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HURRAH FOR THE PILGRIMS!
HURRAH FOR THANKSGIVING!
OLD GRADS WE ARE THANKFUL THAT YOU
ARE HERE!
AND THANKS FOR OLD ELON!

THANKS! MANY! THANKS!

Since the celebration of the very first Thanksgiving, the day has come to mean a time for getting together. Poems have been written about Grandma's or Mother's cranberry sauce or pumpkin pie, but their real spirit has merely paid tribute to the preparation that is made for the home-coming.

So Elon prepares for the coming back of her loyal sons and daughters. Look over the program, complete, as far as possible in every detail, and the preparation that has been made will be obvious. From the mass meeting in the morning until the evening entertainment, the day will be full. Gloriously Full.

There is, of course, the football game affording a chance for Alumni to lay aside their dignity and forget themselves in an enthusiasm for victory. Following that is the turkey dinner with its pleasure of social intercourse and a joy in congenial companionship that the day has furnished since the beginning. Then the Philologistian entertainment comes as a fitting climax for a Thanksgiving Day to further serve to emphasize the warmth of the welcome that awaits the Alumni at their Alma Mater.

And many of them will be here. There is an indefinable something that draws one back, and everything possible has been done to make this home-coming event a happy one. Then being here will express not only faith in the Thanksgiving season, but faith in the beauty of friendships renewed and in the institution that graduated them. The Alumni are always welcome.

TIME IS FLEETING NEVER TO BE REGAINED

When diplomas are handed out next spring, the graduates will blink their eyes and wonder what it was all about. They will be heard to remark, "Gee! these four years have flown." Old Grads have been heard to remark, "Gee! I wish that I could start all over again, how differently my time would be utilized."

It is certain that they would want an hour for chapel.

WHAT ARE YOU THANKFUL FOR?

There are many things for which I can truthfully say that I am thankful. Yet, there are a few that stand out most vividly in my life:

I am thankful that God has given me life and good health to enjoy it. I am thankful for the freedom and prosperity that God has given us, by the hands of our fore fathers. I am thankful for this great institution, Elon. Above all, I am thankful for my dear parents, who are sacrificing many pleasures of life, that I may have access to the great teaching of this institution. They are the ones who have inspired my ambitions with tender words of love. They are the ones who never forget to ask God to bridge the dark gulfs of my life, and to guide my wandering feet.

Just stop for a moment and ask yourself how much you are thankful for, on this great Thanksgiving day. Do you give thanks to whom they belong? Do you really appreciate the ones who are making great sacrifices for you? We should think of Thanksgiving as something more than a good Turkey Dinner.

—Anon.

AUTHORITY

The word authority occurs thirty-four times in the Scriptures and is used in three separate senses. Sometimes it means power, rule or dignity, as, for example, when in Luke 19:17 we find the expression "Have thou authority over ten cities."

A second meaning is used to signify a convincing efficacy and power, as in Matthew 7:29, where Jesus is said to have taught people as one having authority.

The third meaning is a warrant, order

or authentic permission, as in Esther 9:29, where it is said that Esther and Mordecai wrote with authority.

One of the vexing questions of our present life is the place of authority in the affairs of men and of institutions. We are prone to resent authority and to desire complete absence of compulsion in arriving at our decisions and in their execution.

Jesus was acquainted with a well-known type of man in authority, but he did not approve his method or his reasons for its exercise. Among the Gentiles he said that those who exer-

cised authority over others were called benefactors. We are not entirely unacquainted with this sort of individual ourselves. The American people believe that some men of wealth have been known to be liberal to churches, orphanages, religious periodicals and even colleges in order to exercise authority over them. They are benefactors in order to exercise authority, which is a slightly different situation from that described by Jesus, though approaching it quite decidedly.

Jesus recognized the obligation of man to serve. He was under authority to do all possible as a fellow citizen in the Kingdom of God for the advancement of the interests of that Kingdom and for its individual members.

With reference to government, Jesus recognized its necessity for the orderly conduct of our human life. He enjoined His questioners on a certain occasion to render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's. He was no anarchist, but valued government properly.

But at the same time he felt and taught that the ultimate authority for the individual is the authority of service, the obligation to live in a spiritual brotherhood as a spiritual being in such a way as to contribute most to the spiritual values of life.

Character, it is plainly taught in the Scripture, arises out of the experiences involving self decision. The individual must decide from within, and not because of authority that comes from without, that he will do certain things or follow a certain line of conduct. This results in Christian character, if the decision is consciously arrived at in terms of the principles and ideals of the teachings of Jesus. In no other way can Christian character arise. It is the by-product of Christian living.

With reference to the laws, customs, conventions, and professional and other standards of our life, this same principle holds. A man who obeys the law because he must, is a slave. A man who obeys the law because he fears the consequences, is a coward. But the man who obeys the law because he recognizes that it is right for him to have respect to the public opinion of a community that has thus expressed itself, is a free man. His decision to conform is not a limitation of his freedom, but really qualifies him to render a larger service because of the law, and at the same time it equips him with the power to seek for modification of the law as experience shows that it in any way circumscribes or impedes him in the rightful exercise of his liberty.

