

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

STATE LITERARY AND HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION MEETS

MEETING HELD IN MEREDITH AUDITORIUM

INTERESTING SPEAKERS CONTRIBUTE TO SUCCESS OF MEETING

The meeting of the State Literary and Historical Association which was held in Raleigh December the ninth, tenth, and eleventh was a success from every angle. The association was organized with the following purposes:

"The collection, preservation, production and dissemination of State literature and history;

"The encouragement of public and school libraries;

"The establishment of an historical museum;

"The inculcation of a literary spirit among our people;

"The correction of printed misrepresentations concerning North Carolina; and

"The engendering of an intelligent, healthy State pride in the rising generation."

It is especially interesting to observe what has been accomplished for the State by this association; the many successful movements inaugurated by it.

1. Rural school libraries
2. "North Carolina Day" in the schools

3. The North Carolina Historical Commission

4. Vance statue in Statuary Hall
5. Fire-proof State Library Building and Hall of Records

6. Civil War battlefields marked to show North Carolina's record

7. North Carolina's Civil War record defended and war claims vindicated

8. Patterson Memorial Cup
9. The Valley Forge Memorial.

That so many definite and constructive things have been done, the association is to be applauded, and North Carolina is to be congratulated on having such an organization of public spirited people and lovers of art at work within its borders.

The meeting of last week opened Wednesday night with the presentation of three plays by the Carolina Playmakers. These were:

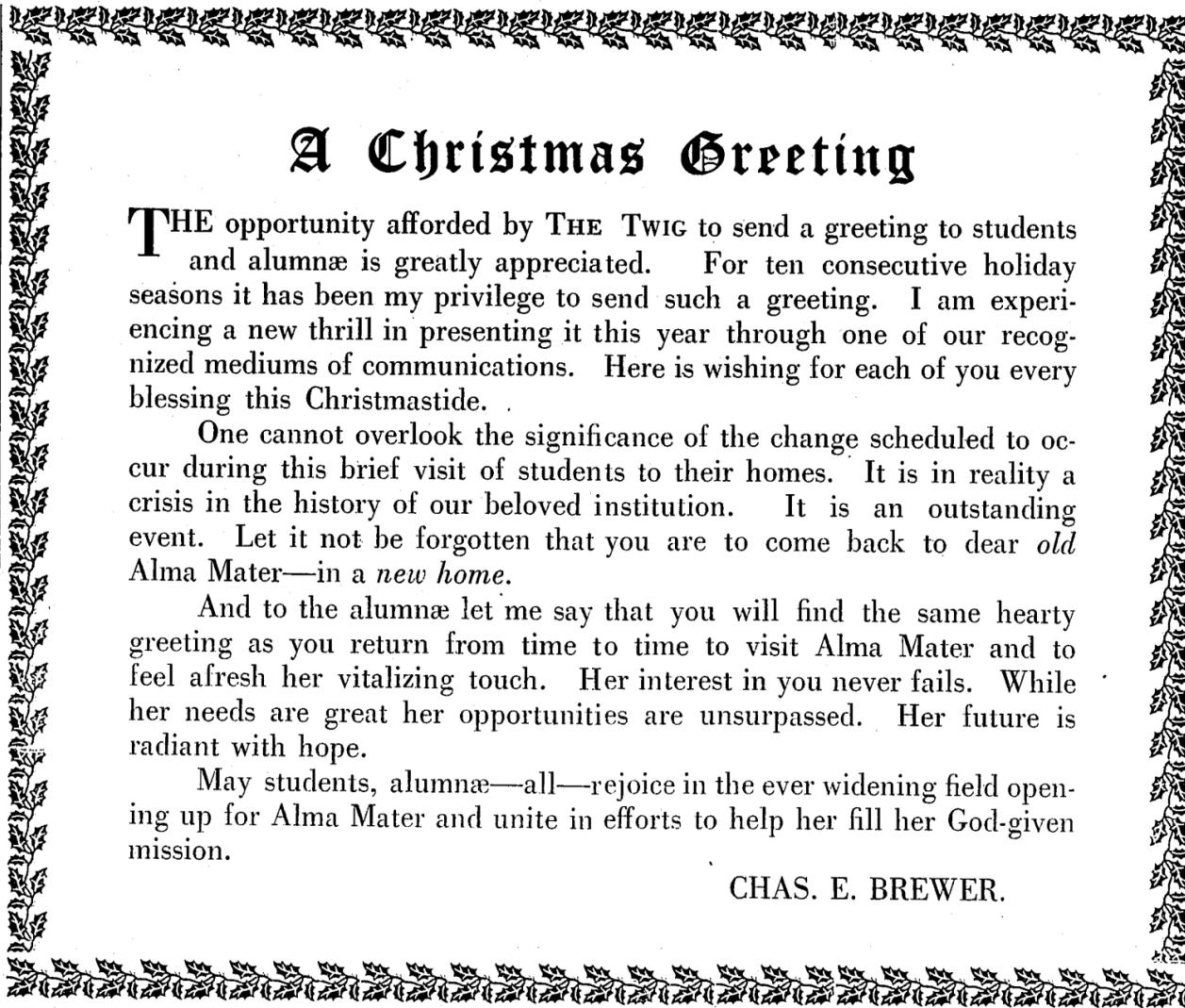
Out of the Past: A romance of '61, by Francis Gray.

