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### LITTLE THOUGHTS FOR TODAY

"Speak not in the hearing of a fool; for he will despise the wisdom of thy words."  
—Proverbs.

"Hypocrisy, the only evil that walks invisible, except to God alone."  
—Milton.

### Books

The week November 11 to 18 has been set aside as National Book Week. Primary and secondary schools throughout the country are observing it by giving special attention to the importance of books and by means of programs illustrative of the value of books and their place in one's life. The purpose of book week is to promote children's interest in reading good books and to attempt to show them the value of these books, and how benefits are to be derived from reading them.

Unfortunately everyone is not a book lover, and few of us even have a sufficient appreciation of the books to which we have access. It is a privilege indeed to have some one point out what books can, and should mean—their real merits. If one is willing and anxious to read, few books can be always ready to come forth vividly as one's mental picture gallery for life, at any stimulus however slight. Books can be one's best friends—they can never fail. A once cherished book will ever remain warm to its lover, for it has no bitterness. These faithful friends are generous and democratic, for they bestow riches alike upon both the poor and the rich; and they give treasures, golden memories, to the small and the great equally. What these friends have given us may not be taken away easily—the reading and enjoyment of them has trained us to discipline our minds. Indeed, "he who has a book has a friend."

### Class Spirit

Perhaps in literary fields this subject has been overworked, but in actual practice we are still to use it to the extent that it will suffer from over exertion. Why is it such a difficult thing to put into practice the feeling which every normal individ-

ual must have toward her class? There is always a few on whom the burden and responsibility of class activities fall. These few are forced to work under all kinds of difficulties because they cannot obtain the cooperation of the others.

The approach to basket ball season is an excellent time for everyone to show the proper class spirit. Even if you cannot play, make an effort to be present at the games and encourage those who are playing. Since the games this year are not to interfere with the Thanksgiving holiday there is more reason than ever for everyone to take an interest in them. While you will not be watching a Duke or Carolina football game you will be seeing some excellent team work and sportsmanship that will amply reward you for your interest. Salem basket ball games are a tradition of which the college is justly proud.

### WHAT ABOUT CLEMSON?

There are three hundred fifty one students in the freshman class of the University of South Carolina, and not one of them, if they follow the wishes of their fond parents, will become farmers when they leave that great institution to enter upon their careers. A survey recently completed by the faculty records that the ambition of thirty two fathers and mothers to have sons and daughters engage in the practice of law; twenty four parents prefer the medical profession for their offspring; sixty six incline toward teaching and eight toward journalism for their children. "Nay a father nor a mother cares to have his or her son or daughter carry the legendary past of South Carolina into a fruitful future on the farm, lanents the Columbia State. The disclosure is a shock and a surprise to the esteemed editor, who admits to the belief that many of the parents would have come out hollily for the lure of the land.

If a census of the University of South Carolina twenty or thirty years or more ago had shown such a result to the one cited by the State there would have been good reason for the astrophysicist of our advanced education, when South Carolina especially, boasts such a splendid institution as Clemson we cannot get alarmed because none of the students at the state university expect to take up farming.

### Atlanta Journal

**ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP**  
The question of the scholastic prowess of college athletes is not the lively issue it once was, for several young Olympians have embarrassed studious school mates by surpassing them in grades, and all colleges have adopted so strict standards that a sluggish student has no chance to compete on the gridiron or diamond. But the matter is still fresh enough to be interesting in the light of a survey made at the University of Wisconsin, having as its purpose the fixing of athletic scholarship. Authorities discovered that the school's athletes not only made grades as high as their non-athletic brothers, but that they had higher average efficient on the athletic field, the stiduation than while resting from their sports.

This is an aspect of the matter not hitherto considered. It is well known that athletes must train both brain and muscle to a fine coordination before they can compete in basketball or a baseball game, but no one had suspected, apparently, that this keenness would be reflected almost inevitably in the classroom. It was this was proved to be the case at Wisconsin, an institution fairly typical of America. While learning to be efficient on the athletic field, the student is learning also how to be efficient on the athletic field, the student is learning also how to be efficient in study. To academic tasks, it was found, he has the same alertness and resourcefulness demanded in contests of sport. In-

stead of falling behind in their studies while absorbed in football, the students at that institution forged ahead. The athlete, moreover, is slightly handicapped, for his grades are watched closely, and his hours of study are strictly limited by his training regimen. This survey does not suggest, of course, that all students should plunge at once into athletics as an aid to scholarship, but it indicates a hitherto unacknowledged relationship, and supplies a further vindication of sane athletic systems.

### EXCHANGES

That Charles Dickens is still the most popular novelist seems proved the result of the popularity competition recently completed by Collins, the London publisher, Dickens leads the field with 122,956 votes.

Competitors were asked to select twelve to twenty of the greatest classic writers and place them in order of popularity. Dickens came first with Scott the runner-up, and among women writers George Eliot held first place.

Voting lists were sent in from all over the world and London book sellers distributed 400,000 of them. The complete result was: 1, Dickens 2, Scott; 3, Stevenson; 4, Dumas; 5, Thackeray; 6, Eliot; 7, Hugo; 8, Kingsley; 9, Austin; 10, C. Brontë; 11, Mrs. Wood; 12, C. Reade.

### SAL TO EM

Hey! and other dignified expressions of salutations, Em. old Leah—what's on your mind beside you? Guess you heard about the Cold Dust Twins—if you heard "The Call of the Wild"—no, what I meant was "The Desert Song," so won't have to bother about telling that to you over again. Well, "Lux" against me now, for you know, no doubt, what has been going on around here better than I do. If you find anything old—forget it—if you find anything new—well, you probably won't, so why bother about that anyway?

