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## LOCALS AND PERSONALS.

Misses Farmer and Iseley led the Christian Endeavor, Sunday evening. The topic of the meeting was "How to improve our society." This was indeed an interesting one. The subject was treated in an admirable way, and the meeting was enjoyed by a large number of students.

Misses Iseley and Clymer went to Greensboro Tuesday to attend the Fair.

Mr. Coggins, from Greensboro, spent Sunday at West Dormitory with his daughter, Miss Ethel.

Miss Kathleen Long of Graham, spent Sunday with Miss Pitt.

Miss Mary Thompson, of Houston, N. C., was called home by a telegram Saturday morning on account of the illness of her sister. We trust the illness is nothing serious and that Miss Thomson will soon be able to return to College.

Mr. Henry S. Johnson, student secretary of the Y. M. C. A., travelling out of Charlotte, N. C., was with us Monday evening and Tuesday morning. Mr. Johnson met the cabinet of the local organization and he, with President Felton, outlined the work for the present year. The student body was allowed to hear Mr. Johnson on Tuesday morning during chapel service and certainly his remarks were enjoyed by all. We are always glad to have such men with us.

Quite a number of the upper classmen and those students who have been several years here were indeed glad to see our old friend, Mr. J. M. Saunders, of Durham, here Monday last with his line of clothing. Mr. Saunders was formerly a merchant here and keeper of the city restaurant, hence he will ever be remembered by "Adam and Eve on a raft," or "One eye open," or "Sunny side up," or "Looking at you," if nothing else, and we trust he secured sufficient business on this trip to justify a "Return date."

Miss Ethel Clements, of the department of expression, and Miss Lois Baird Davidson, ('12) were delightfully entertained Saturday evening and Sunday, last, by Miss Blondie Kernodle at her home in Ossipee. They returned to the College Sunday, P. M.

Prof. Meidrich Spiker, of Mebane, N. C., was on the hill a few hours during the past week, visiting friends.

President Harper at this writing is in the field in the interest of the Special Fund.

New students continue to arrive and indications are such at present as to lead us to believe the three hundred mark will be reached this year. Thanks to all who have helped toward making it possible.

The Elon College Sunday school has recently purchased a number of book racks to be placed on the backs of the seats in the chapel. These were put on by certain of the young men of the college under the supervision of Prof. Lawrence and fill a long felt need as they insure proper distribution of song books, without which the best results from the standpoint of music

in the Sunday school, cannot be achieved.

Books used in the regular eleven o'clock service, on Sundays, have been secured in sufficient numbers by the Ladies' Aid Society to allow the members of the congregation to join in the singing. Heretofore only the choir sang on the morning hymns and this change marks a forward step in the attractiveness of the services which we are glad to note.

## CLASS RECORD OF ELON COLLEGE SUNDAY SCHOOL. OCT. 8, 1911

Class No. 1, Dr. J. U. Newman, Teacher. Present, 33; 4 absent; collection, 52 cents.

Class No. 2, Mr. R. A. Campbell, Teacher. Present, 27; 5 absent; collection, 47 cents.

Class No. 3, Mr. Lincoln, Teacher. Present, 27; 8 absent; collection, 70 cts.

Class No. 4, Prof. Brannock, Teacher. Present, 30; 6 absent; collection, 33 cts.

Class No. 5, Prof. Doak, Teacher. Present, 15; 9 absent; collection 14 cents.

Class No. 6, Mrs. Machen, Teacher. Present, 21; 4 absent; collection, 15 cts.

Class No. 7, Mrs. Foster, Teacher. Present, 12; absent, 15; collection 4 cts.

Class No. 8, Miss Bryan, Teacher. Present, 14; 4 absent; collection, 13 cts.

Class No. 9, Mrs. Sanders, Teacher. Present, 10; 6 absent; collection, 8 cents.

Class No. 10, Miss Clements, Teacher. Present, 13; 6 absent; collection, 9 cents.

Class No. 11, Mrs. McNally, Teacher. Present, 9; 9 absent; collection 10 cents.

Class No. 12, Cit. Bib Class, Dr. Amick Teacher. Present 14; 0 absent; collection, 13 cents.

Totals: Present, 225; 73 absent; collections, \$2.87.

Teachers absent: Mrs. Machen, sub. C. B. Riddle; Miss Clements, sub., Miss McCauley.

Whole school, 265.

J. A. Dickey, Sec.

## FROM THE PULPIT.

The pulpit Sunday morning was filled by Rev. Dr. Atkinson. He delivered in his usual excellent and forcible manner a well-prepared discourse, especially to the young people, from the following theme: "The Wilderness Call," based on the Scripture found in Num. 10: 29. "Come thou with us and we will do thee good."

