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Something to Think About

*A laugh is just like sunshine,
It freshens up the day;
It tips the peaks of life with
light
And drives the clouds away;
The soul grows glad that hears it
And feels its courage strong.
A laugh is just like sunshine
For cheering folks along.*

PARAGRAPHS

Some people are human roads; they claim they were good last night and promise results tomorrow night—but oh, the static, today!

—Selected.

The Student Council learned some new things about the Hand-book when the Freshman examination papers were handed in. Strange, how Freshmen discover facts which upper-classmen have looked for in vain!

The Infirmary has, in past times, inspired all sorts of outbursts, literary and otherwise. This week, its unusual atmosphere has given inspiration for a poem.

TAKING STOCK

The making of New Year's resolutions is apparently one of those quaint old customs which has gradually faded and joined the ranks of the obsolete. Even in the days when people made a practice of forming good resolutions on New Year's Day, it is doubtful whether many went through that ceremony with any degree of seriousness, since few of the resolutions survived the first week. Moralists tell us that it is better to make resolutions and break them, than never to make any at all. That is quite true, but the point to be gained is, that no one can make a long list of items, beginning with, "I hereby resolve," on any set day in the year, and hope to live up to every one of them. The time to make a resolution is the moment when we realize that some definite reformation is necessary, such as the forming of a good habit or the breaking of an evil one. That realization acts as a driving force to the resolve and without any such force the making of resolutions is an empty and ridiculous ceremony. The New Year, then, is not necessarily, though it may be, the time for making resolutions. It is, however, a time for serious thought, a time when it is advisable to take

stock, so to speak, of our personal assets and liabilities. The habit of self-analysis is a valuable one, and it may be cultivated. It consists of an earnest searching of one's motives, our aspirations. Are we selfish, self-centred, indolent, unkind or insincere; or are we merely thoughtless, given to procrastination, fond of gossip and anxious to make ourselves agreeable to other people? Many of the so-called vices are merely inclinations of weakness, and therefore are reasonably easy to correct. We must, however, understand them, realize that they exist, before we can make any sort of an effort toward improvement.

The ability clearly to analyze self should be a part of every intelligent person's mental equipment. This practice, if it is not pushed to non-business, can be a source of real character-building and will take the place of any number of resolutions made carelessly and without sufficient motive to carry them along. Take stock of your strong points and your weaknesses; be frank concerning both; and when you consider the New Year, with its latent possibilities of success or failure, let each hold its proper place in your mind in formulating your future conduct.

WILL THE NEW YEAR FIND YOU THUS?

It is easy enough to find fault with people and things. It takes neither genius nor originality to do that. To overlook faults and shortcomings, and to recognize only the good and admirable traits in others does, however, require patience and effort. No one of us is perfect—and if we would only dare to look, we should doubtless find in ourselves those faults which we severely condemn in others. Many of us are guilty of criticizing our neighbors and its various organizations when things do not go just as we think they should. We say things and make insinuating remarks which are entirely unnecessary, and which serve only to cause hard feelings and discontent. In fact, a few of us seem to have got in the habit of criticizing people and organizations for no special reason at all. Possibly it is just one of those unfortunate habits that comes to those who are not strong enough to stand alone, and to be individual that makes us every ready and eager to find fault.

Let us promise ourselves now not to criticize our friends, and to pledge our loyalty to our school and organizations for 1928!

A LAST HOPE

After notebooks and term papers examinations. This is the thought that is nagging at the minds of most of the students. The fact that some of them realize the importance of this time and are already preparing for it is evidenced by the notice of able slack in the social life of the campus and the sudden, in some cases, devotion to textbooks and notebooks. To most of the girls, the time from now to February first is a time of dread; but to some it may really be a time of hope, for it is an opportunity to work hard and do the work that has been neglected. The ideal plan, of course, is not to leave everything until just before examinations. If, however, in some subject, a student has lagged and has failed to make a satisfactory grade, she still has a week and a half in which she may, by applying herself, be able to learn the work and pass the course. Some of the new students may have got behind in the fall because college methods of study were new to them and they did not understand the importance of keeping up, but they should not be entirely discouraged, for there is still a chance to go over the work and make it up. One cannot do this, however, by merely "cramming," but must work hard and apply oneself steadily in the time that is left. Let no one be resigned to a failure, for who can tell what may be done by an earnest effort combined with determination?

Teacher (to new pupil)—What is your father's name, dear?
New Pupil—Dad.
"Yes, dear, but what does your mother call him?"
"She don't call him anything. She likes him."

Announcements

The regular monthly meeting of "Le Cercle Français" will be held on Wednesday afternoon, January 18, at 5 o'clock in the campus living-room. All members are urged to be present and to come promptly.

The Senior class will have charge of the Y. W. C. A. Vesper service on Sunday evening, January 15, and as a special feature on the program, Chas. Nordick, of Winston-Salem, will sing.

AT LEISURE

Editor's Note: The following poem was inspired by a certain well-known canine, who, ordinarily, resides at 219 Cleaveland Building.

Oh, Desmond Dismal!
Such abysmal
Grief and misery,
Mocks at sneezings
And at whinnings
Such as bother me.

Is your dejection
But reflection
Of dogfish grief within;
Or an external
Plea-bite infernal
That irritates your skin?

