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EDITORIALS

Greetings!...

To the readers of THE TWIG we wish to extend our heartiest wishes for a pleasant holiday season.

THE STAFF.

On Bulletin Boards

It seems that the bulletin boards in the dormitories could be greatly improved upon in usefulness and appearance if we students would be more thoughtful about our notices.

Perhaps more important than this, is that so many students do not read the boards at all. Why? The untidiness and unattractiveness may have something to do with this.

Would it be asking too much of each individual if we ask her to be responsible for her own notice, to see that it is readable while up, and that it is taken down when its usefulness is over?

The Student's Part

There has been much speculation and comment lately by people everywhere on the student's part in the ever-puzzling and apparently never-ending question of world peace.

Recently there was gathered on our campus an unusual assembly of students, three of whom were Negroes, one a Japanese, and one a Brazilian. The mere gathering of these students was of little importance compared to the spirit in which they met.

We were convinced of the importance of this meeting on our campus as the representative from the Negroes spoke presenting the views of her race on internationalism.

To us the most astounding part of this student program was the revelation of the feeling in Brazil towards the United States. To learn from a young man from Brazil that his country and other South American countries suspect the United States of desiring to conquer them gives us an entirely new interpretation of all world problems.

Maybe by now you are wondering where this increasing friendliness among students of the world, if not among leaders of the world, will lead us. We think and hope that it will lead us to an international code of laws for a world brought closer together by intelligent and interested students of world problems.

Let diplomats meet and disagree; let world leaders blunder and fail. As long as present-day students are interested in world peace to the point of meeting to hear the other coun-



LET US KEEP CHRISTMAS

By GRACE NOLL CROWELL

WHATEVER else be lost among the years, Let us keep Christmas still a shining thing; Whatever doubts assail us, or what fears, Let us hold close one day, remembering Its poignant meaning for the hearts of men. Let us get back our childlike faith again.

WEALTH may have taken wings, yet still there are Clear windowpanes to glow with candlelight; There are boughs for garlands, and a tinsel star To tip some little fir tree's lifted height. There is no heart too heavy or too sad, But some small gift of love can make it glad.

AND there are home-sweet rooms where laughter rings, And we can sing the carols as of old. Above the eastern hills a white star swings; There is an ancient story to be told; There are kind words and cheering words to say. Let us be happy on the Christ Child's day.



try's side of the question, the students themselves have outlined their part in obtaining world peace, and have, we think, taken a big step toward the desired end.

Who Are Artists?

Just how narrow is our conception of the meaning of words was impressed on those who attended the art movie given last week under the sponsorship of the art department. To the majority of the public "artist" includes only painters, sculptors, and musicians.

Heretofore, how few of us have thought that dusting furniture could be an art, or hoeing in the garden, or hedge-cutting. The fact was portrayed to us that artists also included efficient stenographers, craftsmen, such as lace makers and pottery makers, and even a person who shows good taste in purchasing a hat suited to the individual, has artistic ability.

Our conception of ourselves only as individuals is just as narrow. We are individuals without a doubt, but we are a small part of a group that makes up a college, which in turn is a small part of a city and so on. Individual impressions which we create are used by the public as a basis for generalizations for the entire group.

One objective in college life is to broaden one's perspective and this goal should be kept frequently in mind.

Fascism in the Western Hemisphere

By MRS. LILLIAN PARKER WALLACE

Washington has been made somewhat uneasy by the fact that on November 10 the greatest state in South America turned its back on democratic government and set up a dictatorship under Getulio Darnelles Vargas. Following so closely upon the heels of a pronouncement in Rome that the Fascist International was aiming to become world wide it is not to be wondered at that statesmen of this country should have displayed so intense an interest in the change of government in our neighbor, Brazil.

If this move should prove to be a prelude to the establishment of Fascism in Brazil which would draw that country into the Fascist bloc to which Italy, Germany, and Japan already belong, it is quite obvious that the Monroe Doctrine would come down from the shelf and be given a careful dusting.

