

FAREWELL . . .

It is customary for a retiring editor as his last official act to write a very "tear-jerking" fare-well editorial. This editorial, we have been told, should lean heavily on the constructive things that he and his paper have done for the school and, of course, shy away from the things that were perhaps promised but never done. We recall promising only one thing last year and that was to do our best. We haven't been able to do everything that we would like to have done but we have tried to do what we did well. Of course, sometimes what we thought was done well wasn't done well enough.

We really wish that we could say that Montreat-Anderson is a better place now that we have lived here for the past two years. But we can't honestly see any way that we have improved its lot.

We had hoped that by the end of this year students of this school would have developed enough interest in their future to at least write a letter to the editor but we guess that there are just too many students who are "Willie Weejeens" and go along with the conforming, lazy crowd to have any opinion of their own.

We had hoped that our paper would become a real voice for students' opinions and problems and be a true link between these problems and the administration but until students here realize that this is a college and not an expensive kindergarten and that in order to have their opinions honored they are going to have to show some maturity and responsibility, there will be no link between administration and students, ever.

We had also hoped that we would help make Montreat-Anderson known again as a seat of higher education and not as a school for flunkies. The only way we really helped in this was to keep from flunking out ourselves.

Our biggest regret in this whole business of our stay at Montreat-Anderson is that it can't last for another two years. We love Montreat and we always will love her. As our Alma Mater so truly puts it--we know for a fact.

How dear to our hearts will the memory be
Of the days we have spent in thy care,
When within thy dear halls we have lingered awhile
All thy gifts and thy blessings to share.
So the memory of thee will ever remain,
While we think of each dear hallowed scene;
And the bonds of true loyalty, blest through the
years,
Our affections will every keep green.
Then, to thee, Alma Mater, we'll ever be true,
Though the coming years scatter us far.
And the ideals you taught us will ever be bright,
Shining out as our life's guiding star.

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMING TUESDAY

By Saturday everyone should be home or at least on their way from Montreat. The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. has provided Montreat-Anderson students with this two-week vacation.

Now, just what is the General Assembly? The Presbyterian Church, generally known for conducting church affairs with dignity and order, is appropriately set up to function under a court system with four graduated church courts: the session (local), the presbytery, the Synod, and the General Assembly.

The Assembly or "Supreme Court" of the Presbyterian Church, U. S., is comprised equally of laymen (ruling elders) and Ministers (teaching elders). Every presbytery elects one elder and one minister for every 5,000 members in larger presbyteries. But if a presbytery has fewer than 5,000 members, it is still entitled to representation by one elder and one minister. These commissioners, as they are known, whose duty is to consider and vote on financial, spiritual and organizational matters of the Presbyterian Church, have a serious and demanding responsibility. They are expected to be led by God, their conscience and good judgement after hearing all of the facts under consideration.

The Assembly represents in one body, all Presbyterian U. S. Churches and constitutes the bond of union, peace and

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