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Something to Think About

You're building each moment,
In architect's role
A character dwelling—
A home for the soul.

So while you are building
Don't puffer and slack;
Just build a fine mansion
Not merely a shack.

PARAGRAPHS

We heartily agree with the writer of "Contributors or Dance-Partners" appearing in this issue. We are inclined to believe that the sarcastic "contributor" to the Duke Chronicle must have had a conflict with some feminine antagonist, with disastrous results to himself.

The freshmen are evidently enjoying probation. From their actions one would judge that they are anxious to continue this state of affairs as long as possible.

Heed Your Warning!

This past week has been a very strenuous one for most of us. It marked the time when dreaded, and somewhat fatal, reckonings were taken of us by the faculty in the forms of ugly, monstrous examinations. To some, who have been exceedingly faithful in the preparation of each day's assignment, the examinations have meant only a few hours of general reviewing. To the majority of us, however, who have yielded to the spirit of procrastination, and who have gleefully frolicked our time away, these mid-semester exams have been a source of much worry and anxiety. An old maxim says that he who dances must pay the piper. Much to our sorrow and worry, this we are having to pay for our good times and gaiety by long hours of intense and concentrated reviewing, and in many cases, by being the recipient of deficiency slips.

The deficiency slips which we receive are warnings, urging us to put more time and study on our work. They are to let us know just how firm is the scholastic foundation on which we stand. If the foundation is weak a deficiency slip should be sufficient signal for re-enforcing and strengthening. If the warning ignored the outcome next January will surely prove fatal and disastrous. If the signal is heeded, and our best efforts put forth, the results will certainly be profitable. Now is the time to begin. Attack

your work conscientiously, do your very best for each day's assignments, so that when the final reckoning comes in January you will be able to say with a clear conscience: "I have done my best work." Remember, a word of a "slip" to the wise is sufficient.

Thanksgiving

As Thanksgiving approaches we hear that a great many of the girls are planning to leave Salem to spend the day elsewhere. Some, and this includes many of the freshmen, are going home to spend the day in the usual way. Others are going on more pleasure trips, to attend games at other colleges or to visit friends. Thanksgiving Day is one of the biggest, most exciting days of the whole year at Salem. In the morning we attend a beautifully impressive service at the Home Moravian Church. In the afternoon, the final basketball games are played to determine the winning of the championship. In the evening we have the banquet which everybody enjoys, and at this time, they silver cup and other athletic trophies are presented.

At this time, the one occasion which calls for the greatest display of college and of class spirit, everybody in the entire school should be present. The team need every bit of support we can give them. Hearing cheering is certainly not a strong incentive to a team to put forth its greatest effort; a poor audience will damp the highest spirits. If we wish our team to win the cup, we must be there to help.

How do you suppose a Yale student is rated if he is absent from the Yale-Harvard game, in order to attend the Cornell-Princeton game? How can you rate yourself if you fail to be present at the one big game of the year at Salem, in order to see a football game at Chapel Hill? Some of you may laugh at a parallel between a big inter-collegiate game and a series of inter-class games, but there is a parallel nevertheless.

Are you so blessed with college spirit that you can afford to throw away some of it? Can you afford to let your team do without your support? The players need you and it is your duty and your privilege to show your Salem spirit by being present at the game and at the banquet.

CONTRIBUTORS OR DANCING PARTNERS?

Apropos of "The Chronicle"

In this enlightened age and in such a modern university as Duke we find that there is still a man so archaic as to have the old masculine conceit which makes him believe that men have more intelligence and better ideas than women. In last week's Chronicle, a columnist referring to the meeting of the N. C. C. P. A. at Raleigh, said that he was looking for the exchange of ideas, and in most cases was not disappointed. He concluded this comment by saying, "Of course there were the pretty maids all in a row" who contributed nothing, but made excellent dancing partners." The writer may not have meant that all the girls were of this type, but from what he says we infer that he did.

There were, of course, outside newspaper men who make talks to the convention; but aside from the jokes that the toastmasters told, we thought that the girls contributed as much as the men who were members of the association. It was in the discussion of the toastmaster's exchange of ideas took place, and we recall that in the newspaper discussion group the girls did most of the discussing. We may satisfy the writer of this comment to say that when the girls were quiet, they were probably listening to the men and learning from them.

We are sorry this columnist said about the men that this columnist said about the girls—some of them did not even make "excellent dancing partners."

Baboon: Where to, Euristiphides?
Gaboon: Goun Huntin', sweet.
Baboon: Why can't you canoe paddles?
Gaboon: I'm, being to shoot some rapids m' love.
—Middle Blue School.

