

A STUDENT SPEAKS

SUCCESS THROUGH DISCIPLINE

We are now under way in a new semester. "What will it bring?" is probably a question that has been asked by many of us. We will not walk forward unknowingly, for we have the victories and failures of last semester upon which to build.

As we carefully evaluate our work, it may be that failure is uppermost in our minds. Did we develop a Christ-filled relationship with our roommate, suite-mates, and friends? Was our academic average a record of our best effort? As Christians did we grow closer to Christ day by day? Possibly we find ourselves answering negatively to the above questions. However, failure to achieve these standards must not oppress or discourage us.

Failure can be a spur instead of a hindrance. Failure can be turned into success if we will realize the causes and avoid the repetition of the same failure. Perhaps, lack of self-discipline is a major factor. Often we did not control self and did not allow ourselves to be disciplined by the circumstances around us.

Many times the importance of discipline is not realized until college. Here at Montreat-Anderson College many of us faced real discipline for the very first time in

our lives. The discipline of meals, classes, chapel, vespers, and homework was unwelcomed; yet, how necessary it was.

Why chafe at discipline? As unruly children we resented it, but we had to submit. The crucial testing point for us now is whether or not we submit to discipline. Discipline begins with self. It begins within the individual. If this self-control is mastered, its effects will be startling in the physical world around us. As we strive to develop through rigorous discipline, the outward results will be a positive sign of inner mastery.

Every life, with some pitiful exceptions, is ruled by law and trained by discipline. The Christian life must definitely be disciplined if it would express God's purpose. Because we are His disciples, we must humbly be disciplined by Him who created us. This is the secret to victorious living. We rise with Him and continue our fight. We are not daunted by our mistakes, but are disciplined by them. In Him we have new purpose and new hope. To all followers of Christ, discipline should be welcomed.

"Flowers and fruit come into full grace through careful pruning and restriction."

—J. W.

Historical Foundation Is World Famous

Of the many beautiful and useful buildings of Montreat-Anderson's campus, the Historical Foundation is the most famous. The Foundation, which consists of a museum, library, and archives, is beautifully constructed of steel, concrete and stone. The museum contains many Presbyterian relics; in the library are found 21,000 printed books, 9,000 volumes of periodicals, 25,000 pamphlets, 1,300 pictures and maps, and several thousand manuscripts, and in the archives are found most of the minutes of the Church.

The Vulgate dated 1478, the "Matthews Bible" dated 1537, and a "Great Bible" dated 1540 are among the notable Bibles found there.

Dr. Thomas H. Spence, Jr. is in charge of the Foundation and his able assistants are willing to render assistance to all who desire it.

The valuable knowledge which is to be found within the walls of the Foundation

brings many scholars from all over the world to the Montreat campus. Indeed the Historical Foundation is a credit to Montreat and the Presbyterian Church.

True Montreat Spirit

The following is an excerpt from a letter received by the editor from a 1960 graduate of Montreat.

" . . . I miss Montreat so very much. Please appreciate it while you are there. If not for anything else, for the beauty of it and for a dedicated and Christian faculty. It is really odd, but I do believe that anyone who has ever been a part of Montreat has this same feeling about her—for once I am at a loss for words to describe it . . . , but you'll understand sometime."

This letter is evidence that Montreat is more than a place, and people, it is a spirit of love and concern for others, a spirit that dwells within the hearts of "the children of the King."

Who Leads In Congo?

Because of the recent turmoil in the Congo, it has received for the past few months, more attention than any other part of the world. There has been much controversy as to what should be done to lessen the internal troubles and have Africa as pro-western. I think we have been spending too much time looking only at the internal trouble. There is another country besides Russia trying to gain prestige and power. The United Arab Republic is doing all it can to have the Congo as its ally. The greatest weapon the U.S.A. is using is religion. I think it shows how miserably Americans have failed as Christians. The Congo had many Moslems at the beginning of the upheaval, but now they have an even larger following. To encourage the Africans to become Moslems, 2,000 scholarships have been given. That is as many Africans as are now studying in the U.S.

I think that it is our duty to stop, forcefully, if necessary, the shipment of arms to the Congo. This only helps to add to the confusion. If this continues the Congo and the U.A.R. may unite to form another undemocratic country. It is my duty and yours to not only fight for our own freedom, but for the freedom of others who don't understand the choice between freedom and slavery. They have never known freedom. They are backward and ignorant. They need our help. Is it too late?

—B. H.

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