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The Case of the Alumni.

The relation between the college and its alumni is similar to the relationship between parents and children who have gone out from the home to build homes of their own. There is a common interest. If the child suffers the parent suffers also, and if the parent suffers the child likewise suffers. If the son is honored the father shares it, and if the father prospers the son feels the thrill though he may be far away.

The first commandment carrying a promise may appropriately be changed to apply to the alumni: Honor thy alma mater that thou mayest have long life. The most imperative call that your college makes of you as an alumnus is that you live an honorable, useful life. High aim honestly and conscientiously followed out will enrich your life, make it appreciated and honorably spoken of, and in this honor that comes to you is honor for your alma mater. Thousands of other mothers who were as solicitous and as faithful in motherhood as was Hannah Wesley, the mother of Charles and John Wesley, lie buried in Bunhill Fields burying ground in London, but a thousand visitors stop and read the inscription on her grave stone who pass all the others by unnoticed. The great service that her two illustrious sons—one a prolific hymn-writer and the other a tireless gospel preacher—gave to humanity made the mother famous. So likewise the name and fame of Elon College will increase in proportion to the usefulness of her sons and daughters among men.

There are times, now and then, when the loyalty of the alumni is to be tested. One of these times is here now. The College is calling for a show-down of your loyalty in contributing to the endowment fund. Perhaps you have laid aside the letter calling for a subscription, thinking perhaps that you cannot afford to give anything. Perhaps you have thought of different amounts between which you have been wavering. Perhaps your loyalty said at once, "Subscribe the amount you have been asked to subscribe." This proposal is a testing of the natural normal affection of the alumnus for his alma mater. Be honest and magnanimous in spirit in answering the question of loyalty that this appeal puts to you.

Then there is another appeal to your loyalty in the movement in the Alumni Association to establish a scholarship by raising \$1,000 as an endowment for this purpose. Several alumni, as was told in the last issue of The Weekly, have responded to this call, but a large part of them have not yet sent a contribution. You are asked as was explained in a circular letter sent you last June and in an article in this paper last week, to sign a note bearing interest at six per cent. from June 1st, 1909, to be paid within five

years, the interest on deferred payments payable May 15th, 1910, and annually thereafter until the note is taken up.

The scholarship thus to be established is to cover literary tuition, \$50 a year, is to be awarded to a member of the junior class and is to be good for two years. Why wait for further consideration? Cast about in your soul's chamber of loyalty to your alma mater and decide on a donation.  
 W. P. Lawrence.

A Friend.

There may be men who do not care for a friend; if so, we should not call them brutal, for gratitude for friendship is very evident in the wag of a dog's tail, in the soft purr of the cat, and in the gentle whicker of the horse.

Most men are fond of real friends and many take a delight in winning them, but how few are willing to pay the cost of being a real friend to others. Most of us are unwilling to give that which we would receive.

What would life be without friends? If there were none to whom we might go for aid; if there were no one to speak consoling words in time of sorrow, no one to sympathize, life would be meaningless. Bacon hath wisely said, "you may take sarza to open the liver, steel to open the spleen, flour of sulphur for the lungs, castoreum for the brain, but no receipt openeth the heart but a true friend, to whom you may impart griefs, joys, fears, hopes, suspicions, counsels, and whatsoever lieth upon the heart to oppress it."

Sometimes it is difficult to tell who our friends are, for oftentimes whom we think to be our friends forsake us. They are not really our friends. We admire the friendship of Jonathan, who never forsook David, even though his father hated him. "for he loved him as he loved his own soul." We deplore the friendship of Bacon, who, when his life-long and very dear friend, Essex, was tried, was the leading prosecutor. Emius has well said, "Amicus centus in re incerta ceritur." (In doubtful times the genuine friend is known.) Cicero said, "Veræ amicitiae sempiternæ sunt," (true friendships are eternal.)

We do not like to court or be courted for friendship. Truly the wise hath said, "A man that hath friends must show himself friendly." But this does not mean a sugar-coated friendship. Courtship often fails to stand the test. Do we not agree with Emerson when he said, "I do not wish to treat friendship daintily, but with roughest courage. When they [friendships] are real, they are not glass threads or frost-works, but the solidest thing we know?"

And why are we so apt to use the term "true friend"? Do we mean to say that there can be an untrue friend? Untrue means false, and a false friend means no friend at all.

Many have written of friendship, but where do we find it so truly expressed, without any prefix or suffix, as in the words of Solomon, "A friend loveth at all times"? Not comparative or superlative, but positive. Just friend.

J. L. J.

At the Way Station.

"What are you spouting about?" asked the target at the water tank.

"Why, Old Locomotive came blowing along here and you ought to have seen me make him take water."—Toledo Blade.

Ways of Reviewing Books.

"According to 'Claudius Clear,' in a current issue of the British Weekly, there are seven ways of reviewing a book, described as 'the ostentatious essay,' in which a book under consideration is scarcely mentioned; 'the hypercritical review,' in which the reviewer airs his learning and love of accuracy by pointing out minute and unimportant errors in detail; the man-of-all-work's review, in which the writer is careful not to indulge in any expression of opinion, and fills out his article mainly with extracts; 'the puff,' a gushing testimonial in which the author of some moderately good book is hailed with indiscriminate praise and compared favorably with the giants of literature; 'the malignant review,' in which personal rancor or enmity to the author and his views are allowed expression; 'the honestly enthusiastic review,' in which some new author is awarded a kind of praise that will stimulate him to renewed effort, and 'the right kind of review.' The latter is described as the honest and careful criticism of a reviewer who knows quite as much, if not more, than the author of the book. One recalls many examples of each of these modes of reviewing; but is safe to say that unless men could be encyclopedias, there are not many possibilities for what is defined as 'the right kind of review.'" —Saturday Review. A. C. H.

JUST FOR FUN.

Apropos of the interpretation frequently placed by children upon remarks made to them, a Western professor related at a recent dinner some examination stories.

"Once in a Bible lesson," he said, "I repeated the text, 'Arise and take the young child and flee into Egypt.' Then I showed the children a large picture in bright colors that illustrated the text. The children studied this picture eagerly. Then they all frowned; all looked rather disappointed. Finally a little girl said, "'Teacher, where is the flea?'"—Cosmopolitan.

"A citizen of Memphis, Tennessee, lost a valuable scarab which he had been wearing on his watch fob. He advertised his loss in the daily papers and offered a liberal reward for the return of the trinket.

"Early the next morning he received a call from a colored boy leading a miserable yellow cur. 'Say, boss,' said the boy, 'I seen yo' ad in de papeh. Am dis yo' scarab?'"

He had finished his dinner in a grouch and then buried himself in the evening paper.

"Hum, I wish they'd invent a new expression occasionally," he commented as he read the account of a wedding. "It's always the 'blushing bride' now-a-days."

"Well," came the quick retort from the other side of the table, "when you consider what sort of husbands most girls have to marry, you can't much wonder at their blushing."

The Very Reason.

"Mr. Unrich, what you want to marry my daughter? Why, you ain't able to support yourself."

"Quite so madam, that's the very reason I gave to my people for wanting to marry your daughter."—Philadelphia Ledger.

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