

THE DIALETTE

MONTREAT COLLEGE, MONTREAT, N. C.

MISS PEEP'S DIARY
(With apologies to Sam. Pepys)

We have been reading Miss Peep's Diary. When we read so many interesting accounts about her years in Montreat, we thought you might be interested also.

HISTORY OF THE SUN DIAL (From the diary)

June, 1924--This day the Sun Dial had its first publication, a journal of two sheets. It has three pictures: Montreat Gate, the students and faculty together, and Anderson Auditorium. The Alma Mater, written by Miss Lucille Belk to the tune of "Believe Me if All Those Endearing Young Charms", is published for the first time. The first account of the organization of the Tritonian and Philalethian literary societies is one of the news items.

January 21, 1924--11 P.M. This fatal day! About 8:30 this A.M. Montreat Hotel, used as school dormitory taken fire in the very top, and there burned till it fell down. Faculty and students turned out into the snow. Kind neighbors came to rescue, and we all have shelter tonight. Principal announced at supper that school will continue as usual, tomorrow. No books. How continue?

Sept. 1925--Alba Hotel becomes the dormitory.

May 30, 1927--Tenth anniversary of the school celebrated by a Sun Dial in a light blue paper back, printed in gold letters. On the first page appears:

"The Sun-Dial"

Only the sunny hours
Are numbered here--
No winter time that lowers
No twilight drear.

But from a golden sky,

When sunbeams fall,
Though the bright moments fly
They're counted all.

No past the glad hearts cower,
No memories dark
Only the sunny hours,
The dial mark.

This Sun Dial to Dr. and Mrs. Anderson is dedicated. The present principal is Mr. S.L. Woodward. A review of the ten years of the school's existence is given. Think it well to preserve a few items in my diary. "Montreat Normal School was founded in 1916 by Dr. R.C. Anderson. There is a record of two graduates in 1918 from the Normal Department. In 1920 for the first time, a housekeeper was put in charge of domestic affairs. For six years the Montreat Hotel served as the only school building. When Anderson Auditorium was completed in 1922, classes were transferred to the chapel and classrooms there."

May 1931--Our community is delighted with the new pastor and wife who came to us the first of the year, Dr. and Mrs. J.W. Caldwell. Some of the South Carolina Caldwells, I think.

1935--The Diary delights to record a cardboard back for this year's Sun Dial--light blue with gold lettering. This Sun Dial contains picture of Miss Margaret Spencer, our new dean.

This year has seen the birth of our Dialette, a monthly; the Sun-Dial henceforth the school annual. A dedication is made again "to those who have made Montreat possible," Dr. and Mrs. R.C. Anderson. 1936--This year's Sun Dial dedicates a poem, Our Chapel, to the Chapel in our wonderful new Administration Building gift of Mrs. Anderson.

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