

PERSONALS

Miss Leonora Higgan spent the week-end of February 23 at her home in Southern Pines.

The friends of Miss Dorothy Taylor will be glad to learn that she has recovered from a slight illness during the past week.

Miss Winifred Fisher had as her guest during the past week-end her mother, Mrs. R. W. Fisher of Wilmington.

Misses Sarah Graves and Mary Virginia Pendergraph are week-end visitors at their homes in Mt. Airy.

Miss Florence Mitchell is spending the week-end at her home in Stateville.

Miss Frances Fletcher has recently been ill at her home on West Fourth street.

Miss Elizabeth Wilson, an alumna of Salem class of 1928 spent the past week-end at the cottage as the guest of Miss Florence Bidwell, secretary to Dr. Rondthaler.

Miss Mary Brewer spent last week-end at Charlotte and Davidson. Miss Brewer presented a humorous skit at Davidson College on Saturday evening.

Miss Wilhelmina Wohlford and Miss Louise Brinkley were guests of Miss Wohlford's parents in Charlotte last week-end.

Misses Neal Wilkins and Claudia Bradford were visitors in Gastonia and Charlotte on February 23 and 24.

Miss Adelaide Winston was a visitor in Martinsville, Va., last week.

Miss Martha Pierce spent the week-end of February 23 as the guest of her parents in Weldon, N. C.

BOOK REVIEW

MAMBA'S DAUGHTERS
By DuBose Heyward

In a day of novels dealing mostly in constrictive unity, a novel of scope such as the latest one of DuBose Heyward, "Mamba's Daughters," is really made up of two separate stories. One of Mamba, an all negro woman, and her daughter, Hagar, and granddaughter, Lissa; the other story deals with the Wentworths, "Quality" folks of old Charleston. The story of Mamba shows the shifting status of negroes during the past twenty years. Mamba, withered and practically toothless, decides that the only way to save the rash and impetuous Hagar is to make herself a "white folks' nigger" and thus secure the influence and sympathy of her masters. Through much work and shrewdness, Mamba realizes her ambitions and is able to see Lissa rise into a world of fame. The parallel story of the Wentworths tells of an aristocratic southern family and their struggles to retain their name in spite of financial difficulties. DuBose Heyward is a writer of great insight. This fact is shown in his first book, "Foggy" which deals with the social difficulties. DuBose Heyward's best pages are those describing the negroes of Charleston, their actions, thoughts and manners. "Mamba's Daughters" is well worth reading, not only for its interesting narrative, but also for the new light it casts on the relationship between the negroes and the whites during the past few decades of change.

"WHAT EVERY WOMAN KNOWS"
By J. M. Barrie.

James Barrie offers us a delightful English comedy in "What Every Woman Knows." He steps out of his world of strange fancies for awhile and paints a picture, charmingly realistic. The story is concerned with the results of a contract forced upon a poor, ambitious young

student by three Scotchmen. The Scotchmen agree to finance the young man's education on the condition that he marry their sister, Maggie, a woman approaching her thirtieth year and not at all good looking. The contract is agreed to and fulfilled. Of course many amusing situations arise as the consequence of a marriage placed on a purely business-like basis. John finally realizes that it is his very plain little wife, Maggie, who has enabled him to go so far on the road to success. She also shows him that a keen sense of humor is invaluable in this world.

MOTHER INDIA

In *Mother India* Katharine Mayo gives a black sketch of the conditions existing in India today "As truth will paint it sad as bards will not." The author describes the Hindu and Mohammedan customs as an unbiased American citizen, and not as a prejudiced critic. To people living in a civilized and progressive country the facts set forth in this book seem almost incredible, but, in reality, they fall far short of the truth. The evils of child-marriage and the caste system are vividly portrayed. Superstition and ignorance abound everywhere. The religion centers around Brahman worship, which involves sacrifice to the blood-thirsty Laki. Because of ancient traditions, the people suffer an unnecessary agony, both physically and mentally. Unfortunately, the Indians scorn the British government, which has been the only active agency for promoting education and living conditions. Why is light denied?

THE INVOCATION OF THE FRESHMAN SALESMITE STAFF

Though I speak as a representative of the Salemite Freshman staff, and am a member of the Freshman Class, I become as shaking as the dead leaves on a tree when I think of the task set before me. And though I may not have the gift of writing and do not understand all arts and mysteries of newspaper writing, unless I razz you Sophomores, I shall be nothing. The Sophomores seeketh revenge upon the Freshmen for a long, long time, and were not kind. The Sophomores think right much of themselves and are quite puffed up. They rejoiceeth not in the Freshman court; but they did enjoy themselves in the Sophomore court. They punished all freshies, criticized all freshies, and ridiculed all freshies. The Sophomores shall forever be razed by the Freshmen. Whether they be sisters, cousins, or brother's sweethearts. For even though we do love them dearly, and we do love to do their works so much, when they become sophs then that love which we have for them shall be done away with.

When the Sophs were high school girls, they spoke as high school girls and acted as high school girls; but when they became the matronly sophs of Salem College, they put away high school girl characteristics.

For now we see the Sophs as they really are; cold, hard-hearted women. And now at Salem College nibbleth Seniors, Juniors, Sophomores, and the Freshmen, but the nubbiest of these are the Sophomores.

She: I'm glad I don't like olives.
He: Why?
She: Because if I liked olives I'd have to eat olives, and I hate olives.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Rondthaler will speak before the student body of Davidson College March 3, on the invitation of the Young Men's Christian Association.

On March 4, Inauguration Day, all the flags will be flying on the Salem campus, if the weather permits.

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