

THE PASTOR'S PEN

By Rev. John S. Farrar

HOW TO LIVE?

"How to live?" that is the essential question for us. Not how to live in the mere material sense only, but in the widest sense.

To prepare us for complete living is the function which education has to discharge; and the only rational method of judging of any educational course is, to judge in what degree it discharges such function."

With these words Herbert Spencer presents a basic concept as to the purpose of education. There may be many motives for beginning a course of college studies, but if such studies do not direct one to complete living, then they may be judged to be non-essential.

You have come to Gardner-Webb this year with your dreams and hopes. It is the intention of the college to help you in the growth of a useful personality, but this is almost impossible if in your mind there is an inferior motive for coming to college. Such false motives as preparing to make money or to gain office or recognition as the basis of college training is fundamentally foreign to a Christian college. Therefore the way in which your academic endeavors, here or elsewhere, may be brought to the point of highest potential good is two-fold.

As an individual thirsts for the truth he comes to his studies with open mind and heart, for the whole truth gives freedom and liberates a person. A course of studies that stirs the student to a more diligent search for the truth is a course that contributes both directly and indirectly to complete living. We believe that the sum of all truth is Jesus Christ and that in Him a discovery of truth in any realm of knowledge adds beauty and meaning to one's way of life. To enthroned Jesus Christ in mind and heart is the doorway to full knowledge. One's own personal faith and devotion to Christ is absolutely essential or the search for the truth will be a sheer fantasy. There is education without Jesus Christ, but it is fragmentary and does not fully prepare one to live. The academic pursuits made in the knowledge of Christ have as their end a full and purposeful character dedicated to God and man.

One's educational course may be so confining that he loses sight of people, and instead of living happily with others he finds himself absorbed in methods, records, formulas, discoveries and projects. Christian education proposes to help us know the truth but almost equally as important is her guidance in the respect of the dignity and worth of persons. Education is woefully incomplete until we learn to hold in high regard and honor other people, regardless of race or creed. At this point true Christian education has a key that can open the door to a truly harmonious world. When we respect one another on the individual level, as Christians, we are abiding under the people of Christ in which he taught His followers to love one another.

"How to live?" that is the essential question for us." To know the truth and to acknowledge the worth of man is but to make our student days truly we dream for in our adult years.

State B. S. U. Choir "God's World—My Life — Now"

By JIMMY SIDES

By LEE JEFFERIS

The state B. S. U. Choir project has been an undertaking for the past three years. Many methods and techniques have been tried, but they all seemed to fail. This year is the critical year for the project. If the choir project is a failure, the entire choir program will be abolished for several years.

The choir, if successful, will sing at the B. S. U. Fall Convention, November 4-6, at the First Baptist Church in Greensboro and will also undertake a State Tour. The State Tour will take the members of the choir into some of the largest churches in our state and will end during Student Week at Ridgecrest. The State Tour will last about ten days.

Four students from Gardner-Webb have been appointed for Carroll Kurby, Dillard Hyatt and Erva Miller.

We should be proud of these students who are willing to dedicate part of their time for such a worthwhile project. I am sure that they will have a great deal of pleasure and God's blessing in this work.

Six grand choral numbers have been planned and the music will be lent to each member so they may begin learning the music.

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION'S FIRST WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

On September 1, 1955, a joyful group of Baptist Student Union Executive Council members came back to G. W. C. full of excitement and expectations for the coming year. Some of them were very busy, but the thrill of just being back on "their stomping grounds" lifted their weariness.

They had a meeting on Friday, September 2. Plans had been made before the start of the previous school year for the annual Baptist Student Union-Freshman party. Now all that had to be done was to put ideas into reality. What seemed to be a relatively easy task turned out to be headaches and backaches for many of them.

After several meetings the council say their dreams becoming a reality. They welcomed the "green" freshmen and tried to give them an insight into B. S. U. and explained to each that the B. S. U. was a program for them and how each could benefit from it.

On the freshman's first night, they were introduced to the B. S. U. executive council, told about some of the activities of the year, and about some of the part they would have in this program.

The B. S. U.-Freshman party was several cases of nervous jitters brought about by a well planned "house or horror" Refreshments were served after a fashion show by the loveliest dolls of Gardner-Webb. An interesting evening by the Reverend John S. Farrar, was the perfect ending for an exciting day.

This party was the first of the Baptist Student Union activities. All of you are Baptist Student Union members. Let's make this year a glorious one for our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Ten Reasons

Why I Swear

1. It pleases mother so much.
2. It is a fine mark of manliness.
3. It proves I have self control.
4. It indicates how clearly my mind operates.
5. It makes my conversation so pleasing to everybody.
6. It leaves no doubt in anyone's mind as to my good breeding.
7. It impresses people that I have more than ordinary education.
8. It is an unmistakable sign of culture and refinement.
9. It makes me a very desirable personality among women and children and in respectable society.
10. It is my way of honoring God who said "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain."

The favorite excuse of many is—
"I DON'T MEAN ANYTHING BY IT."

Tell that to the judge the next time you are arrested for speeding! Explain to him, "It's just a habit with me." Try coming to work drunk for a month. Remind your boss that I don't mean anything by it. It is just a habit with me."

YOU CAN'T POOL GOD!

If you cannot kid the judge; if you cannot fool your boss; how do you think you can fool God? It is written, "Swear not at all." God says, "Be not deceived. God is not mocked." The Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain."

HOW TO QUIT:

Pray, right now. Ask God to forgive you for your wickedness. Open your heart to the Son of God. Accept Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. Ask Him to cleanse you, to save your soul, and make you a real Christian. Read your Bible daily and urge others to give their hearts to Christ.

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wide. If this be true our visions will be changed about the world, about others, and about ourselves; which will remove our lives in Christian Love and Christian Brotherhood. Since some of us can't give much, we will all want to pray for the needy because the love of Christ works through various means.

What can you and I do about this situation of helping to feed the hungry mouths and hearts? Give sacrificially, pray, humbly and sincerely for the needy, and some of us may want to give our lives for this great cause.

"LISTEN"

Scripture on Love

1 John 3:16,17

Love Impels Sacrifice Toward Every
Need

As students of Gardner-Webb College, we know that a person needs food for physical body, clothing to protect his body and the Gospel or Word of God to feed his spiritual life. Most of us have these necessities of life, but there are people who live in other parts of the world that need these necessities.

We believe that most of us as Christians have the Love of Christ which will impel us to give sacrificially to the needy across the lands. We hope and trust that each of us will give willingly that our offering will be a blessing to the needy and at the same time enrich and bless our lives. God has challenged us to give. Let us read Luke 6:38 from God's Word. Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

We feel if we use this branch of the B. S. U. rightfully that there will be no such things as "Campus Boundary." It is our belief that our campus will be world-