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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Build these more stately mansions, O my soul,
 At the swift seasons' roll!
 Leave thy low-vaulted past!
 Let each new temple, nobler than the last,
 Shut thee from heaven with a dome more vast,
 Till thou at length art free,
 Leaving thine outgrown shell
 by life's unresisting sea!
 —Oliver Wendell Holmes.

PARAGRAPHS—

The recent issue of *Pine Whispers*, the High School paper, betrayed its editor's ambitions by using the name of the *Salemite* as a head for the fourth page. We congratulate its aspiring staff!

Joyful Jennie says the mantel piece and snow rides are synonymous!

The faculty is gleefully formulating its weapons of warfare—why do New Years always start that way?

We noticed in a recent issue of *The Tar Heel*, that the student body of the University is lacking in cultural appreciation as illustrated in their failure to attend a concert given by a grand opera singer in Chapel Hill. The lack of appreciation seems to be the cry throughout all the colleges of the south, and we wonder if the fault lies in the individual or the college itself.

There is no doubt that the South is in the midst of great industrial progress, and is forging ahead with tremendous speed into success and prosperity. But it seems that something has to suffer, to be subordinated, to give place to the newer economic interests—and the development of culture has been made the victim.

The quality that really lasts in this world is appreciation, if grounded well in a personality. But if the teaching of appreciation is overlooked, and material things are lost, what has one to fall back on, and to enjoy in later years?

College, with its many diverse interests is the most excellent opportunity to develop real culture, and this opportunity must not be neglected if we wish to get the most out of life.

An admonition to study seems almost unnecessary with dreary examinations severely two weeks off. Nevertheless, there are some people so short-sighted and negligent that they put off until the last minute anything that can possibly be done later. Grinning may increase just after an examination next day, but in the long run it is an absolute failure. It is only those things learned by steady application and diligent daily and weekly study that remain with one, and indicate whether the course has been of any permanent value. Begin today to review those hard subjects, and when examinations come you will be gratified and delighted to see how much you have learned and remembered.

Although 1927 is well on its way by days it is not too late to speak of New Year's since this is the first issue of the *Salemite* for the year. One outstanding fact concerning the New Year, and one which is often forgotten is that each of us will find in 1927 what we bring into it. It is within our power individually to make this year a happy and successful one and we may likewise make it a failure. Life, Thackeray once said, is like a looking glass, because it reflects the individual's actions and deeds; it reveals what he really is. Similar is the New Year in that its intentions reveal what we purpose to make of ourselves during the coming year. Let all of us, whether we have given 1927 a serious thought before, realize that if we take up our tasks with determination in a spirit of cheerfulness and service we can make this year really worth while for others and for ourselves.

The Tar Heel given an account of the address of Dean-Elect Abernethy Leon Green of the University Law School, now a professor of law at Yale, to the Executive Committee of the Association of American Law Schools at its meeting in Chicago, December 29-31.

The first quarter of the School of Religion proved to be quite successful. Twenty students were enrolled and showed their interest by the fact that there was no credit given. Then entered the courses and stayed on them because they desired the work for its personal value in the building of their philosophy of life. The deans of the University are quite hospitable to the idea of the School of Religion and it is probable that the faculty at an early date will go into the matter of credit recognition.

—The Tar Heel.

Realizing the need of a thorough understanding of the radio set before being able to get the best results, the Extension Division of N. C. State College has prepared and is now offering a short correspondence course in Practical Radio. In offering this course it was felt that a brief study of the fundamental principles of the radio receiving set would be welcomed by the radio enthusiasts of North Carolina. Mr. E. W. Ruggles, of the Engineering Department, will conduct the course.

—The Technician.

Furman McLarty, president of the senior class at Duke, and a prominent class of the campus, has been awarded the Rhodes scholarship for North Carolina. He will spend the next three years following his graduation from Duke in the spring in Oxford University.

Objections to certain practices in fraternity rushing were voiced at the eighteenth annual session of the Interfraternity Conference at New York. Dean Floyd Field, Georgia Institute of Technology, likened rushing of freshmen to medical or

surge captures of intended victims. He added that freshmen should be "loved, courted, solicited, and proposed to," rather than "rushed" into membership. A committee which had studied the rushing problem reported that pledging should not be deferred beyond the first ten days of the term. Objection was voiced by several delegates to the practice of pledging prospective college students while still in high school.

—The New Student.

Current Events Column

Coddage, in his speech to Congress, said that he blames the trouble in Nicaragua on "outside interference."

The North Carolina delegation in the House of Representatives agreed on a third district court bill.

More than seventy-five children were killed in a panic in a Montreal theatre when fire was discovered.

The Senate ordered an investigation of the rumor that Cyrus Woods of Connecticut held Senator-elect Brookhart of Iowa as a "lobbyist."

Agitation against foreigners is spreading over China and their situation is becoming dangerous.

The Associated Press opened a second state wire in order to increase its service to newspapers in North Carolina.

Representative John Q. Tilson of Connecticut sought a compromise between President Coolidge and Congress in the quarrel over the size of the navy.

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