

# THE GUILFORDIAN

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Last week in the supplement to the Guilfordian, we gave a general introduction to the college life, a description of the college campus and Founders Hall, the original college building. In later issues will be given pictures and descriptions of dormitories and dormitory life and of the library equipment and laboratories of the college. In this issue we are featuring the college library, the auditorium, and the student literary societies. All these contribute fundamentally and powerfully to the intellectual and social life of the college.

## LITERARY SOCIETIES

The two groups of student organizations which most nearly typify the simplicity and thoroughness of Guilford life are, first, the Young Men's and Young Women's Christian Associations, representing the religious life of the college community, and, second, the literary societies, representing the intellectual and social side of student life.

There are four literary societies in the college, two for young men and two for young women. The men's societies, the Websterian and the Henry Clay, were organized in the middle eighties and have had a varied but continuous history since that time. Among the prime movers in the early days of the present societies was former United States Senator Jos. M. Dixon (Guilford '89), now governor of Montana. The two girl's societies, the Philomathean and the Zatasian, date their existence from 1908 when, owing to increasing numbers, the Philagorean Society of earlier days was divided into two new societies. The Websterian and Henry Clay societies have well-equipped and well-furnished rooms on the second floor of the Y. M. C. A. Building. On the first floor is located the Y. M. C. A. assembly room where the regular Thursday evening prayer-meetings of the Y. M. C. A. are held. The Zatasian and Philomathean halls are located on the first floor of Founders Hall and are also well-equipped and beautifully decorated.

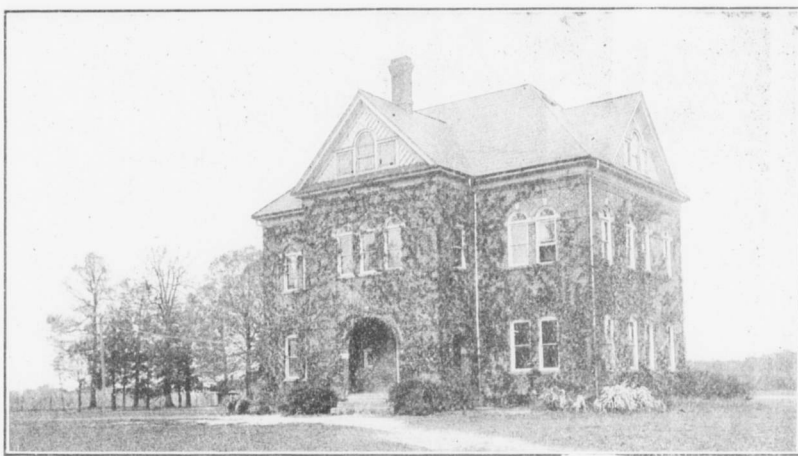
Practically every student is a member of one of the societies, and the meetings are well-attended. Meetings of all four societies are regularly held on Friday nights.

All of the societies place much emphasis upon parliamentary drill, debating and the discussion of current affairs in the world-at-large. The young men's societies place rather more emphasis upon debating than do the young women's societies and relatively less upon strictly literary work. Society work enlarges the vision of the student.

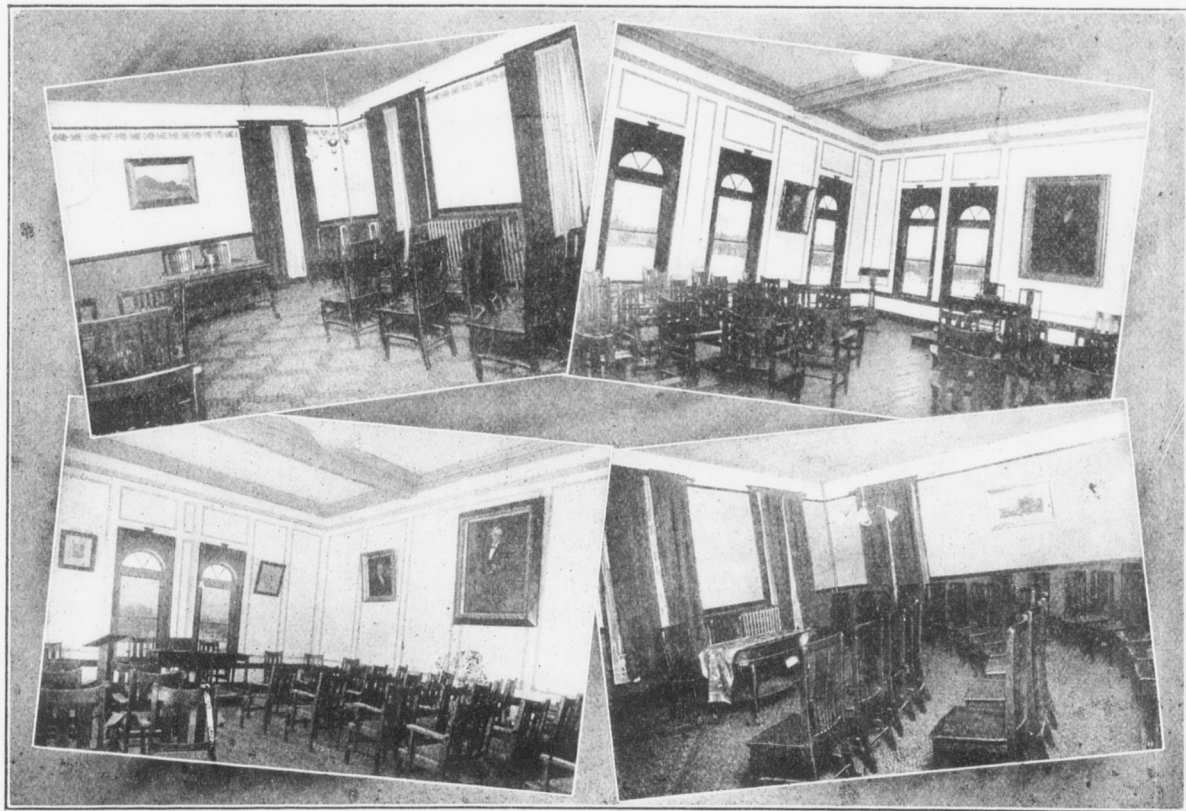
The drill in parliamentary practice given in the societies is also highly valuable. Former Guilfordians quite generally know how to preside over a meeting and how to make or to put a motion, no small or useless accomplishment for a man or woman to acquire as a by-product of a college education.

During the college year four inter-society receptions are held, each society entertaining one of the other societies. These receptions are among the brightest and most eagerly awaited social events of the year.

Not only have the literary societies proved to be effective working units in carrying on their own affairs but the members have proved loyal co-operative supporters of joint undertakings. The college newspaper is handled by a joint board from the four societies.



Y. M. C. A. BUILDING—Here are the Men's Literary Societies, and the assembly room for the Christian Association



THE LITERARY SOCIETY ROOMS—Two for men and two for women. In these halls some of the best training the college affords is acquired.