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## INTERESTING SERIES OF LECTURES DELIVERED TO THE STUDENT BODY BY DR. SUMMERBELL

### Noted Speaker Delivers Two Great Sermons and Four Lectures In The College Auditorium. "Prophet of Arabia" Subject of Lectures.

Dr. Martyn Summerbell arrived at Elon for his annual lecture series early Sunday morning. Dr. Summerbell comes to Elon every year and brings with him lectures of great erudition on Church history themes.

#### Morning Sermon

At the regular morning service on Sunday, Dr. Summerbell preached on the theme "Looking to Jesus". The sermon struck at the heart of his subject, and the speaker in his lucid way interpreted the text, "Let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith."

The speaker began with a consideration of all the great cloud of witnesses as listed in the eleventh chapter of Hebrews, and led thus into the consideration of the text. He spoke of Jesus as the author of the faith that has built civilization's best works, that has sent men forth to do and die in the spirit of love. Then turning for the origin of the faith he told the students of the college that this same Jesus was the finisher, the perfecter, the completer of that faith. He declared that any man who was led by Jesus could not be misled.

"Just as we need wisdom in the natural world to make of the bitter apple of the swamp the luscious fruit of the orchard; just as we need wisdom to make of the little wild rose the full blown beautiful rose that would delight a queen," the speaker declared, "just so we need wisdom in every phase of our living, and this wisdom can only come through the faith that is in Christ, the author and finisher of all faith."

#### Evening Sermon

At the evening service Dr. Summerbell spoke again. His theme was, "A Service of Love." He based his sermon on Mark 14:8, "She hath done what she could."

He began the discourse with a description of Palm Sunday of surpassing beauty. He pictured to the students in words not easily forgotten the affection of Jesus for the family of Simon the leper, tracing for them the relations that had brought about this friendship which had ripened into love. In graphic words the picture of the restoration of Lazarus from the tomb was pictured. Then turning to the subject in hand the speaker told in a vivid way of the great sacrifice of Mary as she broke the box of ointment and poured the precious perfume out on the head and feet of Jesus. In seathing terms he told of Judas, the money carrier for the disciples, as he tried to use the screen of the poor to hide his own depravity.

"How easy it is to find an excuse for anything we want to do, or a chance to find fault," the preacher exclaimed. Then to the complaint of Judah came the Master's reply, "She hath done what she could." "She did what she could," the speaker told his hearers, "in that she gave her best, used the opportunity she had, and followed the higher spiritual intuition of her womanhood."

Dr. Summerbell paid the intuition of woman a high tribute, when he called it "A high spiritualized instinct, which," he declared, "the busy materially interested man lacks. We will all possess this high spiritual faculty in the great beyond," he said.

In closing he wondered if those who listened to him were doing what they could. He admonished that all make

their best efforts to give the best possible. The service closed by the singing "Must Jesus bear the cross alone and all the world go free?"

#### Monday Lectures

On Monday morning at eight-forty-five Dr. Summerbell began his series of lectures on "The Prophet of Arabia". The first lecture under the title "From Camel Driver to Prophet", the speaker traced the parentage of Mohammed and brought him through the early years of his life, told of his marriage, and the beginning as a prophet. The lecturer led his hearers to see the small success of the beginning, until the point that marked an epoch in the life of Mohammed's life had been reached—his flight from Mecca to Madina.

Mohammed was born in the year five hundred and seventy, his parents were members of the priestly family of Mecca but was a weaker branch of that family. His mother was of a very nervous temperament, and it is believed that the prophet inherited her nervousness, and her ability to perceive hallucinations. His parents died while the prophet was yet young, and Mohammed went into the family of his grandfather who was the chief priest of the Caiarba of Mecca. The grandfather also died shortly, and his uncle, the oldest brother of his father took Mohammed. However, this uncle already had two wives and ten sons of his own so it was necessary for Mohammed to help make his own way. This he did as a herdsman, and in later years used this incident of his early life to prove that he was a prophet of God, pointing to David as an example.

