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WASTED TIME.

In every college there are always a number of students who are inclined to be careless or negligent in the employment of their time. These students put much emphasis on the present, but seldom stop to look into the future. They seem not to realize the necessity of preparing themselves here in college in order to meet better the requirements in later life; but rather "live and have a good time, while young," is their motto. But psychology teaches us that habits are chiefly formed during the first twenty years of life, and that during our college days the habit-forming period is at its height. How, then, shall we form the habit of employing that most valuable part of life—our time? As students at this institution, shall we pass away our time this year in loafing around the stores, reading joke-books and cheap novels, or in indulging in other wasteful practices? Most emphatically no! Every student will admit that such an expenditure of his time is inexpedient, unprofitable and wasteful. Not only does that person who is negligent of time and its employment injure himself, but more often he is found to be a general disturber of the peace and welfare of others. It is he who, with nothing-to-do during study-hours, disturbs others either by loud talking, or singing, or by lounging in the rooms of other fellows. Not only idle himself, but moreover keeping others from work, he is the man who proves to be a breaker of promises, a know-nothing in class, a serious annoyance to the faculty, and in the end a failure, while with just a little care in the economical use of his time he would secure a good grade and standing, as well as sufficient leisure for pleasurable amusements. Then let us as students, economize in our time, drive our work instead of being driven by it, and bear in mind that hard and consistent study always leads to success. In the words of the poet:

"Then if you love life,
Do not squander time;
For that's the stuff life's
Made of."

—Guilford Collegian.

Y. M. C. A.

We opened the best meeting of the year tonight with Mr. W. C. Hook as leader. His subject was "The Power of Conscience." He read the fourteenth chapter of Matthew. In connection with this many interesting talks were made on this subject. The questions were raised, What is Conscience and Should we always follow our conscience? Now if a man has been trained to do right he has no trouble in distinguishing between right and wrong and when he does wrong his conscience tells him that it is wrong. But, on the other hand, when a man has not been trained that stealing is wrong he can steal and his conscience will not bother him the least. Conscience is the inner nature of man. Someone said that our consciences were the comforters sent by our Lord Jesus Christ to comfort us and keep us on the right pathway in our journey through life. It is true that conscience makes cowards of us all. If we commit a deed that is not worthy of mention or something that we especially wish to conceal our conscience begins to make us fear even our best friends. We become the greatest cowards that ever walked the earth. Why? Simply because we know that we are wrong and we are too mean and cowardly to own up to that which we have done. There is an old saying, "Be sure your sins will find you out." I think that we help to give ourselves away when we commit sin for we then have guilty consciences and when one has a guilty conscience he is always trying to get rid of his thoughts. When he cannot do this he confesses or commits suicide.

There were twenty-three men present tonight. This is the largest number we have had at any meeting since school opened. Yet this is a small per cent. of the boys in school. What is the reason we cannot reach the others? I know that those who are absent know and say that they ought to come but they always find some little excuse for not coming. They would not consider these excuses suitable to render to their Lord and Master yet they think the least little thing is sufficient to excuse them from coming to Y. M. C. A., the very place they ought to love to come. Someone must have guilty consciences, for I know their consciences tells them they should come to Y. M. C. A.

Young men, if you do not begin to lead the Christian life while in College or if you have not time now certainly you will not have time when you shall have launched out into this busy workaday world. Get the habit now of being attendant upon such exercises and it will be easy later.

The Young Men's Christian Association is the place to begin to lead this spiritual life. The Greeks well pictured Opportunity with a lock of hair on her forehead and bald on the back so when she has passed one cannot seize her but if they, seize her when she presents herself they can hold her firmly. This is true that if you do not seize your opportunities you will not succeed. Now beginning to lead the spiritual life is no easy thing, for there are many obstacles in the way but, young men, seize your opportunity while you may, for tomorrow it may be too late and you will regret

your negligence. If you deny your Saviour in the presence of men, do you expect him to recognize you before his Father?

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Y. W. C. A.

The Young Women's Christian Association met at its usual time, Sunday afternoon, with Miss Lillian Johnson as leader, she chose as her subject "Cheerfulness." The scripture lesson was taken from the one hundred and thirty-third psalm. She gave an interesting paper on the value of cheerfulness in our every day as well as religious life. A striking example of cheerfulness is found in the apostle Paul when he said, "we are troubled on every side, yet not distressed, we are perplexed, but not in despair, persecuted but not forsaken, cast down, but not destroyed."

Miss Annie Bagwell sang "Shall I empty handed be" in a very impressive manner after which a number of the girls took part in the service by giving their opinions on the value of cheerfulness and by reading selections from the scriptures bearing upon the subject.

Myrtle Lawrence.

PSIPHELLIAN.

Our programme for Friday evening, October 25, was very interesting and delivered in a creditable manner.

The numbers deserving special mention were a recitation, piano solo, and an original love story. The recitation was given by Miss Clara Sharp. Her rendition of it was unusually good for a new member. She seems to be greatly interested in society work. The piano solo as rendered by Miss Viola Rollings was indeed beautiful. She played well and with expression. The original love story as read by Miss Annie Laurie Wicker was a brilliant composition and showed much preparation and considerable originality. The debate for the evening was very good and highly interesting. Those composing it were excellently prepared. Both sides showed good and efficient argument. The query: resolved that ministers' children and ministerial students should pay tuition. The judges decided in favor of the affirmative.
Corresponding Secretary.

MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION.

Mr. H. S. Smith led the association for the last meeting. He used as his subject "Consecration." Though there were not many who attended, we had a good meeting. Nearly every man participated and gave helpful ideas.

The leader named several men, such as Wesley, Evans and Luther, who had achieved great success, all of which had completely consecrated their lives to God. We cannot serve God and mammon. We must give our all to God or we can't make much success in His work. There were several illustrations where people were blessed and made happy when they had completely given themselves up to God. Though they were unhappy until they did this.

Mr. E. T. Cotten will lead for us next meeting.

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The love for society work with the Clions is increasing very rapidly this fall.

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Society training is being realized among the new men as well as the old, as being an important factor in College life.

The program for last Friday evening was a good sample indeed of the interest in such work. All items were good and profitable. However those that were expressly so were, a poem, oration, life of Woodrow Wilson, and the debate.

Mr. Page of Burlington, N. C., gave us a recitation of the poem mentioned above. He is a young society worker; but his excellency in the work shows a bright future before him. No item was rendered more intelligently than his.

The life of Woodrow Wilson was given by Mr. J. A. Woods. He told us of his birth place, where he was educated, and the success which he has met with in his life as a student and professor.

The oration for the evening was rendered