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**Surprise Flower Shower Given Miss Bowden**

Saturday, Oct. 3, was not complete for Miss Bowden when supper came on.

About seven-thirty the president of the Teacher Training Class went to Miss Bowden's room and asked her if she would go to the art room for a few minutes.

The room had been artistically decorated, and the honoree only saw rows of empty chairs as the receiving line. Still wondering what the idea could be for such an occasion, she allowed herself to be placed in her seat of honor. At this time the members of the class in their pretty dresses with smiling faces ran mer-

rily in and showered her with loads of flowers, banking them on her in a profusion.

Someone began to play "There's Within My Heart a Melody," and all joined in the singing. This was the beginning of a delightful and jolly evening, and the mixed emotions of the teacher wore away as the evening progressed. Much amusement was created by the impromptu comic debate and miscellaneous speeches.

**SOCIETY SPIRIT RUNS HIGH AT REUNION**

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One end of the hall, the Phi and Phi's at the other, and the faculty in the center. While dinner was in progress, the students had the opportunity of renewing old friendships, meeting former acquaintances and meeting those of their respective societies who were here years ago.

There were both old and new students from many states. As the time was limited and it was impossible to hear from everyone, it was decided that the best thing to be done under the circumstances was to elect a representative from each group. Those representing each state were asked to rise when the name of the state was called, and select a representative. North Carolinians chose as their representative Mr. Elliott, one of the faculty; South Carolina, Mr. Blackwell, also a member of the faculty; Virginia, Dr. O. E. Sams; Tennessee, Dr. Bert Sams, of Marshall. The Cosmopolitan Club, composed of those from states other than the ones named, chose Bessie Stevenson. Olympia Fletis represented Central America.

Several splendid talks were made also by the following persons: Mr. Blackstock, of the Buncombe Alumni Association; Ostelle Warren, president of the Gaston County Alumni Association, which was the first to be organized and which now is the largest association of its kind; Mrs. Whit Gaskins, Asheville. After all the others had spoken, Mr. Moore, who was chosen to represent the faculty, said a few words.

There were more yells, cheers, and songs given by the societies before the time drew near for the reunion of the Clio and Non's.

The college orchestra, under the leadership of Miss Blackstock, added much to the enjoyment of the evening.

**FOUNDERS DAY CELEBRATION SUCCESS**

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student is the soul. Great emphasis was laid upon the value of a Christian education.

Two questions were asked and answered by Mr. Kester. "Is it possible to educate the soul?" and "How can it be done?" Mr. Kester defined education as the leading out or the development of one's capacities—of the soul, as the seat of emotions, of the desires, and of the will power. He said the soul should be educated to discern between right and wrong. "The mind and the body can be educated; therefore, the soul can," he went on. He said it was possible to educate the soul because it has been done. To illustrate he pointed out how the fishermen of Galilee became leaders and referred also to Luther, Knox, Wesley, and other great men. Having shown that it is possible to educate the soul, Mr. Kester named several ways in which it could be educated.

"First," he said, "we must fall out of love with self and fall in love with God. Again, follow the gleam of the best religious experiences. Keep our souls in touch and in tune with the spiritual, eternal God." Mr. Kester defined "keeping in touch with God" as prayer, and said that prayer was not merely calling over words but was fellowship with God Himself. "Such prayer," he said, "casts silence and meditation. It is not an open hand to receive, but an open heart to become."

The speaker's eyes were flashing fire, and his body swaying with a holy zeal and enthusiasm as he said emphatically, "We need souls who are sensitive to the Divine Presence."

When the sermon was closed, the audience stood and sang "Lead On, O King, Eternal." From the auditorium to the dining hall the congregation hastened for the next number on the program—dinner.

**PHI REUNION IS WELL ATTENDED**

**Prominent Alumni Return**

The Philomathian Literary Society met Friday, Oct. 12, and, because of the numerous visitors who were present, dispensed with the program for the evening with the exception of Hoyt Smith's comical reading, "The Relation of the Mosquito to the Human Family."

Dr. O. E. Sams, president of Bluefield College, Bluefield, W. Va., gave a very interesting and enlightening address on the history of the society. He traced the society from its beginning in 1898 to the present date, making many comparisons during the process. Even the difference between the halls of now and then was briefly mentioned.

Mr. W. Howard Plemmons spoke on the spirit of the society. One of the most appealing things at Mars Hill is the society spirit. Through this medium the stay of many students is made more pleasant and profitable than it would otherwise have been. The society holds a dearer place in the hearts of most alumni than any other institution at Mars Hill. During his speech Mr. Plemmons' face radiated the warmth and power of the Phi spirit.

Much beneficial advice was offered by Mr. Ellis Jones, Asheville, N. C.; Mr. Don. C. Young, also of Asheville, N. C.; Rev. Ben Eller, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Statesville, N. C.; Dr. Burt Sams, Marshall, N. C.; Mr. Clarence Blackstock, president of the Buncombe County Mars Hill Alumni Association, Asheville, N. C.; Mr. L. D. Edwards, Mars Hill, N. C.; Mr. Zack Eller, Mars Hill, N. C.; Mr. Calvin Edney, a winner of the L. D. Edwards Oratorical Medal, Mars Hill, N. C.; Mr. Dewey Jamieson, a winner of the C. B. Mashburn Debater's Medal, Burnsville, N. C.; Mr. E. O. Burnette, Marshall, N. C.; Mr. William Dockery, Marshall, N. C.; Mr. Paul Grogan, Clyde, N. C.; Mr. Cecil Bost, New London, N. C.; Mr. J. P. Huskins, Burnsville, N. C.; Mr. Fred Drake, Horse Shoe, N. C.; and numerous others.

