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> Raleigh, N. C., February 19, 1929.

My Dear Miss Grimmer:

Your request for an "article or letter, serious or humorous," in regard to the profession of medicine has been haunting me since its arrival. Writing anything (no discredit to the English professors of my day) has always been a momentous task. Too, the interesting letters that have appeared from time to time in the columns of THE TWIG written by alumnae who are busy housewives, missionaries with innumerable duties, not to mention the harassed teachers, have been inspiring but very discouraging to one who writes only under compulsion.

At least one does not feel compelled to defend the choice of the medical profession any longer. The time has almost passed when women who make that choice are regarded as "disappointed in love" or "freaks of nature" -observe that I say almost. In fact, it seems to me as I grow older, and, I hope, more tolerant, that women have not been so much opposed as they have thought they were, that militancy has had its disadvantages as well as its advantages. It may be truly said of many of the women of the early day of medicine with apologies to Longfellow, "they, while their companions fought, were struggling upward through the night." There is nothing spectacular about medicine. It means in addition to four years in college (two at the least), four more years in medical college, then an internship, and then the years of growing a practice. There is little in that of interest to those outside the profession. If I had the gift of description which Dr. Delia Dixon-Carroll possesses (and by the way, with whom I am proud to be associated in the practice of medicine), I could tell interesting tales of intern days in the same hospital which was the source of many fascinating lectures of physiology days of Meredith, and of ambulance calls day and night to all classes and conditions of people. From a variety of patients, I mention a Hindoo with Madura foot, a professional sword swallower who died from an infection of the neck; sailors brought from their ships with typhoid or pneumonia, and

negroes with smallpox in the same



Thursday: Dear Diary, you've been neglected, but it's because there has as a week-end guest. been entirely too much excitement on the campus. Sophomores whispering, and then exclaiming, "They were every the college with her sister, Mattie. one adorable! I completely lost my Mary heart to the tall, curly-headed blonde. He called me up the next day, too!' Diary, why don't I get telephone calls from tall blondes, or even short, dumny hrunettes?

Friday: My roommate has gone out. Even roommates will vamp your best beau. And I have invited her home be the same way then, because she

choice. Saturday: Diary, I've had the best Everyone rejoices at the favorable time! I saw all of those good-looking reports concerning her condition and Wake' Forest and State boys down- hopes she will soon be back with town, and then they all came out here us. Her address is: A-4 Johns Hoptonight. The debate was very good, kins Hospital, Baltimore, Md. but they were all at the reception. Old ones, young ones, fair, dark, short, fortunate in having her mother with and tall. But Diary, that tall, dark her on the campus this year. They one whom all of the girls admired! have rooms in Dormitory "C." It was only for a second that I talked to him, but oh! Diary, I've lost my heart!

events of the week, and you know that honest confession is good for the soul, and so I confess it all. I have spent much of my time wondering whom I am going to invite to the Junior-Senior Banquet. You know, Diary, that is going to be the 23d of this month. Do you suppose that Jake, or Harry, or Jim would come? The time is fast approaching and I must send my invitation tonight.

Monday: I looked out into the court today, and around that beautiful fountain which the Woman's Missionary Union is having erected, they are planting lots of the prettiest bushes.

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She is one of our school's greatest assets. That is the just way to designate her. Such a person is very hard to describe because there are so many things that one would want to say about her

Throughout all her three years at Meredith-not such very brilliant ones, perhaps, but faithful ones-she has stood out as one above the crowd. Her course has not been without honors, either. These have been rather plentiful and she has assumed them all with a quiet responsibility quite characteristic of her. Capability is one of her main traits.. One just knows in some way that she will do exactly what one asks her to do and do it willinglygladly.

