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A MANUAL OF ENGLISH. By George B. Woods and Clarence Stratton. Garden City, N. Y.: Doubleday, Page & Company. 1926. Pp. 292. \$1.00.

This is a valuable little reference book that is chock-full of information on the mechanics of writing and on the larger forms of composition as well. Distinctive features of the volume are comprehensiveness of subject matter, clearness of presentation, and alphabetical arrangement of contents. A convenient and trustworthy guide that every teacher of English composition should possess.

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ESSENTIALS OF COMMERCIAL LAW. By Wallace Hugh Whigham. New York: The Gregg Publishing Company. 1925. Pp. 258.

Not to make lawyers of students, but rather to build up a regard for the observance of the rights and wrongs in the relationship of man to man is the purpose of this standard textbook.

## NEWS OF THE COLLEGE AND ITS ALUMNÆ

The closing game of the College hockey season was played Saturday, November 13, when the local team got the big end of a 3-1 score from Fredericksburg. The sport has continued in popularity on the campus, with frequent contests between various gym class. Basketball practice is in high swing now, and a satisfactory schedule is made.

Some teachers are honored in their own country: Miss Fannie Speck, teacher in the Harrisonburg schools, was given a dinner by the Business Women's Club of the city in celebration of her fifty-year mark of teaching. Miss Spilman was master of ceremonies; both Mr. Logan, once a pupil of Miss Speck's and his little daughter, Jane, now a pupil, were on the program.

Gertrude Drinker, of Richmond, and a member of the college freshman class, was the winner in the 4-H Club contest held in Virginia the past year. Her reward was a trip to the Club Congress held in Chicago; she brought back glowing reports of the "smoke-stack" city.

Pi Kappa Omega has admitted Helen Goodson, of Norfolk, to membership. The remark heard throughout college was "Fine!"

Thanksgiving day was a holiday for everybody. Any number of girls visited home folks or friends. The festive day was ushered in by the Athletic Association, Wednesday night, when the little gym was made the scene of a tea dance. Thanksgiving dinner in the dining room was all it should be, with turkey, cranberries, pumpkin pie, and what not.

The faculty wanted to appear energetic and a large representation attended the Virginia Educational Conference held in Roanoke Wednesday, November 24, to Saturday, November 27.

Those who attended the conference (and the V. M. I.-V. P. I. football game) were President Duke, Dr. Wayland, Dr. Gifford, Mr. Logan, Mr. Varner, Mrs. Moody, Mrs. Garber, Miss Anthony, Miss Shaefer, Miss Whittlinger, Miss Wilson, Miss Spilman, Miss Cornell, Miss Lewis, and Miss Ralston. A large number of old college girls were present at the Harrisonburg Alumnæ Luncheon. Mr. Duke told them the news and plans of the school.

Many students were at the football game only: there were those who wept for the V. M. I. losers and those who rejoiced with the V. P. I. winners. There was just such a division of sentiment over the U. Va. trouncing of North Carolina with a 3-0 score in Charlottesville the same day.

The annual Red Cross campaign was run in the college as usual with the same enthusiasm. Mr. H. P. Morehead's talk in chapel served as a stimulus for the cause. Rev. Dr. J. J. Rives, pastor of the Methodist Church, spoke in assembly during National Education Week, November 13-20. Everybody wanted to ship for Europe immediately when Miss Harnsberger told of her adventures there last summer.

The Stratford Dramatic Club presented the first play of its season in Walter Reed Hall, Friday night, December 3. An "all-star cast" put *Luck* on in a manner that made Fortune smile. Movies are still being given for the benefit of the swimming pool.

"Sally" and "Mike" have been here; after "Ella Cinders" the students feel that they can blink and wink just as Coleen Moore does. Mrs. Varner, Mrs. Moody, and Miss Turner are at work as a committee on the proposed tea room which will also furnish funds for the pool.

The Y. W. C. A. has been active, observing Prayer Week and Golden Rule Sunday. Adelia Kreiger, as an H. T. C. representative, attended the Y. W. conference held in Wisconsin, December 26, 1926, to January 1, 1927.

Examinations came off Monday, Tuesday, and the morning of Wednesday. Noon of the 22 finally arrived. The "Special" eastern train left Harrisonburg at 1 p. m. of the eventful day. By midnight most of the H. T. C. girls were at their own homes.

More of this later!

Dr. John W. Wayland took temporary charge of a recent chapel exercise, and, on behalf of the faculty, made in substance the following speech:

Perhaps you know that the President has called several faculty meetings recently. Perhaps you do not know that the faculty held one brief session at which Mr. Duke was not present, in which a deep-laid conspiracy was hatched.

Mr. Duke has been handing out so many diplomas within the past eight years that we feared he had developed a little too much sangfroid in the matter, and that he ought to be reminded in some appropriate and effective way of the feeling that the blushing young graduate has when her name is called and she walks out upon the platform with the eyes of the whole assembly fixed upon her graceful figure and her faltering steps.

In short, the faculty propose here and now to confer something in the nature of a diploma upon Mr. Duke. I hasten to declare that I am not the ringleader in this conspiracy, but have been chosen spokes-

man only for the reason that I happen to be the oldest member of the faculty.

To be brief, the situation is like this. Mr. Duke is not only a good fisherman, he is also a good college president. Of this fact we have abundant evidence, both material and spiritual. The way in which he has gotten buildings erected and paid for, when the State didn't seem to have any money and when there really was very little in sight, is indeed remarkable. And while he has been erecting buildings of stone and steel he has also been raising the scholastic standards and advancing the educational rank of the institution. In these achievements we all take a pardonable pride, but we wish to place the chief honor where it belongs.

Permit me to say also that the generous and sympathetic attitude of the President towards the faculty, as manifested in all of his dealings with them, is fully recognized and thoroughly appreciated.

There is in this country an organization known as the NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION, with headquarters in Washington City. It is, in all probability, the greatest organization of its kind in the world. For some years we have known that President Duke thinks most highly of this organization and approves most heartily the purposes for which it stands.

Recently the NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION has made available a limited number of life memberships. These are offered to comparatively few persons—only to those educators who are outstanding in each state; and no one is approved for such distinction who has not been recommended by a number of the educational leaders of his state. This precaution is taken to guarantee that the high character of the distinguished list of life members may be maintained.

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3. A gold pin beautiful in design—one any life member may be proud to possess and wear.
4. All benefits of active membership, including voting rights and attendance at all meetings.
5. The N. E. A. Journal; the Research Bulletins; the Annual Volume of Proceedings; and other regular publications of the Association for life.
6. The prestige which life membership gives with school authorities.

The faculty of the College have paid the life membership fee and have secured the certificates of Mr. Duke's life membership in the NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION. These are now offered to him as a Christmas gift and as a token of our esteem. If he will come up on the platform I shall take pleasure in conferring these honors upon him.

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