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The Athletic Girl! Formerly these words brought to mind a definite picture, usually that of a girl clad in gym suit and holding a basket ball; now, however, they fail to present to us anything separate and distinct, not because the athlete does not exist but because she is no longer a type. She is every girl and there are indeed few who fail to experience the feeling of exultation when the basket-ball is in mid-air, or when the hockey-ball is speeding toward the goal.

Athletics at Salem have made mighty strides in the past five years. No longer is it necessary to urge, with repeated reference to class spirit, students go out for some sport. They are of course a few who are physically unable to compete along athletic lines and these few are always among the most loyal rooters; but we must confess that there exists a small number who choose to see the athletic fields only from the sidelines on the day of the final game. It is true that without the side lines the game itself would lose much of its value; the players need the side lines and count on them, but the rooters who bring encouragement are usually those who have done their best but who have failed to make the team.

The Physical Education Department tried an interesting experiment last year. A thermometer registering the degree of "pep" each class contained, was kept throughout the year, and in this way the percentage of students participating in at least one sport was made known. The present Junior class succeeded in sending their record above that of all other classes and it is now a question of who is to have the highest record during this year.

We are told that athletics are good for us, that we shall grow strong if we enter the sports; but if you ask the girls who make team why they play basket-ball, hockey, volley-ball, tennis or any other of the numerous games, the answer will be "Because it's fun" and because it is fun, and because it helps the student body in every way, we urge every student to find her place in the athletic program for the year.

In the hustle and bustle of every day life, and amid the duties that each of us faces, we frequently find ourselves so rushed by the tide of events that we are forgetting to observe the small niceties which make living together a pleasure. Courtesy is an old fashioned virtue, but, among others that are also old fashioned, it is a quality admirable in old and young alike, a quality without which the world would find all its activities strenuous and monotonous. In our daily association with one another, we often forget that the same deference we expect from our fellows is due them in return. We become so engrossed with affairs which concern merely ourselves, and so wrapped up in the contemplation of our own work and recreation that we are apt to become selfish and egotistical.

Salem has, for more than a hundred and fifty years, prided itself on the spirit of courtesy that has prevailed among its students. We are proud of such a record and more especially of the fact that during these last few rather troublous years, our girls have not acquired the brusque, curt, impersonal manner that tends to characterize the younger generation of today.

Politeness is a reflection of good breeding. It marks a person for what she is and raises her in the esteem of others. It makes our lives more worth living, our work more interesting, our playtime more refreshing. Let us, then, not forget the little kindly acts that mean so much in the day's routine, and let us practice, more and more, the spirit of courtesy.

REV. KENNETH PFOHL ADDRESSES FIRST Y. W. C. A. MEETING.

The first meeting of the Y. W. C. A. was held last Friday night in the Recreation Hall. Although the meeting proper did not begin until six-thirty, the entire college realized something of its true meaning from the short impressive grace offered at dinner by Rev. Kenneth Pfohl who was to be the speaker.

After all the members had been seated in the Recreation Room, the Y. W. C. A. choir, under the splendid leadership of Laurel Howell rendered a beautiful selection.

Everyone then joined in the opening hymn. Marjorie Hunt, the vice-president read the Scripture lesson and led in prayer. Lillian Watkins, the president, then introduced and welcomed Dr. Pfohl.

The subject of his talk was, "In the beginning, God." He said that the greatest book in the world begins with these words, and that everything must have God in it before it can be a success. He begged the college students not to leave God out of their daily life and plans, but to place Him above each task. Dr. Pfohl stressed the uselessness of high scholastic and literary honors when they are not accompanied by true love for Christ.

After his talk, Dr. Pfohl, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Pfohl, delighted the audience with the vocal selection, "Steal Away".

CHAPEL SERVICES TO MISS BESSENT

A portion of the chapel period was devoted to the memory of Miss Margaret Bessent Tuesday morning at Salem College, where she had served as a devoted and beloved teacher for twenty-one years. President Rondthaler paid tribute to the unswerving loyalty of the lost teacher to her

students and to the work she loved so dearly. He also mentioned the splendid service she gave while a private teacher at Concord.

Although Miss Bessent had resigned from her work at Salem six years ago, she had returned every year for a long visit to Salem where she lived again the days and scenes she loved and revisited many who were dear to her and to whom she was dear.

Funeral services were held for her at Concord Tuesday afternoon at five o'clock. The faculty of Salem College was represented at the funeral by Miss Vogler. Miss Vogler and Miss Bessent had been colleagues and warm friends for years.

Lenoir College Swing Open Doors to Largest Student Body in History of College.

Lenoir College on last Tuesday morning opened her doors to the largest student body in her history. The enrollment in the academic department numbers 255, the freshman enrollment 104, and entire enrollment over 300. It is the largest in her history, and promises to make her a college of credit to the South.



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