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CALENDAR.

Wednesday, 6.30: Sophomore class meeting.

Wednesday, 7.00: Literary Club meets.

Thursday, 6.30: Y. M. C. A. meeting, Prof. W. C. George leader.

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Friday, 7.00: Literary Societies meet.

Sunday, 11.00 and 7.30: Preaching.

Monday, 7.00: Chorus meets.

Tuesday, 6.30: Junior class meeting.

The Guilfordian offers its columns to the alumni and invites them to write letters upon any subject of interest to the students and friends of the institution. These will be published signed or unsigned according to the desire of the writer.

In this issue we are publishing the first of a series of articles from the pens of the various professors. The one appearing this week has for its subject "The Rules of Revised Spelling" by Professor Davis. For thirty years Professor Davis has been agitating the promotion of principles that would tend to put the spelling of English upon a common sense basis, and we assure all our readers that they will find this article to be both interesting and entertaining.

WHERE TROUBLE STARTS.

There is nothing that will lower the standing of an athlete more quickly than unsportmanlike conduct upon the play ground. Take for instance, the rudely trained man who slugs his adversary in a football game or jumps off side just because he happens to find that no officer is looking in his particular direction. Such a person is creating for himself

an unpleasant atmosphere among the better element of his own associates and is moulding for himself an unenviable reputation in the hearts of all refined observers that will live and flourish until its progress defies counteraction. It therefore becomes the duty of every person to subject his life to the most severe test in order that he may ascertain whether he is doing unto others as he would have them do unto him.

The practise of "striking below the belt" or taking undue advantage, by some individuals, of the authority vested in them, either by position or seniority, is far more pronounced at Guilford than violations of the rules of manly sportmanship, and it is to this trouble fostering menace to human happiness that we want especially to call attention hoping that we may help to remove all possibilities of unkind thrusts which are frequently made under protection of position or gender. Let there be no person so wise in his own conceit or so far above the latitude of mortal domain that he is not willing to make a careful survey of his own conduct to see if he is not circumscribing some other life with the evils of his own foul play.

WHY NOT?

Since the opening reception, which was given September 9th by the two Christian Associations in honor of the new students, there has been a succession of Saturday night socials. It is now October 7th.

Socials at Guilford form a sort of halo for some of the most lasting and pleasant memories. This is especially true of such events as the track evening; however too many socials in such swift succession followed by a long privation may prove disastrous to verdant inexperience. It may, possibly, add a few strict enforcements to that multitude always in sway.

Next spring—long, drowsy days, and then sleepless nights. Why? It is the season of contests. These are almost symbolical of the struggles which foreshadow Seniors prior to the glories of graduation. There is every sort of contest from high school and freshman inspiration on thru the realms of peace until the Websterians, Philomatheans, Henry Clays and Zatasians began their agitations after which if there ever was such a thing as peace it is forgotten. An earnest advocate for the cause of expression finally restores and leaves this Quaker principle in the minds of the compulsory audience.

Contests are intellectually elevating; socials are essentially uplifting. There are certainly not too many of either; but to get the best results why not have a few socials in the spring and part of the contests in the fall?

THOUGH OR THO.

Professor Davis Writes Entertainingly on Simplified Spelling.

To the Editors of The Guilfordian: It has occurred to me that the Guilfordian might do a real service in the line of educational progress by giving practical encouragement to the cause of simplified spelling. A few of the members of the college faculty who have held their positions here continuously since the Simplified Spelling Board was organized, promiest adherence to its principles and practices, but no general adop-

tion of the propaganda of the Board has ever been attempted. I do not know what may be the attitude of the new members of the faculty towards the reform, but I apprehend that if the Guilfordian staff felt enuf interest in the subject to adopt some or all of the proposed rules for amending English orthography, there would be no serious objection to it on the part of the administration or of the new heads of departments.

Personally I am in favor of the most thoro going reform, and am not afraid to spell in any way that is reasonable, whether such spellings are according to the proposed rules or not; but as a matter of expediency, I think it is better to be moderate, and in public print to adhere pretty strictly to the procedure suggested by recognized authority. The lists of words and general rules that have been proposed by the Simplified Spelling Board have the backing of the highest authority in the English speaking world. There is nothing that can be said against them either logically or philologically. It is only the inertia of innovation that has to be overcome, and the possible slight inconvenience of the want of a standard of uniformity, if these simplified spellings were allowed in college exercises. But for a college publication there need be no further complication than that the staff agree upon the extent of the reform which they are willing to advocate or better to practice, and possibly to print such lists or rules, as a guide to editorial writers and contributors.

Such rules at the head of the editorial column might be necessary for the sake of the printers who often feel under obligation to correct the supposed bad spelling of contributors.

Such a step on the part of the editorial staff of the Guilfordian might be the most practical manner of securing the general adoption of the reform for all college exercises.

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