

Views of Montreat

It is always interesting to hear another's views on a subject, and in college it is especially interesting to know what one's fellow classmates think of their particular college. The following articles were written by Montreaters who had a desire to express their views.

MY VIEW OF MONTREAT

by Ruth White

The first time I saw Montreat was on a cold, wet, bleak summer day. My first experiences were of utter confusion. First, I could not find Summer Set Lodge, and when I did find it, I wished I had not. Then my family left me, and my roommate was out, so I was hopelessly alone and scared. Those first days I will never forget because I had never been away from home in my life. I was shy, self-conscious, and had never been with a group of people who were complete strangers.

That's when the spirit of Montreat stepped in. I call it the spirit of Montreat because it is the general good feeling and attitude that seems to settle upon all the inhabitants of this wonderful community, sooner or later. I was no exception. As shy as I was, I soon broke the ice I had built around my heart and I began to live. Never before in my life had I experienced such wonderful fellowship among my friends. Never before had I seen a group of young people so eager to do the right thing, to refrain from criticism, and to gripe as little as possible.

It has been said before and I will say it again: Montreat is definitely different. There is no other place like it in the world.

As the summer progressed, I watched those around me grow and mature a little more. I made some of the closest friends of my life, friends who were really deep and sincere.

Then the summer was over even before it had really begun. It had slipped gently out of my fingers and all my wonderful experiences stood in the shadow of memory behind me. It was gone and the inevitable tears came.

I was indifferent toward the future months which I would spend in this quiet, lovely place. It wouldn't be the same, I kept telling myself, because it was the people who made Montreat what it was in the summer. I came back to school with a half-heart. Most all of my summer friends were gone and I might never see them again.

I couldn't have been more wrong- The first few weeks of my college experience were the most wonderful weeks of my life. I found there were people here who were just as wonderful as my friends of the summer. Even more important I found that Montreat had not changed.

Montreat will never change- That same heavenly spirit swells within our college. The same air of love and fellowship still flows richly among these mountains. It searches out each individual heart and makes its home. Now I know why Montreat is so different. It is built, operated, and controlled through love. Nothing on earth can beat that!

This love is ours through Christ. We have a great faculty at Montreat and they are what they are because God is working through them. God is using them as instruments in helping to mold our lives. The rest is up to us. Our president is what he is because God's hand is upon him and guiding him every day.

Every day God reveals Himself to us in so many, many different ways. This is why Montreat is what it is. This is why Montreat alumni keep coming back. They come for inspiration and they come to recapture some of the love God pours out so freely upon the College, the Community, and the Organization. This is why Montreat is sometimes called Jerusalem, U.S.A.

This is my view of Montreat through the window of my heart.

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Nothing irks the hard-pressed college student more than shaking out an envelope from home and finding nothing in it but news and love.
—Reader's Digest

IMPRESSIONS BY NEW STUDENTS

Since we arrived at Montreat, we have often sat in our homey room and truthfully discussed how we feel about Montreat. Being truthful with ourselves, and each other, we are going to be truthful with you. Montreat-Anderson is our idea of a meaningful and lasting college experience. In discussing every factor, Montreat offers us the best. Socially, we have made many new friends with the ease that surrounds the entirety of Montreat. Mentally, we have gained knowledge that has built up a longing for further knowledge. In our spiritual life we have felt the warmth of faith of truly knowing our Christian religion.

Although we have only been here two weeks, we feel as much a part of Montreat as of those who have been here before us.

—Becky Adkins, Roberta Debnam

THOUGHTS

STRENGTH

We never have more than we can bear. The present hour we are always able to endure. As our day, so is our strength. If the trials of many years were gathered together, they would overwhelm us; therefore, in pity to our little strength, He sends first one, and then another, then removes both, and lays on a third, heavier, perhaps, than either; but all is so wisely measured to our strength that the bruised reed is never broken. We do not often look at our trials in this continuous and successive view. Each one is sent to teach us something.

These are the words of H. E. Manning. I feel that Mr. Manning is right in his article on strength because most of us are always finding some reason for passing some responsibility on to someone else because we are just too tired to do it. Let's accept our own tasks and do them.

—M. M. W.

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I will arrive at Montreat, Black Mountain,

Asheville..... on (day)..... at (time)

I would like to be met. Yes..... No.....

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