Salem was a sad and lonesome place this past week-end. "Down come the faculty like a wolf on the fold, Their grade-books were covered with 'D's and F's bold, etc.' (With my usual apologies to Byron). To most of the fold it was unbearable, and some sixty of the little lambs hid themselves home for a week-end of sympathy (?). For the forlornly. Such is life—and mid-semester.

Somebody—don't ask who, I haven't the slightest idea—has added a new rule to the list as we have here. It has to do with getting the young ladies and Freshmen of Salem College out for a ride under the stars most any of 'sight. All you have to do it seems, is call for a Student Government member and ask her—she'll do the rest. The whole success of the plan lies in the important fact that you get a "St. G." to do the work for you. You still insist on knowing the originator—Oh, I don't know—ask a certain Freshman.

Did you ever see "Cradle Snatchers"? Well, we have two right here in our midst. Evidently they have implicit faith in the training of the young. What? Who said anything about Lib?

Practice teaching now seems to be the latest rage, and if you don't have your own private chauffeur to tow you to the theatre and hence you just don't rate. In spite of the fact that it isn't quite the thing, Edna Lindsey came to the conclusion other day that one should wear "overalls" when experimenting certain fields of "animatology."

Well, Em, there will be no highly colored ark to greet your eyes the next time you come back to Salem. Dear old "Crummy" has gone to the happy grunting grounds—green pants and all—and in her place sits "Cary Moore"—no kin to Kitty—all shiny and new—(No, I'm still speaking of the car.) Miss Smith stands over the Chev with a clik to see that it is not touched by anything but the winds of heaven, and carefully brushes off each fleck of dust as it alights. (This addition to the fac-

ulty may be another reason why Dr. Rondthaler was so anxious to get the flags.)

From the looks of the four girls keeping Practice House, I believe I'd just as soon go to Siberia. Rosy doesn't seem quite so anxious about keeping house now, and we hope Mary Miller and Lib Cross don't have to sample their own cooking—or any of us for that matter.

Lots of people have told me that there isn't any such word as "ain't," and I've let them get by with it until now—I can't write anymore, and I'd be forced to make corrections on that statement at this minute even if it were made by Herbert Hoover. This is goodbye till later, SAL.

### BOOK REVIEW

Bishop Rondthaler's *Memoir of Fifty Years* has recently been published and it is quite justly the pride of Salem. Not only because it has an especial attraction for us from the standpoint of an authorship an subject, but also because it is interestingly written and beautifully illustrated, is this volume worthwhile. It represents the work of fifty years and is of inestimable historical value. Such chronicles are likely to become mere records, but this is quite readable. It is colored with the vigorous personality of its author and its accuracy is unquestionable.

The variety and beauty of the illustration add to its value. Studying them, one finds beauty that has been overlooked before and develops a new appreciation of Salem. It has been the policy of this department this year to review only "best sellers." We feel that this is our "best seller" that has enjoyed popularity on Salem's campus.

### Troubles in Plenty For Court Officials

The master mind in control of state and social functions at the court of St. James occasionally must solve some extraordinary problems, according to Percy Arnytage, who reveals himself as that functionary in his book, "By the Clock of St. James."

In making arrangements for the coronation of King Edward, Arnytage found he must discover close to Buckingham palace a house large enough to accommodate the attending maharajah of Jaipur with his suite of 200 and that there must be accommodations in the same house for a cow. The house must also have a well since he was informed that neither the maharajah nor his servants would touch water that had flowed through pipes. Such a house finally was found

and then he turned his attention to obtaining the cow. The must have short horns and be pure white. When the maharajah came and found all this provided he took it as a matter of course and calmly gave instructions that the cow must not be killed at any time after his departure, but must die a natural death. This she was permitted to do after being maintained in luxury and idleness for many years.

### World Needs Wisdom That Comes With Age

Thank God for the old folks! They apply the balance so necessary in not only this but every day and age.

Youth may rail at the older generation for being "old fogies" and "behind the times." But snowy crowns bring a seasoning of reasoning and the sharp judgment of youth lacks. Old age can bark back and profit from years of experience, while youth, though fired with enthusiasm and ambition, has yet to undergo the ordeal of fire. This "pep" in youth is, of course, a component part of life, but we also need that sagacity and maturity of opinion which comes only with advanced years.

One generation, in effect, acts as a check on the other, yet it cannot be denied that youth has in the past, done now and always must depend on its elders to impart wisdom and good advice. Especially today, when youth is inclined to be reckless, should the admonition and guidance of the old folks count for the value that it really is.

Life is as the cycle of seasons which needs its autumn as much as its spring. Spring is a beautiful expression of budding life. But autumn is none the white less beautiful—and necessary. Though youth, like spring, gives us love and roses, it remains for autumn to produce the harvest. In other words, it is age which gives the needed willowness to the green sprouts of rash youth.

Again we say: God bless the old folks! *Pathfinder Magazine.*

### Earth's Elevations

The highest point in the world is in Asia, Mount Everest, being 29,141 feet; the highest point in South America is Mount Aconcagua, 23,880 feet; in North America it is Mount McKinley, 20,320 feet in Africa, Kilimanjaro (Acho peak); Europe, Mont El Bruz, 18,465; while the highest point in Australia, Mount Kosciuszko, has an elevation of only 7,323 feet.

### Carp Vere Veterans

It is claimed that there are carp ponds in Europe of hundred years old. Authorities claim that a carp twenty years of age should weigh around 40 to 50 pounds.

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