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For the first few days of school, it seemed that there was going to be no occasion for an editorial on the subject of this one, but the fault in question has become so evident that we are forced to mention it. This fault is the scattering of paper cups, and other such trash about the steps of Main Building. All over the campus such signs of untidiness and carelessness may be seen, but this is the worst place. Any girl should have respect and respect for her college, than to disgrace the campus in such a manner and we cannot believe that such a thing occurs because of willfulness; there are, however, receptacles for such trash at close intervals along the sidewalks. We wish to remind you of these and of their purpose, and ask that you will use them, instead of the steps of main building, as waste paper baskets.

During one of the first chapel services of the year, Dr. Rondthaler remarked upon the serious and collegiate behaviour of students when marching in and after seated in chapel. This remark would have brought pleasure to every Salem girl and everyone should try not to forfeit the right to it. But for the last few days there has been some disturbance directly outside the doors, before and after the service, which is unpleasant and not up to the standard of Salem students. The service is not completed until everyone has left the room and the organ recession is finished. Until the service is over, no talking or other noise should disturb those remaining. We hope everyone will remember that the chapel service is one of the carefully preserved traditions of Salem and that, as such, no student should do anything to mar its dignity.

Habit formation (any student of psychology will confirm this statement) is one of the most important factors of human life. There is no such thing as being free from habits, but although one must have habits, one is usually given considerable choice as to what kind of habits they will be. It is in the beginning, not after the habit is fully formed, that the decision is made. Form a habit of study the first day of the year and studying will be easy and natural for the remaining months. Form habits of laziness, of idleness, and laziness will be so persistent that studying will be almost impossible. Final success or final failure is a matter of character

and character is made up largely of habits. It is easy to form good habits, but hard to break bad ones. Study with interest and concentration for a few days in a session and study will be increasingly easy, until it will be more difficult to be lazy than to be diligent.

Many girls, in a mistaken effort to appear distinguished take to school with them a manner of pseudo indifference, which looks down upon everyone and everything from unapproachable heights of conscious superiority. This is an extremely unfortunate attitude, because its owner is usually firmly convinced of her own invincibility in every possible matter of consideration, and it is a well established fact that only those who admit ignorance are able to learn anything. Of course, it sounds pleasant to say to a person, "Be enthusiastic!" but what a pleasanter and more profitable place a college would be, if everyone was sincerely and enthusiastically interested in everything. If one could only learn that almost everything—classes, books, athletics, clubs, friends—is worth a large amount of eager interest, how much happier one would be and how much more successful. The pose of indifference is never gained anything for anyone, but how much worse is real indifference. It is much easier to study a subject when one is interested in it than when one is not, and one may cultivate an interest in anything. Have a good, healthy curiosity, a good, healthy longing for friends, an intense loyalty to your school, and knowledge, friends and happiness will come to you.

We are wondering if the students are really appreciating the placed with its maxim that is placed on the porch of Memorial Hall. There is some psychological effect probably, that the saying of the morning has upon our minds, for it seems to give us early morning that we are on our course; and then it is in the early morning that we are on our course; and then it is in the early morning that we are on our course.

We consider it a fine thing to be greeted with a thought that will ring out during the day, giving us inspiration and courage, freedom and joy. The adage is selected with particular care, and should never go unnoticed.

A word of encouragement scattered here and there along the college road will add much to help raise the spirit of some dejected student who finds the first days of college difficult. The word may be entirely "impromptu" or may be well thought-out and premeditated; nevertheless, it carries with it a spirit of friendliness and companionship. The encouraging word means little trouble to the giver, and much joy to the receiver. Both given by St. Paul we derive ourselves of the opportunity of helping some student across the first few uncertain steps of her college career?

### MEMORIAL TREE TO BE PLANTED

On Wednesday, October 7, at 11 A. M., the dedication of a Memorial Tree on Salem campus commemorating the visit of George Washington will take place. The address will be by Dr. O. Clay Lilly and the exercises will be under the auspices of the Daughters of the American Revolution.



### CHAIRMAN OF MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT ADDRESSES THE STUDENTS OF THE COLLEGE

Meetings, meetings, meetings! And yet is it not nice to know that there is at least one meeting that everyone can enjoy and from which each can receive some lasting good? These are Y. W. C. A. meetings. But they are really services, and yet that word may keep one from attending. What shall one call the Y. W. assemblies then? Call them "gatherings," and then realize that everyone is all together for one purpose and to further one good object—that of living a true Christian life.

