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Student Alumni Association in the Making

From the time the first student graduated from Mars Hill College, there has been need for a strong and workable Alumni Association. There has been too little said or done about such an organization for Mars Hill. Nevertheless, the present classes are making history in that direction. Under the leadership of Professor Elliott a great stride has been made toward a strong and efficient Alumni Association.

A chapel period last week was given the four classes in order that each individual through his class might have a say in this great work. Each class voted unanimously for the project. However, the work has only begun. Committees from each class with Mr. Elliott will work out a plan for organizing the association.

All hope the plan will be satisfactory and a practicable one. No greater object has been the goal of the college. All must carry on or the great work of the founders and supporters will go for naught. Mars Hill is just now ready for great and noble work. The past is strewn with trials and tribulations and the work weary and hard.

Shall we, her sons and daughters, sit idle and see her retract? Can we not give ourselves as well as our money for support of such a noble work? God forbid that we be idle; that this college suffer because of our indifference! Let success backed by hard work be our aim.

FORUM

To the Editor of the Hilltop:
Most of us students are looking to the time when we shall go home for the Christmas holidays. It is a joy to hear that we will get two more days at home. To the ones who are responsible we give thanks.

While we are at home, shall we forget the Christian principles that are so thoroughly taught here? Shall we disappoint the ones at home? We must not forget that during these off days that we are still responsible to God for our actions. Then let us make this Christmas a most joyful one. Let us "say it" to our parents. We shall have them for only too short a time as it is. The spoken words are best now, not flowers later. Our friends too would like to hear us "say it." When Christmas has passed, let each of us say that we have made some one truly happy.

Let us thoroughly rest in order that we may come back with a grim determination to make good. "To live sincerely" should be our motto for the days to come. Can we truthfully say at the end of the semester that we have done our best? If we "flunk" a course, can we put the blame on the teacher? Surely not! Then let us now begin to live for the examination to come here and hereafter. Let's not wait until New Year's to make resolutions; they are easily broken. Only the determination to live every minute as if the next were the last shall we succeed. There is much to do with only a few harvesters. Shall it be said of us that we have failed to do our task? We must not fail; we can't. We won't!

Yours for a greater and better Christmas and a glorious time on New Year's.

—Boyd Brown.

"I find letters from God dropped in the street, and everyone is signed by God's name,

And I leave them where they are, for I know that whereso'er I go, Others will punctually come forever and ever." —Walt Whitman.

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"Blessed are the joy-makers."

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

The same old greeting, the same good wishes, but they carry with them a wealth of meaning. The holidays are upon us now, friends are scattering to their homes, are eager to see home and loved ones again. As they leave and as you part, just send the old message of good cheer with them. Let them know that you will think of them and that your good wishes will go with them.

When we return January 2 we will have been away two weeks. It is the happiest time of the year and everyone should enjoy it to the utmost and return again after the holidays with renewed determination to make good.

W. C.

MEANDERINGS AROUND

Christmas is coming—believe it or not—Claude Royal says so. Every morning at six-thirty sharp, much to the discomfort of several young men who aren't anxious to get home so early.

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Arnold Butler borrows shoe polish about every night now—but his shoes aren't shined. We just wonder what it is all about.

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We wonder if . . .
Cannitz has a place to sleep, and if so, why he begs of everybody else. Bill Capel's and Crip Yarborough's "Chariot" runs. Everybody'll take the mumps for Christmas.

Epitaph: Here Lies an Atheist; All Dressed Up and No Place to Go.

—Loyola U.

What Every Student Ought to Know . . .

"The chief purpose of an education is to train the mind and the will to do the work you have to do in the world, when it ought to be done, whether you like to do it or not."
—Huxley.

How to do rapid reading. Learn to do skip reading. Read phrases and sentences, not words. In reading sentences pay attention to the beginning and end. In reading paragraphs pay attention to the first and last sentences in order to get the topic and summary. In reading chapters, notice the first and last paragraphs.

Have a study schedule—let nothing interfere with it.

Concentrate on a subject to the point of absorption.

Underline the important sentences, if you own the book.

Use the dictionary.

Keep your work up to date.

Keep a note-book for each course in a businesslike way.

Always quote exactly.

Always take a note-book to class.

Learn how to use the library.

On going to a classroom take the essential things—two sharpened pencils, fountain pen, paper, a watch that will go, and a sense of humor.

