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Foreword

Originality is a beautiful word; it expresses the ability of a person to communicate his thoughts and views to others in a unique manner. The tragedy of this age is the paucity of original thinkers. Most of us tend to follow the same old ruts made by our ancestors in matters of religion, education, and social development. The world today needs original thinkers like Jesus, Plato, Milton, Einstein and Woodrow Wilson as it never has before.

Creative writing is one outlet of expression for original thinking. College life lends itself to the development of independence of thought, and certainly Mars Hill College is doing a commendable job of encouraging the students who enter its walls to be original in their thinking and to express their thoughts clearly. Of particular value are the creative papers required of each student by the English Department; they encourage every student to develop and communicate some original ideas at least twice during his stay.

From this vast stream of creative material stems this literary edition of *The Hilltop*. The staff wishes to thank all students who have submitted manuscripts for this edition, and to those whose work was not published it issues the challenge to develop your originality and expressive ability and to avail yourself of every opportunity of expression which presents itself. The staff also expresses its thanks to the English Department and to the College on their foresight in encouraging the students in this direction and extends its grateful thanks to all who have worked so diligently on this edition. May it further the advance of originality among students on this campus.

—Walter P. Smith.

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