

Maroon and Gold

WHAT THE CHURCH HAS TO OFFER TO MEN

(By Rev. Charles Stelzle)

The Church Brings an Authentic Message Concerning God Which Leads to the Secret of All Worth-While Living.

It recognizes the universal hunger for God, and the possibility of communion with Him. It reveals God as a living, Personal Force. It offers a partnership with God in the completion of the task of perfecting the world.

The Church Offers Acquaintanceship With the Great Men of the Past.

In the lives of prophets and heroes and in the life of Jesus Christ, the Church holds up the ideals by which character and achievement must be measured. In the call to help build the Kingdom of God on earth, the Church presents the purpose which gives deeper meaning to everything men do. It releases through human lives the transformed power of God. It gives men a long view of life—from the great civilization of the past to the great eternities.

The Church Offers a Fellowship With The Great Host of Believers Throughout the World.

It gives an opportunity to work with other men for the cultivation of the spiritual life and for increasing the stock of goodness in the world. It offers membership in an organization which thinks in terms of world relations. It is the oldest and most honorable organization in existence. There is no government or business or society or alliance of interests that touches so many people in so many ways as organized religion. In spite of its acknowledged weakness, the Church is the best institution that has ever been founded upon this earth. No other organization of any character, whatsoever, can compete with it in earnest and inspiring loyalty on the part of its members.

The Church Offers a Comradeship of Worshipers.

While it urges private devotion, it brings men together so that they may receive the inspiration which comes from united worship; and to this end it provides a vast storehouse of aids so that men may "practice the presence of God." This comradeship is the greatest brotherhood in existence. It includes all humanity, regardless of its rank, or creed, or color, or economic condition. It embraces all classes of men, from the humblest penitent to the most gifted saint.

The Church Offers to Men the Most Inspiring Task in the World.

It gives them a view of life which lifts them out of themselves and relates them to vast purposes. It has a world-wide program of social adjustment, sanctioned and empowered by religion. It offers modern men a fighting chance in the great struggle to improve the conditions of life here on earth. It asks men to devote their best talents, their keenest wisdom, and their highest genius in making this world what it ought to be.

The Church Offers the Greatest Moral Adventure in Human Experience.

It gives a program for personal living; a social passion that will build a new social order; a vital contact with the great elements of culture; a faith that destroys all fear; a source of power unparalleled; a place of leadership for every man who possesses real ability; an assurance of ultimate victory.

The Church Offers Comradeship With Jesus in All the Affairs of Life.

It gives men a clearer understanding

(Continued from Page 3)

Alpha Pi Delta Fraternity Gave Its Third Annual Banquet Saturday, March 17

Banquet Hall Was Beautifully Decorated With the Frats Colors of Crimson and Gold.

Mr. Paul G. Hook, Toastmaster, Gave Welcome Address.

The Alpha Pi Delta Fraternity gave its third annual banquet, Saturday, March 17, 1928, in the Elon banquet hall. The hall was beautifully decorated with crimson and gold, the fraternity colors.

The guest of honor formed a line across the hall and greeted each of the guests with a hearty handshake and a friendly smile. After a warm and hearty welcome all were ushered into the club room where each of the invited guests registered in a large memory book that was secured for the occasion. After registration they were ushered to their respective seats, and then the fun began.

A five course dinner was served while the Reynolds symphony orchestra, of Greensboro, N. C., furnished appropriate dinner music.

The god of the weather seemed to be very much peeved, or perhaps he was envious of the occasion. The angry winds howled and begged for entrance, and the rain fell in torrents, but in the banquet hall there was only sunshine and laughter.

"Handsome" Hook, toastmaster, gave a welcome address to which Miss Virginia Brown, responded in a very pleasing manner. Dwight Mast gave a toast to the guests to which Miss Carolina Powell responded. R. E. Brittle gave a toast to the faculty to which Prof. Powell responded. Miss Lucy Boone rendered a very beautiful solo, accompanied by Miss Merline Dunlap at the piano. Percy Hudson gave a toast to the brotherhood, to which Miss Emily Johnson responded with a reading that was enjoyed by all. C. C. Foushee rendered the "static" of the evening, to which Dr. Brannock responded. P. N. Laxton gave a very beautiful violin selection, accompanied by Miss Lucy Boone.

The honorary guests were: Prof. and Mrs. L. D. Martin, Prof. and Mrs. T. E. Powell, Dr. and Mrs. W. S. Alexander, Dr. and Mrs. N. F. Brannock, Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Harper, Prof. and Mrs. A. L. Hook, and Miss Emily Johnson.

