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## LITERARY SOCIETIES

It will be only a matter of a few days now before rushing time for candidates for literary societies. Becoming a member of one of these organizations will be of untold advantage in equipping oneself to enjoy both literary and oratorical development.

There are few things in college that will be of more benefit to the student in training him to be a finished speaker, either in public speaking or in extemporaneous talks. Learning to convince your audience in a clear and decisive manner will spell untold success for you. The matter of selling yourself to your listeners is one of the important features gleaned through real literary effort.

New men and new women, by all means join one or the other literary society. Of all the money that you will spend at Elon College, this will be the most profitable. Of all the hours of time spent on studies and other activities, time spent in society work will be of the greatest practical value. Remember, tho', that your interest must never wane, for if you start slipping, only heroic effort can bring you back.

## CHAPEL HOUR

The chapel committee consisting of four students and four faculty members has been functioning admirably since the creation of that organization.

The question now arises whether the new time element is in keeping with the mind of each student. There has been some discussion as to the desirability of changing chapel services from 11 to 10 o'clock, and also of having only half an hour's time in which to do it.

First, it might be mentioned that the short length of chapel has played havoc with the meetings of the different student organizations. The overlap of time has caused numerous tardies to be marked against students, even causing a total loss of the hours' instruction. Should this continue, it may cause the student to become disinterested in that particular class after chapel and also break into his orderly scheme of procedure from day to day.

Chapel service should give students "Food for Thought" in their daily program of life. Lecturers are brought to Elon from time to time to talk on the complexities of life. These famous speakers give us food for thought whereby we might adjust ourselves in this great scheme of things. When chapel is over, new looks of understanding seem to shine from the students' faces as they march down the stairs and to classes.

It is embarrassing to have to tell the speaker of the morning that he has only so many minutes in which to talk. It cramps his style and he may not get his point across clearly.

As a matter of suggestion, let's move back to the old time and have a whole hour in which to dispatch college activities in a more thorough way. As it stands now, we are having only two hours a week of chapel periods, with Wednesdays open for meetings. Let's have three chapel days a week of an hour each, holding Tuesdays and Thursdays open for meetings. The Dean's office force will take care of posting all notices on the bulletin boards for the two open days.

## PARTY POLITICS

From reading various columns in college publications it will be noted that a student political campaign is being waged. Last year a lot of time and space in college papers was expended to find out which was the most popular man to head this government. It seems that the biggest factor in the present political campaign is popularity and the keenest publicity strategist will win, for both parties are about on the same level on the major issues.

There are going to be radical changes in parties in the near future, such as the development of "Blocks", such as the farm bloc, labor bloc, wet bloc, dry bloc, big business bloc. In fact these blocs are now becoming more noticeable and the disintegration of the two old parties is not far in the offing.

The question which confronts the writer, is, why should college publications use up so much space in their paper for something that means nothing to the individual student? Why cater to College Humor, when that periodical portrays student life in such a suggestive manner? 99 and 44/100% of the students are not affected with "MOON," "DANCE," "JOYRIDES," etc. The majority are at school to obtain knowledge, because they realize that as their understanding is increased, so is their capacity for enjoyment increased.

# X-Ray Sermon

## Spiritual Evolution

"The kingdom of heaven is within you." When Christ said these words, He was teaching men a new idea of God's government.

What is this divine government like? For answer we naturally turn to the One in whose life this government had full control. Outstanding characteristics of Christ's life were vision, love, and courage. He had vision to see the needs of humanity and a way by which these needs could be filled; He had love that would not let him forget these needs; and He had the courage which enabled Him to fulfill the plan of life-service by which He became the Savior of men.

As we appreciate the glory of Jesus' life, we may feel discouraged. Is not such perfection too high for our human nature to attain? "The kingdom of heaven is within you." "The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field." The divine kingdom within you has every quality that was revealed in the character of Christ. If your

character is poorly developed, it still has all the possibilities of change that are in the seed. As the mustard seed grew to be a plant that furnished a nesting-place for the birds, your life may evolve into something which will give joy and strength to the lives around you.

