

# A STUDENT SPEAKS . . .

"The mind is its own place, and in itself can make a heaven of hell, or a hell of heaven."—John Milton.

Each came to Montreat with his own ideas of what Montreat would be like. A few individuals had formed a completely distorted conception of how Montreat would be. They had received the material telling them about Montreat before coming, but despite this fact they had turned Montreat around to suit themselves.

These individuals had their conceptions dashed against the wall when they arrived, and they realized that it is impossible to change a place to suit yourself. They were frightened, confused, and rebellious when they realized their mistaken ideas. Rather than try to keep an open mind, face reality, and try to see the good in Montreat, they shut their minds and keep enwrapped by self-pity. They cried out at the injustice that has been done to them. They find fault with everything that Montreat stands for and everything that is done. They are miserable and blame Montreat for it instead of facing the fact that they are making it that way.

There are many also who are facing themselves and the world for the first time. This is something new for them and they don't know how to solve their confusion. Perhaps they have discovered that

their faith really isn't faith at all, but just something they had accepted without question. Now they are suddenly faced with the problem of how to have real faith. Some rather than try to find a light in their dilemma are running. They realize that they will have to face themselves sometime, but this makes life seem even harder. Confusion is something new and strange, they don't know what to do with it.

For those who enjoy Montreat it is hard for them to understand this, so they either condemn these individuals or completely ignore them. There are a few who put out their hand through the others' darkness and try to help them. These people realize that there are times when everyone needs help and since the confused ones don't know how to turn to God, they try to show them how. This is the true spirit of Montreat.

Montreat has many wonderful qualities. It has been able to offer many advantages that other colleges can not. If you are one of the unhappy ones, give Montreat a chance. One couldn't want for a better place to grow mentally and spiritually.

Montreat is a heaven if you want it to be, or you can make it the worst hell. Nothing earthly is perfect, but Montreat is as near perfect as can be gotten in the world today.—B. H.

deavor to encourage participation by all of its members, to create interest, in the development of personal and team skills, to develop an appreciation for play, to further the highest standards of conduct, and to establish democratic leadership, and good citizenship.

—Mary Carswell, President.

The Student Government Association of Montreat-Anderson exists to help each student discover a working faith in his or her personal life and to contribute to the development of others. Every student at Montreat-Anderson is a member of the SGA, and is urged to become a vital part in it. Our government is based on the principles of our Christian faith, which require truthfulness and honesty in personal life, social rules, and academic work.

—Beth Morse, President.

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## Express Your Opinion

Here shall the press the People's  
Right maintain, unawed by influence  
And unbribed by gain;  
Here Patriot Truth her glorious  
Precept draw, Pledged to religion,  
Liberty, and Law.

—Joseph Story

These poetic words of Joseph Story, noted newspaper journalist, have become the motto of the DIALETTE for the year 1960-61.

These words were chosen to be inspirational not only to members of the DIALETTE staff, but to every man and woman who compose our college.

A newspaper should voice the opinion of its readers, should not the DIALETTE do the same? We, the Dialectte staff, agree that this should be so, and with such a thought, we open our press to the college.

Being fully aware that no place or no

one is perfect, this newspaper welcomes your thoughts or criticisms, whether they be good or bad, concerning your life at Montreat.

Take an interest in your school and better it by expressing your opinions.

The Student Christian Association of Montreat-Anderson is hopeful that it will bring the students closer to Christ and to give them an opportunity to serve Him. In keeping with this purpose we have chosen as our theme this year the phrase from Philippians—"To Live is Christ." It is our hope and prayer that each student will truly live Christ, for only then will our purpose be fulfilled.

—Ann Harobur, President.

The purpose of the Women's Recreation Association is to promote a program of varied athletic and recreational activities. Through this program and association en-