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EVERY senior should attend the class banquet. Next to graduation the banquets are probably the most pleasant events in the history of a college class. Especially is this true of the senior banquet. Last year and year before, the banquet committees for the class of 1911 failed to meet expenses, the attendance was so small. Surely the senior banquet will have a larger attendance, being the last opportunity for the class to enjoy such an event. The committee issues the statement that it is making all preparations for a "peach" of a time.

It is to be regretted that the rubbish and waste material which is hauled off from the town and college buildings is not burned instead of being left in unsightly and unsanitary heaps along the roads in the woods south of the campus. But for this dreary and untidy condition of our back yard, some of the most pleasant walks around Chapel Hill could be found in these woods. The road that leads by the west end of the athletic field to the famous Meeting of the Waters is a good example. You have hardly left the field before you come upon all manner of refuse scattered in the road and out of it and piled in decaying heaps through the woods. Stacks of coarse wrapping paper and excelsior from the stores; of old magazines, pamphlets, government reports, discarded from the library and offices;—all lie sodden and rotting among rank weeds or are blown about by the wind. Literally thousands of tin cans from Chapel Hill boarding houses are scattered through these woods, some of them new and bright, some in rust-eaten piles, partly filled with stagnant rain water. Here and there lies the remains of an old garment, half-beaten into the earth; an old shoe, badly warped, sits in the road by the stub of an old straw broom; here is a lime barrel in a state of collapse leaning upon a mound of old plaster and broken laths; there the smashed frame of an old chair with its ragged cane bottom broken through in the center.

But the "looks" of the thing is not the only consideration. One can find plenty of places to walk without taking any of these desolate routes. But it is said that mosquitoes cause several varieties of fever and that they are especially fond of such surroundings as we have described. We urgently call the attention of the ladies' improvement society to this fact. Of course everything but the tin cans could be burned—made bonfires of; and we beg to suggest that the class in First Geology might consent to sacrifice its scientific interest in the "Grand Canon" just north of the town, for the interment of the cans.

CHAPEL TALKS

Monday morning in chapel, Mr. Hounshel, on the Hill in the interest of missions, spoke of the tremendous opportunities for service now apparent. He declared that there was a call to foreign lands for strong college men, to become literary men, teachers, organizers and secretaries. In such a time of unparalleled opportunity in diplomatic and business circles, where everything is being organized on such a big scale, there is no excuse for any man leading a life of small dimensions.

Tuesday, Dr. Wagstaff, of the Department of History, presented a brief but thorough review of conditions in Portugal. The Revolution, he said, had been in progress for sometime. The recent outbreak was rather premature, being directly caused by the assassination of Professor Bombadan an ardent Republican, by an insane fanatic. An inflammatory editorial appeared in a Republican paper. Riots resulted, a mob gathering in the streets and stoning a few priests. The First Artillery then trampled upon the royal standard and raised the Revolutionary flag, throwing the city of Lisbon into a tumult. Parts of other regiments also revolted, and there was sharp fighting in the streets between Republicans and Royalists, all outside communication being cut off. The Duke of Oporto, uncle of the King, fought bravely on this night, and the advantage was rather on the side of the Royalists. The tide was turned, however, when three battleships raised the flag of the insurgents and began bombarding the royal palace. The King fled through the back door of the palace in an automobile, this being the first instance of where a king has taken flight in this modern vehicle, and sailed for Gibraltar. Professor Braga was made president of the provisional government, two of the cabinet members also being college professors. Peace and order prevailed in the country.

Wednesday, Dr. Edwin Mims spoke upon the value of a knowledge of contemporary events. Referring to important things happening around us, he mentioned the wonderful uplift taking place in country life, and how the problems of democracy were being transferred to industry, mentioning as among the leaders in progress, Roosevelt, Taft, Hughes, Wilson, Gaynor and Harmon. Of important events happening abroad, there are the industrial revolution in France, the religious and social upheaval in Spain, etc. The chapel bell interrupted Dr. Mims before he had terminated his talk.

Thursday, finishing his talk begun the day before, Dr. Mims suggested certain papers and magazines which would be a help to the student in keeping abreast of contemporary events. He mentioned the Washington Post, New York Evening Post, Independent, Outlook, Nation, World's Work, and Review of Reviews. He quoted Professor James as raising the question whether the ten-cent magazines were not the most significant influence in American life.

Friday, Dr. Royster explained the Rhodes Scholarships urging the students not to let the appointments go uncontested, as they have done some times in the past. He spoke of the advantages of three years study in Oxford, the social pleasures, and the opportunities for travel on the continent. He corrected current misapprehensions as to the examinations and requirements. The examinations are simply the entrance examinations of Oxford. It is not necessary to continue the study of Latin and Greek there. While an all-round man is desired, it is not necessary to have made a Varsity team or the Phi Beta Kappa society.

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