Yon Side o' Sunk Creck: A tragedy by mountain folk, by Martha Boswick.

Querc Medicine: A country comedy by Paul Green.

The meeting held Thursday evening in the Meredith auditorium was featured by an address by President Fred H. Koch, and another by Hatcher Hughes, of Columbia University.

The speaker for Friday evening was Mr. Homer St. Gaudens of the Carnegie Institute of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. The subject of his lecture was "Art for Everybody," and he tried to bring out the fact that every one has some of the artistic in him and we should strive to express this in one form or another. He said that it is not "art for art's sake," but art that should give us pleasure and en-



A Christmas Greeting

THE opportunity afforded by THE TWIG to send a greeting to students and alumnae is greatly appreciated. For ten consecutive holiday seasons it has been my privilege to send such a greeting. I am experiencing a new thrill in presenting it this year through one of our recognized mediums of communications. Here is wishing for each of you every blessing this Christmastide.

One cannot overlook the significance of the change scheduled to occur during this brief visit of students to their homes. It is in reality a crisis in the history of our beloved institution. It is an outstanding event. Let it not be forgotten that you are to come back to dear *old* Alma Mater—in a *new home*.

And to the alumnae let me say that you will find the same hearty greeting as you return from time to time to visit Alma Mater and to feel afresh her vitalizing touch. Her interest in you never fails. While her needs are great her opportunities are unsurpassed. Her future is radiant with hope.

May students, alumnae—all—rejoice in the ever widening field opening up for Alma Mater and unite in efforts to help her fill her God-given mission.

CHAS. E. BREWER.

B. Y. P. U. MASS MEETING

A MEMBER OF W. F. UNION SPEAKS TO M. C. B. Y. P. U.

The usual order of the B. Y. P. U. meetings was slightly altered on last Wednesday evening when a mass meeting, consisting of the several unions, was held in the chapel. The feeling of "something going to happen in the B. Y. P. U. Wednesday night," which had permeated the atmosphere for several days previously, resulted in the drawing of unusually large numbers, and the unions vied with one another in welcoming the largest number of its members. A goodly number of faces greeted our general president as she arose to announce the opening hymn.

The program proved one of exceeding interest, each one taking part apparently having put forth special effort in the preparation. The finishing touches were administered very deftly by a piano solo by Nell Cheek and a vocal solo by Lorene Moody. The climax of the service came when Mr. Adrian Newton, general president of the Wake Forest B. Y. P. U. s, arose and amid a hearty applause advanced to the front of the auditorium. With his knowledge and love of B. Y. P. U. work, and his ability as a speaker to entertain and interest an audience, an enjoyable and profitable fifteen minutes were spent. Mr. Newton told of the great B. Y. P. U. work which is being carried on at Wake Forest. He gave us suggestions of various kinds which we are eager to try, and a great deal of encouragement by emphasizing the fact that all such or-

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MEREDITH GIRLS TO GIVE CHRISTMAS CHEER

STOCKINGS FILLED FOR SAMARCAND

Last Wednesday morning in chapel we were delighted with Dr. Delia Dixon Carroll as spokesman (or woman) for the occasion. Many of the old girls, of course, knew what it was all about, but the Freshmen all sat up straight with ears strained to understand the explanation of an institution they had heretofore been entirely unaware of.

