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## Three Hundred Mark Reached!

ON OCTOBER 14, 1912, ELON'S REGISTRATION BOOKS SHOWED THE ABOVE TOTAL.

Miss Thelma Lee Thurston of Burlington Completes the Third Hundred.

Another and one of the most striking evidences of Elon's prosperity and advancement in every department is noticeable in the above statement. This fact will come as joyful news to all alumnae, friends and patrons of Elon College. It will be welcomed by the hundreds of those who have labored here but who were provisionally hindered from their desired consummation and those who were, from reasons beyond their own control, kept from the goal of their early ambitions. It will be welcome to the thousands of patrons and friends who have give of their time, money and prayers for the success of this institution. And, too, it will be welcome by all who are interested in higher education, and who respect those who labor therefor and all who look upon the inculcation of high moral principles and sound religious doctrine into the youth of our land as vital and fundamental. For 'tis for such as this that this institution was founded and stands, thus any advancement made by her is but one more mite added to the forces of righteousness and right and one more blow in the face of ignorance and wrong.

Elon College is today standing as she never has stood before. She has already passed marks set by the most sanguine and indeed the fondest dream of her most optimistic founder has, 'twould seem, been set at naught by recent developments and improvements all along the line. The Weekly has from time to time reported these improvements both in the village, in academic equipment and in teaching facilities, hence, 'twould be useless to repeat, but suffice it to say that the College, here, is enjoying an era of unprecedented prosperity due wholly to a most manifest spirit of loyalty throughout the constituency, both on the part of students, patrons, alumnae and friends, and all here rejoice that 'tis so. Cooperation between the administration and the College has been the heartiest at all, hence with such loyalty and such cooperation and such mutual confidence and good will throughout the college mechanism, the announcement that the contested goal of three hundred has been reached and doubtless passed ere these lines are read will come not so much as a surprise, but as a happy fulfillment of fond hopes and the cherished ambition of all who are interested in any way whatsoever and who have labored either by thought, word or deed to make these things so.

We have nothing but the heartiest congratulations and sincere thanks for the

numerous friends and supporters throughout this and adjoining states who have assisted the President and his faithful followers in an effort to push the cause of education and enlightenment into corners hitherto not visited and to plant the banner of the maroon and gold where formerly it was unknown.

We take this means to thank any and every one who has in any way whatsoever helped the cause of Elon and beg that you will let past rewards be but an incentive to greater and grander things in the years to come.

### LOCALS AND PERSONALS.

Miss Elsie Weeden was a pleasant visitor at the home of Mrs. Dr. Morrow Saturday and Sunday, last.

Miss Blanche Simmons was glad to welcome Misses Thompsie Holland and Blanche Newman into her home at Graham Saturday and Sunday, last.

Mr. Allen Dickey of near Burlington died at two o'clock Monday morning as a result of protracted illness. Prof. and Mrs. W. P. Lawrence are attending the funeral services today.

"Uncle" Wellons was in Wake county from Saturday to Monday last in the interest of one of the churches started by him in the early days of his ministry.

Misses May Williams and Kathleen Brothers of the College accompanied Miss May Hobby to her home in Raleigh, N. C. where they will be week end guests.

Visitors at Burlington Saturday were Misses Pearl Tuck and Nellie Fleming at the home of Miss Sallie Foster. Was glad also to have Misses Pitt, Barnes and Clements with her for a Sunday visit.

Miss Ruth Johnson took a happy party of girls from the College to her home near Raleigh for a brief sojourn. Among them were Misses Bittie Ellis, Jennie Willis Atkinson and Oma Utley.

Mrs. W. J. Lee from Bennett's Creek, Virginia is being entertained at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. O. Atkinson during this week. She will return to Virginia at the beginning of next week.

Mr. W. W. Dalrymple of Broadway, N. C., visited his sister Miss Lillie at West Dormitory Sunday, October thirteenth.

Rowland, N. C., was represented in our village recently in the person of Mr. J. B. Smith. Mr. Smith who is a prosperous farmer of Roberson county anticipates locating here in the near future in order that he may enjoy the educational advantages of our town. We shall be glad to welcome him among us and hope arrangements to that end may be perfected.

