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Something to Think About

This is the true athlete, he who exercises himself against temptations to evil. Great is the contest, divine the task.
—Epicletus.

Time is the surest judge of truth. I am not vain enough to think I have left no fault in this which that touchstone will not discover.—Dryden.

If you think you are working very hard, the chances are you are not. The hardest workers don't look upon work as work.

PARAGRAPHS

We feel sorry for the freshman who is anxious to know when he will get off Prohibition. The pros peets are not encouraging.

Remember, the morning chapel services are not places for social conversation; neither are they extra study hours.

We hope that Dr. Rondthaler will be found and allowed to buy his MacDowell Club ticket in time for the first performance.

"No man should boast of his honesty, until he has had to choose between honesty and hunger." Sometimes the test consists of choosing between dishonesty and a flunk slip. Which is the most enduring?

Intelligence—and Honor!

At the first Student Government meeting of the year, Dr. Rondthaler, in his brief but very inspiring talk to the student body, deplored the fact that each year without exception brings its unhappy and regrettable occasions when major discipline is necessary. In many of these cases the causes have been dishonest on the part of some girl or girls; dishonest in the classroom, dishonest of the rules of self-government.

Very often, as Dr. Rondthaler stated, the girl who is charged with dishonesty, makes this plea: "I did not realize what I was doing." This plea, often as it is reiterated, does not ring true. No college student, no freshman, sophomore, junior or senior, can be so ignorant of the fundamental moral principles, that she is unable to distinguish the line between right and wrong.

We are intelligent college women. We come here from accredited high schools and preparatory schools whose authorities vouch for our mental fitness for college work. If then, we are mentally equal to our

scholastic demands, can we be unup to a thorough conception of ethical standards? We cannot. The child of kindergarten age knows the difference between right and wrong. That knowledge is bred in us, we cannot escape it.

There is no more tragic and no more despicable figure than a girl who does not possess a code of honor which compels her to face each situation with frank honesty. We all ourselves members of the intelligentsia, and intelligence presupposes understanding of morals. If therefore, we understand, we can measure up to the standards demanded of us.

Let us begin to "realize" now, and let us pledge ourselves to be "true-blue," that this year may be the happy exception, free from the tragic experiences which every other year has brought.

The Will To Learn

"American education," says Glenn Frank, President of the University of Wisconsin and former editor of the Century Magazine, in a recent newspaper article entitled "Informal Education," "is suffering from over-organization and over-formalization." Mr. Frank, who is certainly an authority upon questions affecting the processes of education, says further that this over-organization is due to the mistaken theory that "whether or not a student 'gets educated' depends upon the efficiency of the school rather than the eagerness of the student."

We do not thoroughly agree with this writer that the efficiency of a school is of no value in encouraging and aiding materially in educational pursuits. We are justly proud of our own splendid, up-to-date equipment and would not underrate its usefulness and desirability. We do agree, however, that the vital concern in education is in the student himself. Education cannot be forced into a mind which is unwilling to be instructed, and no amount of school organization and officers can take the place of a real desire to learn.

Are you making the most of the opportunities which have been opened to you? Do you really want to benefit by the splendid advantages of college life, or do you consider yourself the unwilling victim of parental judgment or ambition? If you came to college merely because you are forced to come, or merely because everybody else does so, the opportunities for self-culture, the opportunities for self-help but in which stimulate the eager mind will be wasted upon you. The spirit of the student is the vital factor in education, without it all of the equipment, advantages and efficient organization in the world cannot "teach vigorous thinking, or thrust coherent knowledge into a raw mind."

Don't Be a Coward—Work!

Many of us have a tendency, when we first catch a glimpse of the mass of work that lies before us, to become discouraged and disheartened. We feel that our ability, in comparison with the work to be done, measures far too short, and that we are not capable of facing the year's tasks as we should. This attitude is only a natural reaction after three months of recreation and pleasure. It is sometimes hard for us to collect our scattered thoughts, and to concentrate on one particular task, but an honest attempt reveals our character more than anything else we could possibly do. People who are lazy, and who are not sportsmen seek to go around a mountain rather than climb it. This applies to students at Salem who attempt to evade their work rather than meet it fairly and squarely.

It is too early in the year for us to become discouraged. Our work has scarcely begun, and if we feel doubtful about it now just how will we feel after we have really plunged into the year's work? Do not sit back and make up your mind to study and not to pass a course just because you do not understand it thoroughly at first. Study the subject diligently, and to the best of your ability, and the results will surely be profitable. Do not give

up too soon,—and remember, only a coward shrinks from what is expected of him.

OPEN FORUM

Salem has welcomed us and claimed us for her own. Her standards are our standards—to uphold or to leave—for we are members of her student body. We are also members of her Student Self-Government Association, the organization through which we regulate our conduct and strive to fulfil the obligations to our college.

Are we worthy members of this Association? Are we honorable members? Are we conscientiously proving ourselves to be such every day? To be honorable members is to be true to the highest in us and to be faithful to Salem's ideals and standards. It also means attaining excellence of character, which should be the goal of every girl here.

Speaking of honor reminds us of that famous character Brutus, who, though he "was an honorable man," strove down Caesar to whom he professed friendship! Are we of the Brutus-type? Are we pretending to be honorable members of the Student Self-Government Association, while we are doing the things that should not be done? Are we striking at the standards of Salem? "No," let us all say. "We will strive to be honorable and to uphold the highest principles of Student Self-Government."

—Mary Duncan McAnally.

When I Consider Math.

When I consider Math,
A thing I very often do,
I see aside rules Black-bottoming
While transiting dance the Highland Fling.

And Altitudes sit up and sing,
And Rufus Rastus Johnson Brown
Hauls forth the rent when it comes round;

And Alice's Irish Rose is there
With planes and rhomboids in her hair.
I see sixes and sevens and B's and E's
Twist into fours and fives with horrid ease.

I see square roots with finendish glee
Kick binomials into the sea;
I see parentheses with kitchen mop
Extracting cube roots from a mountain top.

And A and B who never meet
Shooting craps upon the street,
And Z and X who are never there
Skating on the surface of a perfect square,
And tangents dear and sneer and jeer
Collapsed at the base of a two-sided sphere.

I see right angles with six sides or seven
Take wings and soar to a geometric heaven,
Where sines and cosines clad in pink
Chant nursery rhymes and cease to think.

—Catherine Miller.

Announcements

The members of the Glee Club will be given a picnic by Miss DeSlo on Saturday evening, October 1, at five o'clock.

On Saturday evening, October 1, the MacDowell Club will give its first entertainment of the year in Memorial Hall. This will be a picture, starring Bebe Daniels in "Seneca." Admission for those without season tickets will be fifteen cents.

The Y. W. C. A. Vesper service on Sunday evening, October 2, will be in charge of the Juniors.

Jelany: Mother, teacher said that I had a talent as an inventor. Mother (pleased): What did she say you could invent?
Jelany: She said that I could invent more new ways of spelling words than anybody she ever knew.

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