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X-Ray Sermon

A Parable of the Radical Wood-Thrush

In a roadside bramble a group of wood-thrushes had been in the habit of meeting to sing together. All of them sang very beautifully, but one of them was especially effective as a soloist. This wood-thrush had been to a great university and had learned many things, and was accounted to be quite a scientific reasoner.

One day this scientific bird had been away from the group making experiments on a certain caterpillar, and when he returned to the bramble he found his companions talking in the queerest way. They were saying, "We feel that we must fly away. Some mystic voice is calling to us and telling us that we must fly away toward the sun. Come, get ready to go with us, O scientific bird!"

But the scholarly bird chirped with mild sarcasm: "Tut, tut, friend. Let us rationalize on this matter. All our days since we peeped from the shell this land has been warm and sunny. We can only trust the things which we learn through our senses. We can not fly because of a foolish superstitious feeling—oh well, heed the silly impulse if you will, but I shall continue to dwell in the pleasant bramble."

After much pleading, the other birds flew away. When January's snows began to fall, I found the rationalizing, skeptic bird lying stiff among the dry leaves under the bramble—frozen and starved to death. And I knew that his former comrades were happy in their nests in the far away summerland.

This parable warns against letting even scholarship sever us from the universal human impulse to believe in immortality.

NOW WHO'S TO BLAME?

A few weeks ago there came into the Maroon and Gold office a series of complaints from the students about the quality of the paper. The chief complaint was that the paper was entirely too tame, and contained too many religious articles. Realizing that the students were justified in making this complaint we increased the size of the paper and tried to balance the space more evenly. We have repeatedly asked for suitable contributions, but to no avail.

We have opened an Open Forum column and we invite the students and members of the faculty to contribute to this column. If there isn't more interest shown on the part of the students, we shall, for the lack of copy, be forced to reduce the paper to its original size.

The Maroon and Gold is a student publication through which each student has, or should have, the right to voice his opinion. The students see that the paper is financed and on their shoulders rests the responsibility of its success or failure. We see no reason why they should hesitate to voice their opinions on any subject that is in keeping with the policy of the paper.

—Managing Editor.

DR. HARPER RETURNS FROM NORTHERN TRIP

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financial losses incurred in the publication of the "The Herald of Gospel Liberty," and to resume the full responsibility of its publication and editing. One issue per month is to be a magazine number, as was begun last year. Dr. Harper is the assistant editor of the magazine number, having as his contribution particularly to furnish fifteen pages of the matter concerning Christian Education.

The General Board voted without a dissenting voice to approve the plan and details of union with the Congregational church. A special session of the General Convention is to be called in the fall of nineteen hundred twenty-nine at Columbus, Ohio. At the same time an adjourned session of the National Council of the Congregational church will be in session in the same city. The plan of union is to be fully consummated at this time.

The Christian church, since the year seventeen hundred ninety-two, has stood for the union of all the denominations. It is particularly gratifying that this aspiration of over a century is bearing fruit.



"DR. DEBUNK"

Dr. Debunk will be compelled to leave us after the publishing of this issue and will perhaps be back at Christmas time to help with the Christmas proposition, either that of getting them, or getting around them. Elon is such a "spooky" place around Hallowe'en time that he is afraid of the goblins. He has a few more problems that he will handle in this issue, most of them are all wet, due to the rain yesterday.

Question: Please, Dr., what are we to do when the moon goes into the last quarter?

Answer: Get Mother Ring to place a real dim pale light beneath the little arbor at the West Gate.

I met her under the Colonnade,
She wore a gingham gown,
Miss "Ann" was looking all around,
With a very unusual frown.
And now to my sorrow,
There's no meeting tomorrow.
"Campused."

Every morning when I get up my eyes are full of soot, my bones are shaking and quivering, my heart is pumping and my feet are coal (cold). "What on earth?"

Pitts Vickers.

Answer: Boy, you have a bad case of them Power-House blues.

Don't let your feet turn, and they won't go to sleep.

Coach: Say there Guy, what the matter with that hand?

"Frosh: "Second day out," O! that handage is to keep from sucking my thumb.

Who says the Maroon and Gold isn't a clean and wholesome paper? Why with a little cream and sugar it could be used for cereal.

Daniel Boone was singing, "It ain't gonna rain no more." That's right; two negatives make a positive.

"Smitty" Says: Early to bed and early to rise; while your girl goes out with other guyes.

Dear calls "Little Red Kip" pilgrim, for he makes so much progress.

Prof. Martin: In which battle did King Gustavus Adolphus lose his life?
"Skinner" Davis (half asleep): The last one.

Efford to Lillian: Lo, I am with you always, lest I can not find you.

Wonder if "Nash" is learning to "Dodge" nowadays.

Miss Josephine Farmer, teacher in Bethany High School, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Farmer, during the week-end.

Rev. M. T. Sorrell, '28, was visiting on the hill this week. Since his graduation, Rev. Mr. Sorrell has been pastor of the Danville Christian Church. We understand that he is making a great success of his work there.

Rev. H. E. Crutchfield, '26, was on the Hill Sunday. Rev. Crutchfield is taking work at Duke University and serving as pastor of several churches in Western North Carolina and Eastern North Carolina Christian Conferences.

