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Student Alumni Association

The Alumni Association of Mars Hill College which was founded last year shows an excellent beginning. The book in which the names of the students are listed records one hundred and ninety names. No student from this number has pledged below \$5.00 per year, and several have pledged above this amount. The pledges, for the most part, do not fall due until after 1935; however, thirty-five dollars was due for the year 1930, forty-one dollars plus the thirty-five dollars for 1930 are due in the year 1931. The students have not all enrolled their names upon this book, but names are being added gradually. There seems to be every indication of making the Alumni Association a success and a thing that will be of lasting value to Mars Hill College.

C. H.

Congratulations, Juniors and Seniors

The last two issues of The Hilltop were published by representatives of the Junior and Senior classes.

Those two classes, through their elected staffs, issued two papers that were worthy of the commendation of practically all who read them. The features were timely; the news stories were representative; the editorials were well written; and the general make-up of the papers was well balanced. The first edition had a bit too much of superfluous material within its pages, and not enough space was given to more important news; but the paper as a whole was entirely readable, and was worthily representative of the work of the Junior class. The Senior Edition carried a more complete list of news-stories, but the features were not as readable as those appearing in the Junior Edition of the paper.

The staff congratulates these two classes upon their work on the paper, and thanks both classes for the splendid spirit of co-operation that was manifest.

The Staff.

May Queen

Once again the time has come for choosing the one who will reign at the celebration of the time-honored festivities of May Day. Though this year everyone seems happy over the outcome of elections, during the past years some, for personal or impersonal reasons, have taken exception to the procedure by which this queen of ephemeral reign is elected on our campus. Some explanation for our lack of conformity to the custom of certain other colleges is perhaps necessary. We should justify our ways.

The selection of May Queen, and the attendants also, at Mars Hill is not subject entirely to the capricious methods of the popular vote and is elevated above the junto practices suffered on many campuses. Certain rigid qualifications are therefore required of the ones who receive this honor on the Mars Hill campus. The qualifications include the intellectual, the physical, the social, as well as that of popularity. Accordingly, those not attaining a fair standard of scholarship are not eligible; those not meeting the physical requirements of the department of physical education are likewise ineligible; also those whose social conduct and attitudes are not in accord with the spirit and standards of Mars Hill cannot become candidates. Those who pass upon these qualifications are the lady members of the faculty, who have the necessary information at hand.

These restrictions may result in disappointments to many, probably those who eminently qualify in almost every particular. On the other hand, the honor thus confined and guarded carries with it a glory otherwise unattainable.

Some Thoughts on the Dawn of Spring

Laura Billings

"The world throws off her weeds of woe

And decks herself in flowers;
The fields and forests gaily bloom,
Birds sing in leafy bowers,
Rejoice on earth, for death is slain,
The Lord of life is risen again."

Today, as I look toward old Bailey, and other mountain peaks around Mars Hill, I am made to realize that the mighty power of God is moving over them. I see around me the buds swelling in the warm sunshine and bursting into blossoms. Bright green

grass and modest violets make the earth fresh and beautiful. Do we not see in this a symbol of the resurrection of the Lord of life? Do our thoughts not turn to Him who burst the bands of death and came forth in triumph over death and the grave?

Dear friends and classmates, school will soon close, and we will go away, many of us never to return. May we carry with us the strength of the hills and the influence of our noble teachers whose prayers will follow us.

There are two great teachers that God has given to be present with us wherever we may be—Nature and the Bible. We should cultivate a love for God's Word and shape our lives by its teachings, if we wish to have a

part in making the world a happier place and a better place.

We should be able to see God in His wonderful works of Nature. It has been said that every flower has a message from God. As for me the lovely jasmine has the greatest message of all. Its fragrance and pure whiteness speak to me of the sacred mysteries of the soul. May we be receptive to the instructions of these silent messengers of God.

Here are some lines that I love, and I wish to share them with you:

"It is said somewhere at twilight
A great bell softly swings;
And man may listen and hearken
To the wondrous music that rings
If he thrusts from his heart all hatred,

All thoughts of wicked things,
He can hear in the holy twilight
How the bell of the angels rings.
So let us ponder a little
And look in our hearts and see
If the twilight bell of the angels
Can ring for you and me."

