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LIFE'S PURPOSE

(The following is an excerpt from the speech made by Dr. Spencer at the opening chapel exercises, September 7, 1939.)

What is the purpose of life? Some would say happiness, and others would say success. Many people spend their lives seeking happiness only to grow old and find that they have not reached their goals. It is like those people who would seek the pot of gold at the end of a rainbow. They spend their lives doing that, but they never reach the end of the rainbow, and never find the gold, so one never finds happiness at the end of life when happiness has been the purpose of living.

What is success? Is it honor; is it a piece of work well done? Success does not bring happiness or peace. A great book well-written will not satisfy the heart and soul of man. A great college built in his honor, a great fortune in the bank, or a name in the headlines of every paper, or a name on the bill boards of theaters may mean success but would not mean happiness. It does not mean contentment, and it does not mean peace. There is only one real reason for living, and that is service. A life of service, a life dedicated to Christ for His service will bring happiness, real success, and peace. Whether this service is rendered in the home, in the classroom, in the literary world, in a hospital, in the business world, the joy of being of service to other people brings these things—not because we seek them, but because we find them at the end. To what extent we can forget ourselves, to what extent we can lose ourselves in a task that is bigger than we are, to this extent we shall find happiness and success. Christ has said, "He that shall lose his life for my sake shall find it." To what extent we can forget ourselves, our personal ambitions, our dreams, and plans and lose ourselves in God's plans and visions and dreams for our lives, to that extent we shall find the true meaning of the word success. When life is over, we shall look back to find that we have found the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, that we have found happiness not because we have sought it, but because in making others happy we have found it for ourselves.

Founder's Day to be Observed

ALUMNAE NEWS

We have been honored this year in having quite a few Alumnae visit the dear old Alma Mater.

Jennie Hutton of the '38 class stayed a few days in Montreat before going on to college at Erskine.

"Stuff" Thomas, Anne Acree, Joy Juniper, Bashie Chastain, and Helen Rust, five of the girls who graduated last year, are working in Morganton. They have been over for visits, but not as much as we would like. Martha Williamson, also of that class, is teaching the grammar grades here.

Laura Mae Brown is teaching high school science in Montreat. We know it is an awful temptation, Miss Brown, to wear plaid shirts to class.

Alice Timmons drove by Sunday night, with her boy friend, to pay us a visit.

Sarah and Margaret Niblock spent a day and night with us. They are just the same, always laughing.

We enjoyed having Thelma Hinkle spend a week-end with us.

Two girls in the Freshman College last year, Betty Harmon and Clara Rosick, came up for a little while Sunday.

Irene Wright, one of the Alumnae and a member of the popular young set of Asheville, was married on October 14. Her sister, Marjorie Wright, another Alumna, participated in the wedding.

Sara Burrows, a former student body president, paid us a short visit a few weeks ago. We are proud to say that Sara does not forget Montreat and often comes back.

Mary Mellette (class of '35) and Nedra Deans visited the College recently.

We were also glad to have back with us for a short while, Betty Elmore (better known as "Smellmore").

We have enjoyed seeing these girls and hope to see more of the Alumnae on Thanksgiving.

November 30 has been set aside this year in Montreat College for the second annual Founder's Day celebration. At this time all the alumnae are invited to come and help us honor the founders of our college.

The occasion will bring old friends together again for a happy day of fellowship in which they will have the opportunity of observing the major campus improvements and additions effected during the past few years. The crowning event will be the Thanksgiving Banquet on Thursday evening. The principal speakers for the evening will be Dr. R. C. Anderson, President of the College; Elisabeth Welton, President of the Alumnae Association, and Ann Scruggs, President of the Student Body.

The Assembly Inn is offering the following special rates to the alumnae:

Thanksgiving Banquet	-----\$.75
Lodging (one night)	----- 1.00
Breakfast	----- .50

The Homecoming event promises to be above par in every respect and plans are being formulated to insure a successful and joyful occasion. This activity marks an outstanding feature of the social calendar of the year. We cordially urge all alumnae to return at this time.

IMPROVEMENTS

As the years come and go, Montreat College continues to grow. Each year we see a definite improvement over the last. One of the improvements of which we are very proud is the new addition to the library. Now we have a much larger room in which to read.

Also, postoffices have been placed in each of the dormitories. This saves much confusion and enables the girls to receive their mail in a much shorter time.

PHOTOGRAPHERS

For the past week, photographers from Preston's Studio in Asheville, N. C., have been taking pictures for the SUN DIAL, our annual.