She told how much the girls there had always enjoyed the stockings prepared by the Meredith girls, and thanked us all for our hearty cooperation in the past. We are hoping that the stockings will be prettier than ever this Christmas; at any rate if the excellence of the stockings rises in proportion to our Christmas spirit—my! but what a glorious Christmas they will have.

THE LAST WEEK

'Twas the week before holidays
And all through the college
The heads were peering in their books,
To be filled with knowledge.
The stockings hung damp
On the window shade,
On beds were lace and ribbons
Presents yet to be made;
On the walls were paper dollies,
To make Christmas come soon,
On the door there hung a sign:
"Miss White we want a broom."

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Y. W. A. CONDUCTS VESPER SERVICE

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM RENDERED CHRISTMAS STORIES AND SPECIAL MUSIC FEATURED

The Vesper Service which was conducted last Sunday evening was in charge of the Y. W. A., and was one of the most enjoyable, entertaining, and inspiring of the year. It was a Christmas program, among the first which has yet been presented at Meredith, and did much to prepare our minds for the Christmas season.

The services were begun with the singing of a Christmas carol, "O Little Town of Bethlehem," after which the president of our organization led us in a beautiful devotional, reading the account of the birth of the Christ-child and leading us in a prayer of thanksgiving for the happy season which is now approaching. The entire audience then joined in singing another carol, "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing." Miss Mary Loomis Smith delighted all by reading, in a most pleasant manner, the account of the birth of Christ as given in *Ben Hur*. Following this reading, a quartet, consisting of Clarissa Poteat, Marguerite Harrison, Evelyn Rhea Wood, and Mary Frances Biggers sang "The First Noel." Nothing so much thrills us or conveys the Christmas idea, as the sound of the old, familiar, yet ever new Christmas carol and those four girls indeed detracted nothing from the song by their singing. The last number on the program was a story, "Why the Chimes Rang."

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JUNIORS ENTERTAIN FRESHMEN OF '29

KEITH PARTY ENJOYED BY ALL FAVORS AND REFRESHMENTS AFTERWARDS

What on earth would the Freshmen at Meredith do without the Juniors, their big sisters! For many woes enter into the life of Freshmen at Meredith, indeed such a large measure of woes that the joys seem pinched, crowded out and blurred in misery. First of all the woes comes homesickness, which creeps upon each Freshman the very first night she is here—and some cases are the "seven year homesickness." And then comes the long, dry collateral readings which are entirely new to most Freshmen, and following those, are monthly tests and term papers. It would seem that that would be enough to kill any poor Freshman, but all those horrors are small when the Sophs come on the program. And right here is, where it is necessary for every Freshman to own a big sister or at least have a partial claim to one. For they are the only ones who can drive away all the scares of the Sophomores, the blues of homesickness, and the exhaustion of college work. They are forever putting joy into life, and Saturday night they made the Freshmen unusually happy.

At 6:45 the girls began gathering "under the flag pole" and at 7:00 when the signal was given for "all aboard," about 250 girls had assembled. The occasion was the entertainment of the Freshman class by the Junior class in a theatre party. When the girls were lined up the line covered almost three blocks. For one time Meredith held up the traffic. The streets were crowded with Christmas shoppers, but everything had to stop and watch the Meredith girls go by. One passerby was heard to remark, "I didn't know the angels in heaven ever had a recess," and of course he meant the Juniors, because they are angels to the little sisters.

Keith's was all ready for the party, and soon after the girls were seated the music began. The performance, especially the violinist, delighted every one. The little monkeys brought down a house of laughter by their stunts, as did the old fellow from the country, looking for some fun in the city.

After the show the girls came back to school in a hurry to see what surprise awaited them in the dining room. The room was decorated in red and green streamers to bring out the Christmas spirit. The chairs were placed in a group and Odessa Arnett, told everybody to talk as much as she liked. Julia Cook, Elizabeth Larkin, and Ruth Best donned in their red caps and aprons served ice cream. As soon as the serving was finished, the door opened and Santa came in, with a pack of toys on "her" back. The Freshies were delighted to find that Santa had a toy for each one. Horns and squeeking cats and jumping-jacks were distributed to every Freshman. Such a variety of music was never heard.

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