The alumni and their guests present were: M. A. McLeod, Nannie Graham, A. B. Johnson, L. Dosca Hodges, M. M. Johnson, Nomni Dameron, Lyman Angel, Minnie Sue Summers.

The active members and guests present were: Esther Brookshire, Frank Alexander, Effie Stephens, Twimam Andrews, Caroline Powell, Dewey Mast, Merline Dunlap, Clyde Foushee, Carrie Teague, Guy Alexander, Ollie Burgess, Aytch York, Lucy Boone, Edward Isley, Anna Johnson, Carl Dollar, Louise McPherson, David Shepherd, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Brown, Susie Elder, Allen Laxton, Nancy Poole, Kenneth Hook, Velma Smith, Hurley Shepherd, Virginia Brown, Paul Hook, Miriam Carter, Percy Hudson, Mabel Holt, Romie Davis, Ollie Little, Pauline Davis, Vyzell Denson, Ritchie Brittle.

ELON ALUMNI OF HIGH POINT ORGANIZE MARCH 23

All of our Alumni will be pleased to know that the Elon Alumni of High Point are to organize March 23. This enthusiastic group of Alumni will gather in the High School cafeteria at 6:30 for the banquet. Dr. W. H. Boone of Durham, President of the Association,

(Continued on Page 3)

PAUL "HARDROCK" SIMPSON IS STILL IN THE RACE

Former Elon Student is Holding His Own With Large Field of Runners in C. C. Pyle's "Bunion Derby."

"Hardrock" Has Been Awarded Sweater With the Letter E Unanimously by Faculty and Student Body.

Paul, "Hardrock," Simpson is still going strong. In the student body at Elon College and the surrounding neighborhood that one sentence thrills every heart. To others it might be well to state that "Hardrock" is a native of Alamance County, North Carolina, a former holder of the trophy for the best high school distance runner in the state, a captain of the track of Elon College for one year, and at the present time, the only entrant in the South, or south of Maryland, in C. C. Pyle's trans-continent race.

Elon College is proud of the record being made by one of her students. This marathon race is from Los Angeles to New York, a distance of 3,400 miles, and the number of days it will last is sixty-five, each day being termed "one lap." About 350 men, the best distance runners the world affords entered, but a great many have already fallen by the roadside, for only 127 now survive. "Hardrock," however, is a survival of the "fittest." He came in second on the tenth lap, being only a few minutes behind the great British runner, Newton. Then, too, he led the entire field for eighteen hours of this lap, and later reports say that he is still going strong.

In honor of his splendid performance the student of Elon gave him a vote of appreciation and sent him a telegram assuring him that they are back of him. Also, the Athletic Council of Elon awarded him the athletic letter "E." "Hardrock" is doing something that the world may justly sit up and take notice of staying in the race with the best long-distance runners of the world. Let's boost for "Hardrock."

"SECOND CHILDHOOD" IS TO BE STAGED FRIDAY

Miss Emily Johnston, Head of the Expression Department, Has a Well Chosen Cast; and This Three-Act Farce Will Undoubtedly Be One of The Outstanding Evening Performances of Season.

Reylea Daniel Boone Takes Leading Part In This Play.

Miss Johnston's second stage presentation, "Second Childhood," promises to be very entertaining. The cast has been doing some good work at rehearsals and every one is suited to his part to the extent that real interest is shown in all the action.

Instead of Mr. Foushee as Prof. Reylea Daniel Boone is acting the part. Mr. Sorrell is Judge Sanderson, instead of Daniel Boone as stated in the last issue of Maroon and Gold. These changes have been brought about because of inevitable circumstances.

The farce has funny situations that the audience can see through but the characters on the stage can not detect. The scene is set in an old home furnished with antique pieces.

(Continued on Page 2)

The staff has long marvelled at the rotten contributions coming to this office lately, but by far the most putrid one was discovered a few days ago in a drawer of the Editor's desk. It was such a rank one that even the author preferred to remain anonymous—and we don't blame him.

In fact, this latest contribution was so stale and mephitic that it perfumed the whole office. The whole office force was compelled to suspend activities; the fumes became more and more odiferous, until, at last, a squad was organized, equipped with gas masks, and an intensive search instituted, culminating in the discovery of said contribution in aforementioned place.

What did you say? What was the contribution? Why it was just a dead rat. Why?

