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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Now that Dec. 1 has come and gone and all subjects for senior theses are supposed to have been decided upon and handed to the proper authorities, we wonder what these subjects suggest to those who look at them. We wonder just what each senior had in mind when the subject was decided upon.

Probably the main idea in the minds of some was, the easiest way to get by. Perhaps it was selected from a group of subjects, all equally attractive, on the basis of the amount of material in the library directly on the subject, or possibly it was selected from the particular line of work in which the student is most interested. The last is certainly the most appealing one to those who realize the significance of a thesis.

In addition to the above points of the third type of thesis, it should represent as much as possible the work of the individual. At the most we do not put much originality into the work that we do. Doubtless most of us feel our part of that rare element to be limited to a very small amount; and today when most of the subjects which we study are those which have already been to a great extent thought out by those before us, it is quite the usual way to consult books for the things that we wish to know, rather than to work them out ourselves. But a senior thesis should contain some originality at least, else it is not much of a farewell contribution. And unless it is a contribution, it is not worth the time that it takes to produce it.

Certainly no one would condemn the wise references and quotations, many of these are sometimes necessary; but when the whole thesis or a majority of it is nothing more than a facsimile of the pages of some book on the subject, thesis-writing has come to a disgraceful point and ought to be discontinued along such lines.

It would be well if all theses were bound and placed on a reserved shelf in the library. Not that anyone is particularly anxious to have his thesis read, but that it will be known whether or not Guilford alumni worked on them. Perhaps it would be somewhat of an incentive to those in the future, to put real work into the senior thesis.

Among the many needs of our college, there is one that ought to be supplied which we believe could be if some one would take the initiation of starting and the responsibility of keeping the thing going. This particular need is that of an orchestra.

Guilford had an orchestra at one time, but for some reason it disbanded. It is doubtless true that this is one of the most difficult organizations to keep going, but if other

colleges no larger—probably not as large as Guilford, and even numbers of high schools can produce orchestras of as considerable merit as some have, it does seem that something along this line could be done. There are numbers of occasions where its need is particularly noticeable. At many of the public affairs held in Memorial Hall, a few good selections would add much to the program. For example, before, after and between acts of plays. At banquets and receptions nothing is quite so enlivening as music from an orchestra. Other colleges make use of them at their athletic contests and no one can deny but that they do help to put spirit into the game.

There is talent at Guilford, for a thing of this kind, and it would be to our advantage if it were developed. Here's a chance for some enterprising persons to make a valuable contribution to Guilford. It will take consistent work, but it will be worth while. It is altogether probable that the music department would be glad to co-operate in a movement of this kind.

GUILFORD FOOTBALL SEASON CLOSES

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year have all been prominent in Guilford's foot ball records for the past three years. Captain Newlin served one year with the scrubs and three with the varsity. He started in the line where he proved himself a rangy and efficient end. At the beginning of this season he was shifted to the back field where he directed the team from quarter. G. McBane is known to all Guilford's opponents as a hard hitting ground gaining back. Mac has played four years in the game, the first two with the scrubs and the latter with the varsity. His services have been an important factor in many of Guilford's victories.

White has played four years with the squad and this year receives his second star for his third year as a varsity man. "Boney," as he is better known to Guilfordians, is also a backfield man of smashing power and speed. His big form will be missed next year when the team lines up for the first whistle.

Elon College, N. C., November, 29.—The Philologist Literary Society of Elon College gave its annual entertainment here on the evening of Thanksgiving day. A cast of talented comedians and actors from the Philologist society presented to a large audience the comedy entitled "The Morning After." This society has been noted in the past for giving good entertainments but many of those who enjoyed the two hours and a half of fun and laughter last evening, declared that the program was even better than former programs given by the society.

ALUMNI NEWS

Mr. Henry Davis, '09, is with the Friends Service Committee doing did reconstruction work in France during the war and has had a great deal of experience in work of this kind. He has been made manager of a district of occupied territory on the Rhine and supervises the distribution of goods and clothing in that district. He is located at Frankfurt ore mine.

Mr. Frank Benbow, for many years an attorney in Franklin, N. C., is now practicing law in Winston-Salem. Mr. Benbow has six stalwart sons, all of whom he says are future Guilfordians.

Mr. Alzanon E. Alexander, '91, and his sister, Miss Ida Alexander, an old student of Guilford, are very successful merchants in High Point. Mr. Charles Tomlinson, '93, has recently been re-elected president of the North Carolina Furniture Dealers' Association.

Mr. Joseph Peele, '91, is living in Pasadena, Calif. Mr. Peele is pastor of the Friends' church of Pasadena.

Mr. Arthur Lyon, '91, has been re-elected Manager of the High Point baseball team.

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Benbow, both old students of Guilford, have been spending a number of years on the Benbow Farms in Florida but propose to return to their home in North Carolina soon.

Mrs. Delia Raiford Winslow, '03, is postmistress at Belvidere. Mrs. Winslow attended the postmaster's convention in Washington recently.

Mr. Paul S. Kennett, '13, is Prof. of History at Elon College. Mr. Kennett has been elected faculty sponsor for the class of 1925.

Eugene Coltrane, '07, at the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly in session at Raleigh during Thanksgiving was elected president of a section of the city superintendents. He read before the Assembly a paper on the Junior High School and discussed the project method in high school. Within the past few months Mr. Coltrane has effected the complete re-organization of the Roanoke Rapids schools by putting in the Junior High School.

A DREAM OF FRESHMAN ENGLISH

A dome of darkening clouds o'erhang
A gloomy sky and gray;
I have presentiment of ill,
I'm out of luck today.

I go to Freshman English class
With trembling and with fear.
I find a quiz upon the board;
For home I shed a tear.

I read the questions one by one
With sadly puzzled mind:
"Which would you have your hired man,
Or cultured or refined?"

"From whence does this quotation come:
'Than this no more can be?'
And how does Doctor Wise explain
'From knowledge we should flee?'"

And so I read and try to write,
But words can not express
The terror that envelops me
When failure I confess.

Yet still the worst is yet to come;
For me there is no ease.
"I'll read a poem and you will write
A reproduction, please."

"The whichness of thustness is e'er sublime,
To every nation, every time;
Impossibility is to man
Etherial as a tomato can."

"For next assignment I will give
The Copperhead's Ideal."
I groan and wake. "Twas but a dream;
But oh! how like the real.

—A Freshman.

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