She goes her way about the campus contagious ward with leprosy and an- very unassumingly for one so importthrax. Then came a year's experience ant. The sunshine of the day may be seen reflected in her bright and cheery in New York State Hospital for mental and nervous diseases, and then smile. A cloudy day does not make her grouchy. It only makes her want back to Raleigh. Perhaps you would be interested to to drive away the gloom with the "sun know that so far as can be determined, of her smile." She always has a cheery three graduates of Meredith have also "hello" and a "how are you" for every had the degree of Doctor of Medicine: one she meets and thereby makes that Dr. Blanche Barrus whose tragic death person feel that after all there is someis still a source of regret to all who one who cares how she is. This unknew her: Dr. Elizabeth Vann who is usual young lady has another comassistant physician of St. Elizabeth's mendable characteristic asset that. Hospital in Washington, D. C.; and should be mirrored in all of us. She the writer. To others who are think- is always ready to help. Never do you ing of the medical profession, I fall hear her say, "I can't; get someone back on a quotation often used in a else." This attitude is to her almost different context, "Come on in; the unknown. Instead she smiles and answers, "I'll do it" or "I'll try." No (medical) water is fine." . matter how hard the task, she never Very truly yours, complains. BESSIE E. LANE, '11.

THE TWIG T. E. L. CLASS GIVES

Personals

TEA TO MEREDITH GIRLS (Continued from page one)

Miss Iantha White was glad to welcome her mother, from Bunn, N. C., Miss Hazel Wilder, '28, who is teaching at Durham, spent the week-end at Miss Jane Greene spent the weekend at her home near Raleigh.

Misses Gladys Blalock and Lillian Odom represented Meredith at the Student Volunteer Conference held in Raleigh the past week-end.

Students and faculty miss the presence of Dr. Julia Harris and regret with me Easter. I suppose that it will very much that her ill health has forced her to give up her classes temnow gets invited to the things that I porarily. She has been ill since Januonce went to. Anyway, I was first ary and at the advice of physicians has gone to Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Miss Charlotte Armstrong has been Miss Mary Loomis Smith, who had

to leave in the fall on account of ill health, passed through Raleigh on Sunday: I wrote home about the Monday morning. She was accompanied by her mother and was on her way to see her physician in New York. We hope for Miss Smith a speedy and complete recovery.

Miss Anne Eliza Brewer has recently taken up work in the English department. Miss Brewer was a member of our faculty two years ago and we are glad to have her back again.

Miss Annie Cooper has been ill for several days. We are happy to report that she is improving at present.

TWELVE THINGS TO REMEMBER

- 1. The value of time. 2. The success of perseverance 3. The pleasure of working.
- 4. The dignity of simplicity. 5. The worth of character.
- 6. The power of kindness.
- 7. The influence of example.

- 11. The improvement of talent.
- 12. The joy of originating. -MARSHALL FIELD.

Teacher (giving lesson on ores) Now, boys, can any of you tell me how iron was discovered? Boy: Yes, sir. I heard father say they smelt it.

Our Bobby was in the store with his nother when he was given candy by one of the clerks. "What must you say, Bobby?' "Charge it," he replied.

son and Mrs. Z. V. Caviness, Mrs. Bruce Carter, Mrs. J. J. Hill, Mrs. Mitchell, and Mrs. Crabtree served sandwiches, beaten biscuits, and tea. In the Main Hall Mrs. H. W Winston, Mrs. H. C. Griffin and Mrs. G. Ward stood, and directed guests to the living room where green mint ice

was served by Mrs. J. S. Mitchiner, Mrs. B. R. McMillan, Mrs. J. M. Bennett, Mrs. Irving Dozier, Mrs. M. E. Gardner, Mrs. J. C. Moore, Mrs. Pickett and Mrs. J. H. Slaughter.

The whole lower floor of the residence was thrown en suite for the reception of guests, and was decorated throughout with lovely floral appointments. Yellow jonguils beautified the drawing room, which was softly illuminated by silver candelabra holding yellow lighted tapers. Roman hyacinths of pastel shades in a green crystal bowl were on the tea table in the dining room. At the four corners

> of the table yellow tapers burned in green crystal holders. Green, the adopted color of the T. E. L. class, was most effectively used in the living

room. Even the green ice served there carried out the color scheme. Delicate green tapers burned on the punch table and elsewhere. Spring flowers also added to the loveliness of this room.

