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## Students Witness Faculty Meeting

On Wednesday evening, February 23, a very remarkable and unique faculty meeting was held in the Alice Clewell Living room, which the college and academy were invited to witness. All members of the faculty were present, from Mr. Higgins to Miss Hall, (from the greatest into the least), manifesting their usual dignity of bearing, and composure of countenance, which are familiar to every college student. Dr. Romdahl took the chair and called the meeting to order. There was very evident need of order by this time, for Dr. Floyd, being anxious to hasten matters, only succeeded in causing serious delay, by calling insistently on every member of the faculty to hurry. The purpose of the meeting was soon disclosed to be nothing less than discussion of Mr. Campbell, very fittingly, he being the one most able to give an opinion on any subject. He concluded his remarks with the reading of the minutes, which important document had to be amended by adding the date, as Dr. Floyd incidentally noticed this startling discrepancy.

Numerous other opinions were brought forward on the subject in hand, many of which cast a great deal of light on the problem. The discussion became somewhat heated at times, and only prevented from becoming entirely unparliamentary by the timely interposition of Dr. Floyd. Dr. Ansonbe appeared to be suffering from a terrific cold in the head, but he nobly ignored his physical discomfort, and took part in the proceedings in his usual alert and acrobatic manner. Mr. Higgins seemed much concerned over something or other, nobody quite understood what Miss Forman, Dr. Willoughby and Miss Leftwich expressed some very decided views on the subject, but were overruled by anyone save Dr. Willoughby. A most important point was being cleared up when interruption occurred. Miss Hall and Miss Smith arrived late as usual and had to be severely reprimanded by Dr. Floyd. The proceedings were then resumed. Miss Torbett had some difficulty in expressing her views, but she was warmly supported by Miss Stipe. Miss Stipe's was the only head which remained cool throughout the meeting, with the exception of Dr. Romdahl, who exhibited magnificent self-control.

The discussion was tending toward a dangerous climax, when someone in the audience suddenly discovered that "all was not well." Dr. Floyd was found concealed in the crowd, and the audacious intruder was unmercifully rebuked to be none other than Letitia Currie.

Sharp suspicions were now aroused on the side, investigated as they were penetrated, and the whole faculty finally was revealed as a crowd of gross deceivers. Of all that madly assembly, not one was genuine!

Those who thus confessed their shameful impersonation are as follows:

- Dr. Romdahl—Elizabeth Romdahl.
- Miss Stipe—Charlotte Selts.
- Mr. Campbell—Conna Walker.
- Miss Osborne—Virginia Blakely.
- Mr. Higgins—Rose Frasier.
- Miss Willis—Sarah Turlington.
- Miss Ansonbe—Elizabeth Wilson.
- Miss Forman—A. P. Shaffer.
- Miss Leftwich—Elizabeth Hobgood.
- Dr. Willoughby—Dorothy Siewers.
- Dr. Day—May Brewer.
- Miss Smith—Mary Jerome.
- Miss Hall—Ruth Pratt.
- Miss Noyd—Catherine Miller.
- Miss Torbett—Joy Howers.
- Miss Barrow—Marion Gallagher.
- Dr. Floyd—Letitia Currie.

## The Living Endowment Presented to Alumnae

During the past three weeks several Alumnae meetings have been held in various parts of the state. The Washington Alumnae Association met February 23, second, the Winston-Salem and Kernersville associations met February 23, celebrating Salem Day. The High Point meeting was attended by Bishop Romdahl, Mrs. J. K. Todd and Miss Julia M. Stipe, and the Greensboro association had as its guest Mrs. H. E. Romdahl. Mrs. M. E. Romdahl and Miss Alice Kenney enjoyed a trip to the eastern part of the state during the past week, and while there they attended several alumnae meetings. Tuesday, in Durham at the Women's Club, Wednesday afternoon in Wilson, Wednesday night in the Mount at a dinner, and Thursday at Wilmington at a luncheon, at Mrs. G. Graham, Superintendent of Public Schools of Wilmington, was present. The attendance at all of the meetings has been unusually large, and the program extremely interesting. Officers for the next year have been elected, and the work of the various associations promised to be even more efficient in the future than in the past. A special appeal was made of the college and brought before the members of the Associations at the meetings. This is the new plan, arranged by the Trustees of the college, and is called the "Living Endowment." The following data has

