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Dramatic Reading

On the night of December 18 there was given in the Auditorium a dramatic reading of "The Fortune Hunter" by Miss Swannie Taylor, the successor of Miss Florence White, now Mrs. Thurlow, as head of the Department of Expression. This being her first public appearance here, a peculiar interest pervaded the appreciative little audience, who laughed at the humor, caught the flashes of wit, and followed carefully the development of the whole plot. The selection was indeed a happy one, being filled with a pleasing variety of points that challenged the interest, while the rendering, judging the manner in which it was received by the audience, was what most critics would call complete. The time-old subjects of poverty and wealth, fortune hunting, love and rivalry, were clothed with a new interest, the interplaying of the characters gave just enough touch of reality and the climax was unique.

Pete Willing, the good-hearted old toper, who had good common sense when sober and side-aching humor when drunk, supplied most of the wit. His loftiest sentiments, which he was able to utter from experience, were that he could "lick any other man in town, but his wife," and, after one such experience, that he "believed she threw the side of the house at him."

The results were gratifying to all and the audience, bubbling with good humor, dispersed, giving utterance to the kindest criticisms.

Basketball

On New Year's Day at the Biggs Armory a team composed partly of Marshall students and partly of alumni defeated the covenanters of Charleston 29 to 9. Strickling, who has made the University of Virginia team, was at center for the locals and shot with great skill and accuracy. He is the same old Bill and looked natural and good in the Green and White. Homer Bailey of the '10 team was also very much in evidence in spite of his being out of training for the past two years. George Morrow was all over the floor and his passing and shooting was one of the features of the game. Trace Bailey and Lyon, at forwards, showed the Charleston gang some fancy shooting. The Covenanters were very poor shots and this offset their brilliant passing. In spite of the fact that one of the local papers severely criticised everything in connection with the game and Armory, the contest was a good one and thoroughly enjoyed by the few spectators.

Dr. W. A. Colledge

The next number on the Lyceum Course is a lecture on Tropical Africa by Dr. W. A. Colledge, who spent three years with Henry M. Stanley in exploring and hunting in Africa. He is a very able public speaker and is certainly handling a subject with which he is thoroughly familiar. Read what the *Wheeling Register* says of him:

"It was a strong, intellectual address, full of inspiration and forceful illustrations, witty and interesting. Dr. Colledge has a fine appearance, his voice is musical. He has all the elements of the orator and holds his audience from beginning to end."

The price of this lecture on January 16 is fifty cents, while the price for the remaining four is only \$1.25. Get a season ticket.

The Idle Poetess of Old M. C.

I

Not the cackle of the sacred geese,
Nor Jason in quest of the golden fleece;
An humbler topic my theme must be—
An idle poetess of old M. C.

II

This idle poetess with idle pen,
Satirized sharply the doings of men,
She sized up her classmates in lyrical
rhyme,
With perfect observance of meter and
time.

III

Oh, like the poetess with eyes of blue,
May the godfly of poesy bite us too!
But, alas, our hopes are all in vain,
Our harp refuses to give one strain.

IV

Though after twaddling of our thumbs,
Perhaps, an inspiration comes,
But soon the muse a tantrum takes,
We find the 'doggone' meter breaks,
An' we just get completely 'fluttered',
At poetic thoughts that can't be uttered.

V

We sit a-thinkin' an' chewin' our pen
An' maybe the muse'll flow again,
An' out of the poetical thoughts that
follow,
We charm you with scenes of Punkin
Hollow.

VI

But we give it up in deep regret,
The gadfly has not bitten yet,
For as we add it verse to verse,
We find the style grows worse and worse.

VII

We'll venture a future prophecy,
A Tennyson some day she may be,
If she lets the muse flow full and free,
An' gives her attention to poesy.

VIII

What's this? We've suddenly awaked.
To find that you are frowning;

We did not say she's a poet baked,
We only said she's "Brown-ing."

Favorite Songs

All That I Ask Is Love.—Plunket.
Absence Makes the Heart Grow Fond-
er.—Evans.

I Like to Have a Flock of Men Around
Me.—Grafton.

Always In the Way.—Hall.

Only the Ghost of Your Smile.—Lit-
singer.

In the Moonlight.—Duncan.

You'll Miss Me When I'm Gone.—
Painter.

Take Me Back to the Garden of Love.
—Mees.

I Want Someone to Flirt with Me.
—Ethel G.

Come With Me In My Oldsmobile.—
Farmer.

Dreaming.—Brown.

