

CORRESPONDENCE.

Social Or Unsocial.

To the Editor:

Is there any valid reason for the college tradition that the success of a Guilford Social is in direct proportion to the number of couples who vanish into the corners? Certainly the average student would do better to cultivate acquaintances extensively rather than intensively, and the co-operation of all is needed to secure for the inapt and bashful a proper and pleasant introduction to the joys of social intercourse. Cannot the social committee design some simple methods of artificially pairing off the students several times during each evening? Let it be "defense absolvment" for anyone to make a "date" for a social. Provide new and interesting games or other diversions and make the occasion so interesting to all that no one will be willing to leave the group for a lengthy tete a tete. Then the success of the occasion will be measured by the scarcity of unsocial couples who drift off and leave the social to its own fate. M. B.

To the Editor:

It was stated in chapel not long ago that no one ever found God in nature. I beg to disagree. God not in nature? If God is not in nature, then I don't know Him. The God I know is He who put "tongues in trees, books in running brooks, sermons in stones, and good in everything."

Did not God make the trees, birds and flowers to represent Him? I have seen His glory manifested in the sunset, the budding trees of spring, a field of daisies or goldenrod, an autumn woodland, to a far greater extent than in any man I ever knew. With the possible exception of my mother, no person has showed God to me as plainly as has nature.

I am not a pantheist, but with Tennyson I believe—

"The sun, the moon, the stars, the seas, the hills, the plains—  
Are not these the vision of Him who reigns?"

And the ear of man cannot hear and the eye of man cannot see;  
But if we could see and hear the Vision—were it not He?"

So great is the difference in finite and infinite that we are not able to see God unless He reveals Himself to us in ways we can understand. In nature everyone recognizes some driving force. It is not possible that this universe just happened to be what it is any more than if one put all the wheels, springs, and various parts of the mechanism of a watch into a box and shook it around they would combine and form a watch. Is not God the driving force, the supreme law of the universe? It makes no difference by what name we call Him—whether Providence, Spirit or Law—when one stands alone under the stars at night one instinctively comes closer to God and naturally finds how small a place one has in the great universe.

As every man stamps his personality upon his work, so God the Great Master Workman, reveal Himself in His work. And of this work man is only a part. Inasmuch as man recognizes his kinship to nature, just so much does he realize his relation to God. To me the little frisking squirrels are my little brothers and

the birds' songs are the harmony of God's heaven.

A great minister once said that he knew God must have loved the birds especially because He made so many of them.

For a long time I could not understand how the kind, loving Father whom I knew as God could be also the awful judge who sends sinners to—"the place" (Dr. Hobbs says) where we don't want to go. But when I realized that the God of the storm, lightning, thunder, hail and hurricane was the same as the God of the bright sunshine, of the beautiful spring days, then I think I perceive how our Father can be both kind and awful, merciful and just, both our friend and our judge.

Just now when His frost-fairies are painting the leaves and making the woods a veritable wonderland, I think we should be drawn nearer to nature and nature's God, for God is behind all the working of nature and we know that "if winter comes spring cannot be far behind."

"A mist on the far horizon,  
The infinite tender sky,  
The ripe, rich tints of the cornfield,  
The wild geese sailing by,  
And over upland and lowland  
The charm of the goldenrod,  
Some of us call it Nature  
And others call it God."

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