Open Forum

There has been quite a bit of discussion recently as to the denunciation of the "bumming" student. This applies mainly to the college student, College professors and other business men are putting their view point before not only the students but the business world.

Should college students do this? If not, there must be some good reason why. I, being a college student, think that I am more able to take the college boy's point of view on this subject, than a business man, or even a college professor. These men do not know what the students are up against. They do not know the conditions, as to financial matters, that the students have to face.

There are students in college that would not be able to ever spend a week-end at home or even go to a nearby town to do some shopping if it were not for the kindness of the traveling man. Some may say that these visits are not necessary to college life. Let this person give his reasons then.

Some one has offered the suggestion that if a student goes out in life with the habit of a beggar and a hobo, his future, is already determined or fixed. We, as college students, do not consider ourselves as beggars, neither do we consider ourselves as hoboes.

If the man who travels the highways objects to giving us a lift, he is at liberty to pass by. We do not block the road. I have ridden with men who are willing to do us a favor. Some of these men even go so far as to ask us to go with them to the end of their journey and even agree to gladly bring us back on the following day. These men are gentlemen and friends in need.

E. A. G.

Elon College, N. C.

October 23, 1928.

Editor Maroon and Gold.

Dear Editor:

If any one will take a look at the Elon Graded School and with the picture of this modern school "plant" in mind, go and look at the colored folks' school building, I am sure that he will see evidence of a problem worthy of discussion in your forum. The building for the colored school has fifty-eight broken window panes, a pillar is lacking to support a corner of the porch, the walls are bare, and the seats are no more comfortable and are less substantial than the split logs which were used in pioneer schools. If our Southern chivalry, democracy, or Christianity means much we will endeavor to start some move to better the condition of these neighbors of ours. Our various social institutions in the South can never be strong while the colored section of our population is given such poor opportunity for self-development.

Sincerely yours,

R. N. M.

Mr. Ralph Coggins, a former student here, was visiting on the Hill Sunday. Mr. Coggins is teaching at Flat Rock this year.

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SPIRIT—"IN EVIDENCE"

During the past week, spirit has sure been "in evidence" at Elon. The hearty co-operation of student body was clearly evident when they boarded the special train, enmasse, to Greensboro. Let's maintain that spirit, and Elon will have a most successful season. Next Friday we play the Quakers here, and to win, we must back our team to the limit. Who ever heard of a "Bellyacher," or a "Crab" getting anywhere in this life? Smile and the crowd is with you, weep and you are in the minority.

SOLUTION FOR HAZING

The North Carolina State Legislature passed a law prohibiting upper classmen from hazing freshmen, defining in this law what constitutes hazing. The law did not forbid faculty members or official student organizations meting out punishment to any student.

Now, should a freshman make himself too conspicuous on the campus by undue freshness, why not turn him over to the student government and let it place a barrier in his way by showing him that he has missed the "Spirit of the Rules," and fix some punishment to subdue that insolent and destructive attitude, which if continued will permeate the whole student body and cause ill feeling toward the school and its heads.

As an example: should an ill-spirited freshman be caught acting too boisterous, report him to the student council and let them order him to go to chapel and cut up and raise Cain on the rostrum before the whole student body. That should cure him. Or should a fellow persist in being "sissy," put a dress on him and let him play with the children.

There are "Black Cat" clubs on most every college campus in North Carolina. Bad results come to students who take part in such clandestine affairs. Let the student governing body make the impish Frosh wear their caps, keep off the grass, etc.

WHEN BUYING "STUFF"

Those who advertise in the Maroon and Gold are largely responsible for the success of this paper. If it wasn't for them, we should not have a weekly sheet that is striving the best way possible to portray campus life on an unbiased platform. These merchants who are backing Elon College are business men; they want value received for money invested. To maintain a satisfactory economic and social relation between merchant and student, he must have our patronage. We will surely get value received. Therefore, just bear in mind, when shopping in Burlington, to mention the fact that you are a college student, and saw his ad in the Maroon and Gold. It keeps up a friendly relationship that can not be maintained in any other way.

CONTAGIOUS NOISE

It seems as if the Library manners of some individuals are sadly lacking. A snicker will be heard, then a bedlam of impish chuckles burst forth to divert the mind of some student that is trying to study, trying to accomplish something worth-while. When home is left behind and you are thrown on your own resources, try to act the part of gentlemen and ladies. Remember when you enter the door of the library, you have entered a sanctuary where gentlemen and ladies are in silent thought, trying to acquire learning and to develop the poise and self-control that all college-bred persons should have.

START SOMETHING

Repartee of the right sort tends to bring out the personality of an individual. An interesting discussion on some current topic adds zest to living; it broadens a person's vocabulary and improves the intellect in general.

The dreamer, one who is continually building air-castles, usually winds up the loser. These dreamers, who are always expecting some big reward to come their way, usually are buried in the potter's field.

Come on; let's start something. An open forum has been created for the benefit of every student. Let's have the views and ideas of all those who are desirous of bettering the conditions of this old world in which we live.