Does this "bell of the Angels" ring for you and me as often as it might? Do we try to thrust from our hearts "all thoughts of wicked things," and thoughts and feelings of unkindness toward our friends or associates? If not, we cannot hear this great soothing bell that rings to our hearts and in which there should respond greater love and truer kindness to all our fellow-travelers at this season when

MR. J. B. HUFF

Mars Hill College was indeed fortunate this year in the acquisition of Professor Joseph Bascom Huff as head of the English department.

Mr. Huff is an alumnus of the academy of Mars Hill College, being a student here in the first year of Dr. Moore's regime as president. As a student his record stands blemishless, and while here he took a very active part in the debates staged.

Mr. Huff received his A. B. degree from Wake Forest in 1903, and was awarded the M. A. degree from the University of North Carolina a single year later. Since that time he has been principal of Dothan High School, Dothan, Alabama; principal of the Wilmington High School of this state; teacher at Mars Hill College; a member of the faculty at Carson Newman College, and president of Wingate Junior College.

A persevering student, a teacher without peer, a deserving executive, an unexcelled teacher, a patient guide, no praise is too high for this man whom we all respect and revere



Mr. J. B. Huff

B.G.L.

A SONNET OR A SONG

By D. L. Stewart

The Love That Follows Me

(Dedicated to, and written at the request of, Mother B. F. Stapleton, formerly Housemother of Boys' Dormitories.)

When first my eyes beheld the lift of day,
A tender babe to loving hearts was pressed,
And crooning medleys soothed my cries away,
A helpless infant on my mother's breast,—
O then a sweeter and diviner flame
Than mother-love from watchful Heaven came
To follow me.

What snatched me from the burning cottage floor,
A sickly babe, whose life hung by a thread?
What stayed the hand of Death upon the door
When grim disease lurked round my fevered bed?
My spirit tells me that some force unseen
Averts the tragic hand: this must have been
The love that follows me.

When sunny spring smiled on the little farm,
I made me wagons, boats, and other toys;
Sang with the bees and birds, and breathed the charm
Of woods and pastures pent with Nature's joys—
While God, immortal Father, looked—and smiled,
And spread His love around the happy child,
That love which follows me.

Then childhood fled: and duty's rugged road
Received my stumbling feet, with many a fall;
But on my dark path fell the step of God,
And through the night I followed by His call.
Oft have I wondered why I live and move,
Unworthy of a righteous Father's love—
That love which follows me.

The morn, the noon, the evening, and the night,
The watchful eyes of love sublime attend;
Soon breaks the morning of perpetual light,
Whose sun is Christ—hence never can descend.
Then shall I see what is denied me now:
That light of love upon the Master's brow—
The love that follows me.

all Nature proclaims the resurrection of Christ, the one whose life is an example for us all.

DIRTY DIGS

Several of the boys are going to peddle Pictorial Reviews during their vacation months. Otway Bennett was prevented from joining this very select group only by his professional baseball contract.

A new periodical has made its appearance on the campus! From several of the students victimized comes the sentiment that the name EXTRA should be changed to THE LAMBASTER.

Hubert Smith believes in playing fair with the home girls.

Andrew Chesson is so dumb he thinks that a Dominican is a receptacle for dominoes.

Maybe Sam Justice couldn't make the baseball squad, but he finds some consolation in the fact that he was able to catch athlete's foot.

The following M. H. C. men were appointed to the Buncombe County Bar Association Committee on Legislation and Law Reform: C. E. Blackstock, chairman; Don C. Young; T. L. Johnson; justices of the peace, Reed Kitchen, chairman; program, M. A. Jones, J. Y. Jordan, Jr.

SOME FOR EVER

By the

Someone made the presentation Club, on last Saturday you could tell a M. public performance respect they show performing. I heard person who made

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Frances Barnes as Queen

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take their parts late It should be made those in the Physi department were elig the May Day exerci reason many girls w eligible do not appe

Since the inaugura at Mars Hill, three has been increasing joyment in the even the wreath was Miss Rosemary. Last y Moore, of Statesvi queen. Both were of and bearing. Helen, who remember her, as a "daughter of the tall, and most divined, but

bless her dear sweet most lovable queen that might wish: she had everyone from the clow honor. Both were on the campus.

This year, too, our wisely in selecting Frances whose home N. C. From the tim rculated with us two has proved herself a average in scholarsh ity, in conduct, and Among other honors are these: literary ed rel, associate editor anniversary president reil Literary Society of her Sunday-school C-2 class she was vote ular, best all-round, a modating girl. A one- by her recently won the state and is beir Chapel Hill this we shall crown this girl she shall take her pla "the green" on May 2.