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## Miss Meisel, Contralto, Will Sing March 1st

*Lark Series of Concerts by Civic Music Commission; Miss Meisel, Soprano in Music Circles.*

Katherine Meisel, prima donna contralto of the Chicago Civic Opera Company, will give a recital at the Richard J. Reynolds Memorial Auditorium, Tuesday night, March 1st, at 8 o'clock. She will be the concluding number in the series of subscription concerts that have been given this year under the auspices of the Civic Music Commission. Tickets for the performance will be available at the Chamber of Commerce office.

The artist is often referred to as the "Ideal Festival Star," because she has filled engagements and has scored such a great success at all of her appearances.

Following the appearance of Miss Meisel at the Newark, N. J., Festival, when she divided honors with the famous soprano, the story of Washington's visit to Salem was charmingly told by Ruth Pfah, who sang the national anthem in that style. Miss Stipe read a few interesting selections about George Washington, from Miss Mary Meindling's scrap-book, after which the recessional, "America."

The singer made her first important appearance in the festival work at the famous Ann Arbor May Festival held in 1922. The critics so enthusiastically praised her "musical range" and "beautiful phrasing" that she was engaged to appear as soloist with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. She returned to Ann Arbor the next season as the "Artist's Music Course." She returned for the third time in 1923 and sang with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra in "Gipsyconda" taking the role of La Cica. Miss Meisel had a prominent part when she appeared with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra in 1924 in scenes from "Die Meistersinger." She also appeared with the Chicago Symphony. She has appeared a number of times with other companies. She sang at the "Fremont" Hotel, "Festivals" and was enthusiastically received by the large crowd that gathered.

## Children's Hour in Music Recital

The Music Hour program on Thursday afternoon consisted of a children's recital which proved very interesting and delightful. The program was as follows:

- Past in the Corner—Ernestine Whitehead
- Garden Dance—Frances Terry
- Serenade—Evelyn Hatt
- Play-time—Frances Bond
- The Nightgale—Theresa Fay
- Butterflies—Frieda Blumenthal
- Butterflies—Miriam Collins
- Morning Song—Henry Bond
- The Ghost Tale—Lucy Livville
- Delicious Melody—Hope Best
- Alma Reid—Legend
- The Acrobat—Meriel Bann
- Concerto—Purje Charles
- Story Teller—Margie White
- Swing Song—Martha Louise Bullock
- Right Song—Helen Charles
- Hippity-hop—Polly Jacobson

## CARTON WANTED

The Jake Editor wants a cartoon head for her column and the Business manager is offering an attractive price for the best one turned in.

No real talent is required to be a competitor—just draw off a ridiculous picture (of course with a point to it) and win the prize.

Send your contribution to Miss Dorothy Ragan within the next two weeks. Contest closes March 10.

## Washington's Birthday Celebrated in Chapel

On February 22, the birthday of George Washington was celebrated in the morning chapel service, in an appropriately patriotic manner. After the singing of "America, The Beautiful" as a professional, devotions were led by Miss Mary Meindling, "The Gem of the Ocean" was sung by the senior class, the entire school joining in the chorus. Following this number the story of Washington's visit to Salem was charmingly told by Ruth Pfah, who sang the national anthem in that style. Miss Stipe read a few interesting selections about George Washington, from Miss Mary Meindling's scrap-book, after which the recessional, "America."

## Registrar Announces Highest Averages

In Chapel Thursday morning, February 24, Miss Marian Blair announced those students who averaged A or above for the First Semester, 1926-1927. The names: Alvena Campaneris, Fritz Frey, Elizabeth Hastings, Margaret Helton, Frances Jarratt, Carrie Hillier, Jones, Genevieve Marks, Grace Martin, Ruth Hall, Ruth Ellett, Kathleen Riggs, Margaret Selwage, Anna Pauline Shaffer, Virginia Stoffer, Leonora Taylor, Elizabeth Young, Henrietta Underwood, Elizabeth Vaughn, Lucile Vest, Doris Walton.

