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### WELCOME DR. GORDON

Those who heard that the Meredith B. S. U. was fortunate enough to get Dr. S. D. Gordon for the special week of deeper spiritual thinking could hardly believe that it was true. Dr. Gordon is a world personage and is always in great demand as a speaker. We at Meredith think that we are very fortunate in having such a personage on our campus for a week and appreciate greatly this time which he is giving to us.

### THE NEW

The present educational system of America is undergoing a great change in all of its departments. It has been found that even though we have accomplished something by the system which we have that the contributions do not seem on the whole to compare with the efforts which have been spent on them.

The young people now who are preparing to take their places in the various walks of life will be called upon to suggest and make changes, either as voter or in a more definite way as teacher.

A number of changes will be offered some of which will perhaps seem to offer immediate solutions to our problem. Before accepting the new plans we must look with careful consideration to that which we already have. The system which we have was not built up in a day and without people who have done much to help us reach our present status. The condition from which our old system arises must be studied and the relative importance which it has to the present must be found before it should be discarded. We must have an open but critical mind. A good plan in thinking of the new was suggested by Alexander Pope:

"Be not the first by whom the new are tried  
Nor yet the last to lay the old aside."

### PERHAPS YOU'VE HEARD

Helen Jane Baskerville, 16, who has just been acclaimed the most beautiful girl in Joliet, Ill., gives as her beauty formula "don't drink liquor, nor smoke, nor pet, but drink milk and take plenty of exercise." So say we all, but where are the beauty trophies? Oh, we have it—impious thought though it is—we wonder if she dances.

David S. Barry, Sergeant-at-Arms, U. S. Senate, was recently discharged from his position on account of a so-called "veiled attack" upon the members of the Senate in an article he wrote for the current issue of *Al Smith's New Outlook*. "Contrary, perhaps, to the popular belief," wrote he, "there are not many crooks in Congress. . . . But there are many demagogues," he went on, "of the kind that will vote for legislation solely because they think it will help their social and political fortunes." One is surprised, perhaps, that Mr. Barry was paid \$250 for so obvious a statement.

Having been given dictatorial power in Germany, Adolph Hitler dissolved the Reichstag, and called for a new election of its members. Mr. Hitler promises the people of Germany that if he is supported by the newly elected Reichstag, he will restore prosperity to the people to such an extent that within four years there will be no unemployment under his dictatorship. "It is impossible," he told correspondents, "to head a ship on the right course in a moment. It takes time. All I ask is four years."

From a national survey of the present educational situation, by Charles P. Stewart, Central Press, Washington, writer we quote the following:

"Education is based upon an eventually promising the way out of depressions and crises for mankind, and raising the world to a new standard of living and well-being. Now when education is needed the most, it is being discarded, educators warn."

"Unless the decline which education is now experiencing be speedily checked, a sizeable proportion of the rising generation today is doomed to downright illiteracy," says Secretary James H. Crabtree of the National Education Association.

The Meredith Glee Club, under the direction of Miss Ethel Rowland, will broadcast a program from the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium, Sunday afternoon, February 19, at 3:00 o'clock. The program will be the third in a series sponsored by the Raleigh Junior Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of furthering the interest of music in Raleigh. Miss Mabel Yarborough, pianist, will assist the Glee Club in the program.

# TWIGLETS

There are still some "boners" drifting around as the result of exams. For instance, we heard the other day that "an escapade is a staircase outside a house." Well a staircase would—and does—come in very usefully for that purpose, or for avoiding the results.

Here is one for politicians to figure out, "a mayor is a female horse." We only suggest she might be a dark one.

Without meaning to seem too far ahead, we would remind you that we'll be having our elections start with all the pre-election talks within the next month. What Dickens said is just as true of the way we run elections as of anything else:

"It is always best on these occasions to do what the mob do!"

"But suppose there are two mobs?" suggested Mr. Snodgrass.

"Shout with the largest," replied Mr. Pickwick. Times haven't changed, even in a college, after all.

Some people are so dumb they think it's a greater feat to inhale Camels than to swallow swords.

This story might interest English students:

Nicholas Murray Butler and Brander Matthews had a heated discussion of plagiarism. Professor Matthews was concluding with this statement, "In the case of the first man to use an anecdote, there is regularity. In the case of the second, there is plagiarism. With the third it is lack of regularity. With the fourth it is drawing from a common stock," when President Butler interrupted, adding, "and in the case of the fifth it is research."

