

IS AMERICA TO HAVE A PEASANT CLASS?

Dr. William E. Dodd's analysis of the plight of the farmer in this country given in an address before the Social Science Conference in Raleigh recently, was an excellent exposition of the subject. He was aptly fitted for this task for several reasons, one being that he was born in Johnston County, North Carolina, and is a dirt farmer from past experience.

Dr. Dodd leaned upon the desk and spoke in a style that was at once commanding as well as interesting. He spoke as a man who was thoroughly master of his subject. His style was not one of an incessant flow of oratory, which is usually only a sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal, but a thorough-going and critical outline of the situation.

We heard this talk characterized as being "very depressing." We admit that the facts in the case of the American farmer are rather gloomy. As Dr. Dodd indicated, the first time the American farmer's burden became intolerable he left his land and went west. This was after the fall of Napoleon in Europe. The next time the farmer moved was about 1870, when things crashed following the Civil War. But in 1896 the whole country had just settled, and having lost his chance to control the country in its own interest, he moved to the city, where he finds our urban population consisting of a great part of foreigners. Then in 1920 the inevitable crash following the World War inflation came and the farmer had no protection, and with nowhere to move his plight was truly bad.

As Dr. Dodd sees it the final settlement of the matter will be that the farmer will eventually become the American peasant class. As this gentleman has pointed out, some people become highly inflated when you suggest that there will ever be in this country such a thing as a peasant class. Every other class of workers regulates its own industry except the farmer.

The American farmer is, as can be easily seen, destined to become the American peasant class. Let us hope that the Social Science Conferences of the country can figure out some solution for the farmer, but it is a rather hopeless task, for in the scheme of prosperity the farmer is left out.

Riding

After that chapel program last week of course we have all fully made up our minds to take up the sport of horse-back riding. We know now that riding habits are not essential (horses center just as well for riders clothed in knickers as for riders in formal attire). We all can't be class A riders or even Class B riders, but there is one thing certain, no one can help us from being Class C riders. Riding isn't just for a club of twenty girls or so; it is a sport for all of the college girls to enjoy. Everyone wishes to be able to do it and do what is best done this season. Well, riding is the thing that is being done this season as well as every other season. It is not only one of the most popular sports of the country, but it is also the most fashionable. There will probably never be an opportunity as good and as cheap for girls to learn to ride as this one now. All through the spring there will be rides every night immediately after dinner, and on certain afternoons also. If you never have ridden, if you can't ride, come out and try it, learn how. You will love it.

MR. GEORGE IRVING SPEAKS AT EXPANDED CHAPEL

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usually so busy that he has no time to boast of his procedures.

The heroes of the world, the men who have braved storms, who have traversed rocky roads, and who have finally emerged triumphant are men who have had a dear friend to go by their sides, without whom, they would have been lost.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. W. D. Moss, better known as "Parson Moss," of Chapel Hill, will speak at the Expanded Chapel hour on March 20. Through his approach, and practical suggestions for solving student problems, he has endeared himself to not only his, but many other student bodies throughout North Carolina, as well as other states.

Mr. Robert Speer, General Secretary of the Foreign Missionary Work, and the most popular speaker throughout America on Vocational Guidance will lecture in Winston-Salem on Tuesday, March 26. The first address will be given in the Richard J. Reynolds Auditorium in the morning, and another at Salem College at a time later to be announced. Mr. Speer comes under the auspices of the Fine Arts Foundation, established by Mr. Henry Dwier.

Easter vacation begins at eleven o'clock on Wednesday, March 27, and concludes at noon on Wednesday, April 3.

Miss Lula Stipe will attend the conference held by the North Carolina State Association of Deans of Women, in Raleigh on March 21, 22. Miss Stipe will lead the discussion on "Spiritual Needs of the College Student, and how they are met."

In spite of the teams being exceedingly well-matched, the Academy Seniors succeeded in getting the large end of the score in the contest with the Juniors last Monday, March 11. As a climax to the Basketball season, a banquet was given Monday evening in honor of the winning team, and those participating in the preliminaries, which were played off last week.

In connection with the visit of Miss Gould of the Student Volunteer Movement the local Student Volunteer group and the Y. W. C. A. Cabinet are planning to hold interest group meetings to which it is hoped many girls will come. One such meeting will be held at eight o'clock Monday morning. The time of subsequent meetings will be announced later. The girls interested in Student Volunteer activities are looking forward to Miss Gould's coming and are hoping that there will be others who will join them. Miss Gould will be available for personal consultations, whenever she is not at a meeting, during her stay at Salem.