But how can we cause our righteousness to grow? The fact that the mustard seed was sown in a field instead of a wilderness suggests that it was to have some care. Again, how can we insure the development of our spiritual life? Are we to worry about the matter and try to grow by force of will? "Which one of you by taking thought can add one cubit to his stature?"

There are conditions governing spiritual development just as surely as there are conditions necessary for physical growth. As a young man could never qualify for the football team if his chief foods were pies, cake, and candy, it is equally certain that the Christian can not prepare his soul for the strenuous game of life if his chief mental food comes from cheap magazines, love-sick movies, and weak conversation. A football player grows strong by learning methods of exercising and then putting these into actual, continual practice. The Christian can never de-

velop worthy character by merely studying Truth if this Truth is never put into practice in his daily living.

If it is important for the player to train for the gridiron contest, how important is it that we train for the game of life!

As we meet the conditions of spiritual life, we shall develop, shall evolve, to something different from what we now are. As we grow more like Christ, we gain deeper and clearer visions of what He is, and these visions are a challenge to continued development. "It doth not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is."

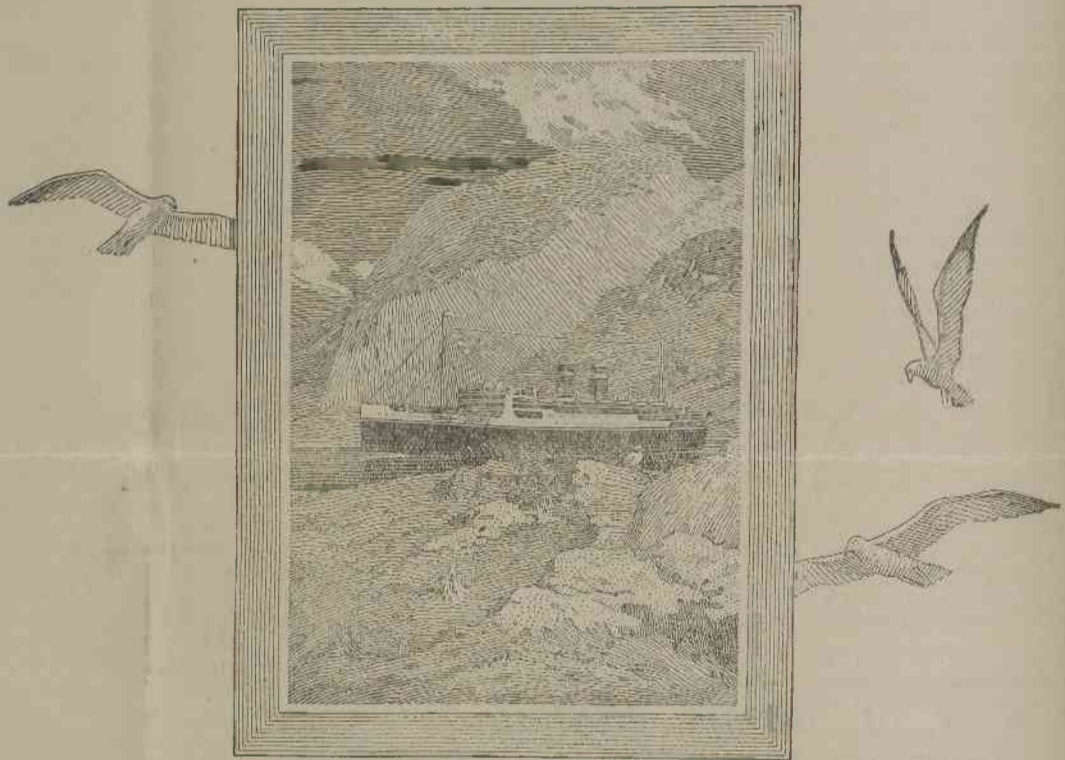
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that disappeared. This alone proves that every one had a jolly good time. Certainly every one enjoyed the walk back to the campus in the silvery light of the moon that had just come over the tree-tops.

### So Do All of Us

"What did you get on your birthday?"  
"A year older."



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