

# EDITORIAL

*Without halting, without rest,  
Lifting better up to the best;  
Planting seeds of knowledge pure,  
Through earth to ripen, through heaven endure.*

*Mars Hill College, which might be compared to a great tree "planting its seeds of knowledge" has weathered the storms and changes of more than a hundred years because its roots are anchored in the fertile soil of Christian endeavor. Its roots run deep and encompass an indefinable area. These alone cannot guarantee strength to endure. The tree itself must be permitted to grow and flourish. In its presence may come some thoughtless traveler who breaks its branches and damages its trunk until damage may be done to its very life. Perhaps that thoughtless person whittles thoughtfully for lack of something more constructive to do. At the time his action seems harmless but the bank is broken and the little wound grows and the tree begins to decay.*

*If we are to avoid the behavior of the thoughtless traveler, we must display a genuine interest in the task before us and in the welfare of our college. We will show our interest by taking part in whatever we do, by mastering the details of our studies, and by attending cheerfully to the numerous jobs which are assigned to us. If we cannot be sincerely enthusiastic about the principles and policies of our college, our loyalty will be constantly put to test. If our views conflict too sharply with those of the college and we cannot conscientiously be loyal to it, we should seek another college with whose policies we are more in harmony.*

*The principles and policies of our College are not so rigid that there is no place for freedom of thought. Our great tree of knowledge will flourish only where there is initiative and independent thoughts. We must, however use common sense and discretion in taking the initiative, and we must be sure that our action is directed toward constructive criticism for the improvement of our College.*

*If we have reasons to be dissatisfied with the policies of our College, we will air our grievances to persons who are able to understand and help rather than to those who merely fan the flames of misunderstanding and discontent. Because we know that these policies were not developed overnight but have endured for over a hundred years we will make a special effort to learn how they were developed and the reason for their being. With knowledge comes understanding and appreciation. The traditions and ideals of our College are more clearly revealed by the actual practices of a dedicated Christian faculty and Christian student body than by all the official statements written for publication in catalogs and quarterlies.*

*The task of Mars Hill College is a responsible one.  
May she continue "Lifting better up to best,  
Planting seeds of knowledge pure!"  
—Mrs. Gwyndola Fish*