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CHRISTMAS FOR CHRIST

An oft repeated statement of the past week, and of every week before Christmas, is the urge *Christmas for Christ*. This year, there are thousands of children who will fail to know the joys of Christmas. Giving to the needy should be made one of the greatest joys of such a season. The past week of World-Wide Fellowship has made vivid here the need of the peoples of the world today. Furthermore, the life of a person like Lottie Moon and the influence of a man like Mr. Gartenhaus, make thoughtful people realize the reality of Christ as the source of power in these Christian lives. Through such examples, the reality of His birth is strengthened. The celebration of it should accord with the purpose of the celebration.

FIRST STUDENT RECITAL

The first student recital which was given last night by Louise Thomas reminds us again of the splendid work offered in the Music department here. Also, these student recitals from year to year impress us with the fact that completion of four years of work here is done not without a fair degree of achievement.

A MATTER OF GENERAL INTEREST

The National Student Federation of America which meets in Washington should be a matter of nation wide student interest. It is a conference that is held, not for student government officials alone, but also for student leaders in all phases of college life.

WHERE THE NEW BEGINS

Where the New Begins there is always opportunity for improvement. One resolution that should not need to be suggested for the New Year is a certain matter of etiquette—or rather breach of etiquette. Every year, Raleigh hostesses and Meredith officials are embarrassed by the students "asking themselves out" in Raleigh.

To take such a liberty and to run the risk of embarrassing the townpeople, to say nothing of imposing on them, is something that has been done that is not representative of the homes from which Meredith girls come—not to mention the school standard that most of the students observe. But—it will continue to occur as long as the students do not openly protest against a few of their members giving them all a careless reputation.

WHAT WILL YOU?

The Little Theatre has been holding tenaciously to its ideal of none but best plays for Meredith. A majority of students have been nonchalantly saying (not in words, but by their failure to attend these plays—especially the Barrie play given on December 11) that—*they don't care*.

There is a matter of royalty for such a play—\$25 to be exact—an amount which the gate receipts did not equal. Furthermore there is a matter—older than the one of money—and that is time. Six weeks of hard work on the part of the cast, of the members of the dramatic club, and of the directors Dr. Hoagland and Dr. Johnson—none of whom have a great deal more time than all the students who failed to attend the play.

The production was one of the best ever given here by amateurs—according to those who did attend. Moreover it is hardly

the Barrie play that is being put on test when students do not attend.

Nevertheless, the Little Theatre with its limited financial resources, cannot continue to give plays with royalties if the students continue to fail to support them. The choice is up to the students. *What will you?*

Exchanges

A Colgate University scientist has discovered that the presence of calcium in the blood causes cheerfulness. Moral: Feed professors on lime.
—*Old Gold and Black*.

The first set of quadruplets ever to enter any college in this country entered Baylor this fall. They are the Keys sisters of Hollis, Okla.
—*Old Gold and Black*.

Students may now get degrees by doing extension work in evening classes at Tulane University.—*Old Gold and Black*.

Connecticut college students are demanding royalties on their examination answers which are sold to humor publications by their professors.
—*The Thumb Tack Tribune*.

Columbia University reporters, questioning people on the street discovered that five out of six men think that college students are loafers. The sixth spoke only Chinese.—*Florida Flambeau*.

Hamlin University, oldest college in Minnesota, no longer requires students to have credits for graduation. When they are able to pass a comprehensive examination they receive their diplomas.—*The Rotunda*.

President von Kleinschmid of U. S. C. says that college freshmen have only about one-half the vocabulary of the common laborer. "Swell," he says, is used to describe 4,972 situations.
—*The Intercollegian*.

Another curse of Technocracy is the new machine which marks exams, such as true and false, grades papers and calculates the percentage of each—there's no arguing with machinery!
—*Polytechnic Reporter*.

Children's Literature Exhibit in Library

For the especial benefit of the Children's Literature Class, Miss Ethel English, Instructor in Education, has recently secured from the Library of the University of North Carolina some literature showing the Landmarks in the Early History and Development of Books for Children. This literature is now on exhibit on one of the bulletin boards in the library.

In the exhibit is a child's *Horn Book*, some combinations of letters and the Lord's prayer, mounted on a frame of wood; a Chap Book printed in the latter part of the Eighteenth Century; a *Battledore*; the *New England Primer*; a copy of *Mother Goose Melody*; the *History of Little Goody Two Shoes*; an illustrated copy of *The Old Woman and her Pig*; one of *Babcock's Toy Books*; a *Child's Illustrated Prayer Book*; and, a copy of the only *True Mother Goose Melodies*.

