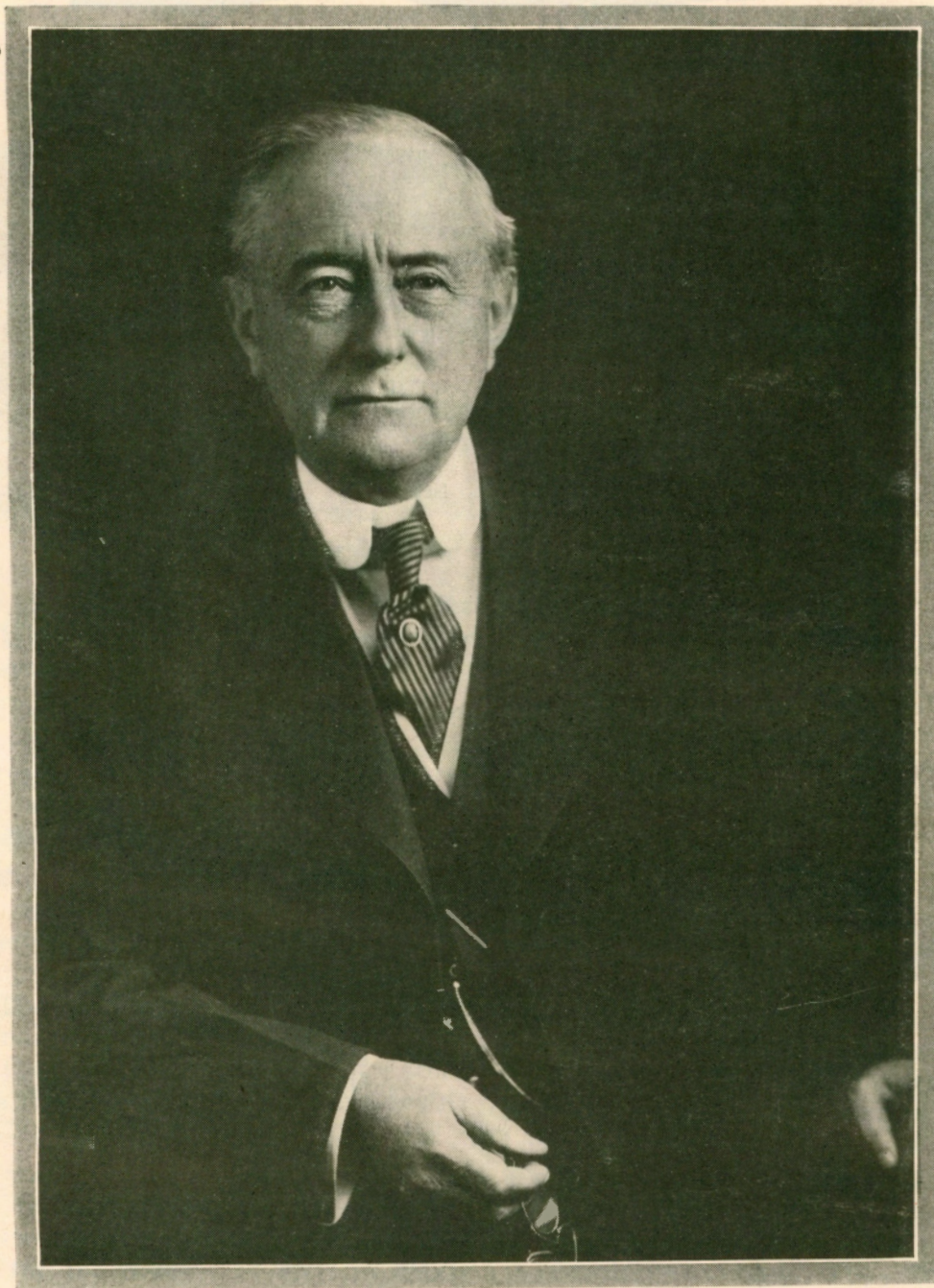


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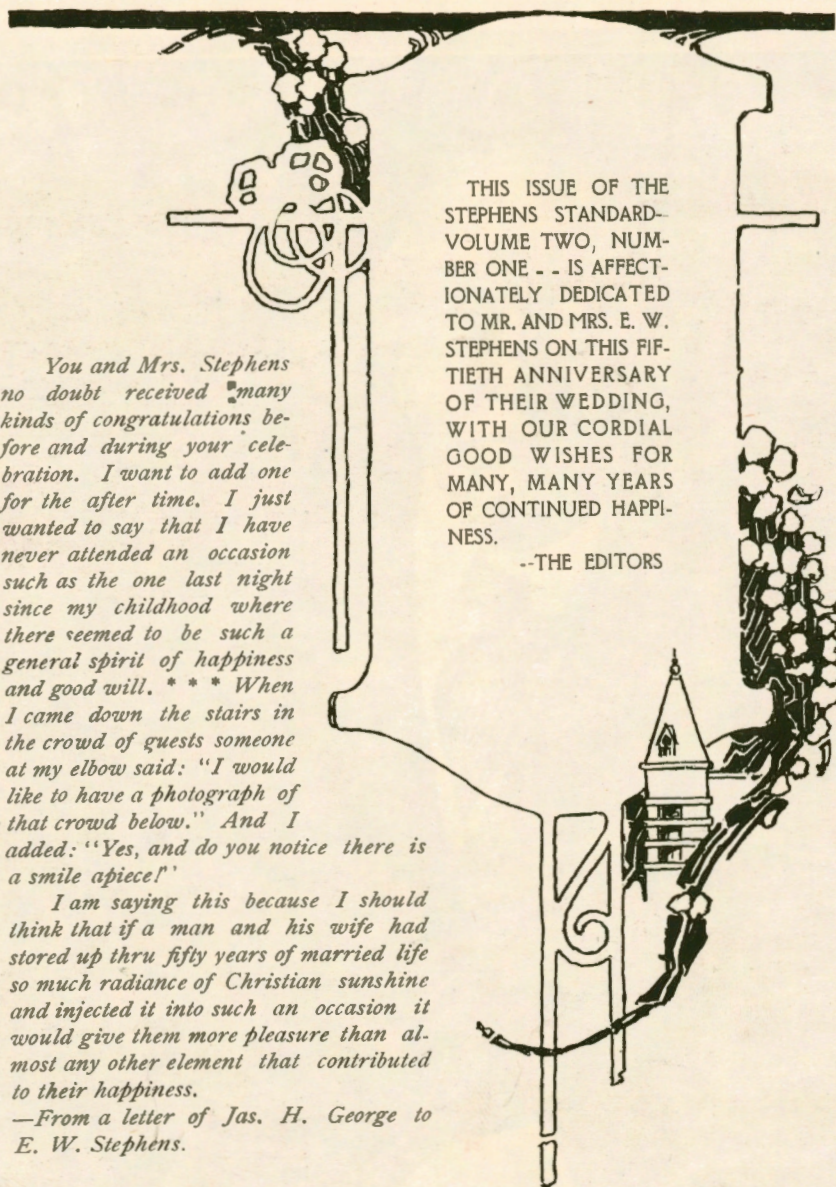
*You and Mrs. Stephens no doubt received many kinds of congratulations before and during your celebration. I want to add one for the after time. I just wanted to say that I have never attended an occasion such as the one last night since my childhood where there seemed to be such a general spirit of happiness and good will. \* \* \* When I came down the stairs in the crowd of guests someone at my elbow said: "I would like to have a photograph of that crowd below." And I added: "Yes, and do you notice there is a smile a-piece!"*

*I am saying this because I should think that if a man and his wife had stored up thru fifty years of married life so much radiance of Christian sunshine and injected it into such an occasion it would give them more pleasure than almost any other element that contributed to their happiness.*

*—From a letter of Jas. H. George to E. W. Stephens.*

THIS ISSUE OF THE STEPHENS STANDARD—VOLUME TWO, NUMBER ONE—IS AFFECTIONATELY DEDICATED TO MR. AND MRS. E. W. STEPHENS ON THIS FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR WEDDING, WITH OUR CORDIAL GOOD WISHES FOR MANY, MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED HAPPINESS.

