

series of experiments calling for applications of the information gained in their performance is grouped into eight units with brief titles, each embracing a wider range of subject matter than the titles suggest. The problems are explicit and the experiments well designed to furnish solutions. Directions for conducting the experiments are clear and easily followed. Most of the apparatus needed is easily available and inexpensive.

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THEME AND VARIATION IN THE SHORT STORY. Edited by DeLancey Ferguson, Harold A. Blaine, and Wilson R. Dumble. New York: The Cordon Company. 1938. 550 pp. \$1.50.

An anthology "built" to illustrate the changes in narrative technique which the short story has undergone during the past century. Thus, three stories illustrate each of ten classifications: Kipling's "The Man Who Would Be King" is classified under Adventure, Poe's "Black Cat" under Psychology, Stevenson's "Lodging for the Night," under History. Other classifications are Humor, Detection, Country, City, War, Social Consciousness, and Reportage.

NEWS OF THE COLLEGE

Announcement of a 100 per cent increase in advance registration of new students for next year and of plans for the addition of eight or ten new members to the faculty was made by President S. P. Duke to approximately five hundred Madison College alumnæ, the largest group ever to return to the campus for home-coming. The occasion was the annual alumnæ luncheon on March 18. Dr. Duke also showed that the further development of the college's physical plant is necessary to meet the increased enrolment.

The home-coming program opened Friday night, March 17, with the Stratford Dramatic Club presentation of Noel Coward's "I'll Leave It To You," directed by Dr. Argus Tresidder of the Speech Department,

and assisted by the college orchestra.

At the business session held March 18 Evelyn Watkins, Norfolk, was elected president of the Association, with Jane Epps and Florene Collins Lange, both of Staunton, as vice-president and treasurer, respectively. The secretary for the coming year has not been chosen.

Lafayette Carr, Galax, retiring president of the Student Government Association, and Agnes Arnold, Nassawadox, former chairman of the Social Committee, were "tapped" as queen and maid-of-honor, respectively, of the traditional May Day festival during the assembly hour, March 28. Additional members of the court also "tapped" were Dorothy Grubbs, Olive Johnson, Jane Logan, Judy Uhlin, Elizabeth Rawles, Agnes Craig, Tish Holler, Billie Powell, "Peanut" Warner, Mildred Abbitt, Elizabeth Brown, and Dorothy Day. The queen and her court were elected by the student body.

In the annual fete to be held on Saturday afternoon, May 6, Old English May Day festivities will be reenacted for the approval of the queen and her court.

"Democracy is still a dream and it is for you to carry it forward or let it slip backward," Joy Elmer Morgan, editor of the *Journal of the National Education Association*, told Madison College students, at the regular assembly program, March 26.

"We need in America moral purpose and intelligence to combat power and brutal pagan forces," continued the speaker. "We must adopt love and democracy as our way of life."

Mr. Morgan, prominent educator, author, editor, and lecturer, was completing a two weeks' tour of southern states, during which he had engaged in a number of conferences in behalf of the Future Teachers of America. This movement is sponsored by the National Education Association, and grew

out of the recent observance of the Horace Mann Centennial.

Geraldine Douglass, Grottoes, was chosen by secret vote of the student body to represent Madison College as Princess at the annual Apple Blossom Festival to be held in Winchester on April 27 and 28.

Along with princesses chosen from other colleges and localities in the state, the Madison representative will serve as a member of the Court of Queen Shenandoah XVI.

"Citizens of Virginia must be made to see the need and importance of an adequate educational system," stated R. Hill Fleet, member of the House of Delegates from Lancaster and Richmond counties, in a talk on public education, March 8.

Mr. Fleet pointed out that this state ranks first-rate as a commercial state, has the second highest financial status of all the states, obtains over a hundred million dollars yearly on tourist trade alone, ranking third highest in this respect.

"Yet, in spite of these assets," he continued, "the annual number of crimes is deplorably high. One of the evident reasons for this is the lack of educational, recreational, and religious facilities."

"To bring our educational system up to par would take six or seven million dollars a year, accomplished by increased taxation and the collection of unpaid taxes," he concluded.

Carl Weinrich, well-known organist, gave a recital on Palm Sunday, April 2, his program including numbers by Bach, Buxtehude, Cleramhoul, Sweelinck, Handel, Honegger, James, Vierne, Jepson, and Mulford.

Mr. Weinrich is instructor of organ at Westminster Choir College, and also head of the department at Wellesley College.

A beautiful candle light service held in Wilson Auditorium, March 23, marked the

installation of Marie Walker, Kilmarnock, as the new president of the Y. W. C. A. She received the pledge of office from Elizabeth Rawles, Norfolk, retiring president.

