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BOOKS

Now let us turn to our library and see what varied thoughts we may gather from the pages that are contained in this institution on our campus.

The reason that this part of public service has grown so rapidly during the past century may easily be seen when we realize the changed theory of libraries in the past as compared with the theory of the present. People used to look on libraries as a collection of books with the librarian as the keeper. Now the pendulum has swung making the librarian the distributor and also meeting the demands of the reader.

A book is a mental irritant.

It is a nation's indispensable strength.

Books are keys to wisdom's treasure.

A book builds better and stronger character.

'Tis books, not crowns, that make men kings.

A man is himself plus the books he reads.

The man who succeeds is the man who reads.

It is hard for an empty sack to stand upright. Read more books!

No man can be called friendless when he has God and the companionship of good books.

Books make the old fresh; the strange tolerable; the new questionable; and all things wonderful.

Read good books, and by all means spend a few minutes each day with the wise men of the past and present.

FEW MINISTERS ARE ATTENDING CONFERENCES

It is an evident fact that not more than half of the ministers here in school regularly attend their weekly conference. Frequently during the conference hour these non-attendants may be seen in the library, on the street about the post office waiting for their mail, or in their rooms with other things more important to be done. Is it because the conference programs do not supply a definite need? Is it because they have failed to realize its value? Or is it because they are indifferent to their calling? Let all observers decide.

TRIBUTE TO MOTHER STAPLETON

It is in the mood of one who feels unequal to the task that I pay tribute to Mother Stapleton. She no doubt is the most influential person on our campus, with a character that always stands as a beacon light to the boys and girls here.

The characteristics that make up the life of such women are: a supreme love of truth, a forgetfulness of self, moral courage, personal fearlessness, and an absolute security in word, thought, and deed. We all know that Mother Stapleton possesses all of these.

There are two things that she stands for above everything else, first, that each and every one build and mold into himself an unimpeachable character without blemish and without reproach; second, that while we are building and molding our lives and character that we put Christ at the head and let him be the guiding impulse of our actions.

Mother bears not only her own burdens, but shares the burdens of each and every boy. She helps those in need and helps us meet our many problems. Mother keeps the wrinkles smoothed out between the boys, and stresses that the boys ought to work in hearty cooperation to have a better Mars Hill.

In conclusion we might apply to her the words of the English statesman: "Handsome in person, scholarly in attainment, immaculate in character and possessing every virtue of head, heart, and soul necessary in constituting true greatness." The future students of Mars Hill will find in her life, character and service, a theme concerning which the simple truth will be the highest praise.

—B. P. Johnson

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The members of the College Church feel greatly encouraged by the work already accomplished and are anxious that more may be done in the future. Helpful co-operation has been manifested on the part of all the students. Some have failed to affiliate themselves with the church. These have a hearty welcome to do so at any time they feel inclined. Up to the present time ninety-two members have been received by letter and five by baptism. The total enrollment November 20, 1927 was two hundred twenty-four.

Rev. Ira Freeman, D. D., has resigned as pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church to accept the pastorate of Lorenz Avenue Baptist Church at Pittsburgh, Pa.

What Place Has God In My Life?

"Only too often we pray like beggars with baskets on their arms." This striking remark was one of many interesting statements addressed by Miss Kathleen Young to an audience as attentive as even Mars Hill can boast, for the occasion was Sunday evening, November 27, 1927. The place was the church auditorium and the program was presented under the auspices of the B. Y. P. U. of Mars Hill College campus. The result was one of the finest meetings of the entire year.

Occasionally Dr. Owen likes for us to miss his fine sermons, we believe, for he enjoys turning over the meeting to the young people. They always do their best to justify his faith in them. This particular program deserves enthusiastic praise.

Following the invocation and a special musical number, Dr. Owen introduced the group of speakers. The program was planned to include each phase of B. Y. P. U. topics, namely: Devotional, Bible Study, Doctrinal and Missionary. The speakers presented these in the order given.

