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THIS WEEK'S POEM

By Sion M. Lynam

MOTHER MINE

The silver has sprinkled your hair,
mother dear,
And wrinkles have come in your face,
Your hands that have held me are tired,
I know,
But your smile is still in its place.

The thief has stolen the roses away,
And dimmed your soft eyes, I can see,
Your shoulders are bended a bit more,
I know,
And the reason, I know, 'twas for me.

So time may whiten the brown of your hair,
And years chisel each one a line,
But you will be fair, and I'll love you the same
As I've loved you this while, mother mine.

DO AMERICANS THINK?

Speaking before a large college audience recently, a foreign student charged the college students of America with lack of thinking. Was his charge well founded? Do Americans, particularly American college students, think? Sometimes we feel almost forced to agree that thinking is a sport in which we do not largely participate, but let us look into the matter further.

We have been associated more or less intimately with American students in and out of colleges for several years, and weighing facts carefully we are persuaded that college students do think. Of course, we have not been unsettled so greatly as have the students of Europe and the East. We do not face the great problems which face them, and it is true that we are to some extent at least content with ourselves. Radicalism does not necessarily mean that we think. The mere fact that American college students have not gone far beyond their campuses does not mean that they do not think. We are, however, forced to regret the narrow grooves into which some of us have fallen. This, no doubt, is the result of the tendency toward intensive specialization prevalent in college and business life at the present time; but, returning, do Americans think?

The war lifted the youth of America into an ecstasy of enthusiasm from which he has just begun to react. The catastrophe has not touched the college student vitally, but it is beginning now to do so. He was shielded, in a manner, from it, which was not true of the students of Europe, particularly of those countries in which the governments have been so radically unsettled. Problems have been forced upon the foreign student. He has had them to face. This has not happened to the American student as yet, but we believe that when it does happen—and it is going to happen—the American student

will be ready to think deeply and to reach solutions.

The youth movement has carried and will carry the world a long way, but there will not be an equilibrium secured until that movement has done a great deal of back-tracking. The American student has not known the binding traditions of the East, and we believe that he will not go so far to the other extreme. The securing of the equilibrium toward which the world is striving will ultimately rest in the hand of the American student. His lack of prejudice, and tolerant attitude toward both the ultra-conservative and extreme radical elements of the movement will aid in his arriving at an equitable adjustment of problems.

We do not believe that the charge of the student is well founded any more than we believe that Mr. Edison's tests were just to college students. A college is not run to teach facts, but to exercise and strengthen ability. It is not the number of facts which a man knows which renders him educated, but the ability to find out and use facts when they are needed. This we believe that the American student can do, and we believe that his record will substantiate our position.

A NEW ANTHOLOGY

At the recent meeting of the North Carolina Collegiate Press Association it was determined to bring out an anthology of North Carolina Collegiate short-stories in spite of the difficulties. The task was placed in the hands of Mr. Randolph Jones of Davidson College, and Mr. Jones is to begin work on the compilation at once.

The idea of this anthology was brought to the Press Association at its meeting at Meredith College last fall. The association decided at that meeting to bring the anthology out, but nothing was done by the committee appointed for the purpose. This time new methods are to be used, and the work is concentrated in the hands of one man. We believe that it will be a great success.

Every student of every college is urged to participate in the making of this anthology the sort of short-story collection of which the state may justly be proud. College students have for many years done too little in the fields beyond the college campus, and this effort of the Collegiate Press Association is made in the hope that it will bring our state forward in the realm of letters.

You have ideas that, put on paper, would make an interesting story. This is your chance to work for your college, your Elon, and to bring the state to the forefront in the literature of the nation.

It is our hope that many of our students will respond to the appeal of the Press Association, and aid in the making of the volume a success.

N. C. C. P. A. MEETING WITH QUEENS DETERMINES TO PUBLISH ANTHOLOGY

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most popular plays at the Central high school in Charlotte.