## Dr. John R. Jester Speaks On "The Power to Become"

Must Have Belief in God, Liberal Equipment As Foundation, and Purposefulness

Dr. John R. Jester, pastor of the First Baptist Church of this city, was the speaker for the Expanded Chapel Hour on Wednesday, February 23. In developing his subject, "The Power to Become," he gave heartening words to the students, pointing out the way leading to a better and larger life. Dr. Jester said that he does not believe who the young Japanese graduating this year at Yale, that there is a lack of purpose among the majority of American students and that they may be divided into two classes: namely, those who are rich and think only of having a good time and those who desire to get rich. He does not think, however, that students need encouragement and guidance.

The speaker advised that we in college get in mind first of all the real purpose of college days. We must drop our misdo of casuistry and "confusion" as to the real purpose which should dominate our lives in the school. In the life of every one there is the opportunity to become; each has the choice to fill a place or to make a place in the world, to live or merely to have an existence. There are two views of life, and we may take; the first is microscopic or materialistic, view the second a telescopic or spiritual view, looking into eternity.

We must, Dr. Jester said, feel the imminence or nearness of God. It is pure atheism and pessimism to say that God has withdrawn from His world, as just now to us today as He was to the men of the Bible. God spoke at the past. He speaks today, and He will speak forever. He is manifest in all nature so that we only have eyes to see it.

One of the very important points is that we must have a liberal equipment for the best work in life. The right sort of preparation is necessary for ample preparation leads to achievement. Physical, mental, and spiritual development are equally essential. We must have a physical basis for life, for growth of the

## McDowell Club Picture Enjoyed by Audience

On Saturday Night, February 19, the McDowell Club presented the entertaining stars, Wallace Berry and Raymond Hutton, in the hilariously funny "We're in the Navy Now." This is the companion film to "Behind the Front," which is even more ridiculous.

The movie opens with a prize fight (although there seemed to be no prize) and a little fight in which the handsome pugilist, Wallace Berry is knocked out in the first round by his opponent, "Hammond Harrigan," after which his pockets are picked by his alert and business manager, Hutton.

After this incident the two are shovelled into the Navy. The rest of the picture is concerned with their adventures in a military camp. Perhaps the most interesting scene is the fight with the torch in the first round. Judging by the shrieks and howls of the audience this afforded them more enjoyment than it did the heroes of the picture.

Mr. Vardell's music added tremendously to the interest and enjoyment of the picture.

## PIERRETTES READY

The Pierrettes are putting the finishing touch on their play, and the stage will be set for the presentation of the Intimate Strangers. Great interest is promised all who attend.

## Science Club Has Interesting Meeting

The Science Club had a most interesting meeting on Friday, February 18. Miss Mary Duncan Mealy had as her subject, "Insulin." She talked in a very interesting manner the source of this medicine, its use, the way in which it may be used, and its effect. The presence of Insulin is a miracle of the modern days, and people suffering from diabetes may thank diamonds of the industry.

Miss Sara Dowling read an interesting paper on "Diamonds." She dealt of their source, methods of mining and their use. Of the different varieties of diamonds, white, blue and yellow are used in jewelry, while pink diamond is useful in industry. Miss Dowling also told of famous diamonds of the world.

## Dr. Whiten Guest of Mathematics Club

The Mathematics Club was extremely fortunate in having Dr. Whiting, founder of the chair of Astrology, at Wellesley College, as its speaker on Friday evening, February 13. Miss Pearl Martin, president of the club, introduced Dr. Whiting who spoke on Astrology, a subject which she has studied for many years. Dr. Whiting's observation was of especial interest.

Following Dr. Whiting's lecture, delicious refreshments were served, after which, the meeting was adjourned.