Before jumping to the conclusion, however, that Brazil is actually being drawn into the orbit of the Fascist powers, it would be well to note certain pertinent facts. In the first place, public education has not proceeded far enough to make even half of the population literate. This lack of literacy is a serious obstacle to the workings of a real democracy and may justify the claim of the government that

democracy in our sense is not adapted to Brazil. Revolutions in Latin America have been so customary that it is often difficult to tell whether a revolution is going on or whether some one's automobile is backfiring on a hill. If this is "just another revolution" of the type we have become acquainted with, there is no occasion for alarm in North America. If it is true as the Brazilians themselves say that the establishment of the dictatorship was necessary in order to prevent the great coffee growers from getting control of the state in the election which was to have occurred shortly, and if it is true that these growers, who represent only a powerful minority in a restricted area, had their plans completed for securing the control of the state in that election, then perhaps the dictatorship may be regarded as actually contributing to the cause of democracy by weakening the power of that dangerous minority.

It will be easier to decide on the nature of the revolution when American observers have a little more opportunity to see whether the policies of Brazil are to be oriented toward Italy and Germany, or whether Brazil will continue to be what she claims now that she is, a "good neighbor."

Kazue Speaks on Sino-Japanese Crisis

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Kai-Shek, the Prime Minister of China, declared that her national religion is Christianity. Then, how does he intend to bring the Communism into his country? This is most serious to Japan as well as it is to any other nation. China blindly and freely accepting the doctrines of Communism to her own destruction and downfall must be helped by Japan to frustrate effectively this powerful subversive movement.

4. And finally, the present domestic system of Japan is mostly to blame for her wishing to go into China and control the large and rich lands in the northern province—Manchuria. Japan's only solution to her present pressing problem of over-population, lack of natural resources and land is to substitute for an agricultural economy, a vast national program of

industrialization. Japan needs raw materials for her machines and markets for her manufactured goods. Japan desires a free and fair trade with all countries of the world. And close by, across the Japan Sea, lies China, a vast, rich, potentially powerful source of raw materials and markets. Thus, Japan has stepped into China desirous of obtaining and controlling her undeveloped sources of raw materials, ship these to Japan, convert them into manufactured goods and ship these across again to markets of China.

These four points are Japan's present fundamental policy. But now I feel my own responsibility as a Christian in these particular days. Which is the way we Christians should take at the crossroads? There would be many opinions and discussions about it. But

GREETINGS FROM THE TWIG

By SADIE MASSEY



Dot's Dashes

By DOT LOWDERMILK

Meredith College Raleigh, N. C., December 10, 1937

Dear Santa Claus, You may think it's kinda late to be hearing from me, since I've always written you in October until this year, but some of my friends who, for different reasons find it impossible to write you, have asked me to tell you in my letter what they want you to bring them. I have been waiting all this time for them to decide what they had rather have so they would not be dissatisfied Christmas day. We are going to start being good next week so you'll be sure to bring us the things we ask for.

The first name on my list is Louise Daniel. She is a sweet little girl who plays the piano. She needs one more number to play in her recital and says if you have an extra copy of "Russell of Spring" will you please leave it in her stocking? You'll know hers, 'cause it will have "Mamie" planned at the top. Hazel Bass doesn't need a new doll, so it MAX no difference what you bring her—just so you don't completely pass her up. Mary Leigh Parnell is another one who isn't so hard to please (Bless her heart). She said she'd be satisfied with nothing more than a HANKIE or two. Bring the Wake Forest Student Council a car or even a truck, so we can have more joint meetings. I think maybe if you leave it with Beamer Barnes they'll be sure to get it. He would have written you but his talking and writing are so slow you'd never get the letter read by Christmas day. Dixie Bell Bullock is a little girl who lives on my hall and I don't think anything could make her happier than to receive a big BEN alarm clock. But remember, don't bring the kind that can be heard all over the hall.