Later Mohammed began the trade of camel driver, and in this work earned for himself the name of "The Faithful". It was in this work and on the long journeys across the desert that he began his thought which resulted in his becoming a prophet.

About this time Mohammed was employed by a wealthy widow as her agent. He performed his duties in this position faithfully, and the woman determined to marry him. The proposal was made, though her slave, and the marriage was solemnized. He lived with his wife, who was fifteen years his senior, peacefully and faithfully until her death.

Upon his marriage Mohammed came into the possession of means sufficient for him to retire from business and give himself to meditation. This he did and allied himself with a sect of devout Arabs giving himself to competent resignation to the will of God. This resignation they called Islam. It is by this name that Mohammed called his new religion.

Then came the visions from God, and the call to preach. Mohammed did not fancy the calling, and at one time, the speaker told his hearers, was about to throw himself into an abyss and end his then miserable existence. He did not, however, and instead, he did preach. The prophet began his work by the conversion of the members of his own household to his faith. It is said that in the first four or five years of his work as a prophet, Mohammed had only about forty converts. He began by preaching against all idols. This precipitated a quarrel with the people of Mecca and they determined to assassinate the prophet, and thus it came about that he fled from Mecca to Madina.

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## REMARKABLE INTEREST IN FIRST MEETING OF PHIS

### Many Interesting and Timely Subjects Discussed by Members.

The first regular program held in the Phi Hall this year was one of remarkable interest. The new men manifested great interest in the workings of the society of which they had become members.

"Current Events" was the title of an interesting paper by Paul D. Rudd. Mr. Rudd dealt largely with the novel and gave the society some valuable information.

Mr. J. M. Fix discussed the football prospects for 1921 with which, as a player, Mr. Fix is very familiar.

"My Summer Vacation" was the subject of a humorous talk by W. L. Woody. In his unassuming way Mr. Woody told several incidents connected with his vacation at his home in the hill country.

Mr. H. G. Self delivered a stirring oration on "The American Flag." Mr. Self never fails to put into his orations a magnetic power that draws his hearers along with him.

Some valuable hints on how to better our school life at Elon were given by W. G. Stoner. Mr. C. R. Reed followed with a good collection of jokes that set the society in readiness for the debate.

The debaters discussed the question "Resolved: that an international board should be established for the regulating of national armaments."

Both sides brought forward some good argument. They looked at the question from several angles, but despite the hard fight put up by the affirmative, the decision went to the negative, two to one.

W. E. Marlette, J. R. Barker, and I. O. Hauser defended the affirmative, while the negative was supported by C. L. Walker, O. C. Johnson, and M. L. Patrick.

## QUERY ANNOUNCED FOR JUNIOR-SENIOR DEBATE

### Discussion to Settle Around the Interesting Question of Disarmament.

The query for the annual Junior-Senior debate which comes off Thanksgiving has been selected. Disarmament is the question around which the argument is to center. The debate is expected to be one of the warmest verbal combats heard at Elon for a long time on account of the spirit of intense rivalry that exists between the classes.

Different from last year, there will be three debaters on each side of the debate, one from each of the literary societies. The Senior line-up is: Mary Miller, Psihellenian; J. D. Messick, Philologist; and R. S. Rainey, Clio. The Junior line-up is: Irene Goff, Psihellenian; L. J. Perry, Philologist; and W. B. Wicker, Clio.

## WORK TO BEGIN ON PHISICLI

Mr. I. O. Hauser, editor-in-chief of the Phisicli, the college annual, is getting an office fixed up ready to go to work immediately. Students of the college generally seem highly pleased that Mr. Hauser should be elected by Seniors as editor-in-chief of this year's annual. It is stated that he is well fitted for the position, and on account of his diligence and thoroughness, the only man for this man-sized job.

## NORTHERN VISITORS AGAIN ON ELON CAMPUS

### Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Sellars, Visiting Daughter and Son-in-Law, Speak of South.

Those who like a handshake that is real and hearty, have certainly been satisfied in Mr. H. C. Sellars who is again a visitor at Elon.