An average of less than 40 per cent was made by each group in the Freshman Class of State College on the annual English Placement test given them on Registration Day this fall. The averages were about in line with those of last year.—*From The Technician*.

Splinters from the Twig

The skin you love to touch—with a slap.

I'd walk a mile for a Camel—and then I'd be too tired to ride one.

It floats—the fatter you are the more it will.

Keep that school-girl complexion—don't use Bon Ami!

Slogan for seven-year itch—hasn't scratched yet!

Foil the zerodoccus—make a 100 on your next exam!

Do you have pink tooth brush or do you prefer lavender?

Parents in a rage are seldom mild.

It speaks for itself—too many freshmen do.

Have you a little smarty in your room?

Fool the all-love-gobulus—he'll get you yet but make him wait.

Don't get the Mater Raspus when we sing our school song.

Have you seen that your loved ones will be protected when they receive your grades from school?

Three on a match would be rather crowded.

Three in a match makes a love triangle.

So many of the girls belong to the NRA—not rushed any.

PARAGRAPHS

A man who knows that he is a fool is not a great fool.—Chuang Tzu.

It is only through labor and painful effort, by grim energy and resolute courage, that we move on to better things.—Theodore Roosevelt.

There are loyal hearts, there are spirits brave,
There are souls that are pure and true;
Then give to the world the best you have,
And the best will come back to you.
—Madeline S. Bridges.

Most of our troubles are borrowed; from the past, in the shape of remorse or regret; and from the future, in the shape of apprehension.—Frank Crane.

Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.—Matt. 25:40.

Dear Lord! Kind Lord!
Gracious Lord, I pray
Thou wilt look on all I love,
Tenderly today!—Riley

When we see a soul whose acts are all regal, graceful and pleasant as roses, we must thank God that such things can be and are.—Emerson.

Dr. James S. Scarr (veteran Weather Bureau forecaster, defends his fans) —"There are no foolish questions. No question seeking an answer is foolish." Richard Welling (civic crusader, tells why political reform doesn't last) —"We always have the needy rich and the grateful poor."

Albert H. Wiggin (financier, at Senate banking investigation) —"Investment that turns out wrong is speculation."

Mrs. Isabella Greenway (Congresswoman from Arizona, rents a taxicab) —"I leased one for two weeks—something that has been a dream of mine all my life; just to see the meter ticking on into eternity. You see, I wanted to prove there could be such a thing as controlled inflation."

Msgr. Eugene Tisserant (Vatican librarian) —"A librarian has no time to read."

Mayor John P. O'Brien (of New York, when asked whose influence selected a new appointee) —"Now, don't let's go into that. Just say he was selected on his merits."

Robert Quillen (Editor of *Fountain Inn Tribune*) —"Character is made by what you stand for; reputation by what you fall for."

Guglielmo Ferrero (Italian histori-

an)—"The male is the romantic, a romantic fool. An officer in uniform walks around the city as if he owns it. Women know better. They are realists. They have taken care of children. They know life."

Sidney Conrad (a regular soap-box speaker in London's Hyde Park, confesses)—"People are amazed at my erudition. I quote freely from ancient and modern philosophy, from science and fiction, from works on political economy. Actually all I know about them is the few sentences I quote. I don't make any pretense about it. I tell my audience frankly that I am ignorant of my subjects—but they never believe me."

Raymond B. Fosdick (chairman of New York's NRA committee investigating leisure, after a leisurely meeting at which nothing was accomplished)—"It ought not to be assumed that a person doing nothing is wasting his time."

Nicholas Murray Butler (on our savage customs)—"When it is clearly understood that the higher education has as its dominant aim the training of educated gentlemen and not merely the production of more or less intellectually trained barbarians, we shall begin again to make progress."

HERE AND THERE

She isn't my best girl. Just necks best.—*Reader's Digest*.

He called his girl "Brown Sugar" because she was sweet but unrefined.
—*Reader's Digest*.

He: "My treasure!"
She: "My treasury."
—*Philadelphia Evening Bulletin*.

He who laughs last seldom gets the point anyway.—*Reader's Digest*.

Thoughts of a Freshman

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—*The Evackety-Ack*.

The remedy for professional tardiness at the University of Bologna in 1158 was to withhold the professor's pay for the class at which he arrived late. The students paid the professor directly in those days and if he was late, he had to teach the class regardless, but without any remuneration for his efforts. In addition to fixing their salaries, students hired and fired professors, went to classes as they pleased, and changed their professors if they tired of their original instructors.
—*Syracuse Daily Orange*.