Camilla Bisette wants a pretty doll whose eyes are blue and HUGHES hair is in curls. Bring Ann Hurdle Walker a whole book of the wrong kind of bus tickets so she'll have to transfer at LYNWOOD Avenue. Mildred Ann Critcher would appreciate a new book to keep the call-downs in. The new one she bought this year

the way is the only one—the way goes straight ahead, not to the left nor to the right. It is the Way of the Cross as shown by Jesus Christ, smashing our selfish ego and narrow nationalism. The way of Jesus' teaching is the only and the best way toward the solution of the Sino-Japanese conflict. Without this Way of Love, the Bridge of Peace can never be established between the two countries. We know that the task is not easy, but something must be done. We can at least pray to God. Many times we will have to climb mountains of difficulties to overcome the valley of despair. Though we may stumble, we must go on step by step with the Cross of Jesus on our shoulders.

is already full and you should just see how thick it is. According to its records, you shouldn't even think of going to see some of the girls, but I wouldn't dare tell you their names. After all, I'm hoping you'll come to see me! Virginia Vaughn wants some CLAY so she can mold lots of things. She's an artistic soul anyway. If I were you I wouldn't bring the Phi Chis in Wake Forest one thing, 'cause there has been a rumor that they tried to convince some of the girls that there isn't a Santa Claus. Aren't they the meanest boys you ever heard of! Bring the Post Office some upside-down stamps so the girls won't have to stand on their heads everytime they put a stamp on a letter to Carolina, Wake Forest, Duke, State or Davidson. Piggle Stroud wants a JACK-in-the-box and Betty Elliot wants a doll playing an organ just like the one in Taylor's window. I think she wants to play the organ. She is so crazy about that one she almost pushed some other little girls down trying to get nearer the window. And, Santa Claus, if you can find two dogs to bring to Emily and me so we can go BYRD hunting in Bunnlevel again sometime, we certainly will be grateful. Emily thinks byrd hunting is a WORTH while sport and of course I agree with her.

Well, I realize that this is asking a lot of you, but we certainly hope you can bring all these things 'cause we love you more than we love anybody else. Your Confectionate Little Friend, DOT.

P. S. I forgot to tell you about a LITTLE boy I know who loves to use great big musical terms. If you can bring him a dictionary just full of them I'm sure he will be pleased. And his roommate wishes to become one of the world's best harmonica players, but he is handicapped at the present. His harmonica doesn't have any sharps or flats on it. If you have one with these on it, or if you even have any extra sharps

and flats could you leave them in his stocking? Well, Santa, that's all this time. Good KNIGHT, Dorothy.

The Student Says...

TO THE EDITOR: More and better varied chapel programs is the hue and cry that I hear everywhere. This appeal is renewed each time we have such good programs as the skits on development of education given by one of the education classes, which all the students enjoyed and appreciated.

We are not discounting the value and pleasure of the fine speakers that we have so often. I, personally, have found many of them a real inspiration and challenge to me. What I want to say is that there are so many possibilities for different types of programs. Whenever we have heard the glee club its numbers have been well received and thoroughly enjoyed... we all love good music. If one of our clubs or various other organizations could be responsible for one good program each week, we should soon have a good variety. Sincerely yours, JEAN LIGHTFOOT.

Debating at Meredith

Meredith students hold their own in just about every field they enter, but not long ago they failed. Where? When the student legislature was held several weeks ago, they failed to make Meredith known because they had had no experience in debating in college. That assembly is going to be held every two years and we want to be prepared next time.

This may be accomplished by first, knowing what is going on in the State, nation and the world. Then, when the literary societies plan debates, respond when asked to take part and turn out and support the side of the question you think is right. The Student League of Women Voters has debates frequently. Listen in and join in. Let it never be said that as much as we talk we can't talk on our feet!

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