Next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 18th, 19th, and 20th, the Y. W. C. A. of Salem College will sponsor a picture, John Gilbert, in "Desert Nights," to be shown at the Carolina. The picture has the name of being a splendid production, and in addition to it, Jack Richards and Billy Snow who were formerly members of Al Field's Minstrels, will appear in person. Admission will be thirty-five cents and tickets may be procured from any girl on the Y. cabinet. Do not forget the dates, March 18th, 19th, 20th, John Gilbert in "Desert Nights." You must not miss it!

Logical "Arithmetic"

The children were playing school and naturally the oldest sister was teacher. She was putting the "class" through the intricacies of arithmetic.

"Put down the 6 and carry the 4; put down the 8 and carry the 1," she taught. Finally she turned to little sister, who had been listening quietly and attentively.

"Now, Edith," she said, "you're only a little girl, so I'll give you an easy one. Add 1 and 2."

"Well," answered Edith slowly, "I think I'll carry the 1 and let the 2 walk, 'cause the 2's bigger than the 1."

Nothing New Under the Sun

Johnny came back from his first sight of an elephant much excited.

"Oh, mama," he exclaimed, "Katie spilled some peanuts on the ground and what do you think happened?"

The elephant picked them up with his vacuum cleaner!

Library News

As previously announced, Salem College Library has recently received a gift of the Oxford Dictionary—known also as the New English dictionary and Murray's dictionary. This work, 10 volumes in all, the first published in 1888 and the last in 1928, form a valuable addition to our reference collection.

The following books have been catalogued and are now ready for circulation:

Gissing, G. R.—*Thyrza*.
Gissing, G. R.—*New Grub Street*.
Branom, M. E.—*The Teaching of Geography*.

Eraser, G. W.—*An Introduction to Education*.
North Carolina Dept. of Public Instruction Biennial Report, 1923-1926.

North Carolina Dept. of Public Instruction, Publications of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, vol. 14, nos. 85-114.

Crampton, C. W.—*The Folk Dance*.
Crampton, C. W.—*The Second Dance Book*.

Ryan, G. L.—*Music for Dances of Our Pioneers*.

Pohl, E.—*Dance Technique and Rhythms*.

Adams, F. P.—*Half a Loaf*.
Gosse, E. W.—*Heudrik Ibsen*.

Orr, Alexandra (Leighton)—*Life and Letters of Robert Browning*.

Higby, C. P.—*History of Neerocks (1892-1815)*.

The Last Days of the Romanovs from 1918 March, vvvo.

Murray, Sir J. A. H.—*A New English Dictionary on Historical Principles*.

Cassery, P. S.—*A Complete System of Latin Prose*.
Galsworthy, J.—*Plays*.

Harrington, K. P.—*The Roman Elegiac Poets*.

These Eventful Years; the Twentieth Century in the Making.
The Old Yellow Book; Source of Browning's The Ring and the Book.
Swinburne, A. C.—*Collected Poetical Works*, two volumes.

Seals, M. T.—*Shelley; His Theology of Poetry*.

Tragedy of Bethelda

Once upon a time there was a girl named Bethelda, (but she survived) and as the years rolled by—like rubber balls—she covered a vast not to let that down her, "Magnolia would have been even worse yet now," thought Bethelda, who had to be an optimist merely as a matter of self-defense.

Came a day when the sun shone warm upon the palm trees, and the crocodiles lay lazily half asleep. Manhattan Islanders stretched out on the sandy beach, basked in the sun, listened to the sound of the surf, of the speed boats, of high powered cars on the drive, of each other's laughter and talk. Into their unsuspecting midst strolled Bethelda clad in an orange "sunburn bathing suit" and carrying a brown and orange garment—presumably beach trousers. Her head was sun-touched brown, and her eyes were like Cumberland gold. She was out to conquer empires and to wreck the hearts of men . . . when suddenly—

Dear Editor: This was going to be a scintillating story but just when it was about to become interesting the weary contributor, overcome by sheer exhaustion and nervous strain, swooned away. Alas! we have not yet been able to revive her. This would undoubtedly have been her masterpiece. When she recovers we are praying that her memory will be revived and that when she is strong enough she can resume the story.

But pardon, it is my turn to administer the smelling salts. Oh dear, we are so distressed!

Hastily, yours truly,

—ANONYMOUS.

It had shade oh a tree
Where none could see
I kissed you, my love, I kissed you;
For don't you see I
I didn't know you had hat flu.

No, Agnes, a parachute isn't a fall suit, no indeed . . .

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