I Love Love.—McMillan.

I Want Someone to Call Me Dearie.
—Harvey.

A Penny for Your Thoughts, Dear.
—B. Honaker.

Love Me and the World Is Mine.—
G. Grose.

Love's Old Sweet Song.—Beulah Per-
due.

Don'ts For Students

Don't fail to cut your initials on the
arms of the chairs, misguided people
sometimes use them to write on.

—:—

Don't whisper in the library; it is so
much fun to be "called down" by the
librarian.

—:—

The Freshmen should not get up
"cases;" three years are long enough
to "fuss" in.

—:—

Don't fall in love with Dr. Haworth,
as he already has one wife.

—:—

Don't wipe your feet before entering
the building; the janitor is making a
collection of mud.

—:—

Don't comb your hair before coming
to school; the first class lasts an hour.
(With apologies to *The Mariettan*.)

Do you know —

That Mr. Higgins has a new suit?

That Mr. Gallaspie is handsome?

That the semester is almost over?

That the Seniors have their class pins?

That Miss Allison wears a diamond

on the third finger of the left hand?

Anything Mr. Henderson doesn't
know?

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Keep your "New Year Resolutions" within the confidences of your own heart if you would live up to them; at most, tell them to not more than one, or very few, of your dependable friends who will sincerely try to help you in your efforts to live up to these latest tests of will and character. Resolutions *told* at random are about as likely of execution as are resolutions *made* at random. A good resolution broken is a will defeated, a character weakened, a life discounted. If it be discovered later that a resolution is better broken, while its making may have been proof of looseness of mental coherence, it should *promptly* be broken, since the discovery of its unwisdom is but judgment reversed in the presence of new testimony, hence the breaking becomes will re-adjusted to good judgment. Any court of justice will reverse its own decision on the discovery of new proof to the contrary of that decision if it be its power to do so; so should every individual. This not only does not injure the will, it strengthens it; moreover, it is good sense as well as good judgment.

As a rule, however, resolutions that are worth while, are made with caution and deliberation, and are kept within the privacy of one's own counsels. He or she who is always making set, verbal resolutions, indeed, who is always making mental resolutions, even, is apt to be he or she who is always breaking them — is apt to be the possessor of habits out of harmony with one's well-being, a will weakened by resolutions broken to accommodate one's unworthy inclinations, desires, and appetites.

Glance over your record for 1912, select the habits and practices which have

clearly added to the credit side of your own and others' accounts through honorable methods of dealing with yourself and with others, estimate carefully the values of these habits and practices, then re-apply them to the new conditions which the New Year brings to you.

Likewise, select those which have brought bad returns and drop them unless new conditions offer new opportunities for those habits for honorable and favorable results. All this, if your mental and moral machinery are such as call for detailed readjustments at the opening of each new year.

But, unless we read the average of human nature very incorrectly a simpler rule of readjustments may be used to much greater advantage; it is this: "What shall I do that is especially worth while this year, that to me is so decidedly worth while that it is vitally essential to my best interests?" Decide what that is, decide upon your methods of attaining it, then readjust all the machinery of mind, morals, and body to that end and proceed to *do this thing* unsparingly of all reasonable time and effort. Your chief work for the year once decided upon, and all your powers concentrated upon, and consecrated to this line of action, the smaller things will largely take care of themselves. The "don'ts" will disappear because the "dos" that are worth while take all the time and energy from the "don'ts".

Every life that is worth while *at all* is a life of "dos", not of "don'ts"; a positive life, not a negative one; a life that seeks rewards for vigorous effort, not one that is ever trying to dodge temptation, trial, and dangers, to escape punishments and penalties, and to find easy ways at the expense of present opportunity.

Pity upon and for him and her who is always worrying about what "*may happen*" to one's self or to some other. The "mays" are, as a rule, readily amenable to the "wills" if only one use the *present* effectively. Most of us carry only *future* crosses and duties quite at the expense of present ones, crosses and duties which, if borne and done, respectively, in the "nows" of time would prove comparatively easy and cheery. Again, most of us worry and weary ourselves about the doings, not doings, undoings, and misdoings of others when a bit of sensible reflection would at once tell us that there are certain things which we can do, and certain ones we cannot do, to change those various "doings". What we *can* do we *should* do and leave the "cannots" for those to whom they are "cans". This would save us much time and worry and, as a rule, save some one else, or more than one, valuable time or unkind criticism. Besides, what is more selfish, than for one to try to regulate the conduct of others to suit one's own ideas of justice, propriety, and right. Who has a brief for doing the duties of

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life but one way and that "my way"? Some great writer has said, "Selfishness does not consist in one's wanting to live one's own life in a particular way, but in wanting *others* to live *their* lives *his* way rather than in their *own* ways." Are you, kind reader, of this class? We *know* a few, we know *of* a few, we have *read* after a few, and we have been unwilling listeners to the iron-clad one-way-ness of some well-meaning folk who find much greater pleasure in making their co-conversationalist miserable with their dogmas and creeds and criticisms for those whose lives and conduct they would square by their own as though that were "the only way".