Miss Kathleen Young took as her subject: "Give Me a Thankful Heart." Her treatment of it showed much care and thought and was especially appropriate. She quoted the faith and the noble example of the Pilgrim Father who in the midst of despair and starvation honored and praised God, thanking Him for His blessings. Citing also the praise of David, she remarked that Psalm 138 seems to have been written especially for an American Thanksgiving. Although David's life was full of great trouble, he never ceased to praise Him or be grateful to Him for His blessings. "There is a certain amount of gratitude that is due to our Father, yet, do we not make some of our expressions of gratitude merely vain, repetitions, formal things? Do we give thanks hurriedly and thoughtlessly, or omit them altogether?"

Then she emphasized three things for which we should be especially thankful:

First, we should be thankful for our Christian homes, in a Christian America, and express our thankfulness by giving means and service, praising God with our whole hearts and giving Him the glory. "Live enthusiastically. Enthusiasm is worth having and showing. Religion without enthusiasm is restraint in Christian living."

We should be thankful for the Bible, and show our thankfulness by reading it every day. Most of all we should be thankful that we know Jesus as Christ, our Saviour.

"Thank God for the bitter and ceaseless strife,
 And the sting of the chastening rod.
 Thank God for the stress and the pain of life,
 And, oh, thank God for God!"

Mr. Ed. Harrel's subject was: "What Place Has the Bible in My Plans?" I answer is by asking this question, "What place has God in My Life?" The most notable thing about the Bible to me is its parallelism with God. Remember the Bible is God's spoken word. God is the Bible and the Bible is God.

Mr. Harrel stated that unless men and women receive Christ as a personal saviour the Bible means nothing to them. He quoted Dr. Talmage as living close to God and finding the Bible a daily and astonishing source of help and power. He read McKinley's dying prayer. When the sands of his life were slipping away, he turned to the Bible as he had turned to it all his days. "The world has yet to show us a book of such glorious history, refuge and inspiration as that of the Bible." We may love only portions of it, as did the old negro who liked best the

part "where Paul pints his 'pistol at the 'Pheians," but even that is better than loving and cherishing none of it.

"Am I True to My Church Covenant?" inquired Mr. Charles Parker. His subject was handled in a thought provoking manner and he brought new light to bear on the question of church members living up to their promises. First, he said, we must find if our covenant is authorized by the Bible, since there are about 700 church covenants existing in America. Having done so, we must then be honest with ourselves and our Maker. Are we really living up to the things expected of us? "If we are so doing, we are living pure and consistent Christian lives, and maintaining the church in its ordinances and worship; securing the faithful preaching of the word. We are helping to spread the Gospel throughout the world. Not only are we doing all this, but we are living pure and Christ-like lives, mutually helping and admonishing one another, and we are doing good to all men as it may in our power, all in the name of Christ."

Then he asked the church members to ask themselves if they are really living up to these standards. He stated that it is not enough to attend church, sing, and put money on the collection plate, for any man can do those things. "It is not enough to solicit and compete for the banner. We must know Christ and He must be made pre-eminent in our lives."

Mr. James Smith then came forward and discussed the subject: "Missionary Motives." He mentioned the great growth of Christianity since Christ stood by John in Jordan. The seed of Christianity, planted in favorable soil has grown and flourished. There were not more than 130 Christians before Pentecost. Fifteen years after Christ's ascension there were probably 150,000, and there were over 2,000,000 after the death of the last apostle.

Mr. Smith defined "motive" as "anything that excites choice and moves the will." Christ has a task, which is that of witnessing for him. "Are we denying the burden of lost souls?"

Mr. Smith emphasized the fact that Christianity has always been an incentive for sin to counteract its influences. He mentioned China, who maintains that her society is as good as is America's; yet we consider China the most heathen of nations. China looks to us for help and we do not justify her faith in us. "What is the main business of the Baptist Church? Are not the words 'come' and 'go' indeed the pivotal points of the gospel? What can stem the tide of sin? Nothing but the cross of Christ. Every Christian has his own definite God-assigned task. What are we doing?"

