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LOCALS AND PERSONALS.

Mr. Reps Williamson and family, of Great Bridge, Va., are visiting his sister, Mrs. J. O. Atkinson.

Mr. P. H. Coggins, of Birmingham, Ala., was in town a few days last week, visiting at the home of Rev. C. O. DuRant.

Among the former students who attended the annual reception last Friday evening were: Messrs. Clyde Hornaday, Vitus Holt, W. L. Wells, H. E. Truitt, Ralph McCauley and Misses Sadie Fonville, Effie Iseley and Edith Walker.

Mr. E. T. Hines, who graduated last June and is now principal of Jefferson Academy at McLeansville, N. C., was in the village Monday.

Messrs. Claude Fonville and Jennings Lincoln of Greensboro, and Arnold Hall of Burlington, were visitors here last Sunday.

Mr. D. S. Farmer, News Ferry, Va., visited his son who is in school here last Sunday.

Misses Alma and Lila Newman left last Friday for Pineapple, Ala., where they will teach music and art.

Miss Mary Parks, of Ramseur, N. C., who was in school last year, and her friend, Miss Lillian Pritchett, were visitors here last Sunday.

Mrs. J. Pressley Barrett and daughter, of Dayton, Ohio, arrived last Friday. Miss Barrett entered school here.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Lee, of Driver, Va., are visiting at the home of Dr. J. O. Atkinson.

Miss Clare Henley of Greensboro is visiting Miss Hattie Belle Smith.

Rev. L. E. Smith, of Greensboro, was in the village last week.

Mrs. J. P. Barrett left Thursday morning for Raleigh to visit friends; thence to Drivers, Va., to spend a few weeks with relatives before returning to her home in Dayton.

Miss Mary Foster, of Burlington, spent a few hours at West Dormitory on Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. J. W. Lee, of Drivers, Va., is visiting Mrs. J. O. Atkinson.

Master Lane Atkinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Atkinson, is ill at this writing with what his physicians fear is typhoid fever. We trust such is not the case and that he will soon be enjoying his usual health.

Prof. Amick has completed his new residence near the South-west corner of the campus and has about finished moving.

Prof. Brannock, who last season had his home in Mebane and boarded at West Dormitory, is moving into the house vacated by Prof. Amick.

Prof. Lawrence, of the department of English, is enjoying the comforts of his new home. Mr. J. B. Geringer and son are terracing the lawn, which promises to be an attractive addition to the property.

Mr. J. M. Saunders, of Durham, spent several days with his family here. Mr. Saunders is engaged in the clothing business and reports good business for this season of the year.

ELON COLLEGE LIFE.

Our college breathes a larger spirit, a brighter prospect, and a higher ideal with the opening of the new session. The future is large with promise, and prophecy and lures us on to greater effort. Both students and faculty will vie with each other in contributing to the growth and prosperity of the institution, and the solid foundation built by the predecessors of our new President will be utilized by him upon which to erect an equally solid structure, beautiful in proportions, symmetrical in outline, magnificent in conception so as to form a "beautiful, perfect, and complete whole." Into this structure will go the material of love, devotion, consecration, and loyalty, cemented with the affection of a large and liberal hearted people, and supported by their consecrated prayers and liberal contributions.

As a means and medium of communication between the inner life of the college and the loving hearts of our patrons, The Elon College Weekly has been published. Into this paper from week to week all the interesting news of the college will go. Its columns are open for all the students of the institution. The members of the Faculty will contribute their best thoughts to this paper, and the amusing, the bright, the rich, the rare, and the rare will find room here to drive dull care away. Parents will wait each week for the arrival of this paper to bring them the "College News." "Where their treasure is there will their heart be also," and they will anxiously await a message from the college of their choice for the education of their son or daughter.

The members of the Alumni Association will anxiously look for the arrival of this messenger to tell them more of their Alma Mater. They will wish to know of her progress, will want to keep in touch with her spirit, and desire to gain new inspiration from her larger life. What they are intellectually they owe in a large measure to the college which gave them their first ideals to higher attainments in larger institutions or in the university of life. In them at this sacred shrine was born a love and loyalty that can never die. As their Alma Mater grows in power, influence, and prestige, they will grow in the same qualities, and they will desire to continue to breathe her spirit through the columns of the Weekly.

