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## EDITORIAL

### A PLEA

Ways and means of relieving this time of depression have been left somewhat up to our National Committees in Washington up to this time. But now, movements are afoot to have local associations take charge and remedy the situation before it becomes too drastic, these associations consist of the Red Cross, Associated Charities, Salvation Army, Travelers' Aid and Y. W. C. A.

Having investigated the real condition under which the needy people are living, Social Service workers, graduates from many colleges find out just what is needed and how much of it is needed. Of these workers, most all of them come from homes that have never seen the drab hand of poverty and having to go into these homes so badly stricken, the girls find themselves unable to give a verbal description that would give the faintest conception of an idea of what it is like. When the history of the case is learned, the worker turns in her report and relief is immediately sent if there are pecuniary means with which to do so. If there is no money to take care of this case what can the family do? Should a city let anything like that happen when there are many people in it who can more than afford to share their worldly gain with the one who has not been so lucky?

Many pleas have been issued here in Charlotte for contributions and the citizens have responded magnanimously. Everyone is being included in this city-wide canvas and as much credit is given to the "widow's mite" as the wealthy man's great amount. Is this unfair? "No, of course not, because the "widow's mite" is given through real sacrifice, while the rich person's is not, though it is given very freely.

How can you do your part? Every girl in our Student Body has a part in this work and unless we have co-operation in it, we can not fulfill the expectations of the local committee. Relying upon the classes to make up their individual quota the Student Government withdraws any compulsion whatever in doing this. Zeal in work of this kind must come from the individual herself and if her heart is so hard that even the sad experiences told us in chapel by Mr. Ovens, can not encourage whole-hearted giving, nothing whatever compulsory can help this individual.

Remember while you're drinking that dope, or crunching peanuts or chewing a chocolate bar, that somewhere in this very city, there are people who haven't even bread to eat. Remember this and deny yourself of these so-called luxuries until our quota has been filled.

## THE ART OF SELF-SATISFACTION

Being pleased with one's self is an art. Some say that others know us better than we know ourselves. However, what we think about ourselves helps to make us what we are. To be wishing always for the personality of another is quite as bad as being perfectly content with one's own lot and state of affairs. It is likewise a mistake to have antipathies toward types of individuals unlike one's self and one's friends. But to be satisfied with one's being—to be glad you are you, and to endeavor to absorb the best parts of others is the right spirit. To accept differences of personality and ability, to even accept the superiority of another is to accept part of a wise plan.—M. J.

## THE WORLD IS SO MUCH LIKE A LAMENT

Isn't it discouraging to read ourselves through the thoughts and acts observed in other people? It is a blow to our feeling of efficiency to find out that after all, we aren't so different. To realize how great is the universe, is not half so astonishing as to realize that we are but atoms existing in it. There are other atoms, similar. People are so much alike. They must always have been alike. Have you ever seen a character in a book, a rather absurd character, which tallies with your own self, whose thoughts are yours, whose weaknesses are yours, whose idiosyncrasies are especially yours?

We have our morals. It is great when life infolds us, when we only have to follow trains of thought into personal achievement and success. It is startling to find an analysis of our day dreams in a psychology book, a few days later and to learn and have to digest the facts that these are types of learning, types of thinking and types of conduct. This is scathing to our pride of individuality. We do a deed with great liberality of heart but later we see others doing the same with far less gusto. We have a happy and poetic thought. Next day we see it expressed in a newspaper. Finally, the conclusion is that we are mere physical and chemical laws with souls that work like Western Union Clocks. —M. J.

## WORLD EVENTS OF INTEREST

### Many Nations to Study Polar Regions.

—Twenty-seven of the larger nations of the world, including the United States, are making plans to engage in a united study of the meteorological, electric and magnetic conditions of the Polar regions. The plans call for a full year of such study, beginning August 1, 1932, and for the purpose some fifty stations are to be established. Such a plan, though on a smaller scale, was carried out in 1882, which has since been known as the "first Polar year." The United States has been asked to outfit and man two stations, one near Fairbanks, Alaska, and another near Refuge Harbor, northeast of Greenland. Argentina has agreed to establish a station at New Year's Island, off the southernmost tip of South America. Brazil will also establish an observatory in the South Polar region, while France will establish a similar station in the extreme South Indian Ocean. Scientists from Norway will occupy Little America, Admiral Byrd's base in the Antarctic, and Russia will have a station in the Arctic regions. Other nations will have like stations in places where the study can be carried out to the greatest advantage.

### Facsimile Telegrams.

—Recent experiments in London with telephotography have resulted in the development of a device by which it is possible to send telegrams at a speed of fifteen hundred words a minute. By this new system sheets of letter size may be slipped one after another over a half cylinder and completely scanned by a beam of light in one minute. It takes the present system about seven minutes to send the same amount of reading

matter line by line. Another feature of the new invention that is pleasing to the telegraph companies is the fact that the message is transmitted exactly as written, blots and corrections and all; in reality, it is a photograph of the manuscript; thus if there is an error in the message, it is not the responsibility of the telegraph company.

### An International Highway.

—Plans have been made by the International Highway Congress for the construction of a great highway from the Texas border down through Mexico and the Central American countries to Panama. The nations co-operating in the project are the United States, Mexico, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Salvador and the Republic of Panama. The estimated cost of the highway is about fifty-six million dollars, and this sum has been prorated among the participating countries. The plans as announced, call for the completion of the highway over the entire route in not more than five years from the present time.

### Byrd Antarctic Expedition Medals.

—By action of Congress, medals in recognition of the work of the Byrd Antarctic Expedition have been distributed to the eighty-one members of Commander Byrd's party. Commander Byrd and sixty-five others received gold medals, while silver and bronze medals were presented to the others. On the face of the medal is a likeness of Admiral Byrd in a polar explorer's garb with the inscription: "Byrd's Antarctic Expedition—1928-1930." On the other side is a picture of one of the expedition's ships and the

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