The above program is a characteristic example of the work which is being done on the campus by our B. Y. P. U. boys and girls. Are we helping or hindering them? B. Y. P. U. not only strengthens, uplifts and purifies; but it trains for special Christian service. There are many boys and girls on the campus who are unenlisted in the work. Is not that sufficient challenge to us? Let's invite them to join us and make our campus 100 per cent for Christ in motive, action and honest Christian service. Are we living up to our covenant with Christ?

Y. W. A. GIRLS SEEK THEIR POLLYANNA

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 secrets. Many verses from the Bible convinced those in Bowden Circle that every girl can be her own beauty specialist. Real beauty comes from a pure soul and a beautiful character. Reports were made on the personal service work. There are many ways in which one can do small and kindly deeds to those around that help to

JUST SUPPOSE

Mr. Farr wore rompers.
 Raymond Long spoke Greek.
 Glenn Whitt and Sara Osborne in love.
 Ice Cream and chicken were served daily in the O. E. Sams dining room.
 The hens ceased to lay.
 More than six students passed English.
 Jack Murphy wore dresses.
 Charles Parker wore sarcastic Mae Gibson wore socks.
 Glenn Travis possessed Her Wells' winsome ways with the word.
 Ed Haynes had to think to be fit.
 Reba Lowe were "pigeon-toed."
 Lib Spangler vamped Herman V.
 Mr. Stringfield had false teeth.
 "Wee Willie" went to Biltmore occasionally.
 The Rogers girls ever agreed.
 Aileene Golde closed her mouth for five minutes.
 Boyd Humphrey rushed the girls.
 Mr. Corpening had married a Daniels.
 "Mitch" Revelle had hair on the top of his head.
 Misses Wengert and Black thought the third-floor Spangler girls were perfect, or supposed to be. They never reported them to Miss Henderson.
 Jessie Henderson couldn't crocheted had to resign his position as president of the Sewing Circle.
 Bill Logan had long, golden curls.
 A girl HAD written the article "Lost—the Spirit."
 Bill Boger were president of the Parent Teachers' Association.
 Mr. Trentham had 100 percent of his es in Biology.
 Earl Bradley should lose his position as faculty member.
 Hilda Lawrence ever had to have her name in Miss Howell's "book."
 Eleanor Maxwell had naturally long hair.
 Ruth Singleton ever addressed a letter to Gastonia, N. C.
 Mr. McLeod, when speaking to the girls on the campus, should have said "Good Morning" when it was o'clock in the afternoon.
 Coach suffered with gout or rheumatism.
 The Soup-line were abolished.
 Charles Maddry and James B. were twins.
 Amanda Springs spoke in low, modulated tones and other third floor Spilman girls did likewise.
 Frances King, Ellen Jones, Mable line May, and Alice Beckwith didn't play dolls.
 Sara Coachman didn't giggle.
 "Little Bit" were a "perfect 30."
 Virginia Frady liked to ride a certain Chevrolet from Asheville.
 "Fuzz" Anderson were a woman man.
 "Cotton" Sherrill shook her head when she talked.
 Mr. Huff were flirtatiously inclined.
 Miss Gregg were a typical flapper.
 Helen Ramsey liked to "air out" Nash sport roadster.
 make the day bright. Perhaps it is no more than getting a glass of water for one's roommate, carrying flowers to the sick, or helping Kelly. Yet it all helps, for truth, it is really the small things that count.
 Then in several of the circles girls drew out a box the name of the girl to whom they were to be Pollyanna. Without the lucky drawing knowing it the one who drew her name tries to see if she can't do something thoughtful and helpful for her every day. It is great fun to discover one's Pollyanna and to have greater fun to be Pollyanna. All tends to make the girls more thoughtful of each other in small things.
 Before the meetings adjourned girls were made happy by the drawing of a real Y. W. A. Christmas Social to be given before the Christmas holidays.
 Rev. O. H. Mangum was president of the ministers' conference here in Durham. He is pastor of the O. E. Baptist Church.