Another boner we heard—"A satire is a man who is 50 per cent goat." Or else he's 100 per cent the goat of the satire.

But the best one we've heard is this, "Ambiguity is telling the truth when you do not want to."

### At The Theatres

#### PALACE

Miriam Jordan, charming young English actress who has been making rapid strides forward in the motion picture industry since her recent screen debut in "6 Hours to Live," is a young lady of very decided ideas on certain subjects. Miss Jordan wears a number of stunning gowns in her latest production, "Dangerously Yours," which plays at the Palace Theatre Monday and Tuesday.

When is a comedian not a comedian?

The answer is: "When he is sympathetic," and Jack Oakie, as Eddie in "Uptown New York," a picture playing at the Palace Theatre Wednesday and Thursday.

Kent Taylor, up and coming Western star, shows off two of the most difficult cowboy tricks in his new Zane Grey picture, "The Mysterious Rider," which plays at the Palace Theatre Friday and Saturday.

#### STATE

An announcement that will be received with a great deal of enthusiasm is that of the engagement for one day only, Monday (February 20th) at the State Theatre of Rudy Vallee and his famous orchestra, The Connecticut Yankees.

Kate Smith, "Queen of the Air," steps out from behind her microphone and will make her local debut as a full-fledged actress on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at the State Theatre, in "Hello, Everybody!"

### Jig Saw Puzzles

Well, dear Meredith girls, I just wanted to be sure that you have all heard what I have about the faculty. I am almost positive you have, though, because it's the talk of the school. The faculty has gone "Jig-Saw" crazy. All their spare time is either taken up working the puzzles or talking about them.

They tell me that Miss Doris Tillery has gone in for them "in a big way," and she has really turned out to be the "Jig-Saw Champion."

Misses Poteat, Johnson, and Tillery worked diligently the other night on a puzzle, and after long hours of working, they had gotten only the sky line completed. However, they were very proud of themselves. Miss Brewer accidentally kicked the table and it fell all apart again. She was so sorry, and she told them that she was going to sit right down and work on it again until she got it done. I don't think she succeeded, though, not that particular night any way.

Miss English started a new one some time ago, and the name of it was "Between Two Fires." She worked and worked trying to find some flames. The picture turned out to be a man standing between two girls.

I haven't worked one as yet, but they must be "awfully" interesting for Miss Johnson to take up any time with them. I suggest that every girl take a "Jig-Saw" puzzle to class instead of books.

### Exchanges

The librarian at Salem College has recently placed on display a very interesting collection of successful literary and musical works written by members of the faculty and alumnae of the college. A great number of these publications have been listed and brought together, some for this display, and some for permanent possession. The plan is to continue gathering such publications for the collection.

"Early to bed and early to rise  
Keeps your roommate from  
wearing your ties."

—*Lenoir-Rhymean.*

"Here's a problem in Math!  
How far would all the jig-saw  
puzzles in this school extend if  
they were all fitted end to end?  
—and what grade would we get  
if we spent on study as much time  
as we do on working them?"

—*The Rotunda.*

Count Carlo Sforza, noted Italian diplomat is spending the month of February at Duke University. He gives a lecture each Thursday afternoon and is heard by both professors and students. Count Sforza, who came to Duke directly from Belgium, has become internationally famous as an authority on the diplomatic situation since the World War.

—*The Chronicle.*

### EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM DISCUSSED BY STUDENTS

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works and thoughts of others instead of using these as a basis for their own study and intellectual expansion.

Under the present system there are not enough varied courses for specialization along such lines as dramatics, poetry, and psychology. There is too much required work which is a very little benefit to a student in the field in which she is planning to work after leaving school and not enough elective courses. In some cases, it has been impossible for students to arrange their schedules so as to take the courses in which they desired to major.

These are the opinions of prominent students on the campus.

### RELIGIOUS EMPHASIS WEEK CONDUCTED BY DR. S. D. GORDON

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who attended the Conference at that time says of him, "Dr. Gordon makes a direct appeal to every type of listener because of the simplicity and sincerity with which he speaks. One has the consciousness that his religion is born of a deep thoughtfulness and penetration into the "heart of the unseen"—therefore his message is vital, appealing, thought-provoking."