Word has just been received that Mr. J. F. Earp of Milton, N. C., father of Mr. B. J. Earp of the College has been taken with appendicitis to the Mercy Hospital at Danville, Va. Mr. Earp's many

friends in the College wish for his parent a successful operation and speedy recovery.

A sample copy of the Weekly invites you to subscribe, have you received one? Fifty cents per year.

Messrs. Revell, P. D. and O. J. Tillet, Eugene Wood, R. S. Doak, Zeno Dixon, J. D. Murray were among those who attended the State Fair at Raleigh from here.

### SHAKESPEARE CLUB.

Met with Miss Alma Wilson on Saturday October twelfth. Study of the Merchant of Venice occupied the time, but owing to the grandeur of the production and intense interest in this particular play on the part of those present it was decided to continue the study of it into the next meeting. Many beautiful traits of character were pointed out both in Portia and Bassanio. Also a number of striking quotations were made, discussed and memorized, thus making the meeting highly entertaining, interesting and profitable.

### PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

Colleges should do four things for their students: teach them to be gentlemen and gentlewomen; create in them the taste for truth through scholarship; qualify them for superior usefulness as citizens; and supply their religious nature motives for action. The college which achieves these four great desiderata has justified the faith of its founders and is entitled to the respect and confidence and patronage of serious-minded persons.

It hardly seems that it would be necessary to speak of the first of these objects and yet there is need. It is frequently charged by sympathetic observers that present-day College students are lacking in gentility. They are boisterous, loud, arrogating to themselves rights that they would readily deny others. This, if true, means that our Colleges are failing to do their duty. Higher ideals should be inculcated and the essential qualities of gentility presented in theory and lived in practice by the teachers and officers, and these evils will disappear.

Certainly our Colleges should create a love for truth and scholarship. Elective courses have made college life in many places largely sport and only incidentally study. Woodrow Wilson resigned from the presidency of Princeton because the class room had become the side-show and social and athletic interests of the students the main text. College men should acquire the taste for scholarship which is another name for love of the truth and disposition to seek it, in serious study and not in constructing skylights, minarets, and fancy gables in the intellectual realm.

If college men do not develop into superior citizens, they are gross sinners; for what else can a man be but a sinner, when he has squandered great advantages and refused to meet the obligations those advantages have created? They should obey the laws of the land as much so during their college days as other young men do, not so highly privileged as they are, and they should bring their superior training and wide mental grasp to bear upon the formation of healthful and wholesome public opinion and in the solution of the vexing and ever recurring problems of our industrial, social, and political life.

But the greatest end, the highest aim, the crowning glory of college education is found in the altruistic realm, the realm of the spirit. The college which does not set the heart of its students a-tune to the religious life and a-thrill for conscientious service in it, has failed signally. Neither of the other aims can be ideally attained unless this fourth and all-inclusive, because all-involving and all-inspiring, aim is also attained. Man is distinguished as the religious animal. In this does he differ most of all from the animal creation below him. He is not a complete man till his religious nature is inspired and so supplied with motives for action. Intellectual power without soul-power is a condition much to be dreaded in every avenue of life, and where such a condition to become universal or even gradually prevalent, the State would be in jeopardy and the Church of God go into eclipse.

### THE HUMOROUS SIDE OF LIFE.

A dentist was filling a lady patron's back teeth. When he had finished the first tooth he handed the lady a hand mirror that she might see the result for herself. Then he went on with his task, peering his performance with the mirror after each tooth filled. Finally, when the job was completed and she had handed back the mirror with thanks, he said:

"Well, madam, how do they look to you?"

"How do what look to me?" she returned.

"The teeth I just filled."

"Oh, I forgot about the teeth," she exclaimed, reaching for the hand glass.

"What did you look at each time I gave you the mirror?"

"My hair."—Pittsburg Press.

Child—"What's a stag party, mamma?"

Merry widow—"A party where there are only gentlemen, dear."

Child—"And what do you call a party where there's only ladies?"

Merry widow—"I should call it a stag-nation party"—Judge.