—THE EDITORS



# The Stephens Standard

## Golden Wedding Reception for Stephens Girls



*In a golden wedding cake is the essence of fifty years of sweet dreams*

THERE WAS an exuberance of girlhood at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Stephens on the evening of September 27.

Every detail of that golden wedding celebration will remain in the memory of the Stephens girls who were present at the reception which was given by Mr. and Mrs. Stephens especially for the students and faculty of Stephens College.

The beautiful old Stephens mansion was the scene of the reception and there Mr. and Mrs. Stephens received the guests on the very spot in which they stood when they were married fifty years ago. The girls were ushered up the old-fashioned winding stairway and into the guest rooms where the massive antique furniture seemed to breathe the sweet peacefulness and beauty of long ago.

The house was a garden of flowers; sweetheart and ophelia roses, chrysanthemums, banks of ferns, and festoons of smilax made a most beautiful setting for the bouquet of girls in dainty colored evening gowns.

On the dining table was a magnificent wedding cake of immense proportions, made in the most exquisite fashion of the bride of to-day. Each girl carried away a bit of "dream cake" as her souvenir.

In the midst of a bower of hanging vines, in which clusters of tiny red and green lights gave the appearance of fireflies, ices and dainty confections were served. Mr. Stephens's old fashioned flower garden, adjoining the coffee room, where the bright colored zenias and marigolds glowed under the garden lights, added quaint and vivacious charm to the atmosphere.

### OLD FASHIONED LOVE SONGS

When the girls gathered around the piano to sing old fashioned songs, every one took part wholeheartedly, each thinking seriously of the beautiful things she wished for Mr. and Mrs. Stephens in the future. As the strains of "Stephens, Stephens" were begun everyone sang with new feeling—for there was almost a double meaning in it. Eleanor Beach of the music faculty sang a number of beautiful old-fashioned love songs. Hilda Millspaugh's solo, "When You and I Were Young," was a beautiful and appropriate part of the evening's program. The entire entertainment was a succession of dream like sensations and it will remain one of the most beautiful events in each Stephens girl's life. The reception was a perfect picture of love and happiness.

This year's Stephens girls consider themselves fortunate in being students of the college in the

*scribe*

year of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Stephens.

WHAT COLUMBIA THINKS

The following is quoted from a tribute to Mr. Stephens by the citizens of Columbia: "The name of Edwin W. Stephens has for half a century been prominently identified with every worthy cause and every constructive undertaking in Columbia and Boone County." (And, it should be added, with many issues of national and international importance.) "His life has been one of

devotion to ideals, to service, and to betterment."

Mr. Stephens has been president of the National Education Association and has presided at the World's Peace Congress at Liege. As a religious worker, he has been president of both the Northern and Southern Baptist Conventions of the United States and has presided at the World's Alliance in Albert Hall, London. But the Stephens girls are proudest of the fact that he is president of the Board of Curators of Stephens College.



Over a thousand guests were served in this coffee room (constructed especially for the golden wedding reception) on the evenings of September 26 and 27





"Young hearts--all of them!" Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Stephens are standing just where they stood when they were married--fifty years ago

## ANNOUNCING JIMMIE JUNIOR!

James Madison Wood Jr. lives in his apartment in Columbia Hall very contentedly. The position he occupies and the attention he receives seem to worry him not at all. He is old since August 15, and because of his gymnastic efforts he has been able to gain much more than his original weight of six pounds and fourteen ounces. His hair is brown and his blue eyes indicate that he is happy and that he heartily approves of his mother and nurse and that he is willing to tolerate the presence of his father.

Although he is quite the youngest member of the faculty, he has perhaps already won the enviable reputation of being the most popular. He has occupied a large amount of the attention of the alumnae, the faculty, and the present Stephens girls. His visiting hours are from four to six o'clock every afternoon and he is never lacking in attention.

