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### Something to Think About

"How far that little candle throws its beam!  
So shines a good deed in a naughty world.  
Heaven doth with us as we with torches do;  
Not light them for ourselves; for if our virtues Did not go forth of us, 'twere all alike As if we had them not."  
From "Merchant of Venice"

### PARAGRAPHS

Be quite sure that your vision is perfect before you accuse other people of being short-sighted.—B. C. Bee.

Some of the seniors are looking rather haggard and worn, after their daily battles with some of the young hopefuls out at the High School.

Some individuals are being very careless about how they use their cuts. Remember, emergencies may arise after you have taken all of your cuts, and courses have been failed more than once because of over-cuts.

### Childishness

Certain recent observations have led us to believe that childishness is its most chronic form is distressing prevalent among students at Salem college. Childishness is not a crime nor even a serious misdemeanor; in fact it is very delightful and attractive in young children. In college students, however, childishness is exceedingly misplaced, distasteful, provocative of much unnecessary confusion and disturbance, and is indicative of either a weak mind, a feeble will or a false idea of attractive behavior.

Childishness displays itself in many and varied situations. A "pop" quiz is announced to a class of juniors and seniors, and immediately such a cry goes up that the instructor is well-nigh overwhelmed by the commotion. In observing a class of high school freshmen recently, we were amazed at their quiet, restrained conduct when the announcement of a quiz was received without a single groan. We could not help from mentally comparing this group of "mere children" with some of our groups of "college women" under the same circumstances. Loud talking in chapel and in the halls during classes, the careless discarding of paper cups and papers on the campus, inattentiveness and whispering in chapel, excessiveness noise in the dining room, disorderly behavior

in the class room—all these are forms of childishness which would hardly be condoned in children themselves. Their presence in college students is deplorable.

Let us retain the gaily, spontaneity, sympathy and extensive interests of childhood, but let these be enriched and supplemented by a dignity, self-control and sense of responsibility suitable to college women.

### WHOM DOES THIS COAT FIT?

One of the greatest evils which has to be fought down continually in our college organization, is that of destructive criticism. There is always, somewhere, an undercurrent of grumbling which meets every action on the part of those who are in authority, and which never rises to the surface, where it might be healthily dissipated; instead, it continues as an undercurrent, doing devastating work, and undermining the carefully constructed frame-work of the organization.

Why do not these habitual grumblers come out into the open and say what they have to say? If their grievances are righteous, certainly an opportunity should be given to improve matters as far as possible, and those who are being criticized are anxious to be fair.

Some of the individuals in question do not stop at criticism. In order to air their petty grudges, they descend to mean gossip and talk about the girls who, through a conscientious adherence to what they feel is their duty, have in some way offended. In this way rumors are spread about girls which have no foundation whatever, and somebody is hurt irrevocably.

There is a proverb which says: "Send a people to talk about big people." If you find pleasure in slandering another girl's character you brand yourself as "small," and she is "big" by contrast.

To be concrete, let us use the Student Council as an example. No matter what action the council takes, somebody is sure to criticize. If the criticism were brought out, and stated clearly and without hesitation, it would cease to be destructive and would become constructive.

Constructive criticism is what is needed, and what really helps to clear up difficulties. Perhaps you have new ideas, suggestions to offer which have not occurred to anyone else. If you have, bring them forward and let them be tested for their full value.

Let us try to be fair and to give the other side a chance to present its own case. Sometimes we will be dissatisfied. That is only natural; but instead of letting the dissatisfaction seethe inside, or come out in poisonous and insinuating remarks, the reasonable thing to do is to say what we have to say to those whom it concerns, thereby giving them a chance to satisfy us and at the same time to find a remedy for the weakness, if a weakness exists.

### Pastime For Genius

Have you a solution to the world's evils against which you rebel?

Are you a genius? If you cannot solve the world's ills, and if you are not a genius don't rebel. You'll get kicked out of college, all right, but no one will crown you, unless it's an offended president or student.

The Roundup, of the New Mexico A. and M. college, has brought the whole problem of college kicks down to this: "There is no advantage in rebelling against the present order unless you are absolutely convinced that you have a solution to the evils against which you rebel" and "The past seems to prove that only genius can rebel and come out on top. When the average person is expelled because of dissipation, lack of interest, in things scholastic, and general frugality, it is only best for the majority, and does not place a crown on the rebel."

The New Student advises all students considering getting kicked out of college to take intelligence tests. All failing to score at least 180 had better go back to the books and sweat rebellion out of their souls. They will have to give up hope of joining the company of Shelley,

Locke and Gibbon, et al, but that disappointment should be mitigated somewhat by the prospects of enshrining their works in *Who's Who*.

—New Student.

### AT LEISURE

#### DAWN

I glimpsed the Artist through His picture from afar,  
His picture through a mist  
Of rose and green and molten gold—  
A faint and pulsing glow  
In silence soon to break  
Into a glimmering light.  
'Twas but a glimpse.  
The artist drew a silken curtain then  
And hid His picture, wondrous beauty, from my sight.  
—A Freshman.

### DANIELS FLAYS COLLEGE CENSOR

(From *Winston-Salem Journal*.)  
Raleigh, Oct. 29.—(AP)—The North Carolina Collegiate Press Association convention closed today with an address by Jonathan Daniels of the Raleigh News and Observer concerning certain problems which face the college editor.

Mr. Daniels spoke in favor of freedom of opinion and protection of the rights of the minority by the college press. "Faculty censorship of college publications is absolutely indefensible," he said, "because it develops a slave psychology in the student editor and tends to make him accept dictation of the same ignorant elements in after life."

He characterized as equally bad tendency to put censoring power in hands of publications councils, prevalent in boys' colleges, where the council in force the editor to express opinion of the majority of the students instead of his own honest opinion.

Mr. Daniels told the college editors that they should be in absolute control of their publications and should be guided by their own taste and judgment. He said they had the right to reject any open forum contributions which seemed to them objectionable but urged them not to get themselves up as infallible and to be willing to admit their mistakes.

He urged them to regard news as of primary importance and not to run editorial pages out of proportion to the size of the paper or try to usurp the functions of the magazine.

### Announcements

"Le Cercle Francais," will hold its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday afternoon, November 9, at 8 o'clock, in the campus living room of Alice Clewell Building. A very interesting program has been prepared and all members are urged to be present.

The Reverend Robert E. Gribbin, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Winston-Salem, will speak at the regular Y. W. C. A. service on Sunday evening, November 6.

There will be a hike on Saturday afternoon, at 4 o'clock. All girls who enjoy hiking and who are in need of exercise, are urged to come out for this event.

The Dayton Westminster Choir, under the direction of Mr. John Ewing Williams, will give a concert on Tuesday evening, November 8, at 8:30 o'clock in the Reynolds Memorial Auditorium.

On Saturday evening, November 5, the MacDowell Club will present the delightful and entertaining comedy, "The Campus Flirt," starring Bebe Daniels and James Hall. This is a real college picture, with typical college scenes which are both humorous and exciting. The cast includes: Bebe Daniels, James Hall, Ed Brendel, Joan Standing, Gilbert Roland, Irma Korndia, Jocelyn Lee.

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OLIVE BORDEN "THE GAY RETREAT"

—IN— —WITH—

"THE JOY GIRL"

—WITH—

Neil Hamilton

The Comedians of "What Price Glory?"