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A Self Help Move

One of the most successful moves that has recently been made to help students through college is that which was engineered by the Rev. R. W. Hogue to establish a sort of self-help colony. A very comfortable and capacious new house was purchased for a thousand dollars less than its value with mortgage. This house is now accommodating fourteen needy students with good rooming quarters and the several acres that belong with the house afford a chance for gardening, dairying and other means of support. This plan has the heartiest endorsement of Dr. Venable and the property when paid for will be turned over to the University. A number of prominent citizens of Raleigh are already at work raising the money.

What is "Bohee Hall"?

Last year that question would have been exceedingly difficult to answer. Who he, that is Bohee, was every one knew, some better than others; what he was—well his swift departure to a distant home kept this from being known.

The "Bohee Hall" of today is quite a different affair. It is a large, new two-story frame building, with large lot, barn and stable, several trees and a chicken coop. Its use is that of a self-help colony for students who are educating themselves. Its service to the community is furnishing labor for work at reasonable rates and the best milk on the market for 30c. a gallon. You are invited to inspect the neat little sanitary dairy. If you need work done, address W. S. Byrd, and if you need milk, address A. R. Morgan, "Bohee Hall".

Self Help Department in Hands of Y. M. C. A.

The Self Help Bureau of the University has been turned over to the Young Men's Christian Association. Definite plans for its conduct have not been completed. It will be conducted however, under the direction of a capable committee which will include in its number a member of the faculty.

For the present the work will be carried on by the General Secretary with such cooperation as can be secured. He wishes first to secure the names of all those who are working their way through the University together with the manner of their employment. He also desires the names of all those who wish lucrative employment with the kinds of work they prefer. The first list of names will indicate how far the field is already occupied and will suggest the possible openings. The second list will be very helpful when a call, such as is occasionally made, comes for a man who is able and willing to do a certain kind of work.

The large proportion of students who are earning all or part of their way through college is a source of great pride in the University. But the self help idea is still capable of development here. It is hoped that the Y. M. C. A., cordially supported by every student in this worthy movement, will be the agency in bringing about this development.

Dr. Venable to the Seniors

Some fifty seniors congregated in the chemistry lecture room Saturday evening at 2:30 to listen to words of information and advice from President Venable. The themes of his discourse were the senior's thesis, the senior's Chapel attendance and the senior's duty.

Dr. Venable announced in the beginning of his talk that the senior thesis as it has existed prior to this time has been abolished, and a departmental thesis for each senior substituting its place. Heretofore the senior thesis has not served competently the purpose for which it was instituted. Men have viewed it as a task to be gotten through with as hurriedly, and sometimes as negligently, as possible. The thesis in many cases were the result of a few hours of plagiarism, and had no real value either for student or professor. One main reason for this was that the student was unrestricted as to his subject. He might write on anything he chose provided that it passed the committee's approval. Now this has been practically changed. A definite stringent restriction has been levied with regards to the senior's thesis. It must, in the first place, be about a subject relative to one department of University instruction. That department shall be determined for each student by his past grades and number of courses. The Registrar has gone over the entire records of each senior's past work, and has selected the department in which that student has done the best work, and will in a short time notify each senior of his selection. The senior must then confine the subject of his thesis to this department. This is as it should be, we think. The thesis is supposed to be the flower of a student's scholarship. It should mean the concentration of his highest powers in one piece of work which will represent his work while here. Naturally then, if he has to choose a subject from that department in which he is best fitted, he will turn out a better piece of work, more creditable to him and to his institution.

The cause of the daily Chapel attendance was then presented to the seniors. As the seniors all know the catalog under which they entered requires only two years Chapel attendance, and frees the student from further obligations after that requirement has been met, so naturally, many seniors have persuaded themselves and others that they can not be forced to attend morning exercises. That is all

very true, but where the faculty has it on the seniors is in the fact that these new exercises are by no means similar to the old. The old form has been abolished. True enough the senior does not have to attend them. But this new morning exercise is a new institution. In the first place it does not occur at the same hour as did the former exercises. The time then was 8:25 to 8:45, the time now is 9:25 to 9:45. Then, too, the nature of the gathering will be radically different. Formerly it was a religious exercise solely, now it will be a meeting of the student body to listen to some prominent men of the outside world tell them of his way to success. It is to be a "student's" hour or rather a student's "twenty minutes". The scheme has been tried repeatedly at other large institutions and has worked with great success. It will do so here.

President Venable closed his address with an earnest, zealous appeal to the senior class to assume its due responsibilities, as it had formerly assumed its privileges. The life of a senior is far more incumbent with duties than is the life of any other student. No class has such reason to love and such opportunities to know the institution as does the senior. Upon him the authorities and faculty of the institution must lean for support. Upon him depends largely the conduct of the whole student body. If there is marked disorder in the department of the student body, outsiders as a rule say, and rightly so, that there is a weak senior class. Not weak necessarily in intellect nor in numbers, but in manhood, the premier quality of all. It is to the senior class that the president of this institution looks for support, as Dr. Arnold, of Rugby looked to his boys of the sixth form, and as they, though boys, did all in their power to be worthy of the confidence of their master and equal to the responsibilities of their position; all the more should university seniors, full men, feel in a deep sense their duty and act upon it in a manner worthy both of themselves and their University. They should guard and cherish its name and fame as their priceless possession. They should see to it that not only they themselves do not defame its honor, but that others do not so. When they see things happening in their midst which are unworthy of men and beneath a gentleman, things which cast a slur at their institution, it is their imperative duty to check such matters through their student council. In a few words the duty of a senior is to meet as well as he can the responsibilities of his position.

The Alamance County Club met last week, and elected its officers for the ensuing year. Those elected were: J. W. Lasley, Jr., Pres.; L. H. Cooper, Vice Pres.; I. C. Mosea, Sec. & Treas.; A. C. Kimery, Cor. Sec. Seven new men were taken in, and business transacted.

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