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In looking over the things accomplished by the Salemite during this last year, we find that we owe much to the outgoing staff for the many stable improvements which have been made. Miss Jordan, the editor, has done a great deal to put the paper on a firm basis, to extend its appeal and to raise it to ever higher ideals. She with her helpers, has worked day by day over thankless tasks, and it is only now that the result of that faithful work is fully seen.

One big step which has been made is that of having the paper edited regularly every week. This accomplishment alone has done a great deal to put the paper on a firmer basis, and to establish towards it a greater respect from the student body. Weekly meetings of the editorial and of the business staff have been established in order to arrange the make-up of the paper and to discuss questions which pertain to it.

The paper has been better appreciated not only by the Salem readers but also by the advertisers. The Salemite has had no trouble whatsoever in obtaining advertisements—a fact which seems indicative of the attitude which business men have toward our paper.

Many minor plans have been carried out. Two delegates were sent last fall to the North Carolina Collegiate Press Association, and two were sent this spring. In the college itself, the Salemite has participated in more social functions than ever before. On all sides interest in the Salemite has been stimulated and respect for it has grown.

Senior staff, you have laid a solid foundation for the Salemite, and you have raised her standards and ideals to a high plane. May the new staff succeed in carrying on the work and in fulfilling all hopes and ambitions for it!

With May there comes a pause in the hurry and rush of the year—a pause of only a few minutes, it is true, and yet those few moments allow us to view the things which have been accomplished this year, before plunging into the whirlwind of duties and ambitions for the next term. We have seen plans made and carried out, we have seen organizations grow and prosper, but best of all we have seen the true spirit of Salem shining through every work which has been done. Old officers can look back upon their work with satisfaction, knowing that they have completed undertakings which have been well carried out; new officers look back upon the work of their predecessors and gather inspiration and courage for the work which lies ahead; but both old and new officers look to the student body to inspire and keep alive the spirit which has been behind every undertaking.

That spirit is enthusiasm alone if it is felt and shown only by the leaders

and their bodies of workers. Students need heads of organizations to carry out the details of the work, but the leaders need the student body to keep alive that spirit which has meant so much in the life of Salem in former years.

A WORD TO THE WISE.

The poet sings of trees and things, and writes of Spring for hours. I try to write all day and night about the brooks and flowers. My verse won't go—the muse is slow—not one bit sympathetic. My words won't rhyme a single time—the meter's apathetic. I can't complete in any feat—it really is a pity. Content I rest to do my best and sing a simple ditty.

It is not nice to give advice. I very seldom try it, but read this rhyme if you have time and try to profit by it. I know it's Spring, 'n everything, and that is compensation for all the work we'd like to shirk, requiring application. The end of school—of class and rule—is very nearly ended, so please beware and take good care to keep your record splendid. I'll tell you how—don't slack up now! but make the same good showing till school is done and fun begun, "Vacationward", you're going. It's hard, of course, to work perforce and takes a lot of patience, but it pays, I know—I've found it so on various occasions.

Here ends my chant because I can't make what I mean emphatic. If I were wise, I could advise in manner less erratic.



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