Whatever your trouble,
It's sure you double
Our normal rate of grin.
What if, oh, sir simus,
Does confine us,
So long as you, too, are in?
—Miss Eleanor B. Forman
Infirmary, Jan. 8, 1928.

MRS. LINDSAY PATTERSON GIVES LECTURES ON SERBIA

(Continued From Page One.)
has a terrible task of holding together the many parts of his country. The Serbs, however, are a literary, artistic, musical and country-loving people who have the spirit of becoming a prosperous nation. Her future is much brighter than that of Roumania, for poor Roumania has within it too many discordant factors and political machines. The work of America in Serbia has been of great importance, and it is due to America's aid that Serbia is back on her feet again. "Serbia appreciates what America has done," said Mrs. Patterson, telling of a conference of Bishops where each Bishop requested her to bring his blessings to America.

After discussing the history, politics, and social life of Serbia, Mrs. Patterson told of her meetings and visits with the royalty of the Balkans. She was entertained by Queen Marie of Roumania, both at the city and country palaces. She learned to know quite intimately Princess Marie, now queen of Yugoslavia, and she met the king of Yugoslavia, by whom she was decorated with the Cross of the Order of Mercy in recognition of her services to his country.

Mrs. Patterson closed her interesting talk with a description of the beauty of the scenery in the Balkan States and a tribute to the music of the Serbian glypsos.

Read the Exchanges

Perhaps everybody is not acquainted with the fact that newspapers and magazines are received as exchanges from colleges all over North Carolina and in many other states. These papers are placed regularly on a special rack in the Salemite office, and all who are interested in reading them are invited to come to the Salemite office and take advantage of the exchanges. These papers and magazines received regularly are listed, as follows:

- The Carolinian—N. C. C. W. W. Davenport Weekly Record—Davenport College.
- The Pulpit—Meredith College.
- Davidsonian—Davidson College.
- The Tar Heel—U. N. C.
- Old Gold and Black—Wake Forest.

EXPRESSIONS OF THE SPRING MODE IN—

SUITS, ENSEMBLES, COATS AND TAILORED FROCKS

Fascinating in their youthful style tendencies they will send a thrill to the heart of the miss who joys in wearing the new modes first.

The New Things First

THE IDEAL

TRADE AND WEST FOURTH

Where Quality Varies Newer

- The Guilfordian—Guilford College.
- Maroon and Gold—Elon College.
- The Chronicle—Duke University.
- The Communion—Moravian College.
- The Agnostic—Agnes Scott.
- The Sun Dial—Randolph-Macon.
- The Collegian—Greensboro College.
- The Lenoir-Rhynocan—Lenoir College.
- Queen's Blues—Queen's College.
- The Echo—Linden Hall Seminary.
- The Florida Flambeau—Florida State.
- King College News—King College.
- Highland Outlook—Ashville Normal School.
- The Rutunda—State's Teachers College.
- The Pinnacle—Lees McRae Institute.
- The Budget—Vail Dean School.
- The Acorn—Meredith.
- Techo Echo—E. C. T. C.
- B. C. Bee—Bridgewater College.

freshman days to the end of college." The faculty is blamed for having failed to eliminate superfluous activities, and the Daily presents the problem as one for the teachers to solve.

President C. D. Gray of Bates College has appointed a student committee of twelve to examine the curriculum and suggest modifications and changes. These students will serve on the work begun by a senior committee last year. Three other groups are working on the same problem, one composed of teachers, another of alumni, and a third, serving as advisory, of outsiders.

Students in the College for Women at Western Reserve University have selected representatives to serve as their agents in presenting to the faculty complaints against the curriculum. They are members of the student council, who will work in conjunction with a faculty committee, to whom they will make recommendations after passing on student complaints.

The undergraduate curriculum committee at Haverford college is drafting its annual report to the faculty. Its scope is wide, and its suggestions will deal not only with the curriculum proper, but also with the conduct of student affairs and such matters as improvement of library lighting conditions, and prompt dismissal of classes.

Undergraduate Criticisms

New York—(By New Student Service)—Football having passed off the boards, curricular reform is again engaging student attention in several colleges. The undergraduate reforms have taken fair notice of the criticisms overflowing current periodicals, and have adopted a vigorous style in attacking their campus problems.

The University of Washington Daily, after publishing a series of student criticisms of the university and its work, has summarized by blaming the faculty "for the lack of intellectual stimulus and study encouragement on the campus." The main draw-back it concedes as "the appalling over-emphasis on activities for activity's sake; that insistence on activities at Washington which results in the average college striving to be an activity hound from

The main points in an undergraduate report just presented to the faculty at the College of the City of New York propose revision of certain prescribed courses in order to permit greater freedom in the choice of electives, and the institution of honor courses. In developing these points the student investigations became critical of some of the existing courses for instance labelling a quantitative analysis course in chemistry a "cook-book course."

Doctor: "Do you ever talk in your sleep?"
Patient: "No, but I often talk in other people's sleep."
Doctor: "But how can that be?"
Patient: "I'm a college professor."
—The Agnostic.

COLONIAL

MONDAY AND TUESDAY
JOHN BARRYMORE
—And—
DOLORES COSTELLO
—In—
"When a Man Loves"
ALSO—"OUR GANG" COMEDY

WED & THURS. FRI. & SAT.
MADGE BUCK
BELLAMY JONES
—IN—
"VERY "BLOOD
CONFIDENTIAL" WILL TELL"