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PERSEVERANCE.

It is as old as the hills to say that "Perseverance conquers all things," and likewise the truth of this proverb today is as firm and unshaken as the everlasting hills themselves. The persistency with which this idea finds human expression in all ages, shows the universality of its truth. The Greek fable of "The Tortoise and the Hare," the Latin maxim, "The gods sell all things for labor," the more modern "Constant dropping wears away stone," and the twentieth century coinage "Stick-at-it-iveness" are but different phrasings of the same great thought.

In imitation of the "By Faith" chapter of Scriptures, if space and time permitted we could compile a catalogue of actions no less heroic, which were accomplished "by perseverance." "Rome was not built in a day" is a saw that we have heard since childhood, but Rome *by perseverance, day after day*, became the mistress of the world.

Search history, and point out, if you can, the least step in the march of civilization, the slightest reform of any kind, that was not accomplished with travail and suffering, by Perseverance.

"Perseverance conquers all things." Yes! Even Mathematics, German and History. But Perseverance is almost an unknown quantity at Guilford College. True, there are a few brave souls who labor on courageously in the face of any difficulty, but how many of us are willing "to lie down on the job," and say "I can't," the moment a hard problem looms up before us! Let us be honest with ourselves. Many of us are quitters, and the world has no place for a quitter! If a course is hard and requires work, we drop it, and seek for an easy one. But what are we going to do when we get out into the turmoil and strife of this busy world? There we shall have problems to face, which cannot be dropped or avoided. The issue must be met! We must meet it. Are we going to be quitters still? The answer is plan. We cannot be otherwise,

unless we learn right here and now to face our problems, to meet our hard tasks and to overcome them. College is merely a preparation for life, and the attitude we cultivate here will be the attitude that will go with us throughout life.

Let us feel as the prophet of old, when he was building his wall—"I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down." For truly we are doing as great a work as he. We are laying the foundations for life; we are building the walls of character, and we cannot leave our work and come down on every pretext. Stay on the job! Don't quit, simply because it is hard! As it takes diamond to cut diamond, and steel to turn steel, so it takes a big man to fill a big place, and to overcome a big obstacle.

Remember "*Perseverance conquers all things*" and—

"The heights by great men reached and kept

Were not attained by sudden flight, But they, while their companions slept,

Were toiling upward in the night."

CALENDAR.

Wednesday: 6:30, Freshman class meeting; 7:00, Science Club.

Thursday: Regular mid-week prayer meetings at 6:30.

Friday: Literary Societies at 7.
 Saturday: 7:30, lecture by Prof. S. W. Geiser.

Sunday: Dr. J. J. Hall, Director South Atlantic States Department of the American Peace Society, will preach at 11 o'clock and at 7:30 in the evening give an address on the subject, "What I Saw in the War Zone."

Monday: 7:00, first chorus practice.

Tuesday: 6:00, Senior class meeting; 7:00, second chorus practice.

Wednesday: 6:30, Sophomore class meeting; 7:00, Literary Club.

It is with pleasure that we are able to announce that Samuel H. Hodgin and family are soon to return to North Carolina. Three years ago Professor Hodgin accepted the presidency of Wilmington College, Ohio, and has filled the same with marked success and to the great satisfaction of the Board of Managers. In resigning his position he abandons the profession of teaching and has arranged for entering some business in the city of Greensboro.

A clipping from a Wilmington paper concludes thus: "While the news of his determination to sever his connection with the college will be a surprise to many and while his friends in Wilmington and in the zone of influence of the institution will regret very much that the college is to lose him, everybody will wish him the highest degree of success in his new

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field of work. He and his estimable wife and interesting family will be greatly missed, but friendship does not know territorial bounds and Wilmington people will still claim them as friends though they may be many miles away."

Dr. G. A. Smith, of Black Creek, N. C., spent Tuesday night here with his son, Jones Smith.

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