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TO THE FRIENDS OF ELON COLLEGE— GREETING.

Again the College community is all astir with vigorous and happy life. Bright and cheerful faces greet us on every side. The merry laugh, the hearty hand-shake, the sincere "Glad to see you"—all remind us of many fond associations of the past and awaken bright hopes of the things that are to be. Elon has just experienced her "best yet" opening and every one has just cause for feeling good.

Under such delightful circumstances the COLLEGE WEEKLY comes forth from its summer repose to again fill its place as an exponent of the life on the "Hill." We trust that all our friends here spent a pleasant and profitable vacation; we wish you future success, we greet you with all the fervor of our spirit, and we hope to be able to serve you in such a way as to merit your loyal support.

A GLANCE AHEAD.

We have had a fine opening, and hence, everybody on the Hill is in high spirits. We have a larger student body than ever before in our history. We have increased the teaching force of the College that this need of the hour might be met, and we have made many improvements in the way of buildings and equipment.

All this means progress, but it also means more than progress, for with progress there must always come increased responsibility. To the members of the Faculty there comes the responsibility of endeavoring to teach better than ever before; to each member of the student body there is given the responsibility of having every lesson prepared in such a way that it may be recited with honor and credit.

Now, what will be your answer to this call of duty? We shall see as the days go by and pass into the realms whence none of us may return. When the day of reckoning comes—and come it will—we shall see.

Remember that this is a matter which each one must settle for himself. You have the year with all its possibilities before you. It is with you to make of those possibilities stepping-stones to self-development and success, or by your own choice, you may use the glorious opportunities now before you to mar and to ruin your future. The choice rests with you. Let it be the purpose of every person on the Hill to make of this year with its present bright outlook the best that they have ever known.

BACK AGAIN.

Elon again, the dear old place,
Where all have a smile and a bright sunny face.
'Tis good to meet again one and all,
New ones, old ones, large and small.
Many are absent, we are sorry to say,
But we hope to stay until graduation day.
Some of us disappointments have had;
However, I hope none will be bad.
So now let's all be happy and do our very best,
And when this task is done, to the fates leave the rest.
S. B. T.

THE COLLEGE ORGANIZATIONS

IN THE PHILOLOGIAN HALL.

Last Monday evening society met in regular literary session for the first time since the opening of the new term. Being the night for the reception of new men, every old member who participated in the program was well prepared to show to the new fellows his interest in society work.

Before beginning regular literary work the reception of new men was in order. The society increased its goodly number by the addition of thirty-five men, and with this increase are expecting to accomplish the greatest year's work in the history of the institution. After each new man had experienced the "goat-riding," the special literary program was rendered.

Mr. Claudius Peel was the first man to appear on the floor. After a three months' vacation, Mr. Peel was able to render some very good cuts on college life. Mr. W. D. Loy deserves special mention, having rendered the best oration of the evening. Mr. Loy used as his subject "Discontentment," showing that without the discontented mind a man would never rise to fame. Examplese were given of men who struggled through obstacles and found a path to victory.

Mr. J. F. Morgan also presented to the society in a very appreciative manner a speech on "What Our Society Stands For." He presented his subject in such a way that it inspired every man in the hall to make of himself a strong and useful man for his nation, state and community, as well as for his society.

The next item of great interest on the program was the debate. Query: Resolved, that novel reading is more injurious to the mind than beneficial. The affirmative side argued that from 72 to 80 per cent. of the people who read novels always select the bad ones rather than the best, and crime, sin and disgrace had mostly been caused by the reading of bad novels. The Negative side argued that the most of this so-called novel reading did not lead into sin and disgrace, because such books as Jesse James, the Allen Gang, etc., were a picture of real truth, and hence could not be classed as real novels. And, too, that the majority of novels are good, the very best of literature, and a helpful influence in the development of the best vocabulary.

After a hotly contested debate, the judges rendered their decision in favor of the affirmative. Best speaker on the affirmative, J. V. Knight. Best speaker on the Negative, M. S. Revell.

The literary program in the Philologist Hall last Monday evening was very good. The query, Resolved: that college education is more beneficial than practical experience, proved an interesting one for the debate. The question was won by the affirmative.

Our new men are starting off with a rush, and ther will certainly have to be a great change of present tendencies if we do not have the best-ever society this year. The boys all seem to enjoy the work and to take great interest therein. We hope to see this continue.

M. S. R.

WITH THE CLIOS MONDAY NIGHT.

Last Monday night marked the beginning of another year's society work with the Clios. And I am proud to say that the opening is very promising for a good year in literary work.

Our membership now as compared with that of last year is about the same. Thus, judging from the results of last year, we have a num-

ber sufficient for a good working society.

I am glad to state that so many of the new men found it so different from what they expected. A goodly number of them, in expressing their remarks of gratitude, said that they did not only feel a literary and a moral atmosphere in the Clio Society, but a Christian atmosphere as well.

We glory in this manifestation, and sincerely hope that it may continue to be available throughout this year and all coming years.

It is our expectation to give a write-up of our meetings each week during the year. By so doing we hope to show the outside world the very best of our literary works.

F. F. MYRICK.

PSIPHELIAN SOCIETY.

Monday evening was the second meeting of the Psiphelians for this term and it proved a very interesting time to twenty-six young ladies. We shall expect good work from our new members, for they are all young women of ability. The literary program was carried out in the usual manner. Some helpful and spicy papers were read. An original poem of unusual merit was well rendered by Miss Blanche Teague. The Greatness of Washington and His Untiring Devotion to the American people was creditably given by Miss Ruth Aldridge. An especially well written and deserving paper on The Aim and Benefit of the Psiphelian Society was read by Miss Emma Holland, for the new members.

Several old members who had not the pleasure of being with us last year, were present, three of whom united for active work again. We are expecting the best year's work in the history of our society, and it is our purpose to make of that expectation a reality.

WITH THE PSIPHELIANS.

It was a delightful rest to get away from the daily routine of study and enjoy an excellent program such as was rendered in the Psiphelian Society Hall last Monday evening.

Each girl who took part gave the society reasons to feel proud of such a member. Possibly one of the most interesting selections was "My Aim as a Music Teacher," by Miss Hattie Belle Smith. Judging from her paper, she has evidently "hitched her wagon to a star." We hope she may reach it. Miss Barrett made the evening merrier by exercising her musical talent. Miss Nannie Haskins recited so beautifully that we knew her time spent on Expression had not been in vain.

MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday evening, ept. 10, the Ministerial Association met for the first time. The leader, H. S. Smith, took as a basis for his talk the first four words of the first chapter of the book of Genesis. "In the beginning God." All seemed to enjoy the meeting very much. It was evident that a number wanted to speak that did not get to, owing to the fact that we had to close sooner than usual for a business session.

The following special committees were appointed for this year: Prayer Meeting Committee, W. D. Loy, C. B. Riddle, and E. T. Cotten; Missionary Committee, L. W. Fogleman, B. M. Williams, and H. M. Neese.

We also had the delightful privilege of taking in the following young men: J. F. Minnis, J. C. Auman, N. J. Morgan, C. C. Lindley, E. H. Rainey, and S. L. Bridgers.

Let us work together, members of the asso-