

THE ROAD TO YESTERDAY

AFTER GRADUATION—WHAT?

By E. H. Rainey

To my friends The Seniors, Greetings: I dare approach you in this manner only as I realize that the cat may look at the king and that the Jester is permitted to say things to His Majesty that normal man is never allowed to mention. So under the shield of humility I come to offer my congratulations and sympathy. Congratulations because you own the earth as you begin the senior year; sympathy because you will feel as insignificant on the day of your graduation as you feel important now when the freshman points to you and says with hushed voice, "That's a senior." The world will be expecting so many things of you because you have finished college, and you will be utterly unprepared to enter most of the trades or professions of life.

Yours has been a glorious privilege to study where you get the personal touch, and to imbibe the loving family spirit of Elon. Yet your education has been general, with little preparation for the life of the expert in any line. A college diploma means no more today than did graduation from high school twenty years ago. As our civilization becomes increasingly more and more complex, we will need to broaden our training continually to meet the demands which each day come in some new form of activity. It is only the expert that rises to the heights in any profession in our day. The physician who succeeds must know enough to cure a disease or heal an affliction after the patient has reached the crucial stage. The teacher who is respected must have some knowledge in addition to what others say about his subject. The business man who forges ahead is the one who is so trained that he can successfully meet any emergency that circumstance or a competitor may cause. The real statesman is the one who has studied extensively enough to know the philosophy of history, for thereby he gets a connection between human activity past and present. And if one is considering entering the Gospel ministry he must have a broader training than any other person in the community in which he is to serve. The man who is to lead people in the spiritual life must be able to deal with questions of philosophy, science, business and statesmanship, and handle these questions in a way that will reflect credit on his calling.

My advice to a senior class in a small college is to take as a motto, "Finished to begin." You have had the advantage of personal attention in your academic work, now branch out into broader fields of scholarship at some nationally known institution. Of course one who has attended a great university like Yale will always advise others to go there, but if you don't choose Yale for further training be sure to decide on some national institution. A small college for under-graduate work and the big university for graduate work is the very finest combination for life's training. Elon students are especially well qualified for graduate work in universities. This has been proven over and over by their records in advanced training. Elon students have a grounding in the Christian principles of life, whether they are avowed Christians or not, and this alone will be a wonderful help in the direction of a larger service after higher learning is gained.

No American citizen is ever completely satisfied with less than the very best that it is possible for him or her to attain. Why, then, will college students, who are the pick of our land, ever stop until they have reached the best training that our country affords? Seniors, let it not be said of you, "They ran well for a time"; but cause it to be said of you, "These finished the race in good style." Plan now to take further training after you have finished college. Forward together! Let nothing deter you on the road up. Adopt a parody on the soldier's song, "A Ph. D. or bust."

Box 394, Franklin, Ohio.

The Willing Workers Entertain With Play

LARGE AUDIENCE WELL PLEASED

"Mother Goose and Her Missionary Children" is Subject of Play Presented.

"Mother Goose and Her Missionary Family" served as entertainers to a large audience at the graded school building last Sunday evening. The program was given by the Willing Workers Missionary society, which is composed of children from six to 12 years old, and which is an auxiliary of the Woman's Missionary Society of Elon College.

Dr. N. G. Newman presided over the exercises, which were held after Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A., taking the place of Christian Endeavor. Prior to the entrance of Mother Goose and her family, however, a number of miscellaneous songs—one by the society and the rest by the entire audience—and recitations, were given. All the children did well and furnished a very enjoyable program. They were assisted by Miss Alberta Atkinson, of the Junior Missionary society, and also by Miss Della Cotten.

After all Mother Goose's children had told of their plans for "helping mission work along in lands afar," a silver offering of over \$20 was taken to aid them in their cause.

BETA OMIKRON BETA TAKES CAMPING TRIP

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shine was among the club girls even if the day was cloudy. It was not long until the truck reached Ossipee and the jolly bunch of girls were at once busy getting supper cooked. Several kinds of sandwiches and a box of deviled eggs were prepared before leaving Elon, which added much to the rapid preparation of the meal. All kinds of "eats" suitable for a picnic supper were served and all the girls had enough to eat for once.

Jokes, fire-side stories and songs were in order after supper, until several members began to see ghosts and hear all kinds of spooky noises; then they wended their way through the little path by the water up to Mrs. Bovil's home, where they were lucky enough to secure rooms. Guy and Dave Miller and their room-mate had been kind enough to secure a room for the club for the past three years for each of their camping trips, and it is greatly appreciated by the Beta Omikron Beta girls.

The girls were up early the next morning and began to cook breakfast. All were willing to help do the work until part of the food was prepared; then one by one they dropped out and began to eat until at last each one was eating and the remainder of the food was left on the fire to be attended to when it was most convenient.

Soon after breakfast Bob was back with the truck and although the B. O. B.'s realized that the time had passed all too quickly, they were soon packed in the truck again and were singing the college songs as their memories turned back to Elon.

SENIOR BOYS GUESTS OF MR. AND MRS. A. H. HOOK

"Two-More" Orchestra Furnishes the Music—Refreshments Served in College Colors.

The boys of the senior class were most pleasingly entertained by Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Hook at their home last Thursday evening. The party was an informal one. The men assembled at 8:30. An hour or more was delightfully spent in conversation, and humorous remarks were made by various members of the class. Music was furnished by the "Two-More" orchestra, consisting of C. E. Sides, C. G. Foushee, M. G. Wicker, Gordon P. Crimes, and O. C. Johnson.

During the evening refreshments were served by the hostess. Pineapple salad and saltines with lemonade followed by jellatine and cakes were served in college colors, maroon and gold.

During the evening O. C. Johnson sang, and following the refreshments M. L. Patrick delivered the address of thanks in behalf of the class.

Mrs. Hook was a delightful hostess, and spared no effort to make the evening a most enjoyable one. The room was softly lighted, and harmonized excellently with the music by the orchestra.

Those present were C. H. Thomas, W. W. Woody, H. W. May, G. C. Crutchfield, J. E. Whitesell, J. Mark McAdams, P. D. Rudd, R. H. Gunn, O. C. Johnson, W. T. Scott, M. L. Ptarick, J. D. Barber, J. R. Barker, Sion M. Lynn, C. W. Hook, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Mann, and the members of the "Two-More" orchestra.

Y. M. HOLDS FIRST MEETING ON SUNDAY

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The hall of the "Y" is to be equipped with magazines and other things, which will make it a most attractive room. President Rudd feels that this year gives great promise for efficient "Y" work. The cabinet is planning to do more than it has yet done, and plans are being developed for the work.

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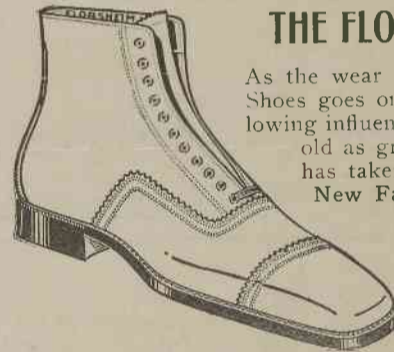
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