Saturday morning was given over to business and election of officers. The most important step taken was in regard to the publishing of the Anthology each year. The following officers were elected for the coming year: L. D. Elkins, of Davidson, president; J. R. Killian, first vice president; G. U. Allen, second vice president, which office also carries with it the chairmanship of the bureau of criticism. Both of these men are from Trinity College. For secretary, Sarah Thomas of Queen's College was chosen, and for treasurer Ruth Hadley of G. C. W.

Randolph Jones, of Davidson, will have charge of the Anthology and will

select assistants from the various colleges.

The new officers are especially fitted for the positions to which they have been chosen. Under their leadership the association looks forward to the best year in its history. The retiring officers are Alice Lowe, of Meredith, president; Lois Rogers, of Queen's, first vice president; R. S. Pickens, of the University, second vice president; Fannie Paul, of Meredith, secretary, and F. T. Elkins, of Davidson, treasurer. These officers have worked hard and faithfully, and through their efforts the association has made rapid strides. The association was fortunate in having such capable officers to direct its work during the past year, and it has also chosen wisely in its selection of officers for the following year.

The convention was honored by an invitation for its next meeting from two colleges, G. C. W. and Trinity. It was voted that the next convention be held at Trinity. This next meeting is to be held in October.

The following delegates attended the conference: Ruth Hadley and Jessie Thompson, of G. C. W.; Fannie Paul, Frances Haywood, Frances Cherry and Alice Lowe, of Meredith; Mary Henley, of Guilford; Nell Craig and Lent Smith, of N. C. C. W.; J. R. Killian and George Allen, of Trinity; Blanche Caveness and Mary Bulla, of Davenport; Gladys Morgan and Victor Shuford of Lenoir; L. E. Raper and A. M. Fountain of N. C. State; Barclay Walthall, W. B. Bradford, Randolph Jones and L. D. Elkins, of Davidson; R. S. Pickens, of N. C. University; Marion Cooper and Hazel Stephenson, of Salem; W. G. Cash and J. G. Whitaker, of Wake Forest; Sarah Thomas, Eloise Brady and Anne Parks Moore, of Queen's; S. M. Lynam and W. B. Terrell, of Elon.

Psykaleon Program Shows Work of Girls

Misses Austin, Howell and Barrett Are Honored in Decision of Judges.

The program rendered by members of the Psikaleon society Monday night was exceedingly interesting. The chief number on the program was a philosophic and idealistic description of My Ideal Man by Miss Lucy Austin. She said that an honest man was the noblest creation of God. The ideal man is a gentleman at heart as well as in manners, and he is sociable, educated, talented in some art, and athletic; in fact, he is a well rounded person living a well rounded life. This paper was enjoyed by the entire society.

Miss Rose Howell gave a sketch of her Ideal Woman. This she did in an original and interesting story of the life of a girl who grew into ideal womanhood. The incidents she described graphically painted the sweet, strong character of an ideal woman. As a college girl she was athletic, musical, and popular because of her kindness and thoughtfulness for others. These same characteristics predominated throughout her entire life.

Miss Irene Hill gave a well delineated picture of the home life of one of our most popular modern authors, Booth Tarkington. This number was especially interesting.

Miss Mabel Wright gave a fine paper on "My Opinion of the Sophomores."

Miss Annie Simpson gave zest to the program by telling some fine jokes. Quite a few were adapted to characters on the campus which made them all the more realistic. This number was the best humorous number given this year.

Miss Alice Barrett gave a biographical sketch of the musical life of Alfred Mirovitch. This Russian pianist is the only pupil of the Esaiopff school in this country at the present time. He will hold a master class in music in Los Angeles, Calif., during the months of June and July.

The three best numbers on the program, as reported by the judges, were Misses Austin, Howell and Barrett.

Mr. "Slats" Walker, '22, and Mr. Watson Garrison, '22, were visitors here Sunday afternoon.

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