There are certain simple rules of conduct which decency and respectability demand of every one who is a member of society; there are, furthermore, a very great number of details connected with each of these rules which details are matters for the individual to decide for himself, which he *must* decide if he cares to have a reality and a personality — a character *of his own*. Of the "certain simple rules of conduct" these may be mentioned as fundamental:

- a. The golden rule.
- b. Injury by word, or act, or inference, to the person, reputation, character or possessions of another is never warranted except when this injury is more than compensated for by consequent good to the injured, attained *through* that injury.
- c. Rudeness, coarseness, commonness of act, word, or inference, whether in the privacy of one's own room or in public, is *never* in place, and will *always* do harm.
- d. Courtesy and kindness of act, thought, and speech should be omitted from no part of man's relation to man at any time, or under any conditions whatever. "One can fight and keep one's manners," said President-elect Wilson.
- e. Charity for the acts of others, and tolerance for their opinions and convictions, are essentials of Christian character.
- f. "Work" is a duty which every man and woman owes to himself and herself; not simply a little work, but serious, earnest, honest, enthusiastic application of one's mind and body to some kind of work that calls for the outlay of one's energies for at least *two thousand hours* in every year, or as much thereof as one's health will permit. Laziness and listlessness are enemies alike of virtue, health, and happiness. Leisure, unless sanely proportioned with work, falls in the same category with laziness.
- g. The "Ten Commandments."

But one should not fall into the habit of New Year resolutions save alone as one would make that *one* occasion for a kind of review and forecast, and *only* one, for good resolutions are *always* in order if good intentions prompt them and good judgment and effective will be behind them; such resolutions should not

be deferred till New Year or to another day. A decision of this kind could be put into effect in 1913 with as good results, perchance, as anything else one could decide upon:

- 1. That I shall give forty-eight hours per week to some useful work, *the most* useful at my command; and during my vacation in summer I shall see that those 48 hours per week are wholesomely divided between mental and physical recreation of such kind or kinds as will best fit me for the regular work of the year.
- 2. I shall, for one trial year at least, reduce my time uselessly spent to a minimum, and, if possible, get a maximum of good results from the year.
- 3. I shall forget my physical and mental health at no time, and shall suffer nothing short of necessity to stand in the way of either, whether it afford me pleasure or whether it afford me profit, for *either* gained at the expense of health *is a distinct loss*.
- 4. No matter what the provocation I shall not forget to square all my acts and words with the standards of a gentleman or a lady.
- 5. I shall multiply, widen, and deepen the channels through which I draw for information, for knowledge, and for truth.

Exchanges

Exchanges received since last issue: *Student*, Richmond, Ky.; *Cliff Dweller*, Spencer, W. Va.; *The Acta*, Elkins, W. Va.; *Washington University Record*, St. Louis, Mo.; *The Pharos*, Buckhannon, W. Va.; *The Educator*, Charleston, W. Va.; *The Ohio*, Marietta, Ohio; *The Dart*, Hinton, W. Va.; *The Institute Monthly*, Institute, W. Va.; *The Picket*, St. Marys, W. Va.; *The Picket*, Shepherdstown, W. Va.; *The Beaver*, Bluefield, W. Va.; *The Gargoyle*, Ann Arbor, Mich.

"Say, Skinny, what part of speech is woman?"
 "She's no part of it, she's all of it."
 —:—

Mr. Soap Man:—
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 (With apologies to *The Cliff Dweller*.)
 —:—

Nocker:—"I wonder how old this hash is, anyway?"

Pusher:—"Couldn't tell you old man, I've only been here a week, myself."
 — Ex.

—:—
 I've seen Freshmen,
 And I've seen 'em green,
 But the greenest of them all,
 Is the class of seventeen.— Ex.

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After having eaten a number of pears, Miss Brown was heard to exclaim: "Those pears were so good that they tasted just like real pears."