After the speeches refreshments consisting of punch and wafers were served. As the visitors were dismissed from the hall, everyone breathed a prayer that many more such reunions be held both for the benefit of the present members and the former ones.

**SPILMAN GIRLS ARE RESCUED FROM CHIMERA**

A creak! a scream! All third floor was in a turmoil. Spilman was the scene of disaster. Panic-stricken faces were peering from each door, and, as the news spread, the hall was filled with the scream, "A man!" The tension was broken when two gallant heroes appeared in the images of Fred Bose and Joe Womble. Armed with powerful flashlights, they climbed the attic steps without faltering. The stage for the struggle was all in readiness for the terrific monster having four legs, claws, bristling black fur, and fiery green eyes, who was expected to confront them. Our two bold heroes approached the terrible monster, and after a gruesome struggle emerged victorious. Our heroes! They received their honors in forms of happy smiles as they strutted down through third floor avenue. The loss caused by this catastrophe was estimated at about 21,222 tears. The main losers were Miss Helen Ramsey and Miss Helen Woody.

**Scribleris Gives Keats Program**

A delightful program was given in the Scribleris Club on Tuesday night, Oct. 23, on John Keats. Louise Clark opened the program with a very interesting paper on the life of John Keats. Irma Henderson read a delightful paper on the Bibliography of Keats. In conclusion Madeline May read a most charming paper on Keats' Idea of Beauty.

In the business session Mr. Elliott told the club that it was possible for Mr. Byrd, Dean of Cullowhee State Normal, to lecture to the club this Saturday; so the club unanimously voted to invite Mr. Byrd to lecture at one o'clock Saturday. The Scribleris Club extends a cordial invitation to all of the C11's interested.

Because of such a heavy course and so many outside activities, the president, Carl Meares, tendered his resignation, which was accepted by the club. James Baley automatically became president, and the club is expecting great things of him.

**Mars Hill Goes For Herbert Hoover**

The straw vote taken in chapel Monday, Oct. 22, shows Mars Hill, both students and faculty, going strong for Hoover. The Republican presidential candidate carried every group in college, even the ones who work in the kitchen during chapel going 6 to 2 for him. Norman Thomas, Socialist candidate for president, received one vote. He does not seem to be the choice of the Mars Hill students. Since the days of Washington no president has been unanimously elected. Neither is Hoover unanimously elected in the minds of Mars Hill. Smith has a very strong representation. The female voters gave Hoover his biggest majority. The vote for the girls being Hoover 103, and Smith 49, giving Hoover a majority of 54. The vote of the boys was much closer, Smith receiving 93 to Hoover's 116, a majority of 23. To the faculty goes the honor of having the largest percentage for Hoover, the vote being Hoover 12, Smith 1, and Thomas 1. The total vote for Hoover is 231, for Smith 143, and for Thomas 1. Hoover's majority in the school including the faculty reaches 87. The entire student body did not vote, also many unsigned ballots were cast out. The number who did vote, however, may be taken as representative of the whole as 375 ballots were counted.

This is the first time that such a straw vote has been held at Mars Hill College. The Hilltop wishes to thank the student body and the faculty for their hearty co-operation which made the event possible.

**SENIORS FACE THE CAMERA**

"Oh, do I look all right?" "Will this dress do?" "Hurry, we're going to be late." And with such ejaculations the senior pictures for the 1929 Laurel were begun. For three mornings the familiar, "Mr. Meares has an announcement," prefaced the schedule for the day.

The Seniors for seven weeks have ardently desired that Mrs. Howard, the photographer, be transformed into a wizard and invent a camera that wouldn't be forced to take what was placed in front of it. But as great were the expressions-of woe last week when the actual pictures were made greater will be the weeping and wailing when the proofs begin to come in. For it is truly pitiful how few of the seniors are beautiful! Remember, Seniors, however, that beauty is only skin deep. Your picture in the Laurel will only be a reminder of your deeds.

Howard Studio, of Asheville, has been awarded the contract for pictures this year. The studio has an enviable record and maybe the weeping and wailing can be curtailed because of this record. The Laurels are due to come out next April—and then, Seniors, beware!

**South Carolina Club Enjoys Jolly Outing**

The South Carolina Club left the Hill on Saturday, Oct. 13, for its first social gathering of the year. Its members enjoyed a delightful walk down to the Old Mill, where they kindled a fire and showered it with forked sticks loaded with weiners and marshmallows.

After lunch was finished, a host of jokes and some interesting games were enjoyed. It was discovered that a great sense of humor existed among the group, especially in Oscar Graham and James Moseley who kept the crowd laughing all the time. Messrs. Blackwell and England, the chaperons, assisted in giving everybody a good time.

When all the fun seemingly had been enjoyed, they started back to the Hill and concluded the day with a yell for the Old South State.

To those who found it impossible to go, the club extends its deepest regrets, hoping that such an opportunity will never be missed again.

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