Mr. Sellars and his wife are visiting their daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Corboy. Mr. Sellars is a great favorite with the students. Despite his years, which do not appear to be half what he says they are, he was readily accepted last year, when he came down on a similar visit as "one of the fellows."

Mr. Sellars is from Pittsburg and never came South until last fall. He liked it so well, he says, "I couldn't very well wait for my second visit to come due." He is elated over Southern cooking, Southern customs, and Southern hospitality. Sometimes he is seen coming in from the country resembling very much Charlie Chaplain, camouflaged as a tree in "Shoulder Arms". But his camouflage is simply a collection of herbs and shrubbery ranging from cotton to long leaf pine, which he takes back home as souvenirs. In regard to his stay here he has the following to say:

"Boy, it's good to get away from the hustle and bustle of a big Northern city and spend a few weeks in a quiet Southern town."

## 'FOOTBALL DOPE'

The runner who hesitates is lost.

There is no royal road to football.

Where there is a will there are a hundred ways to score.

In the lexicon of football there is no such word as fail.

The battle of football is not always to the strong, nor is a race for the goal always for the swift.

The first duty of a football player is to obey orders.

Pride always goes before a good old fashioned licking.

It is not the guns or armament or the more they can pay

It's the close cooperation that makes them win the day.

It is not the individual or the army as a whole,

But the everlasting team work of every bloom'n' soul.

The value of the game lies not in the victory, but in the thrill of honorably contending for it.

Don't flinch, don't foul, and hit the line hard.

He who fights and runs away had better keep on going.

Everybody hates a coward, but the whole world loves a fighter.

Mr. L. P. Rippey of the class of '20 who was at the University of Kentucky last year, is now at the University of Virginia doing work in the astronomical laboratory. Mr. Rippey seems very hopeful in his work, and is planning to do a great deal of work in astronomy.

## CLIOS BEGIN NEW SESSION IN EARNEST

### Two More Men Added to The Roll—An Excellent Program Rendered.

The Clio Literary Society met last Monday evening in regular session. A special order of business was declared for the purpose of admitting Messrs. James Caddell and G. H. McCormick to the fellowship of the society. The Clios welcomed these two men to the ranks and declared that, with the new members who have already been enrolled, the society has a band of earnest, studious men who will do a high grade of literary work this year.

After the introduction of the new men the regular literary session was declared in order and the following program was rendered:

Mr. H. Lee Scott read the life-like little poem, "Desire" and showed his usual rare ability as a reader and speaker, in the delivery of this selection. Edmund Vance Cook, the author of this poem, is said to understand American childhood better than any other modern American poet.

Mr. N. G. Newman gave to the society a very interesting account of his trip from Defiance, Ohio, to Elon College on bicycle the past summer. Mr. Newman was accompanied by a friend from Defiance. The trip of over eleven hundred miles was made in less than eleven days. This was a rare feat indeed and speaks well of the two gentlemen as bicyclists!

Mr. William Clem rendered in good style the old familiar poem, "The House by the Side of the Road." Mr. Clem compared the man in the house by the side of the road to the old college man and showed wherein the old student might be a real friend to the new man who has just entered college.

The final number on the program was given by Mr. M. Z. Rhodes. It was a humorous selection taken from O'Henry's "Voices of the City". Mr. Rhodes is a good reader and speaker and the society is always sure of something good when he appears on the program. True to his reputation Mr. Rhodes did not fail to please his audience on this occasion.

## NEW CLASS RING IS SELECTED BY SENIORS

### The Selection to be Used Beautiful Design in Both Silver and Gold.

The Senior Class after considerable deliberation has at last adopted its class ring. Those who have seen the design say that the '22 ring will be the most beautiful of any adopted by a class in years.

One special feature of the ring is that it may be had, in either gold or silver with the same setting and same design. The combination is such that many think the silver more attractive than the gold. In fact the silver seems to be the favorite. However, rings of both metals have been ordered.

Mr. C. P. McNally is taking post-graduate work at the University of Virginia. Mr. McNally's father has moved to Charlottesville, Va., and Miss Edna McNally who was a student with the class of '23 is continuing her studies at the University of Virginia.