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WEDNESDAY MORNING CHAPEL

Dr. Jester Speaks on Present European Conditions.

Dr. Jester, in the Wednesday morning chapel service, gave a most interesting talk, reviewing some points gained from his recent travel in Europe. Travel, he stated, is the best teacher of literature and history. To explore the walls of old Kenilworth Castle, to gaze upon Stratford-on-Avon, and to walk through the historic places of London creates in one everlasting impressions and an impassioned desire to learn more. Even the majestic mausoleum in memory of Robert Burns saddens the heart one thinks of the way the world allowed the brilliant poet to die in poverty.

There are some discouraging conditions in Europe that the traveler cannot fail to see. European morals are surely on a decline. The spirit of unrest is characteristic of all social and political gatherings. The masses seem to want changes but are unconscious of what those changes should be. Naturally people in such moods would seek pleasure in evil places. Men and women, too, can be seen clamoring for an entrance into intemperate centers. Wherever morals fall, the lowering of the standard of woman is inevitable.

But the encouraging scenes of European countries seem to counteract the discouraging ones. Everywhere one can see great borders of flower gardens along the principal streets. This is one joy that we miss in America. Space and time seem too dear to waste in the cultivation of flowers where they are only a picture to the public. The Europeans excel in their high degree of politeness. Everywhere the American is met with a "Please" or a "Thank you." As one is sure to notice, there is a great difference between European and American buildings. Our gigantic skyscrapers seem to be built in a day. But how long will these buildings stand? Certainly not through many centuries. To the European architect, the lasting quality is the greatest one of his work. This matter of building for eternity has a lesson for each one of us.

In conclusion, Dr. Jester declared that the shores of the homeland looked better to him than any others, as he returned from "wandering on a foreign strand."

Of course he returned with some of his impressions changed. But, the mingling with men of other countries creates a deeper appreciation of one's own country.

HEADS OF SPORTS ELECTED.

Basket Ball, Volley Ball and Golf Under Way.

The spirit of the first regular meet-

ing of the Athletic Association held Thursday, September 20, for the purpose of electing heads of sports, showed plainly that the association meant to lose no time in getting athletics, one of the foremost features of college life, on a firm footing for the year's 1923 and '24. The girls elected to fill these various positions are as follows:

Head of Basket Ball—Ella B. Jones, '26.

Head of Volley Ball—Estelle Hooks, '24.

Head of Hockey—Edith Hunt, '24.

Head of Golf—Louise Latta, '26.

Head of Tennis—Adelaide Armfield, '24.

Head of Baseball—Jean Abell, '25.

Head of Track—Sophia Hall, '25.

Head of the Walking Club—Mary Howard Turlington, '24.

A head of swimming will not be elected now, at least, for the pool is already closed for the winter and it is doubtful if anything can be accomplished along this line this fall.

The Association is to be congratulated upon the girls it has chosen for these responsibilities. They are girls who will accept the honor with a keen realization of the work accompanying it and who, with the earnest support and co-operation of all students, will be able to make this year conspicuous in the history of athletics at Salem.

Basket ball, volley ball and golf are already in full swing. Practices for each as have been scheduled are as follows:

Basket Ball—Monday, Juniors and Seniors 4:30; Sophomores and Freshmen 4:45. Tuesday, Juniors and Freshmen 4:30. Wednesday, Seniors and Freshmen 4:30; Juniors and Sophomores 4:45. Friday, Seniors and Sophomores 4:30.

Volley Ball—Everyone, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 5:00.

Golf—Everyone, Wednesday 3:30-4:30. Saturday 2:45-4:00. In addition to the above program there will, of course, be a walk at 4 o'clock, every Saturday afternoon that the weather permits.

There is one thing that can be done this year that has never been done before and that is to have a hundred per cent enrollment of all students, boarders and day pupils in some form of athletics.

