There are many books in it and they are very glad of this opportunity. They can use the books for reference in connection with their English. The students are required to read a certain number of books for outside reading and stand an examination showing that they have read the books.

—Z. H. F.

ETHEL MILL SCHOOL NOTES.

Wednesday night, November 21st, we planned to have a meeting to make plans for a clean-up week. Dr. Geo. D. Vick promised to address us on the subject of how to keep well, but a very urgent call took him into the country, so he was not able to be with us. We had a srot of round-table discussion of sleeping with open windows, keeping general rules of cleanliness. One man our houses and yards clean, and introduced an idea and made a motion that we secure a barrel to go between each two houses for all trash to be thrown into, and to be hauled away every alternate Saturday, and that if any person in any way molested these barrels, he should be made to pay for the barrels disturbed. The actual cleaning is being done this morning, and we hope to keep a clean settlement hereafter. Our school work is progressing nicely. We have enrolled nearly thirty illiterates, and many of the mothers are taking the work in food conservation and care of infants. Some of the mothers study the regular literary work at home. Much enthusiasm is being shown along all lines of our work.

Selma, N. C., November 23, 1917.

NOTICE.

To the Members of Carters Chapel: A deacons' meeting will be held at Carters Chapel Baptist church Saturday, December 1st, at ten o'clock. The church members and especially the male members are asked to be present, as arrangements will be made for some special business to come up in the church conference after the eleven o'clock sermon.

H. G. EASON, Clerk.

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