You were at the giving last night, were you not? And didn't you join the Association? If you didn't sign your name last night, you will certainly want to do so before long, and to do that you are giving this very important work your help and encouragement. Is money what the Y. W. is after? No, no money, but that is certainly a necessity for the furtherance of any work or purpose wherever or whatever it may be. The "Y" is after you and wants you to enlist in its ranks and to help it to what it ought to be.

The meeting of last week was indeed interesting to all, and instructive to the new girls especially. From what the different girls said everyone has some idea of what our campus Y. W. C. A. attempts to do, and what it ought to mean to the girls of Salem. Its branches are far-

teaching, and there is the joy that comes from giving to those in every phase of its work and in every field of its endeavor. Margaret Nicholls spoke concerning Evening Watch. Doesn't everyone enjoy Watch? Isn't there something there that seems lacking in larger assemblies? Try to enter into the spirit of these little "gatherings," and then judge for yourself the value that you have received from them.

After you joined the "Y" last night aren't you anxious to know what the next meeting is going to be? There's some pleasure in having that a deep dark secret, but we want you to know enough about it to want to come. The Association is your Association, and next Friday the meeting is to be largely in charge of the freshmen. They may be new college girls, but surely they have had interesting experiences in different phases of religious work. Someone is going to tell of her idea of a true Y. W. C. A. in college; someone else will tell of what she has done in this line before she came to Salem; and upper classmen are going to speak for the Salem "Y. W." Everyone knows how interesting the short talks were last week, and each of us will want to come to next Friday's meeting. Be there and bring others with you! It helps—Y. W. always helps in anything we try to do!

Fanny Person Rudge and Kate Spears, after which, refreshments were served.

### DR. J. K. PFOHL SPEAKS AT Y. W. C. A. SERVICE

The Y. W. C. A. opened its series of services on Friday with a most delightful and helpful message from Dr. J. Kenneth Pfohl.

Dr. Pfohl started his address by asking the question of "What have you in your hand?" He developed this subject by explaining that we have in our hands our talents and our loves and that we are given the opportunity to develop these and that we should develop in such ways that we may be of the greatest possible service to God, to our fellowmen and to ourselves.

Just before giving his address Dr. Pfohl sang a solo, "Just for Today."

It was indeed gratifying to see so many of the members of the faculty and the student body present and it is hoped that this is only a beginning and that everyone will make an attempt to attend these services on hundred per cent strength. It is only through good co-operation that the Y. W. C. A. can do its best work.

There was a young man named Teedle Who couldn't accept his degree. He said, "It's enough to be Teedle," Without being Teedle D. D."

### Evelyn McGehee Elected

#### Music Editor of Salemite

Evelyn McGehee, of the class of nineteen twenty-six, has been elected to the Salem staff as Music Editor. Miss McGehee is taking a music course and is interested in all musical events, and is therefore well qualified to hold this position. The Salemite welcomes her as a new member of its staff, and feels sure that the work will be a notable success of her reportorial.

### Swimming Contest Will

#### Be Held October Third

Various swimming contests have been planned for October 2, which are open to all competition. The contest will consist of the following events: Fifty yard crawl for speed; twenty-five yard side stroke for form; twenty-five yard back stroke; fifty yard breast stroke; plume for distance; relay—any; diving; umbrella relay—any back stroke; stunts of all kinds.

### SWIMMING POOL HOT'RS

Monday 10-10-30, beginners from Academy; 10-30-11, advanced from Academy; 11-12, open periods; 3-3-30, beginners from college; 3-30-40, advanced college; 4-5, open periods; Tuesday 3-5, open periods; Wednesday 3-5, open periods; Thursday 4-5, open periods; Friday 3-4 open periods; 4-4-50, beginners college; 4-30-5, open periods; Saturday 3-5, open periods.

### BRINKS

The Brink stands upon the Brink of life, a "where-the-brook-and-river-meet" look on her face. And great responsibility is hers Oh, for a week or month or so of saving grace!

Alas, 'tis not for thee! A Senior, at a Senior must thou be!

The Junior stands upon the brink of toil Of work and work and work, and work and work and work! A sort of "white man's burden" is her lot And we unto the Junior who would dare to slide. She longs for idle days— She worketh now in many, many ways.

A Sophomore stands upon no brink at all For all her hopes and expectations now are past She's reached the limit of accomplishment She's done with innocence and ignorance at last. She sighs for nothing more she sees All longing and all learning now are over.

The Freshman stands upon the greatest brink For her here's everything to learn and do and see. She feels more juvenile than e'er before— She finds that four short years may seem eternity. She hopes they'll hurry by For if they don't she fears that she will die.

M. B.

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Miss Briggs makes the following announcements: Physical Education Classes will begin Monday, Sept. 21.