

EXCHANGE COLUMN

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THE LOW-DOWN

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Alice in Blunderland

After a long walk through the woods, Alice at last emerged upon a large open field, where she beheld a strange sight.

About a large stake were a multitude of strange beasts, each having the body of a hog and the head of an owl. Each was fastened to the stake with a long chain and a small thread. "My goodness!" exclaimed Alice to Humpty Dumpty, "What is the name of this strange place, and what kind of creatures are those?"

"This is the Campus," answered Humpty Dumpty, good-naturedly, "and those beasts are native only to this spot. They are known as 'Stewdents'."

Then Alice noticed that some strange little animals, resembling rabbits, were dancing about the pole, just out of reach of the Stewdents' hungry jaws. "What are those?" she asked her friend, "pointing."

"Those are 'Hi-marks' and are much relished by the Stewdents," explained Humpty Dumpty.

"But, who do the Stewdents wear those chains?" Alice wondered.

"Well," said Humpty Dumpty, "that is what is known as the honor system. The Stewdents' masters, known as 'the faculty,' require each to have a chain of Honor."

At that moment, the chain of one of the Stewdents stretched so that he was able to grasp one of the Hi-marks between his teeth.

Alice gasped. "Are all the chains made of rubber?"

Humpty Dumpty grinned. "No," he explained, "not all of them are. But, you see, the faculty allows each Stewdent to make his own Honor chain. For that reason, some are stronger than others—and some are elastic." He winked. "That's why it's called a 'system'."

At that moment, the chain of one of the Stewdents broke entirely, and he clumsily pursued the scattering Hi-marks. "Sometimes," said Humpty Dumpty, "even when the chain breaks, the Stewdent can't capture any Hi-marks, but generally the dishonest and the quickwitted get the same desserts."

"Well," said Alice, "I understand everything now but one: Why does each Stewdent have a thread tied to him as well as a chain?"

"Oh, them?" exclaimed Humpty Dumpty, "Why they're Pledges."

"The faculty requires each Stewdent to use the Pledge to



Duke University Symphonic Orchestra which will appear here with the Duke University Clubs on Saturday, February 13.

MEREDITH FOUNDERS' DAY HAS BEEN AN ANNUAL HOLIDAY SINCE 1912

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1835 when Thomas Meredith introduced a motion at the Baptist State Convention. It was defeated for four years and then dropped until 1888 when Col. L. L. Polk brought it up again. A board of trustees was appointed, but nothing came of it until 1896 when O. L. Stringfield was appointed financial agent.

Work of erecting the college was begun at the former site in Raleigh in 1896, and the college opened on September 27, 1899, with more students than the original building could hold. The original name of the college was the Baptist Female University, changed in 1905 to the Baptist University for Women and later to Meredith College in honor of Thomas Meredith.

One of Meredith's honored benefactors was Judge W. T. Faircloth who gave the money for Faircloth Hall at the old site, which is now the Raleigh Y. W. C. A. building. His name is also given to one of the dormitories at the new site. The other three dormitories are named for O. L. Stringfield, the financial agent for the establishment of the college and for many years a trustee; for Dr. R. T. Vann, president from 1900 through 1915 and now president emeritus; and for W. N. Jones, chairman of the board of trustees for many years.

Meredith does not have an alumnae home coming on Founders' Day, but by means of a radio program and alumnae meeting in many towns Meredith will be brought to the alumnae in their homes. Messages are also received at Meredith from all parts of the United States.

keep him from breaking his Honor."

"But," protested Alice, "if the Stewdent wanted to break his Honor, that weak little Pledge wouldn't worry him a bit. Of all the foolish things I've ever seen, I think that is absolutely silliest."

"So do all intelligent persons," agreed Humpty Dumpty, a broad smile spreading over his face.

A. R. Newsome Speaks At Joint I. R. C. Meeting

Mr. A. R. Newsome, secretary of the North Carolina Historical Commission was the speaker Tuesday evening, February 2, when the International Relations Club of N. C. State College and the International Relations Club of Meredith held a joint meeting in State Y. M. C. A. The subject for the evening was China and Japanese question.

L. M. Knott, president of the State club introduced the speaker and gave a word of welcome to the guests.

Mr. Newsome reviewed the China and Japan question from the very beginning of the trouble. Mr. Newsome said that this situation was an outgrowth of Japan's imperial policy which she is pursuing now. He compared the taking of Shanghai by the Japanese and the taking of Vera Cruz by the United States and noted many other incidents

where such occurrences as these had happened.

As for the possibility of this situation bringing about war, Mr. Newsome does not think that the matter is serious enough to warrant such action at this time.

A question was asked as to whether Russia would consider war now. Mr. Newsome said that it was hard to say whether a nation would go to war or not but since Russia was busy on her five-year plan it was not probable that she would like to get in a war.

Banker: "What is your ambition?"

Willy: "I ain't got any. I just want to be a Vice President."

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