

SPRING FERVOR

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Well, it's spring once more. Of course, we'll probably have a couple of inches of snow and a few more freezes yet, but that is beside the point. For, as I said, it's spring—I have proof of it. The birds are singing, but that is not reliable proof, for there are as many simple-minded sparrows in the world as there are people. For all they know, it might be January.

No, I have real proof, furnished by real people.

Dust that hasn't been moved in years, at least in months, is being ushered out of its hiding places and taken out into the world. Books are being fished from under the bed and lined up neatly on the desk. Bobby pins

and combs are for the first time seeing the inside of a drawer, and dust cloths are making sneak attacks across dressers and window sills. It must be spring; what else could cause such a revolution? Don't be worried, though, if this industrious urge hasn't hit you yet: maybe you will be affected in quite a different way.

Maybe you are among those who are finding it necessary to sit down and rest between one classroom and the next—not consumption, but spring fever! Forlorn creatures are sitting around all over the campus looking like the "before" picture in an advertisement for liver pills. Their generosity is appalling. They are willing to give you every text book they own—books which previously they have guarded with their lives.

Letters are pouring out to big sisters, and moms and dads. I haven't been reading your mail, but I know what they say: "you are so sweet—big event coming up—no clothes—no money—quit school—buy clothes??" And for no apparent reason a new dress arrives. You can afford to give away your psychology book, you know plenty!

Charming little slogans and mottoes are stuck under the edges of mirrors, advising:

"Why take life so seriously—you'll never get out of it alive," and "Don't study when you are tired, or have anything else to do; Don't study when you are happy,

For that will make you blue. Don't study in the daytime, Don't study at night; but study at all other times with all your main and might."

Every night girls practice the art of fluttering their eyelashes in front of their mirrors, each one dreaming of the conquest she will surely make THIS spring!

If you aren't willing to accept

these signs, then you will have to take the simple-minded sparrow who is yelling his head off—probably the best sign after all.

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That Montreat is growing is evidenced by the fact that another new building is under construction. Built by the Synod of North Carolina, it is to be called North Carolina Home and will serve as a guest house for all religious workers. The Synod of North Carolina is planning to subsidize its operation so that all church workers within its bounds may find entertainment at minimum rates.

This new structure will occupy the site of the old North Carolina Home burned a few years ago. The estimated cost of this construction, to be built of native stone, is \$75,000. It will contain sixty guest rooms and will provide all the conveniences usual in a small hotel.

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