What we have said with reference to law, conventions, customs, ethical, professional or other standards applies also with reference to the laws of God. The man who obeys these laws will find that he has added to his freedom and increased his opportunity for service to his fellows, which, after all, as we have said, is the ultimate authority for the individual who aspires to live as a spiritual being for the promotion of the interests of a spiritual brotherhood in the earth.

OUTSTANDING ADDRESS BY DEAN RUSSELL

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ligion, let us not then say that because material things are the basis of all there can be no true religion. If we give materials a definition which makes them possible of creating intelligence and other phenomena of life, let us not think of our conclusions in terms of materials which have no such powers.

"Here is our dilemma," said Dean Russell: "Intelligence is here. Either it is inherent in matter, or it came from an Intelligence outside the material universe."

"If we see in others a type of conduct which we would consider intelligent in ourselves, we must consider it intelligent in them." On this basis, he argued that there is intelligence in the behavior of animals, plants, and even in inanimate objects. To illustrate animal intelligence, he told of the pilot bird in Africa. This bird is fond of young bees, but is unable to scratch into the ant-hills in which the bees frequently build their homes. Therefore when one of these birds finds a bees' nest, it flies away and finds a badger. It flies around the badger till the badger begins to follow it. The bird guides the badger to the ant-hill, which the strong-clawed badger quickly opens, securing for himself a feast of

honey and providing the bird with its desired grubs.

A similar purposiveness is shown by a fern which is grown in a box having two compartments. It will send its roots over a partition into the other compartment to reach fertilizer placed there. Is this intelligent action? Well, the Dean recalled a time when as a boy he had climbed over a fence to "hook" a neighbor's fruit, and his action was considered intelligent and responsible enough to bring results which the Dean hasn't forgotten.

In lifeless things, how does an atom of oxygen know to unite with just two grains of hydrogen to form water? And if the hydrogen becomes scarce, how does it know to become monogamous and unite with only one atom of hydrogen. How were such things as these arranged? Did all the atoms in the universe get together at some time and agree on the way they would act for all time in the future? Was it at such a conference that they decided that certain atoms should build themselves together into complex molecules and arrange these molecules in a series of forms till at the end of a hundred years the flower of a century plant would be produced?

Which is more reasonable to believe: that the atoms and electrons decided such things for themselves, or that they are decided for them by an infinite Intelligence?

"I believe in modern science," said the Dean; "I believe in evolution as a description of the means by which God made living forms. And yet, if we are going to be skeptics, why not be skeptics of science?" All that we "know" about science is based upon our senses. In the case of an apple, the hypothetical ether brings to the eye a series of vibrations. These are bent from their course and focused upon the retina. At the retina, an excitation of the optic nerve is begun. This excitation passes to a region in the back part of the brain, where it is made conscious and interpreted in the light of other conscious experiences. All that science can give us comes over this circuitous and sometimes unreliable sort of nervous connection. If we eat the apple, all we really get is a certain kind of satisfaction. By praying, the Christian gains a certain type of satisfaction. Now if we accept the apple as real, why should we question the existence of God?

The scientist is rendering a wonderful service, but he should not be considered as an authority on questions outside his field. It is a mistake to look to Fostick as an authority on electricity or to Edison as an authority on the immortality of the soul. Scientists are beginning to realize that their test-tube methods are not finding the ultimate truths of the universe. "Some have said that science is becoming religious. This is not true. But I do know some scientists who are becoming more willing to take off their hats when we say, 'In the beginning, God.'"



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Fellow students, here is a remedy suggestion that might help you warm at nights. "Subscribe to the Maroon and Gold and keep your mind red hot."

The boys of the campus are not called college boys or college sheiks, but are errand boys for the Coeds. "Kip E. E."

Our power house superintendent is some what of an engineer. He leaves blue prints on their necks.

We wish that "Pap" Eure would bring that little Cow infant back to school with him after the holidays for another mascot besides himself, for basketball and baseball.

Dr. Braunoek, our chemistry prof, wears a high collar so that he can duck in case of an explosion.

Before teaching your wife to drive a car. "Insure it."

Two swallows might not make a summer, but they go a long way toward making a night.

"He is going to the dogs," said the man who saw his friend going toward the kennels.

Nipp Ellise: I like that course in drama. It brings things home to you that you never saw before.

Sims: I have a laundry man who does that for me.

Cameron Weightman went home last week, making a special trip to congratulate his mother and father upon his birth. Just before leaving for home, he hurriedly made a trip to see Miss Craig, saying, "Miss Craig, I want to know if the dining hall can run without me; for I am going home to congratulate Ma and Pa."

Miss Benn says that any one that can sing and won't sing, ought to be sent to Sing Sing and made sing.

Last Thursday night the whistle on the 1:20 train blew without ceasing. Bob Ruston, aroused from his slumbers, alarmed the campus by yelling, "The British are coming!"

I see that Doctor Talley is a full time waiter now. Where? "At the West Gate."

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