The Trustees and supporters of the college will anxiously await from week to week to hear the good news from the institution for which they have prayed and toiled and sacrificed, from the institution that was made possible through their love and loyalty to their church, the institution which is the product of the wisest heads and most loyal hearts of a great church and of the Southern Christian Convention. Our people will always support and patronize Elon College, for to do otherwise would be to acknowledge that others were wiser than our wisest and more

successful than our most successful men in providing an institution of learning for the education of our young people. Elon College Weekly stands for the success of the college and every member of the Board of Trustees and every loyal supporter of the college should read the Weekly and help to enlarge its circulation.

Subscribe for the Weekly at the beginning of the session. Send fifty cents in stamps or coin, and help enlarge the usefulness of the paper. We cannot send the paper on time subscription as the money is necessary for its publication.

W. C. Wicker,
Circulation Manager.

IS THE YOUNG MAN SAFE?

A discourse delivered to the student body on the first Sunday morning of the college year by President W. A. Harper. President Harper chose as the scriptural basis of this talk II Samuel 18:29, and outlined in detail the principles for which Elon College stood, and the ideals which are held up to new students and old. He said in part:

"It is a rare thing in these days of all but universal enlightenment to find an open enemy to education. It has been demonstrated so many times in the history of the world that the educated man is superior to the ignorant and that education is necessary to the leaders in all the realms of activity.

But—while we appreciate education, and while we would not discount it in the least, we cannot escape the fact that there are dangers connected with its getting which compel our attention. One of the most alarming dangers of modern education in some quarters is Higher Criticism. I do not mean to decry scholarship, but neither do I mean to welcome Higher Criticism. A Higher Critic is a scholar with the profession on his lips of a Christian, but with a skeptic's heart and attitude. The man who regards the authority of the Bible as of the same type as that of a book on Ethics is not the proper person to investigate the authority of the Bible, nor any fact in it. No young man or young woman is safe who is in an institution of learning where the higher critical viewpoint is the pier from which he is compelled to begin his voyage over life's sea. But in this regard you are safe here. Those who teach here honor and respect the word of God.

The second danger which confronts College students is like unto the first, but is found in courses given under the Department of Social Science. The teachers of this science in many institutions bid their pupils read the Bible, not for food for their heart hunger nor drink for their soul thirst, but for the sociological matter it contains. As is known the sociological matter from other quarters sometimes conflicts with the Bible, because the Bible is not a sociological treatise, and when this is true the Bible is declared to be in error.

But here you will run no risk of having your spiritual eyes blinded by the exaltation of Sociology at the expense of Theology.

The third danger toward which I would direct your attention is the free thought with respect to all the issues of life and conduct which is characteristic of a great many College men. We want you to think but we do not want you to assume the skeptic's interrogatory attitude toward all the issues and conditions of life.

You will perceive, from what has been said that Elon stands for Christian education, which aims at the production of an all-round man, an all-round woman. Any education which attempts less than this may still be education, but it is not and cannot be called Christian.

I congratulate you upon your selection of an institution which in its feeble way insists on man's development, physically, mentally, socially, morally, and spiritually. I congratulate Elon College on the student body which has selected it this year, in competition with hundreds of other institutions, as the scene of their preparation for life and its activities. I trust that the influences of the College will be so helpful and uplifting that you shall return to your homes, at the year's end, safe—safe in every way. To this end let us resolve at the year's very threshold to work, labor, and pray."

ATHLETICS.

The Elon College Athletic Association held its first regular business meeting at the college auditorium Monday evening, September 11. The President stated the object of the meeting to be: routine matters of organization for the ensuing scholastic year, appointment of managers for the various departments, and appointment of various committees. After necessary matters incidental to organization were disposed of, the President, J. S. Fleming, appointed the managers of the different departments: Tennis, J. C. Stuart; Basketball, W. H. Garrison; Track, D. F. Parsons.

The Joint Athletic Committee for this year is composed of Mr. R. S. Doak, Chm., Prof. W. P. Lawrence, Mr. R. A. Campbell, from the faculty; and A. R. Moffitt, J. C. Stuart, Treas. Assn. and W. H. Fleming, Mgr., B. B. Teams, from the student body.

The Association voted that the athletic fee for this year should be two dollars, one half due now, the other half after Christmas.

President Harper, of the College, made an interesting and encouraging talk to the members, showing himself to be an ardent supporter of clean athletics. It is his wish, and the wish of the management of the Association, that every person in school become a members at once.

We cannot support the Athletic Association with a few members, but with the support of the entire student body we can have good athletics. Shall we have it?

W. H. Fleming.