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EDITORIAL

GETTING THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

It is Christmas time again and not too early to get the Christmas spirit. Christmas is not only on December the twenty-fifth, but many days before that date. After all the real enjoyment begins with looking forward and preparing for the great day. So much is said about the true spirit of Christmas. One only has to look in a girls' school and find that true spirit.

There was once a time (our mothers can tell us about this) when girls who wore long hoop skirts received boxes for Christmas day, and how happy they were when the president announced that they could sit up until eleven o'clock the night before and have a whole holiday for Christmas. Probably those girls looked forward to Christmas just as much as we do but certainly not more so.

Those who have the Christmas spirit are counting the days until going home. They know that there is only one more Friday and the next they will be homeward bound. College girls rightly express the Yuletide spirit by their profuse happiness which increases as the days decrease.

FACE THE MATTER SQUARELY

Do you remember that time you did something you didn't want anybody to know about? In fact you hated the thought of it and wanted to push it away from your memory. There was once a time, and you look down upon it with a smile now, when you told a lie and wished with all your heart that you could stop thinking about it, so you tried to push it away or make excuses for it. Now you do things which you feel would be better off forgotten rather than disguised, justified or dreaded when they come in view.

All good people have their faults and do things which they would like to see undone. The thief can often get by with his deeds with little trouble to his conscience and with little desire to forget; rather he would prefer to think about his slick escape. In this case consider yourself a good person, for certainly at times you would like to have the carefree feeling of a robber. Probably you do not have a conscience which burdens you, but surely you have one which accuses you of something you have done. Perhaps it is not a matter of conscience. Maybe you stepped on a very dignified lady's toe or made a foolish statement or a horrible break. Some people can pass over things like this with a laugh—but what about you?

This is a good thing to do. Face the situation and call it by its right name. Don't try to disguise or excuse your faults. If you envy someone, if you have lied, face these things, turn them around and see how they look, then a great part of the emotional attachment will be lost and the road for correction will become clear.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

This is the annual issue that contains the addresses of the Student Body. This is done only to accommodate the numerous ones who asked for it each year. The addresses of the faculty have been omitted because of lack of room and we sincerely regret this, because we know many will be disappointed. However, we expect to post these in a very prominent place so that those who wish them may copy them.

It seems rather foolish, when you first consider the fact, to take up a third of the paper with just names and addresses, when there is enough news to cover it. But—do you realize that this helps to carry out a lot of Christmas joy? How many more send out cards than use to because they have the addresses all at hand? It is hard to tell but surely twice as many.

Christmas is the time of year that calls for a change of heart and a warm, friendly spirit.

Don't hold a grudge against anyone at this time—prove it by sending a Christmas Card. You'd be surprised at how that card will be welcomed. We all appreciate the thought that prompts the putting on of a stamp and addressing it to us.

Many are not forwarding the Christmas Spirit because they feel the depression is too much. This is the very time we should forget the depression. Don't let a disagreeable thing like that bar the prospects of a cheerful Christmas. Send out greeting cards and show that such a thing as the depression can't take your spirit—and you'd be surprised at how much better you'll feel, to say nothing of how the receivers of these will feel and who knows—maybe this is one way we are expected to lift the depression?

Thanksgiving Passes Quickly

Seniors Take Cuts

The seniors have had all the luck lately. They went away for Thanksgiving, but they didn't stop with that; they took their senior cuts and spent an extra day or so by the family fire-side or elsewhere. They have been missed and it will be good to have our dignified sisters back.

Kappa Omicron Meeting Held

Kappa Omicron, honorary English fraternity, met on November 17, at the Hut. Elizabeth Erubarat was hostess. A very interesting program was presented on Russian literature.

Margaret Todd read a Russian prose-poem. Then Edna Rowell received two Russian hooks.

Mrs. Lyons and Dr. Stout were guests of the fraternity and took part in the discussion after the program.

Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess. The plate consisted of two kinds of sandwiches, cookies, and grape juice. Nuts and pickles were passed.

Charlotte Decorated For Christmas

All those who have been to town lately have been especially thrilled. Charlotte is certainly ready for Santa to come right down the chimney; maybe Ivey's, Belk's, and Efrid's stores think he is already here.

Tinsel and trees and toys certainly make one feel that it's time to give and to receive, and inevitably to buy. It's fun, but one must use discretion. Get what you want, don't go too "broke" and try to patronize our advertisers.

Does Snowy Weather Bore You?

Now that the languid summer days and the busy autumn days are gone, how do these crisp winter days strike your fancy? The weather is no longer such a boring subject. The trees that were green, then red and brown are now bare limbs. But we love their bleakness because of its significance. The ground which was covered with leaves will soon be covered with snow. And who wants to wager how soon this will be?

The following bits of a poem, entitled "Holiday," by Grace Noll Crowell are very expressive of our feelings, right and wrong. Read it and check up on your own feelings. Be sure to meet Christmas with the right spirit. Tinsel-dust, and star-shine, and moonlight on the snow,

These are the things we think of as we remember Him;

Wreaths and scarlet ribbon, a candle's fitful glow,

Now are the symbols of one who walked gray roads and dim.

Lonely and forsaken, rejected and despised,

Christ, the man of sorrows, went on his quiet way.

Does He now, I wonder, turn grave and questing eyes

Back along the old roads, as we keep holiday?

Seniors Plan Gala Occasion on Dec. 9

The Seniors are working away to prepare for their entertainment on December 9. You remember that on that evening the Duke Glee Club, and "Jelly" Leftwich and His Orchestra are presenting a big program. Everyone is expected to turn out, and also to come over to main hall later to help entertain the visitors at the regular reception.