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THE ROAD TO YESTERDAY

A STUDENT LOOKS AT THE ALUMNI.

By The Editor.

I have wanted to write this sort of an article for a long time. For several years now, I have been more or less acquainted with the Elon alumni in my relation to the "Maroon and Gold." As a rule I have found the alumni interesting people. They are a genial bunch of souls, but thinking little of their college, and, sometimes, I have thought, caring less. This is only when I have not slept well or have over eaten at a feast. They care, but they are slow to show it.

It's a hard thing to write literally hundreds of letters and never get an answer to them. It's a real test of good humor to ask the alumni to subscribe for the only agency which can keep them in touch with their college, and get say a dozen replies. These things are bad, but a bunch that won't even criticize after the paper is given them is far gone. We try to get suggestions, complaints, anything, but they don't talk these Elon alumni. If they were as silent during their college days as they are now, it was a quiet campus in those days. Almost as silent as it is when the mid-night runs on July 10th or some other summer's night.

I came on the paper as a cub reporter. I had the little stories to write, and the editor's cussing to take, if the alumni failed, and they failed. Then I rose, rose to the alumni editorship of the paper, and the alumni failed again and I failed. That year I must have been the star reporter. I wrote everything from a bug fighter's tale to Dr. Summerbell's lectures. That was a great year, but the alumni didn't function. They never have anywhere in this world, and I am inclined to think they never will.

That year passed somehow, and I got myself elected managing editor of the sheet. That was a bad move, but an Alumni General Secretary was provided which saved the day. It took all his time, but he did fill the space I allowed for that department, and a good bit more sometimes. The alumni stirred in in their sleep, and some of them talked in it. They couldn't stand that everlasting prodding from the Secretary, it disturbed their rest, and so they let the college let him go without a murmur, unless it was a prayer of thanksgiving.

In the meantime, somebody somewhere had elected me editor, and I proposed to continue the "Road to Yesterday" column through the summer months. I did until now, but the last of it is gone, and the editor has an opportunity to talk about the Alumni as he has come to know them. I think they're kindly souls, and tolerant as a rule, but Rip Van Winkle ain't in it beside some of them. That boy was a wide awake American citizen.

This sounds like a criticism, it ain't

nothin' else 'cept, but I started out hopin' to arrive somewhere. I have about arrived. I want to say that I want to know what you folks want to do to fill the alumni columns of the paper with next year. The space is yours. I want you to use it. We are interested here on the hill, and the students read what you write for those columns. They are yours, and they make the paper mean something to you. We need you, and I am still egoistic enough, in spite of the fact that I have been sat upon recently, to think that you need us. I hope you do. Together we can make "Maroon and Gold" the best college paper in the South, separated, we can make it the grandest failure in history. You know as well as I do that all together, we've no strength to lose.

In spite of what I know of the Elon alumni, I believe in them, and I believe that they are loyal, and may be depended upon. That faith prompts me to go on with the columns hoping for enough material to fill them. That material the alumni must give, and they will.

WHO AND WHERE

Miss Pattie Coghill, '23, has definitely begun her work as Field Secretary of the Young People's and Women's Work under the Mission Board of the Southern Christian Convention.

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Miss Minnie Edge, '23, became the bride of Marshall W. Hook, '22, on August 2. Mr. Hook is the new President of Bethlehem College, Wadley, Ala. and Miss Edge was chosen head of the English department of the new college. Mrs. Hook, it is thought, will continue her work with the college. They will make their home at Wadley.



DR. W. A. HARPER,
President of Elon College.

Dr. Harper has been the leading spirit in the great rebuilding program of the college. At the meeting of the Board of Trustees on January 24th he was made acting head of the Emergency Fund Committee, and his work in this capacity has been unsurpassed.

Dr. Harper was born in Norfolk County, Va., and has for the past twelve years served as president of Elon College. Under his leadership the college has made rapid strides forward, and those who know Dr. Harper feel

that the progress has but just begun.

Dr. Harper is an eminent authority on Religious Education, and his books in that field have had a wide circulation. He is the author of "The Making of Men," "The New Layman for the New Time," "The New Church for the New Time," "The Reconstruction of the Church," and the latest of his works is "The Church in the Present Crisis." Besides these volumes, Dr. Harper is the author of many articles in leading papers and periodicals throughout the United States.

He was graduated from Elon College in 1899, and studied at Yale from 1903 to 1905 receiving his M. A. in the latter year. The degree of LL.D. and Lit.D. have been conferred upon him.

Since his graduation from Elon Dr. Harper has been closely identified with the educational work of the states of North Carolina and Virginia. In connection with his work as college president he holds many important positions. He is General Secretary of Christian Education of the American Christian Convention, and Editor of the "Journal of Christian Education," the official organ of that department of the church. He is also the associate Editor of the "Christian Union Quarterly" and is the North Carolina representative of the Religious Education Association.

The marvelous success of the building program now going on at Elon is largely due to the untiring efforts of this devoted president. He is a recognized leader in the church, and is known as one who stands for the highest principles in the state. He has won for the college many loyal supporters, and throughout the length and breadth of the nation he has many friends.



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