The speaker spoke partly as follows: The words were spoken by Moses when he, accompanied by his father-in-law, Hobab, had led the children well out into the wilderness. It was advanced into the second year. The work had been divided among the different camps, and all things were ready for the march. Just at this time Hobab was going to leave Moses at the head of an army 600,000 strong, but Moses was not willing for him to go. Hobab had helped him get the army in shape and Moses was not willing for him to leave. Then Moses said to Hobab, his father-in-law, "Come thou with us and we will do thee good."

The first thing I want to impress upon your minds is the nature of the invitation.

God does not measure a man from whence he came or from what he is, but from where he is going. Our Heavenly Father did not measure His Son by what he had when our Savior began to deliver the 14th chapter of John; he never argued nor explained where he was going. "Thomas said unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest." No wonder the world called Thomas "doubting Thomas." To have lived with Christ on earth and seen his works among men and then not know where he was going.

I had a friend a few years ago, who lived an excellent and noble life. Near the end he called his family to the bedside and said: "Children, you know where I am going, you know where to meet me." He did not leave a large legacy to be divided among them, but they honored and esteemed him, for he left them the consideration of knowing that their father had lived a noble life and gone home in glory.

The world measures you by where you are going. You are not measured by whence you came. It was not clear to all where Christ came from, but none could doubt where he was going.

Moses was one of the greatest of men, although he never came into possession of that for which he started. He never attained his purpose, yet we class him as one of the world's most eminent and renowned men. Wherein was Moses great? Was it from whence he came? Was it what he did? Or was it what he attempted to do? By what standard do we measure him? We are measured by the same standard. So the question is, Where are you going?

The church and all that is good and noble are journeying and saying unto you, "Come thou with us and we will do thee good."

I shall never preach like Spurgeon. It is not required of me. But I must be measured by where I am going. I will not be measured by any worldly success or achievements.

Always when you read George Elliot, you know before you get to the downfall of a character, that it was sure to come. You know the kind of seed that has been sown, and long before harvest what the crop will be.

When you left your parental roof you had been taught to read your Bible and kneel by your bedside in prayer; your mother placed your Bible in your trunk, and commended it to you as your guide. But some one has neglected a little thing at a time. God surely will not punish for such a small thing as that, but where are you going? That is the question God, men and angels are asking. "Where are you going?" The thing that interests me is where are you trying to go? With whom and in what direction are you journeying? We are esteemed not most by what we achieve, but by what we try to do.

The second thing is the character of the promise. Moses was not sure whether he would arrive at his desired end or not. He did not promise his father-in-law that he would get there, but he knew it would be

good for him to go. Neither did he tell him of the trials and hardships that they would encounter on the way.

I am not sure to what the church will arrive, but I am sure that this goodly company, marching under the leadership of our Lord and Savior will do me good. The church is the band that set in motion all that is good and noble. Yet you may select any church member you wish, and I can find fault with him. Yet I am sensible that their invitation, "Come thou with us and we will do thee good," is the greatest force in this world.

What good are they doing me? The world says, "Come, we will show you a good time." The church says, "Come, we will lead you into all that is good and grand, all that really gives peace to your soul."

Did the fact that Moses did not arrive make his statements untrue? Let us see. He showed his father-in-law a code of morals, he showed him how men might worship God and be free, how God would feed and clothe his people. Moses made good as he promised. Does the church make good? You have only to open your eyes: we will show you great institutions, houses of worship, an army of 25,000,000 children marching to Sunday school; we show you great choirs, splendid organs giving forth sweet strains of melody; we show you orphanages, almshouses, asylums and many institutions for the uplift of man.

The world can show no such. It will point to houses of ill-fame, saloons and gambling dens, and say these are your wreck and ruin, but they are what we build.

Moses says: "Come with us, we will do thee good." We may never attain what the world calls success, but something far greater, a place in our Master's kingdom.

In the third place, let us look at the nature of the argument. "Come with us, we will do thee good," was not the strongest argument. After the father-in-law had said that he would not go, Moses, as we find in verses 31 and 32 said, You will do us good.

Some think that to join the church they will lose their influence, when just the opposite is true. Not only will the church be of service to you, but you will be of service to the church. There are men to-day who are pulling down, who ought to be lifting up. There are men to-day who are breaking the hearts of loved ones who ought to be healing the weary souls.

Christianity makes a man yield his full worth. No man without Christ can fill his place in this world. The church needs one and all. You can be of far greater service if you enlist in the ranks of Christ, our Captain. He beckons us to come, join the band of all the good, great, illustrious and noble characters that have made the world what it is through obedience to their Lord and Master.

Friend, which way are you going? Which company are you identifying yourself with? No longer do we hear Moses cry from the wilderness, but our Christ cries from the cross: "Come thou with us and we will do thee good."

J. S. T.