—:—

John D. Farmer resolves to refrain from shaving until he receives a letter from a friend, who lives at B—.

—:—

Teacher (in Psychology):—"What sensation do we get from the mouth?"

Mr. N—:—"Noise."

—:—

Student:—"The shortest line is the straightest distance between two points."

—:—

Miss M.:—"Give principal parts of 'occido.'"

Student:—"O Kiddo; 'kid, Dearie; O-kiss-um.—Beaver."

—:—

A strapping German, with great beads of perspiration streaming down his face, was darting in and out among the aisles of a department store.

His actions attracted the attention of all the salespeople, and they hardly knew what to make of it. A hustling young man of the clothing department walked up and asked:

"Are you looking for something in men's clothing?"

"No!" he roared, "Not men's clothing; wimmen's clothing. I can't find my wife."—*Ladies' Home Journal.*

—:—

That the immortal Socrates could jest and use slang most unmercifully even when on trial for his life, is evinced by the following class-room translation by Mr. Hersey:

Socrates to his accuser: "Aw, most noble Meletus, yer kiddin' me."

—:—

Mr. Henderson ("Red") formulated a new psychological theory in Miss Cummings' class that transcends Newton's law of gravitation and promises to prove a more helpful principle for teachers than the well known law of habit. Stated in simple language, it reads thus: "Opening the mouth causes loss of memory."

Let all teachers of the young learn it. Strange we hadn't observed it before.

—:—

Old "Pat" Groves, the famous flirter, gave another shock to his trusted friends on his way to Sunday School last Sabbath by losing his balance in front of the Cottage Saloon and (stars on the sidewalk!). Even Pluto inquires the cause when such heavy men fall.

—:—

How to test a boy's politeness:—Drop something.

—:—

Old "Pat" Groves says, since he has been occupying the professor's bed, he feels as sharp as if he had been sleeping beside the grindstone. Ask "Pat" for particulars.

The returns of the election of officers in the Erosophian Literary Society read as follows:

President—H. L. Benedict.
Vice-President—Carter Milam.
Secretary—Miss Cynthia Ahrendts.
Assistant Secretary—Miss Lucile Leach.

Treasurer—Lorain Morrison.
Critic—H. E. Roush.
Reporter—Miss Inez M. Brown.
Come to the society and join us.

The Christmas turkey for the Dormitory girls was *chicken!!!*

School Activities

Y. W. C. A.

PROGRAM FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

Topic:—A Forgiving Spirit.

Leader:—Mrs. Kearn.

William A. Colledge

Three years with Henry M. Stanley in explorations in Darkest Africa. Also traveled extensively in Arabia, Egypt, and throughout Europe.

Editor-in-Chief "New Standard Encyclopedia"; a work of twelve volumes, published by the University Association, New York. First editor of the "Technical World Magazine."

Author of "Interpretive Studies of Scottish Authors" and "The Beginnings of the Modern Drama."

Head of the Department of English Language and Literature, Armour Institute of Technology, until 1909.

Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society. Member of the National Teachers' Association.

Dr. Colledge has enjoyed the tremendous advantage that comes from association with men of highest intellectual rank. Henry Drummond was his close friend, and Robert Louis Stevenson was his neighbor from childhood.

While Dr. Colledge was a student in London, the famous scientists, Huxley, Spencer and Darwin were in their prime. Gladstone and Lord Beaconsfield were the leaders in the House of Commons; Spurgeon, Joseph Parker and Canon Farrar were pulpit favorites. It was his good fortune to see and hear these men often and to come into intimate relations with some of them.

Such experiences could not fail to set on fire every proper ambition in one's nature. Such privileges are rare. In addition to these, Dr. Colledge was the companion of Henry M. Stanley, the great explorer; he was a soldier in three wars with the Arabs; he hunted all over South Africa and made the personal acquaintance of most of the leading men of Cape Colony and The Transvaal.

It must be conceded that in point of equipment—education, travel, association and experience—Dr. Colledge has earned the right to a large hearing. And, when his talents as a public speaker are included in the estimate, it is clear that duty calls him to the platform.

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2. Enroll for Spring semester, Friday, January 31.
3. Adjourn for Easter recess, Wednesday noon, March 26.
4. Enroll new students for Easter semi-semester, Monday, March 31.
5. School re-opens Tuesday, April 1.
6. Spring semester and Easter semi-semester close Tuesday, June 10.
7. Summer semi-semester opens Wednesday, June 11, and closes Friday, August 8.
8. Fall semester, session 1913-'14, opens Tuesday, September 16.