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LITTLE THOUGHTS FOR TODAY

"Laugh and the world laughs with you,
Weep, and you weep alone;
For this brave old earth must borrow its mirth,
But has trouble enough of its own."
—The Way of the World.

"What ever there be of sorrow
I'll put off 'till tomorrow,
And when tomorrow comes,
Why then
'Twill be Today and Joy
again."
—Ibid.

STARTLING DISCOVERIES

A recent article in a local newspaper contains unusual information about the co-eds at Copenhagen University in Denmark. Of the 1,000 women undergraduates there, more than one-third are specializing in philosophy; 163 are preparing to study medicine; 59 are studying law; 22 political science; and 6 are specializing in theology. Mathematics appeals to 87 of the co-eds, English to 97, and some branch of science is the major subject of more than 250 of the women students.

Different indeed would be the statistics compiled from the women students in North Carolina colleges. Of 1,000 students, probably 1,000 would be preparing to teach, 225 would have no idea of what they are going to do after graduation, and the remaining 75 would be preparing for careers in various fields. This preponderance among Southern women students of teaching as a choice of a career does not necessarily indicate that they are a less intelligent or ambitious group than the Danish co-eds. It is due rather to a lack of foresight or investigation of the kinds of work open to women. With a vague idea that someday she might have to earn her own living, the co-ed often chooses the course which will enable her to earn money if she has to. It makes no difference whether or not she is particularly fitted for the position, teaching is a respectable and not too difficult profession and as such can be tried for a time. There is hope, however, since courses in vocational guidance are being offered in many colleges, that before long the American co-ed will cease overcrowding the teaching field and will vie with her Danish sisters in diversity of professional courses.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Miss Lula Stipe, Miss Elizabeth Zachary, and Miss Eleanor Chase are attending the North Carolina Student Conference at Raleigh, March 21 and 22.

SAL TO EM

Em dear,
Spring is here! And how! When the Seniors plant the ivy, when the ambitious little Freshmen plant their feet on the soccer field (as they really do according to some authorities), when the budding little babies are planted on back campus, when the nurses plant the babies in their care in the middle of Salem Square while they converse about "them funny white gals that goes to school 'cross 't' street", then, my dear, 'tis spring! Warm, sparkling, blue and gold spring! Another reason why I know Lillian Newell has left oft tan and socks! Now aren't you convinced?

Well, the girls are wading through soccer at a fast rate. We really advise a knowledge of how to keep one's head above water before taking up said sport next year. We find there's a lot of wear and tear on the pedal extremities, but Miss Atkinson always dismisses our wails with "You brought your feet down here, now take care of them." Well, life's like that!

Somewhat the funniest animals have been breaking into our dreams of term papers and notebooks due. After some thought concerning the matter we have decided they must be Easter rabbits! We go floating around on large pink an' green, an' blue, an' yellow eggs, an' when they pop we find ourselves at home. What the approach of a vacation can do for you. It won't be long now!

Must go to war—I mean work. Will see you Wednesday if I'm still sane. —SAL.

CENSORSHIP IN CANADA

Toronto, Ontario (By New Student Service)—Another college editor has been dismissed for writing candid editorials and another campus has been split apart over the question of censorship. The epidemic of editorial dismissals has visited Canada and deprived Mr. L. J. Ryan, a senior at the University of Toronto, of his job.

As usual, differing interpretations of the duties of the college editor lie at the bottom of the trouble. Because he capped a series of outspoken editorials with a frank discussion of what one student newspaper called the "obnoxious practice of petting," Mr. Ryan was deposed by a student government, which, it seems, was driven to the action by the governing body of the University. Thereupon Mr. Ryan, who appears to be a very militant young man, raised the issue of a genuine student government in conjunction with that of a free newspaper. His case was championed by the *Toronto Evening Telegram*, which gave over a section to the deposed editor and his staff.

The student senate elected a new editor and a new staff. The students signified their distaste for this "strikebreaking" sheet by making a bonfire of it on the campus. And after a period of deadlock, Caput, a body composed of several deans and the University president, stepped into the controversy and promised to make a thorough investigation of the entire question of student government.

Judging from the amount of space devoted to this controversy in the Canadian student papers, and by the impassioned editorials in behalf of a brother editor, censorship in one college has become an event that every college journalist views with alarm. The editorials of the *McGill Daily* were specially outspoken. The *Daily* had its own correspondent on

the scene. "It is absurd," the *Daily* commented editorially, "to suppose that undergraduate opinion will always be of a balanced and staid maturity. It is also absurd to attempt to regulate everything that is expressed by undergraduates. The paper is supposed to represent student opinion, and we consider that every undergraduate in Toronto has a right to protest, whether they actually agree with the editorial or not, against the invasion of autocratic authority."

SENIOR CLASS HAS IVY AND TREE PLANTING

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member of the class dropped a penny at the root of the tree before shoveling dirt around it. The singing of the "Alma Mater" concluded the impressive program.

GOD AND THE STUDENT

The college student's religious creed, according to a student writer in "The Stanford Daily," Stanford University:

Probably 50 per cent of American students believe in God, but not the orthodox God. The atom, infinity, some physico-chemical force not yet known—these and other vague definitions constitute their conception of the Deity.

The average student neither prays nor believes in the efficacy of prayer, except as a sedative. Under stress of some great crisis he may pray silently, as a reversion to childhood training.

He does not believe in the soul or in life hereafter. Analyzing his deep sleep, he has concluded that death is the same sort of oblivion, plus the ceasing to function of certain nerves and muscles not controlled by the will. The thought of ceasing to be entirely is discouraging; therefore he covers it with some such philosophy as: you're here only a while—make the most of it. Or, perhaps he believes that only through procreation is man immortal. He has never read the Bible. Not all of it, anyhow.

He considers organized religion unnecessary in this age. For the persecutions of Galileo, of Copernicus, of Scopes, and hundreds of others who disseminated truth, he finds it difficult to forgive organized theology.

The average student has evolved, or is in the process of evolving, a personal religion which is actually a philosophy of life, a system of ethics. The Golden Rule or some expression thereof is generally the keynote of that philosophy. His other tenets may vary greatly. To orthodox people most of these would seem sinful and blasphemous.

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