OPEN FORUM

You have heard before that Thanksgiving is a big day at Salem; you will hear it again, because it is a big day. It ought to mean a lot to us, but does it? Do we give it the important place which is its due? Think how much better, how much bigger we could make the day if the whole student body were here to make it go.

Some of us, of course, have legitimate excuses for leaving the campus on Thanksgiving, but do you not think that most of those who leave go because they think they can have a better time elsewhere? When you go away for that reason you not only display rather poor class and college spirit, but you cheat yourself out of the good time you could have here. Think of it: Salem and a holiday! That is a novel experience to say the least. Those of you who go away early in the first time, think it over and see if you can afford to miss the fun and the chance to support your class team. Think it over, and after you have thought, say with us; it will "do you good and help you too!"
—Lettia Currie.

Announcements

A series of Faculty meetings has been held recently to consider the question of the taking of extra hours of work by students. A permanent committee has been formed to deal with the questions and the following points have been decided upon:

- (1) No Freshman may carry extra work. This is open to interpretation as it does not necessarily exclude non-credit hours.
- (2) Second and third year students may carry extra work if they have passed all their work during the preceding semester.
- (3) Fourth year students may carry extra work in either semester but they may not at the same time hold office in any college organization unless they have made an average of B.
- (4) Exceptional cases shall be considered by a standing committee to be composed of the Registrar, and two other persons who shall be appointed by the President of the College. The decrees of this committee shall be final.

On Sunday afternoon, November 13, the one hundred and fifty-sixth anniversary of the Home Moravian Church will be celebrated, with a Love-feast at 3 o'clock, followed by a communion service at 4 o'clock. All students are invited to both services.

On Monday morning, November 14, at 10:30 o'clock, Professor William Beebe, a famous naturalist and essayist, will speak at the R. J. Reynolds Memorial Auditorium, under the auspices of the Henry Dwire Lecture Foundation.

On Monday evening, November 14, at 6:30 o'clock, the junior-freshman wedding will take place in Memorial Hall.

The Academy Glee Club has begun practicing Christmas carols under the direction of Miss Elizabeth Chase.

The week of November 13 is World Fellowship Week. A devotional service will be held at Y. W. C. A. Vespers on Sunday evening, and a part of each morning chapel service will be devoted to special prayers. Evening Watch for all students will be held in the campus living-room of Alice Clewell Building on Monday and Wednesday evenings.

Prof. to Soph.: Use the word expretor in a sentence.

Soph. to Soph.: Willie leaves Carolina I hope he doesn't expectorate high at Yale.

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NOTES
MR. GRIBBIN SPEAKS AT VESPER SERVICE

The regular Y. W. C. A. Vesper service was held on Sunday evening, November 6, in the campus living room of Alice Clewell building. Mary Duncon McAnally conducted the devotional exercises.

The speaker of the evening was the Rev. Robert E. Gribbin, rector of Saint Paul's Episcopal church. He is remembered and loved by many of the upperclassmen both as a teacher and friend.

Mr. Gribbin enumerated the many opportunities of youth and urged the students to take advantage of them. He then spoke at length on procrastination as the most insidious enemy of youth. The habit of making excuses is the result of the lack of will power on the part of the student. A weak will which causes prostration and excuses ruins a young person both morally and spiritually. Mr. Gribbin repeated the fact that will power is no longer considered a separate faculty of the mind to be trained and cultivated. To be able to overcome a weak will and to do what is right rather than plan what is most pleasant is a true test of character. He then read a poem of John Drinkwater's called

"The Prayer," in which the writer prays that his will may be strengthened.

Mr. Gribbin closed his instructive talk by stressing the necessity and importance of keeping promises.

ACADEMY GAMES AND BANQUET GIVEN NOV. 7

The final soccer game of the Academy was played on Monday afternoon, November 7, with the eighth and tenth grades winning by a score of 1-0. The ninth and eleventh grades together were opposing the combined team of the eighth and tenth grades. This game as a whole was very exciting, and each side put up a good fight.

A sumptuous banquet was served in the Academy dining-room. The room was artistically decorated in autumn colors, while the tables were arranged in "U" shape. At the base of the "U" the teams were seated. Doris Kimmel was toastmistress for the occasion. Toasts were given to the winning and losing teams. There were announcements of the tennis and croquet champion ships, both of which were awarded to Virginia Harris, and of the percentage of girls out for sports besides the members of the soccer varsity. At the conclusion of the program, each class sang its song. The honor guests were Dr. and Mrs. Rondthaler, Mr. and Mrs. Long, Miss Atkinson, Mr. Harris, of Greenville, S. C., and Mrs. L. P. Wood, of Pennsylvania.