COACH WALKER'S AGATE GRABBERS ARE HARD AT IT

Cold Spell Has Slowed up Work-outs.

Captain Fowler and "Lefty" Briggs Are Taking Their Daily Dose In "Gymn."

Coach Walker's "Agate Grabbers" are still laboring, facing a cold wave that makes practice difficult. Notwithstanding the weather conditions, the squad is showing considerable improvement as the training period draws nearer to a close. The most outstanding feature of the practice program is the base sliding and running, while batting and fielding are a daily routine of the program. All departments are showing up well. The pitchers are fast rounding into shape, taking work-out in the gymnasium when the cold breeze tends to stiffen their arms.

The season opens with Charlie Carroll's Greensboro Patriots at Cone Park, Greensboro, March 27. One or two other contemplated games will close the pre-collegiate season, which will no doubt find the Christians in tip-top form to meet the Davidson Wild Cats March 29 at Davidson. April 2 "old stuff" Bun Hearn will bring his Winston-Salem "twins" here for a battle with Walker's collegians.

Great interest is being manifested by students as the first game draws nearer.

PROF. BARNEY, EDITOR OF ALUMNI VOICE, ENCOURAGED

Next Issue To Be Out In May.

Professor J. W. Barney, Editor-in-Chief of the "Elon Alumni Voice," states that he is very much encouraged over the prospects of the May issue. Some of the foremost Alumni are going to be contributors to this issue, among them such men as Dr. H. Shelton Smith, D. D., Dr. J. E. Rawles, M. D., Reverend J. C. Auman, formerly a missionary to Japan, Dean P. E. Lindley, and many others of this calibre. With these men as contributors, W. H. Boone writing the foreword, and Professor R. S. Rainey furnishing the material for the "jokesmith" section it is expected that this issue will be more pleasing than the initial one.

Professor Barney also states that he is encouraged in his work by the many encouraging letters received from the

(Continued on Page 2)

SECOND VOCATIONAL LECTURE WAS HEARD AT CHAPEL SERVICE

Dr. W. D. Weatherford, President of Southern Y. M. C. A. College Nashville, Tenn., Gave Very Interesting Lecture.

He Discussed "Principles That Should Guide Us."

At chapel service, March 15, Dr. W. D. Weatherford, president of the Southern Y. M. C. A. college of Nashville, Tenn., addressed the student body on the "Principles That Should Guide us in Choosing a Life Calling."

Dr. Weatherford told of the three decisions that all have to make. We must decide our allegiance, Christian or not Christian. Our life companion must be decided upon, which is the most sacred choice of life. We must choose the work we are called upon to do in the future. Nobody can settle this problem for you. You must do it.

There are three negative principles you must think over in choosing your life work. "You cannot permit lack of character or personality to influence your decision. You can have as much character as any one else, so you dare not choose on that principle, 'Do not choose on the basis of selfishness.' Selfishness is an isolator and deals with things. Unselfishness deals with persons. The most serious mistake is the dealing in things. 'You must not drift into a life character.' You make character by making choices. You haven't any serious right to drift into a job.

Dr. Weatherford gave some general suggestions in choosing a life work. He said, "All tasks are sacred, and every task that ministers to human welfare is a sacred task. We must let none persuade us that our task is not sacred. This is a personal universe. God will call some one to every task that needs to be done.

Find a job where God can walk with you. It will be mightily lonely if you don't.

JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET WAS AN ELABORATE AFFAIR

Y. M. C. A. Hall Was Transformed Into Most Beautiful Setting For Scene of Banquet.

R. E. Sims, Jr., President of Junior Class, Proved to Be a Very Witty Toastmaster.

One of the most brilliant and important social affairs of the whole school year took place last Wednesday evening, when the Junior Class entertained the Seniors and Faculty at the annual Junior-Senior banquet. Including faculty and honored invited guests, there were 135 present.

The entire delegation assembled at West Dormitory and promenaded to the Banquet Hall promptly at seven o'clock. The hall was beautifully decorated with the class colors, using a green and white color scheme of cherry blossom. The rows of tables were arranged artistically and tastefully decorated, and attractive place cards and snappy programs were arranged.

R. E. Sims, Jr., as toastmaster, welcomed the guests, and J. Paul McNeil responded. A very tasty five course dinner was served. Interspersed between courses was one of the snappiest programs ever listened to; including the most famous "liar" and the feminine quartet who were the spice of the entertainment.