

## THE DIALETTE

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## CHALLENGE FOR YOUTH . . .

When I read the reports of the oppression behind the iron curtain, the domination of China and the enslaving of the conquered people, and the I. Q. of the most progressive nation, the United States, I have the same feeling I have when standing near a rushing locomotive — one of suppression by an unconquerable force. What can we, the future leaders of the leading nation, do to preserve our beliefs and way of life? To fight for something, we must truly believe it worthy. How can we determine if our convictions are right?

We must think — not drawing our conclusions from others, but in an elementary fashion — toward a logical conclusion. Where are we to begin? What is the first thing in the world that we are aware of? Our environment. Have we taken it for granted or have we wondered what made the trees, grass, and astronomy work out logical and beneficent cycles? Do they not fulfill definite purposes? We are here as surely as the other things, so we must be expected to fulfill our purposes just as consistently.

We can say that nature cycles could have been planned by a human mind; surely there are inventions just as remarkable, but how are we to explain the human heart, mind, and soul? Surely we realize that they are far beyond the human grasp and must have been created by a Power far greater than we. As we explain the spirit of brotherhood brought during the Yuletide season to a child by the imaginary character, Santa Claus, we strip this great Power of its mystery, super-humanness, and supremacy by calling it Mother Nature — trying to make it human, equal only to ourselves, and well within the human grasp. Some of us have accepted this Power, some have fought it, but most of us have ignored it. Can we not realize that we are a part of the whole plan which is so obvious?

This Power has worked everything out with a mathematical logic. Every living creature or thing depends on another and helps another. There is strong individualism merged to provide harmonious progress; there is freedom to act as one sees best. Is this not democracy?

The ruling Power works in a democratic manner. We can see that these forces that are tearing down individualism, denying freedom, and attempting to establish self-esteem are not parallel to the one great and perfect plan. It is wrong: it is contrary to peace and happi-

## THE NECESSARY COMPLEMENT . . .

A few weeks ago there was general talk, especially among seniors, of changing our traditional commencement songs. Some wanted to use the processions and recessions commonly used elsewhere, because they desired to be "like other colleges".

We're a growing institution, and we need to observe and learn from larger and older colleges; but does that necessitate our copying everything they do? Faculty members and students all over the country are possibly yearning for new ideas and new music to use in commencement exercises. They wouldn't care if it were Sousa or Acuff — if only they could have something that isn't used by every one else! How they would strut with pride to be able to say that Mrs. Crosby Adams had written a special song for them! Shall we be blind to the good fortune that is ours? This famous lady has given us something unique and extraordinary, and yet, there are those among us who would change.

Why try to change any of our traditions as long as they are GOOD? We'd be quick to advocate such changes if we could see their worth; but as long as we have something that is better than most schools, let's be proud of it and of all the things for which our Alma Mater stands. It's just another way of measuring our loyalty.

What more fitting words could any graduate of a Christian school sing than "the children of the King are we"? And where is an alumna of our High School or College who isn't deeply moved when she hears again the familiar, well-loved strains of "Brightly gleams our banner"? These songs are as much a part of Montreat as Lake Susan or Gaither Chapel or Greybeard Trail. For the sake of each graduate — those who have ever been here, and those who are yet to come — let's never change them.

F. I. B.



Kane, we know it will be successful. Best wishes!

One of the nicest things about the '49 SUN DIAL is its dedication to our dean, Miss Elizabeth Hoyt.

The favorite quotation these days of people who live at the Inn: "Water, water, everywhere — and none of it hot!"

Many thanks to the contributors not on the S. P. S. who have written articles for this issue of the DIALETTE.

Ye Editors and Staff wish you all a happy vacation!

Miss Miles' Home Economics girls presented a delightful fashion parade in Anderson Chapel on May 12. Among the many beautiful clothes made and modeled by the girls were date dresses, school dresses, pajamas, brunch coats, and dress-up clothes for Sunday.

A hearty welcome is extended to all the parents, relatives, and friends who are in Montreat for the closing exercises of this school year.

The long-awaited exam week is here. Friday the thirteenth appropriately began it, and May twentieth will see it drawing to a close.

The Chaplains at Moore General gave the Inner Choir members a Brahms' Symphony record album in appreciation of their singing for them each month.

Overheard while waiting outside Staff room for annuals: "They're so dainty and feminine!" (Dictionaries available for all who are nonplussed by meaning.)

The S. P. S. sends appreciation to the BLACK MOUNTAIN NEWS editors for their help all through the year. Who said newspapermen weren't patient and long-suffering?

The High School plans to have its own paper next year. With such a capable leader as Terry

ness. We must draw the conclusion that we, as future leaders, must support democracy and Christ in order to attain peace and happiness for all mankind.

Bitsy Phillips