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### BUSY, EH?

How do you spend your time? Are you one of the promoters of the sensational time shortage movement? Poets write of the wings of time and hours do fly for the person who habitually carries a full program. But for the average person time usually moves like a wheelless wagon, until you call upon him to do something foreign to his customary routine; then he suddenly jars himself to the realization that he hasn't time. Is it that his time is really too occupied or that he does not like to do what is asked of him? The average person usually takes the time to do pleasant things. Yet, where can we find the fellow who never shirks when called upon to do difficult tasks?

Have you ever undertaken something which you thought to be of vast importance and which required the cooperation of several persons? You have just the persons needed in mind and you are positive they will support you. Yet, after imploring and exploring for hours you get the same old story told in the same hopeless manner from thirty different people—"I can't"—a confession of inability; or—"Sorry, old thing, I haven't the time"—the height of rudeness, for he is only confessing that he doesn't consider your corking good idea worth a few hours of his exerted energy.

Finally, because "stick-to-it-tiveness" is a small item in your philosophy of life, you reluctantly cough up the courage to call on the overworked goat—for he is as inevitable as rain. "Ain't it a grand and glorious feelin'?" to find that the genius is not extinct. You thank your Creator for the fellow who always has the time.

### HIP! HIP! HOORAY!

Three cheers and a tiger for the Freshmen! Who ever saw such a spunky, peppy bunch of youngsters anywhere? Yes, sir, we'll have to give honor where honor is due—and that's to the class of '26. Class-spirit? Enthusiasm? Toilers at any task set them by the Sophs? All these spell dandy good Freshmen—may their tribe increase!

Ignomy and shame were heaped upon them; but never a whimper out of them. Horror upon horror was devised by the powers that be—the Sophomores; but each in turn was changed into a joke, so that the laugh was finally on the Sophs. They complied with the rules laid down by their hard task-masters not only in letter but in downright, sure 'nuff spirit. And the way they did back one another up! Such class spirit is hard to find anywhere. The poor Sophomores soon began to have a change of heart and it changed so fast that by the end of the week they were actually giving their sworn enemies a weinie roast!

Now, those Freshmen strut about the campus and through the halls with a scornful tilt to their heads, and a "You - poor-fish-how-superior-we-are" expression on their faces when they meet the upper classmen. Not that they aren't as sweet as honey to them, oh no; but just because they feel so proud of themselves for having put one over on their tormenters by being what was least expected of them. From the "wearin' o' the green" they are now quite ready to try the cap and gown.

### BIRTHDAY OF MARK TWAIN CELEBRATED

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A special program was given in the chapel of Chowan College on November 30 to celebrate the eighty-eight anniversary of Mark Twain's birth. The life of this celebrated American humorist was interestingly related by Miss Meroney. She emphasized the fact that Mark Twain's works would live not because of the humor morely but because of the philosophy found in them. "He lives us good philosophy while he makes us laugh," said Miss Meroney. For example, the story of "How Tom Sawyer Whitewashed the Fence" amuses us and at the same time gives us a splendid bit of psychology. The story teaches that work is what one is obliged to do while play is what one is not obliged to do.

"How Tom Sawyer Whitewashed the Fence" was given as a reading by Bettie Walter Jenkins.

Another characteristic selection from Mark Twain's work "The Wonderful Jumping Frog of Calaveras" was splendidly given by Miss Agnes Cobb.

Miss Willie Mae Horton told of the plans for the Mark Twain Memorial library in Florida, Missouri.

The recent visit to the college of one of Mark Twain's cousins, Miss Mildred Leo Clemens of the Swarthmore Chautauqua, gave an added interest to the celebration of his birthday.

The Literary Farmer—Can a literary man do anything on a farm?

"Sure. If he makes a success of it, he can write wise articles telling people how to do it. If not, he can write funny stuff about his failures."

### BOOK NOOK

The Electron In Chemistry, by Sir J. J. Thomson, O. M., F. R. S. Published by the Franklin Institute, 1923.

The book is a series of five lectures delivered at the Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, in April, 1923. The object of the lectures is an attempt to show how chemical and physical theory may be interpreted in terms of electrons. Formerly chemistry and physics were considered widely separated fields of science, but now with the modern conception of the atom the barrier has been removed. This conception is that the atom is made up of a number of electrons moving about a central nucleus of positive electricity. Whether the theory can stand the test of time remains to be proved, but it is more in accord with chemical theory than any other hypothesis now in vogue.

The author presents his theory in a clear and well developed discussion. Although it is too technical for an elementary course, it is interesting reading for the advanced chemist.

U. L. R.

Among the books presented to the library recently are:

An Encyclopedia of American History by Mrs. L. W. Norman.

A son of— by Edith Wharton given by Mrs. A. McDowell.

Fifty-four copies of World's Best History.

Twenty-one volumes of miscellaneous subjects, by Rev. C. C. Smith.

Six volumes Biblical and Sociological subjects, Dr. R. E. Clark.

Twenty miscellaneous volumes, some in French, German, etc., Dr. Chas. P. Weaver.

### MISS CLEMENS PROVES A PLEASING PERSONALITY

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Canada, England, Scotland and in all the states in the United States except five. She lectured in London alone for three months and while there was signally honored by being made "a fellow of the Royal Geographical Society". She is one of seven women of the world who has received this honor.

Miss Clemens is referred to as being one of the most influential members of the chautauqua platform and is full of enthusiasm for and faith in, the great work which the chautauqua is doing.

Until Miss Clemens' visit few of us knew that the Chautauqua Summer School which was organized in New York in 1874, for the purpose of providing a place of study for those interested in the work, was the origin of our summer schools in the universities and colleges.

Not only will "Happy Hawaii" long be remembered by the Chowan girls, but the vivacious personality of Miss Clemens as well.

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