Don't worry.
—Earl H. Hillbrand.

To a Horse

O horse, you are a wondrous thing. No horns to honk, no bells to ring; No license to buy every year, With plates to screw on front and rear.

No spark to miss, no gears to strip; You start yourself, no clutch to slip; No gas bills mounting every day to steal the joy of life away.

Your inner tubes are all O. K. And thank the Lord, they stay that way.

Your sparkplugs never miss or fuss; Your motor never makes a cuss. Your frame is good for many a mile;

Your body never changes style. Your wants are few and easily met. You've something on the auto yet.

"My good man, I hear there's quite a bit of drinking in this neighborhood."

"There ish, lady; there ish."

"Have you personally witnessed any of it?"

"Witnessed any of it? Why, lady, I myself just finished drinking two quarts of gin."

"Well, a man like you ought to be shot!"

"I am, lady, I am."

—Cornell Widow.

CASH AND CARRY

"I wanna quarter's worth o' rat poisoning."

"Do you want to take it with you?"

"No; I'll send the rats after it."

—Minn. Ski-U-Mah.

ARS POETAE

To Night of May BB. 'BT

Yon glorious orb ascending in the heavens
Tonight conjures me from my temporal abode

To have tryst with vagrant solitude;
While others delve with unresponsive books,

I quest for spirit-forms intangible:
The heart-beat and the life, whereof such things

As books and men are but the sounding shell
The spirit that indwells this mortal form

Beats like a caged bird that hears its mate
Call from the freedom of the infinite,

Where truth unlocks with beauty's master key
The mystery of the veiled eternities.

Arise, O soul! for beautys at the door
And waits to lead thee forth to sup with God.

—D. L. S.

Advice for Girls

1. Keep away from track men, they are usually fast.

2. Ne'er make dates with biology students, they enjoy cutting up too much.

3. The football man is all right, he will tackle anything.

4. You can trust a tank man, he will diye in and do his best.

5. The tennis man is harmless, but he enjoys a racket.

6. Watch out for the baseball man, he hits and runs.

7. Be careful of the dramatic member, they usually have several good lines.

8. Don't play cards with a civil engineer, he is a bridge specialist.

9. Always let the members of the band talk about themselves, they enjoy blowing their own horns.

"Skull and Bones."

Things I Never Knew Till Now . . .

That a "drag" may be a dance, a girl, or a puff on a cigarette;

That Claude Royal can sing Christmas carols (but, let us hope not again.)

That Mr. Lee goes to Asheville on Thursday evening. (Boys, beware!)

That co-eds are so beautiful an' yet DUMB. (Beautiful to make men fall in love with them, an' dumb to make them fall in love with the men.)

That Sir Walter Raleigh discovered America. (Talks Before Chapel, Ulysses Dale, vol. XIII, p. 631.)

That "Bill" Capel's Ford can actually and truly go (but down hill only.)

That "huhuhumunkunukauaakuaanaa" is good to eat. (Now, Miss Pierce.)

That if Moses'd seen Belle Howell there would be 'nother commandment.

That "Cueball" Suttle would leave his Lucky for a Sweet.

That it is "Crip's" off day again. (He has walked off with someone's hat.)

That the A. M. after Professor Carr's name does not always stand for "absent-minded."

That people other than "Bill" Middleton wear both belt and suspenders. That there is no Santa Claus.

That Hoh Juredine wears a long mustache so that when he is home his wife can't tell who is talking.

That two can live as cheaply as one (but not as pleasantly.)

That a few razors have gone bad. (Look at the boys!)

That there were no co-eds in the day of Webster. (His dictionary says that dumb can't talk.)

That no girl ever made a fool outa Butler. (But who was it, then?)

That Stewart gets up and writes verses when he finds he can't sleep. (Insomnia is a terrible thing.)

That the statue of liberty weigh hundred an' fifty thousand (Akers thinks they should her cut out sweets.)

That waterpower is a source most unlimited wealth, esp when the water is used in stock. (No more milk, Mr. man.)

That McClees wants to know has become of the girl who was ugly as a mud fence." (It is ugly girls who have disapp it's the mud fences.)

That Graydon Jordan wants to Dearborn. (Stay with us a girls, Jordan, and imagine living in the age of Eve.)

That a bee dies when it stings. (And a friendship acts that way.)

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