ANNUAL AND SALEMITE STAFFS OCCUPY NEW ROOMS

The Annual and The Salemite staff have each been presented with new rooms for the year 1923-24. These rooms have many advantages over the old, in that they are much more conveniently located, are larger, and are better ventilated. The two rooms, with the spacious closets which will

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SCIENCE DEPARTMENT INCREASES MATERIAL

Interesting Apparatus Added

Many new pieces of apparatus have this year been added to the original stock in the Science Department. This material, a source of wonder and amazement to those uninitiated into scientific life and manners, and a source of delight to the students in the departments, is well worth examining and admiring.

To the apparatus in the general Biology Department, seven new microscopes and one new incubator have been added, and in the Chemistry Department new material which will be of special value to the classes in Organic Chemistry and in Analytical Chemistry is now ready to be put in places, new special-bach shell bovettes and a number of new crucibles, including quartz, alundum and platinum, all of which will enable the student to obtain more accurate results.

Dr. Schallert, instructor in Botany, is at present reviewing all the plants some of them one hundred and fifty years old, and is comparing them with those which have just been collected. A new cabinet in the laboratory makes convenient the filing of all this herbarium.

It is in the Physics Department, however, that the most of the new material is to be found. This department, although new, bids fair to be one of the most interesting courses offered, and the announcement of the new material is of interest to the students, especially since this subject is one on which they usually profess total ignorance. No longer need Juniors wonder whether the moon will be shining or whether rain will appear the night of the Prom; they may consult the new barometer, United States Weather Bureau model, which has its place on the wall of the laboratory. Perhaps, too, some Senior will find a becoming color for her evening dress when she looks through the spectroscopy and sees the multi-colored rays which are reflected there; then, too, at about eleven p.m. some proctor would doubtless find convenient the various apparatus for demonstrations of sound waves. Besides these machines for the detection of light rays, air pressure, and sound waves, there is a conductometer by which the transfer of heat is demonstrated, a radiometer which by continued revolutions shows the absorption of light rays, a voltmeter, galvanoscope, and electroscopes, all of which pertain to electrical work. A steam engine model and a spherometer, used for the measurement of the diameter of a sphere from which a lens has been taken, complete the list of the larger pieces of apparatus. In addition, there are

various others which are smaller and of less value but which contribute toward making the stock room an up-to-date one.

The Science Department has an unusually large enrollment both in the Home Economics course and in the Pure Science course; so with the increased number of instructors and with the large amount of new material noteworthy results are expected this year.

SALEMITE STAFF ELECTS NEW MEMBERS TO FILL VACANCIES.

According to The Salemite constitution each class must have a certain number of representatives on the editorial staff. The quota of the Senior class is five, including the editor-in-chief, that of the Junior Class four, including the managing editor, and that of the Sophomore class three. Since Alice Dunklee did not return to college this fall, the Junior Class had only three representatives, and it was to fill this vacancy that the staff elected Margaret Hanner at their regular meeting Monday night.

Margaret Marshall class of '26, was elected Art Editor, and it is hoped that by adding the Art Department interest in the paper as a whole may be increased.

At the request of the staff the Junior Class met on Tuesday and chose Constance Allen as circulation manager, an office left vacant by Lillian Moseley.

In addition to the twelve on the editorial staff and the three on the business staff, the constitution stipulates that each of the three under classes shall have two reporters, whose special work shall be the reporting of specific class activities. The staff for 1923-24 is up to the requirement in numbers and with the co-operation of the student body will endeavor to make the paper count as a real force in college life.

MIRIAM BRIETZ WINNER IN SHORT STORY CONTEST.

In last Sunday's issue of the Raleigh News and Observer, announcement was made to the effect that Miss Miriam Brietz had been awarded a prize of fifty dollars in the North Carolina Short Story Contest, conducted during the summer. The Salemite staff has always been proud of its personnel, but not until recently was it aware that one of its members was a young lady destined, perhaps, to become well known in the literary circles of the State. Miss Brietz was elected in May, 1923, and is at present editor of the Current History Column, a new department of the paper. The prize-winning story, "A Message from the Dead", will appear in an early issue of The Salemite.