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In a student body of three hundred it invariably happens, painfully so from the standpoint of administrative authorities, that a few will be found unable to enter into the spirit of Elon and so have to withdraw. It is always sad for an occurrence of this sort to transpire, and yet it takes place annually. It is the policy of the College to deal gently with such cases and to permit them to leave voluntarily, and experience has demonstrated the wisdom of this policy, for it often happens that the men so disciplined after a few months connect themselves with other Colleges and profit by their mistakes here, and Elon was established to build up and not to wreck the life of such men, and to this high purpose of our founders we must ever prove true.

Some of these men are careless about the preparation of their recitation work; others are derelict in attending College exercises; still others have habits of disregard of petty things. They are not vicious. Frequently they are genteel and popular, but they in some way disqualify themselves to enjoy the high moral tone that is so characteristic of the Elon spirit and so they have to seek other atmosphere. This separation, we already pointed out, is frequently for their good; it remains to say that it is always good for those who remain behind, for one student out of harmony with an institution's spirit is always a possible source of pollution to others, and so in justice to those others, the offending party has to depart.

It is greatly to the College's credit, however, we may add by way of conclusion, that so very few fail to breathe its spirit and to accommodate themselves to its atmosphere and tone.

THANKSGIVING AT THE COLLEGE

This historic day was duly observed on the Hill. Holiday was taken from November twenty-seventh to December first and surely the period of rest and relaxation was welcomed with gladness.

Thursday morning at eleven o'clock in the chapel children from the Orphanage gave a most delightfully interesting pro-

gram under the management and directions of Mrs. Jas. L. Foster. The program was made up of drills, songs, duets, choruses, and the like, by the little ones and on the whole was impressive as well as enjoyable. Following the program Dr. J. O. Atkinson, pastor, delivered a brief, but interesting and inspiring address on the theme, "Reasons for Thanksgiving." Dr. Atkinson traced Thanksgiving Day from its origin among the Hebrews to its resuscitation among the early settlers of Plymouth and held that we need the Day for its inspirational, educational and meditative qualities in the development of the best that is in us and that if all would observe the day in the spirit of its designers, there would be no doubt as to its serving its original purpose. An offering for the Orphanage was then taken which resulted in the collection of a very good sum for that most worthy cause.

Following this service, students, friends and visiting alumni retired to the dining hall at West Dormitory where the Annual Thanksgiving banquet to visitors and alumni was held. The hall had been most tastefully decorated with evergreens and the college colors in crepe which with the most tastefully arranged tables formed a very pleasing spectacle. Toasts, both witty, humorous and eloquent were delivered with Mr. R. A. Campbell of Hagerstown, Md., toastmaster; among them were, Rev. H. E. Rountree, "The Spirit of the occasion"; Rev. J. C. Roberson on "Joseph's experience in the pit (Pitt), Messrs. Rand (13), Myrick (14), Aycock (15), and Harward (16), toasting the proper classes; Dr. Newman, to alumni and visitors, Miss Mabel Farmer for the class of 1912 and Mr. A. E. Lincoln, "Why the Cat came back."

Between retirement from the dining to supper, the time was spent in social intercourse in the various parlors and corridors of West Dormitory.

The chief event of the day, however, was the annual entertainment by the Philologian Literary Society a detailed account of which will appear in next issue.

The Thanksgiving season this year was passed off in a most delightful, yet impressive way and pleasant memories of these days will but bind the hearts of those here more closely to their Alma Mater, and make them rue the time when these most pleasant occasions must be spent elsewhere.

Its easy enough to be pleasant
When things go along with a smile,
But it's hard to be bright and cheerful.
When things go wrong all the while.
But yet the all-wise Creator,
Has seen fit to make it so,
Hence about the best for us is
To take things as they come and go.

Yes it's easy enough to be pleasant
To one who is in his prime
And it's profitable to be chummy
With one who's got coin all the time.

But the kind of a friend we all look for
And the one that's worth talking about
Is the one who stays close up beside you
When you're all in, down and out.

PROVERBS AND PHRASES.

The old days never come again, because they would be getting in the way of the new, better days whose turn it now is.—George McDonald.

If we lived nearer Heaven, we should have earlier notice of God's purposes.—Moody.

From all that fate has brought to me,
I strive to learn humanity.

—Lydia Maria Child.

Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body.—Addison.

At every trifling scorn to take offense,
That always shows much pride or little sense.—Pope.

FRESHMEN MEET.

On Friday evening last, members of the Freshman class with Mr. Campbell adviser met in the college chapel for organization. Officers were elected for the first term resulting in the choice of Mr. T. P. Harward, Pres., W. T. Scarborough, V. Pres., J. C. Joyner, Secretary, Miss Myrtle Mose, Treasurer. Steps were taken for securing pins, motto, collars, etc., a committee for each duty being appointed.

Messrs. Atkinson, Harward and Loy were named as a committee on class athletics. These men are to have charge of all the sports for the class during the year and are to arrange schedules for the different athletic teams of the class, for the several interclass meets to be held at various times during the year. They also will organize the male members of the class into an athletic association which shall be a unit working in conjunction with the general association of the college.

The Freshmen class this year is the largest yet and also the strongest, having decidedly more members who are full Freshmen than any class of its kind before.

Prospects are good for debate. They have already shown their prowess in basket ball by defeating the strong team of Sophomores at basket ball Friday, last.

RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

Y. W. C. A.

Our meeting last Sunday afternoon was unusually interesting. The subject for discussion being "Thanksgiving," the Scripture lesson taken from 147th Psalm was read by Miss Addie Lasley. Then, the leader, Miss Bertha Wilson, read a very interesting paper (which I shall give in full), by which I am sure every one present was benefitted.

The meeting then being open for general participation, each and every one seemed to take an active part, either by reading references on the subject or expressing some thought.

"Often we forget to thank God for what he has done for us through the Jewish people. If we go back in our history a little less than nineteen hundred years, and from that point cast our eyes over the history of our ancestors, what do we find? A people without civilization; a people without a literature; a people without progress. But if, standing at the same point, we turn our

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eyes to the Jews, we find them a people whose civilization was then almost two thousand years old. We find them with a literature of their own, a thousand years old—a literature to which we owe more than anything else as the inspiration of all the literature that we have which is worth keeping. But we have reason for gratitude also because of what God has done and is doing directly for us as a people. Our history is a record of most marvelous achievement. Our national constitution has excited the admiration of the greatest statesmen of the world. The abolition of human slavery; the breaking of our self-restraint in behalf of our oppressed people, thus making ourselves a world power of such significance as had scarcely been conceived before; our rapid growth in population; our marvelous increase in wealth; the development of inventive and constructive art; all of these, and much more, have come to us through the kindness and beneficence of God, and for them we owe a constantly increasing debt of gratitude.

But, deserving of grateful recognition as are all these that have been named, there is still one more fundamental reason why every American citizen should be grateful to Almighty God, and that is the fact that we have the gospel and the church of the Lord Jesus Christ."

Viola Rollings, Sec.

MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION.

Mr. J. B. Hurley, one of our new members, led the association in our last meeting. He read the fourteenth chapter of Romans as a scripture lesson. His subject, as was announced in last week's writing, was "The duty of the ministerial student to the Unsaved in College." Mr. Hurley gave us a very splendid and