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## TO THE SENIOR CLASS OF 1913

'Tis the sweet strains of music I hear  
And the melody of voices near  
That make a thousand thoughts come to  
my mind,

And how many have been left behind,  
Who four years ago began the fight  
But are not seniors to-night.

From the Freshman Class large and gay  
Many have fallen by the way,  
Only to miss the reception to-night  
With those who have won the fight,  
And to fill a lesser life and smaller space  
Than those who have won the race.

Sixteen hearts, young, happy and gay  
Are about to meet the parting way  
To try a life of dreams and fancies sought,  
That four years they've daily bought;  
Bought with toils, tasks and pains,  
But for it all I hear the musical strains.

All honor to those who've been true  
And each day did the battle renew;  
Who fought the fight with courage strong;  
Who stood for right and foe to wrong.  
"Honor to whom honor is due"  
Is why, dear Seniors, I sing for you.

May those who have not reached the top  
Catch the musical strains and stop  
And vow to ever upward climb,  
Till they the happy place find  
And raise aloud their voices clear  
In the same room so near.

10:30 P. M., Thursday, May 15, 1913.

[The above lines printed under protest of the writer were written when the writer chanced to pass President Harper's home during the hours of the senior reception on May 15th. The music of the occasion suggested the thoughts. Mr. C. B. Riddle is author.]

## HAPPENINGS AT YOUNG LADIES' HALL.

Miss Myrtle Moser spent Saturday and Sunday at her home near Burlington.

Miss Blanche Teague spent Sunday in Burlington with friends.

Misses Lugerty Carter and Una Albright went home last Thursday, to attend the Cane Creek High School Commencement, returning Sunday; they report a pleasant time.

Mr. L. O. Sharpe, of Durham, N. C., visited his niece, Miss Clara Sharpe, Thursday. Miss Sharpe accompanied him to his home Friday, where she spent a few days.

Miss Emma Hobson spent the week end in Burlington Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Sadie Jones, Matron, is spending a few days with friends and relatives in Wake County.

## Y. W. C. A.

We feel our Y. W. C. A. meeting held Sundry afternoon was an improvement on some of the previous ones. The subject, "The Famous Women of Long Ago," was skilfully and effectively treated by Miss Myrtles Lawrence. Her lives of Ruth, Es-

## WOMEN IN MISSIONARY RALLY.

GREAT MEETING TO BE HELD HERE THE COMING WEEK.

The women of the Christian Church South will meet here on Tuesday morning for a two days session in a missionary rally. Delegates from Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, and Alabama will be present and an interesting session is expected.

The speakers of the program are Mrs. W. A. Harper, Mrs. W. H. Carroll, Miss Bettie Stephenson, Mrs. W. T. Walters, Mrs. W. H. Denison, Mrs. C. H. Rowland, Mrs. H. E. Rountree, Dr. Warren H. Denison, Dr. A. B. Kendall, Dr. J. O. Atkinson and others.

ther, Hannah and Sarah were well rendered by some of our most active members. Miss Gertrude Mason also favored us with a beautiful vocal solo, "I am a Stranger, I am a Pilgrim." After which Mrs. Rowland, of Franklin, Virginia, gave us a very interesting talk. We indeed feel greatly benefited when one so interested in our association has been among us.

President

## LIFE AT ELON.

The life of a College, as of every other place, is the product of its spirit. This is notably so of the life at Elon College. The delightful location of the College, in the famous hill country of Western North Carolina, makes it a desirable seat for an institution of learning. The buildings are ample, modern, home-like. The grounds are peculiarly charming in their native simplicity and beauty. The climate is mild, the water is pure and invigorating, the healthfulness unsurpassed. Given these advantages and the spirit that controls the actions and relations of faculty and students towards each other, and the only kind of life to be expected would be one of simple earnestness and buoyant hope. Students of former days look back to their days of preparation here as not only a preparation for life, but as in a very real sense life itself. With all the advantages of city life as to equipment, convenience, and accessibility and with none of its distractions and allurements, and with consecrated and learned instructors, in a community famous for its beauty and healthfulness, with a spirit such as inspires and moulds character of the noblest type, surely life under these conditions must be at its best—and it is. One needs only to be a student or resident here to wish even to make this place one's permanent habitation.

