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EDITORIAL

EXAMS JUST AHEAD

Isn't it a job to try and get settled down after a vacation of so much fun and good times? The thought of work is very repulsive after being able to forget it for over two weeks. But we have to get back into harness some time and the quicker the better, so let's get right down to work.

We only have about a week in which to prepare ourselves for those coming great events and don't you think that that's a very short time in which to review all the work we've done during this past year? It seems impossible, but it isn't if we get right down to it and seriously concentrate on it in the right way. Just remember that the sooner you get all this work off the sooner you can have some more good times to look forward to. All of this work is well worth while and you'll soon realize that. Did you ever have that feeling that when you looked at the questions on the exam you'd wished like everything that you'd put just a little bit more time on that subject? Well, you may have that same experience this year unless you take advantage of these last few days. Don't try to cram it all in the night before you have to take that Exam—that is bad business—you can't do justice to the year's work that way. You're only hurting yourself, if you'd only stop to think about it. Your brain is not able to function properly if it is tired as it is after a night's work of intensive study.

After Exams are over and we start on a new term promise yourself that you are going to do better this term than last and STICK to this promise. Try to keep up with your daily work. We know that this is hard to do especially if our schedules are pretty full, but do your best. This does not tie you down to be a "greasy grind," as we say in the slang of today, for if you really concentrate on your work you can get it done in a very short time. It's getting down to doing it and the interruptions you have, to say nothing of your constant thinking of how much you have to do instead of getting it done, that takes up all your time. Let's make this a bigger and better year and show that such a thing as a whisper of a depression won't show in our work.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

Has January, 1932, called forth more resolutions to be broken? Or did we make any resolutions this year, remembering that we didn't keep them in 1931? Are resolutions worthless? Do New Year's Resolutions help one to do better, to have the right attitudes, to live up to ideals, to cultivate virtue, to acquire courtesy, to overcome hardships, to be dutiful? Or do such bothers or problems concern us?

A resolution in its true meaning is more than the statement of a course decided upon. It is the statement of a course decided with steadiness, with firmness—resolved upon. Resolve means fixedness of purpose, a fixed intention or determination. Is a resolution worthless when made and broken? Doesn't it weaken one's moral fibre? We sometimes lose our fixedness of purpose, our steadiness, our determination. Humans are not perfect. However we don't say, "I have failed in my attempt, therefore I shall not try again." In spite our failings, our resolutions, though we are at times hardly conscious of them, spur us onward. The types of resolutions we make and have made represent the paths we are following and have followed along life's way. Though the path we take is sometimes irregular, though there are deviations and side-tracks, we are sure to find the true path. We make resolutions every day and are aided by doing so.

THE PROBLEM OF CALENDAR REFORM

The calendar that is in present use today, the Gregorian has always been a constant source of trouble, both in the business and the social world. The inequality of the length of the months and quarters and also the failure of the days of the week and month to coincide in successive years, cause many problems to arise that would not otherwise if the year was better organized.

Last October, when the League of Nations met at Geneva, the first eight days of the two weeks sitting were taken up with the discussion of this problem of calendar reform. Miss Elizabeth Achelis, President of the World Calendar Association, introduced a new and worthwhile calendar to the representatives of many nations. For the past two years the people of America have heard of the proposed Thirteen month calendar, but this was too much out of the ordinary for them to take a fancy to it immediately. In most respects it was too extreme in its method of correcting any of the faults of the present calendar. The constant stressing of these advantages was beginning to make it more complicated to the people instead of simplifying it as the Committee in charge of it was supposed to do.

The President of the World Calendar Association presented a piece of work that has shown true concentration and study of the matter of Calendar Reform. This proposed calendar is a twelve month equal quarter year, containing the seven day week but with the addition of two days, Year Day and Leap Day. These cause every year to coincide with the preceding and the following. The question of stabilizing Easter was included in this and it was suggested that it would still shift from year to year, but only in a period of seven days, which is a decided improvement over the stretch of thirty-five days at present.

This Calendar is very much easier to understand than the thirteen month calendar and is by far the best one to be used in the business world of today. In the modern business firm there is always a monthly report to go in and with another month added on to the year this means extra amount of work to do that otherwise can be omitted. The World Calendar has the equal quarters consisting of three months each. The first month has thirty-one days and the remaining two have thirty. Each month has twenty-six week days and with this insured amount, the business and social world can plan out work in a more thorough and systematic way. The odd three hundredth and sixty-fifth day of the year or Year Day, is considered as an extra Saturday between December thirtieth and January first. The 366th day in Leap Year, Leap Day, is considered as another extra Saturday between June 30th and July first. These will most likely be considered as holidays in the United States if this calendar is accepted. January first, New Year's Day, always falls on Sunday and the working week begins on the following day.

This is indeed an interesting proposition before us and a seemingly fitting solution to the large problem of this Calendar Reform. In order that Student Body may read the entire account and explanation of this movement, the Journal of Calendar Reform to which we are indebted for this information, has been placed in the library for your use.

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STUDENT BODY ENJOYS ENTERTAINMENT

The Musical and Dramatic Clubs of Davidson College entertained the entire Student Body last Friday evening in the school auditorium. This was a project of the Junior Class and so much depended on the success of this night.

Even though the night was quite bad, a presentable crowd enjoyed the program, that was started by three numbers from

the Glee Club. The quartette was next to sing and though one high note was a little difficult to reach, the rest made up for that. The Sunnyland Serenaders gave forth sounds of rhythm that sent shivers of delight through its listeners. It looks as if the orchestra for Junior-Senior is already picked out after hearing them.

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