In addition to Walker, the new officers include Geraldine Douglass, vice-president; Marjorie Proffitt, secretary; and Margaret Young, treasurer.

The cabinet is composed of Vern Wilkerson, chairman of publicity committee; Margaret Moore, librarian; Mary Davidson, pianist; Frances Barnard, chairman of social committee; Louise McNair, choir director; Dot Nover, organist; Jane Dingle and Emily Hardie, chairmen of program committee; Pauline Barfield, chairman of art committee; Eleanor Kash, chairman of the social service committee, and Mary Hunter Lupton, chairman of church committee.

Dr. Samuel P. Duke, Madison's president, became the third president of the Rockingham Memorial Hospital by unanimous election at the March meeting of the board of trustees. He succeeds the late Judge T. N. Haas, of Harrisonburg.

The college president has been a member of the board for many years, and has been active in promoting the advancement of the hospital.

Mike Lyne, retiring editor of *The Breeze*, was recently elected president for next year of the Alpha Chi chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, national honorary fraternity. Other officers elected are Geraldine Ailstock, vice-president; Corinne Carson, recording secretary; Geraldine Lillard, corresponding secretary; Charlotte Heslep, treasurer; Bernadine Buck, historian; Rosa Lee Aignor, sergeant-at-arms.

Blue Stone Cotillion Club chose as officers for the coming year Nellie Dunston, Norfolk, as president; Libbie Wilson, Hampton, vice-president; Elinor Mason, Harrison-

burg, secretary; Lorraine Fisher, Bedford, treasurer; Ellen Miner, Meridian, Miss., business manager; Lois Mason, Harrisonburg, sergeant-at-arms; and Nancy Dixon, Winston-Salem, N. C., reporter.

Peggy Weller, Charleston, W. Va., was recently elected president of the German Club. Other officers are Mildred Glass, vice-president; Barbara Haverty, secretary; Margaret Weil, treasurer; Clara Vawter, sergeant-at-arms; Winifred Rew, business manager; and Barbara Ford, reporter.

Dorothy Grubbs, Norfolk, was recently elected president of Lanier Literary Society for the spring quarter. Other officers are Tess Fitzhugh, vice-president; Jean Norwood, recording secretary; Martha Ligon, corresponding secretary; Corinne Shipp, treasurer; Polly Moore, chairman of the program committee; Lois Mason, sergeant-at-arms; Virginia Ann Switzer, critic.

New officers of the Art Club are Kitty Moltz, president; Margaret Weil, vice-president; Betty Whitelegg, secretary; Barbara Gay, treasurer; Virginia Clark, chairman of program committee.

Mu Sigma Mu, formerly Lee Literary Society, recently elected new officers for the coming year. They are Mike Lyne, president; Claire Bricker, vice-president; Jinky West, secretary; and Betty Wise, chairman of the program committee.

Page Literary Society announces the following new officers: president, Judy Brothers; vice-president, Ann Ireland; secretary, Eleanor Hollander; sergeant-at-arms, Linda Padgett; chairman of program committee, Nancy Dick; reporter, Charlotte Beville.

The Modern Dance Club gave a series of three numbers on the Athletic Association program at assembly April 5. The

performance, under the direction of Miss Helen Marbut, was highly successful.

Officers of the club are Marguerite Clark, president, and Doris Radskin, secretary. Miss Marbut is director of the group.

Five students received their diplomas at the end of the winter quarter. In the home economics department were Elizabeth Alexander, Waverly Hall, Georgia; Virginia Burton, Saxe, Virginia; and Nancy Roberts, Abingdon; in the elementary curriculum were Margery Stoutamyre, Mount Solon, and Francene Hulburd, Albany, N. Y.

Alexander is teaching with the N. Y. A. group at Farmville, and Hulburd is now helping in the office of the dean of women here.

Lafayette Carr, Galax, a student of Mrs. Clara Whipple Cournyn, gave a voice recital on March 31, assisted by the Glee Club, under the direction of Miss Edna T. Shaeffer, and the orchestra, conducted by Clifford T. Marshall.

Almeda Greyard, Norfolk; Anna Jane Pence, Arlington; and Evelyn Jefferson, Federalsburg, Md., have been elected to lead next year's senior, junior, and sophomore classes, respectively.

The junior class has completed its election of next year's officers, with Betty Lou McMahan as vice-president; Charlotte Hessel, secretary; Geraldine Ailstock, treasurer; Winnie Rew, business manager; Dorothy Moore, sergeant-at-arms; and Peggy Weller, reporter.

ALUMNAE NOTES

The large and gratifying outpouring of alumnae for Home-Coming on March 17 and 18 enabled the alumnae secretary to secure a reasonably accurate list of many former students, including some whose addresses and whose major interests have