The heat of anger was never known to boil the kettle.

Mrs. C. H. Rowland, Franklin, Va., is president of the Women's Home and Foreign Mission Convention under whose auspices this rally is to be held. The rally will not be merely a mass meeting, but a seminary for the discussion of plans and the adoption of measures relative to the missionary work as well.

The ladies of the Elon College community will give the visitors a reception and acquaintance meeting in the parlors of the West Dormitory of the College on Monday evening, the first session of the rally occurring on Tuesday morning at ten o'clock.

## A CALL TO ARMS.

In this argument, student friends, we are going to try to show to the world at large that there is no need for examinations, especially, college examinations; that they have through the ages had a bad history and that instead of being beneficial, they are really against the majority of the Laws of the Decalogue, which we believe will bring destruction to any people or nation that disobeys them.

The first examination of which we have any authentic record was the one made by Sister Eve in the Garden of Eden. There she examined the fruit of the forbidden Tree of Life, being prompted as we are in the present day to make the examination for the purpose of obtaining knowledge. Every one of us knows this examination was the beginning of human misery and that we today, seven thousand centuries after the examination, are still suffering because of her iniquity, which was the direct result of an examination. Thus we can readily see that the institution of examinations was one of the greatest blunders ever committed by mankind.

Now to another instance: when Noah the patriarch was on his cruise in the Ark, one of the whales (whales lived on land before the Flood) wanted to make an examination for the purpose of obtaining a knowledge of the contents of the water and also to find out what effect the water would have on the appearance of his skin. Finally summoning up all the courage he could master, he leaped out of the top window of the Ark into the surging billows of the mighty deep. Ever since that time he and his kind have had to live in the sea and have been bereft of the beauties of God's country. Here we see two representative cases: the first caused untold suffering and banished Paradise forever from the face of the earth, thus to the great discomfort and eternal loss of the descendants of Adam and Eve; the second brought great sor-

row upon the posterity of the whale, in that he once had legs, which he now lost from disuse and once he could live off the luscious fruits and the savory meats of the animals of the earth, but now he has to live off the smallest creatures in the sea and consumes all his time in obtaining them. Herein we see that examinations are fatal both to the world of men and to the kingdom of animals.

Now we shall show to our satisfaction that examinations are in direct opposition to nearly all the Laws of Moses, and are therefore of most danger to nations which have them in their bounds.

"Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy" saith the Holy Book. Though we do not all violate this commandment "prima facie" because of examinations, yet we all are thinking of them on the Seventh Day and thus the day is robbed of its spirituality and is desecrated.

"Thou shalt not kill." But we all murder pencils, assassinate the questions, and try with our most mighty efforts to "kill" the professor.

"Thou shalt not covet." Still we go to the professor and try to "pump" as much out of him as we can, because of our covetousness of what he knows.

"Honor thy father and thy mother." When examinations come on we fail to write to our parents (except on a cash basis) and we even forget them, and therefore "our days will not be long in the land which the Lord our God giveth us."

"Thou shalt not steal." But we have to steal paper and ink if we would have enough of these necessities to make the coveted seventy and that without complimentary conditions.

We have shown how these hated examinations violate five of the Old Testament rules and we can certainly with utmost truth say that they violate the other five in just as great a degree. Now that these examinations are so undesirable, so fatiguing to the flesh, such a worry to the mind, and so detrimental to the interests of mankind; let patrons, professors, students—the whole world arise and with the slogan, "Away with Examinations," free this country of one of the greatest curses it has ever had.

"Claudius."

—James Bryce, British ambassador at Washington, formally presented his letters of recall from the London government to President Wilson and took his leave. As a diplomat in this country he has been unusually popular. He has always shown great interest in the United States and his famous work on "The American Commonwealth" is the best and most sympathetic study of our institutions now in existence. Just why he is to be superseded is not known.

The house of contentment is not known by the turrets.

You cannot retrace crooked steps; the path of reform is straight.