> During the evening about one hundred and fifty guests called.

MONSIEUR PIERRE DE LANUX GIVES INTERESTING LECTURE

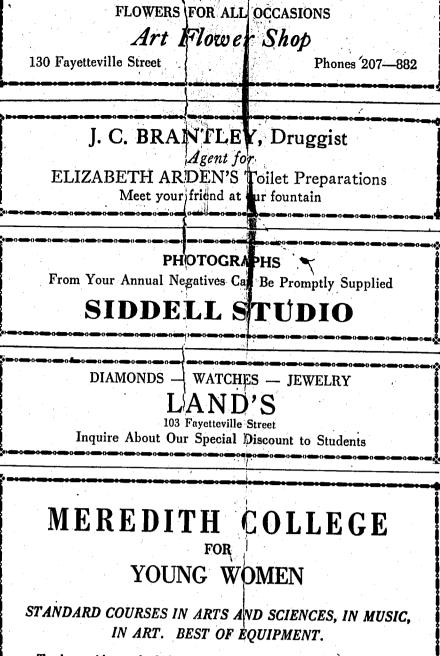
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bers of the League who discuss the world problems at Geneva have to maintain, a compromising attitude. Expert newspapermen pay careful attention to their discussions, and if one of them were to be unyielding, these journalists would soon have it spread to the four corners of the earth. This member would have very little effect in the attempt to solve problems after it was known that he did not always act in a conciliatory manner.

Monsieur de Lanux closed his lecture by paying tribute to the Americans for the part they played in the recent war, both on the battlefield and in the peace conference which followed. He called special attention to the work of Wilson, who suggested putting the covenant of the League in the peace treaty.

After the lecture an opportunity to question Monsieur de Lanux was given to those who were in doubt on any point concerning world peace and the League.

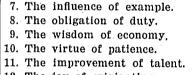
Monsieur de Lanux's lecture was lucid and entertaining. It was thor oughly enjoyed by all those who were present.



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NEWS ITEMS

We love this girl. She is thoroughbred and pure gold. She has in her

The Danville Chapter of Meredith the rare qualities that every girl Alumnae reports having had a very should try to cultivate. She should be enthusiastic meeting March 13, with a model to every girl at Meredith-not nine members and one visitor present. an entirely perfect one, but with Miss Ida Potcat, head of the art de enough of the perfect in her to make partment of Meredith College, made everyone want to look up to her. Of an in resting talk about some of the course one can easily guess who she things the had seen in Europe to the is. She holds one of the most prom-Henderson Chapter, which met Friday inent offices on the campus today and afternoon, March 15, at Middleburg. is loved and respected by all who Birth-Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. know her. We are glad this year is Freeman (Lidie Penton, '21), of Wil- not her last.

mington, N. C., a son, Jere David, Jr., March 13, 1929.

W/ Cownes, Jr., February 18, 1929.

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Russia Today

workers' clubs and wherever else the ever he goes.

-C. JOHNSON. Birth-Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Thomas people of Russia find their cultural ex-(Margaret Cone Tucker, '26), of Dan- pression. Behind the scenes in factorvilla, Va., announce the birth of a son, ies, institutions and government bureaus where the greatest pre-war au-Marriage-Elia Rand Norris, '16, is tocracy is being made over into a col-Myw Mrs Lee H. Edwards, and her ad- lectivist commonwealth, one comes at every turn upon startling innovations. Agriculture is to be industrialized Wendell, was the week-end guest of by state ownership and operation of Mrs. Blanche Dellinger Hamrick, as vast farms, some of them already in operation. All illiterate peasants and border tribes are to be taught to read and write Russian within the next few years, and enormous numbers have

actually learned since the Revolution. The reconstruction period is no less Business is to be concentrated in the manatic. The civil war is ended; the hands of state trusts, cooperatives and tevolutionary party is in power; law producers' guilds. The pioneering and order prevail. But one feels the spirit animates every activity of life vital revolutionary force at work in and even the casual tourist feels the school rooms, art exhibits, theatres, push and throb of great hopes wher-



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