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Something to Think About

*In men whom men condemn as all
I find so much of goodness still.
In men whom men pronounce divine
I find so much of sin and blot
I do not dare to draw a line
Between the two, where God
has not.*
FRANKLIN MILLER.

PARAGRAPHS

"Manners are the happy ways of doing things," said Emerson. Some people certainly do have a miserable time going through college.

Do the noises in which third floor indulges "after lights" still retain their egotistic character, or have they become more humane with respect to the sleepers on second and first floors?

Picnics are in vogue for all the clubs, this season. The only one not participating seems to be the MacDowell Club.

Lindbergh's extensive program while in Winston-Salem should certainly have provided for a personal introduction to every Salem girl. It is possible that he did not even realize what he was missing.

Our idea of an optimist is the freshman who calmly walks uptown without a checkbook on Monday afternoon in the hopes that she will not meet a member of the Student Council.

A SAVING SENSE OF HUMOR

Everybody enjoys being in the company of the man who is noted for his keen sense of humor. He sees humor in every situation and in every personality which enables him to laugh, even in life's darkest moments, laughter which may at times be tinged with bitterness, but which nevertheless is a relief.

It is not very difficult to laugh at other people's misfortunes, especially if they have elements of comedy. The most difficult thing for the man who prides himself on his sense of humor, is to laugh at himself. Therein lies the test of the true humorist. "To see ourself as others see us," and therefore to appreciate and share in their amusement at our own comic errors, without resentment and without bitterness, is a gift which adds interest and zest to the art of living.

A still greater gift is to be able to laugh at ourselves when the rest of the world is pitying our misfortunes

and offering consolation. The easiest thing to do is to allow ourselves to be engulfed in waves of self-pity, to submit tamely and indulge in the luxury of being miserable. That is indeed a luxury for it is unnecessary to the healthy, busy human being, who refuses to set aside for himself the most important place in the universe.

When those fits of "blues" and of unreasonable depression descend upon us, it is a great help to analyze the situation and to try to see the funny side. Laughter clears the air, and distracts the mind to other, more important things than ourselves. After all, we are not the center of the universe, and our misfortunes cannot mean a great deal to the rest of mankind. Then why spend the day moping, since we are alone are wretched. It is much more sensible to laugh at our own foolish sulks, and to turn our thoughts to some really profitable occupation.

HOW FRIENDLY ARE YOU?

Those who attended the Y. W. C. A. Vesper services last Sunday heard a very interesting talk by Miss Ruby Clodfelter. In her talk Miss Clodfelter brought out the fact that the relations between industrial girls and college girls are much more amiable than in previous years, even though both groups are distinct and entirely separate. She showed how, by becoming acquainted with an industrial girl, a college student would discover talents and good qualities that she never knew to have existed in this girl. This is also true of our life on the campus. We are all aware of the fact that there are several distinct groups on the campus, and each, to a certain degree, considers that it is a world unto itself. The girls in each group are perfectly contented with themselves. They never seem to realize that there are other girls in school who are just as good sports, just as brilliant, and just as "cute," if that be one of the requirements, as their own select group. If you would try to make an acquaintance with the girls you meet on the campus and in the dormitories, you would find many of them whom you have considered as unsovable, and uninteresting are quite friendly and sociable, and will meet you half way. Remember that if you are not capable of judging a person unless you know that person well. Do not judge girls too quickly, do not make hasty remarks—and remember, the remarks you are criticizing may be just as fine and just as good as you are if you would only take the trouble to find out.

Individualism Versus Co-operation

Originality is a virtue; excessive individualism is decidedly a fault. In his college community of which we are each members, self-interest, personal desires and inclinations have to be daily—we might say hourly—sacrificed in order that the welfare and happiness of the group may be advanced. We must develop the group consciousness and the ability to act in accordance with the standards, aims and rules of the group in order to fit successfully into the scheme of things, and to live harmoniously in our little college world. College has no place for the egoist, he who imagines himself the center of the universe for whom all things were made, and who expresses defiance against needless restrictions, and in independence of action. Conformity to rules which contribute to the common good is one of the first lessons to be mastered by one who desires to live peaceably with his fellowman. All freedom is effected through conformity to fundamental rights of others. The girl who ruthlessly disregards the wise and carefully planned restrictions governing her behavior in college, soon finds to her sorrow that she forfeits that measure of freedom which she formerly enjoyed, and brings distress upon herself and her associates. The thoughtless and rebellious acts of a very few members of a class place a stigma upon the whole class, in which the innocent are unavoidably made to suffer with

the guilty. Originality of mind, independence of spirit, individuality of personality are by no means to be suppressed. They are qualities of which the world has an ever increasing want, and are rather to be encouraged. They are not, moreover, incompatible with conformity to successful group life. Individualism on the other hand, which tends to upset the rules governing the majority is the deadly enemy of co-operation and harmonious adjustment to community life.

OPEN FORUM

"And who would serve the king
And loyally him obey,
In the consecrated silence know
That the challenge still holds to-day."

In recalling the words of the most inspiring of all songs, "Follow the Gleam," let us consider the "last verse." "That the challenge still holds today." Within that one line is our whole duty to our Y. W. C. A.; and the same challenge comes to each of us today, because we, as a student body, are members of the Young Women's Christian Association. Today's challenge which speaks in your heart and in mine, is "Am I supporting my Y. W. C. A.?"

One of the best ways to show our loyalty to the Y. W. C. A. is to attend the Vesper services on Sunday evenings. The programs are varied and interesting; and, in addition, they give us some thoughts and ideas, which are worthwhile, and which may contribute to our benefit to our daily life in its association and friendships. If we do not attend, we are missing a part of our college education.

The Y. W. C. A. Vesper services are not held for the "Y" Cabinet, nor even for a selected few; they are held for the members of the association. That means YOU!

Announcements

The first college swimming meet of the year will be held on Saturday afternoon, October 15, at 3:45. There will be competition between the classes, and each class is expected to have a team. Rose Frasier, head of swimming, has donated a silver loving cup which will be given to the winning team.

There will be a song contest after the swimming meet on upper back campus. Each class will compete for a prize to be given for the most original class song. After the contest, a picnic supper will be served.

The first hike of the season will take place on Saturday afternoon, October 15. All those interested are asked to assemble on the back porch of Main Hall by 4 o'clock.

On Monday morning, October 17, at 10:30, Edward Markham, the poet, is lecturing at the Reynolds Memorial Auditorium. College students who can, and would like to attend are asked to hand their names to Miss Blair. Transportation will be provided.

On Wednesday, October 19, at the Expanded Chapel hour, Professor Greer, a former pupil of Alonzo Smith at State University, will entertain the students with some of his collection of North Carolina folk songs and ballads. In the past few years Professor Greer has gathered 225 gems. Mrs. Greer is accompanying him on the "dulciana," an old musical instrument of the mountains. This will be a very realistic interpretation of music of the mountains people.

A Girl Can't Be Too Careful These Days!

Passach Yerperpsky, 111 years old, was buried today, and his widow, 109 years old, walked from the funeral to her room at the Hebrew home, declining all offers of "lifts" from friends who own automobiles. —Baltimore Paper.

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