# Once More the Wheels Go Round

With more than five hundred students, Stephens College begins its new year of work. Senior class largest in history of school. New faculty list shows many changes and additions

SEPTEMBER thirteenth and fourteenth marked the close of summer vacation for five hundred Stephens College girls. With the coming of registration days, crowds of students arriving in Columbia on special trains from Kansas City, St. Louis, and Parsons, Kansas, thronged about the college buildings and on the campus, each bringing her quota of energy and enthusiasm ready to be turned into the channels of school activities.

#### LARGEST SENIOR CLASS

The registration records show the senior class to be the largest in the history of the institution. There are one hundred forty-five seniors this year, or an increase of fifty percent in the number for 1921. The juniors number 196, the specials 125, and the academy pupils 29. Stephens does not emphasize the Academy Department, only a strictly limited number of high school pupils being taken each year. Roy T. Davis, the secretary of the College, states that the enrollment for the year will approximate 550.

Of the students who are at present attending Stephens, 356 are boarders while the remainder are day students. Ninety of the boarding students are housed in cottage dormitories, or sorority houses. Many students seeking admission to the college were turned away on account of insufficient accommodations. Another dormitory housing 100 girls might easily have been filled.

#### FIFTEEN STATES REPRESENTED

Stephens is a real middle western college. The students who gather on its campus come from the North, the South, the East, the West. The states represented include Ohio, Illinois, Tennessee, Kentucky, Missouri, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, Colorado, New Mexico, and California. No more ideal cosmopolitanism could be found in a western college than is prevalent here among these representatives from fifteen states.

Last year was a red letter year for twins; however, the number this year is worthy of mention. Our five pairs are Jewell and Jewett Triplett, Velma and Thelma Meredith, Velma and Zelma Bishop, Hettie and Nettie Clemens, and Gertie and Leila Carroll. In addition to these, we have the distinction of having among our number two "half pairs"—Julia Whitesides and Florence

Russell—whose twin brothers did not find the educational advantages at Stephens sufficiently alluring.

#### FACULTY CONFERENCES EARLY

The opening of Stephens has been marked as much by regularity as by enthusiasm. The members of the faculty arrived two weeks early in order to meet daily with Dr. W. W. Charters, Director of Educational Research.

It is the plan of Dr. J. J. Oppenheimer, dean of the faculty, to continue the series of mental tests begun last year, by means of which Stephens may be compared with other colleges throughout the country. Every junior will be given the Thurston College Entrance General Intelligence Test, one which is in use in between three and four hundred colleges in the United States. In addition, the Reading Test of Dr. Whipple and the Musical Tests of Dr. Seashore will be given.

The new courses offered this year are Advanced Clothing, Religious Fundamentals, Advanced Sociology, five hours in Biology, Analytical Chemistry, Ear Training Appreciation of Music, and Preventive Medicine.

#### NEW FACULTY MEMBERS

The new faculty members are: Basil Dean Gauntlett, head of the Music Department; Eleanor Beach, head of the Voice Department; Mrs. Harriet M. Paul, clothing; Jeannette Garrett, foods; Helen Kingsted, expression; Marjorie K. Carpenter, assistant to the Dean and head of Main Dormitory; Fannie Mae Ross, piano; Katherine Heibel, piano; Grace Johnson, physical education; Gladys Pennington, assistant in religious education; P. G. Buckles, education; W. R. Boucher, education; Edith Marshall, psychology; Lucy Hawker, foods; Ruth Feris, physical geography; Mrs. Ruth Woodworth, assistant in chemistry; Gladys Dalton, assistant in Latin; Louise Landis, assistant in clothing; Elizabeth Oakes, English literature.

#### To the New Faculty Members

Our good wishes for a happy year! Our hope that no frowny wrinkles appear because of incorrigible *Us!* Our promise to "judge not"—if you will mind the Scriptures, too! Our friendship to the last ditch—even if we fall in! . . . The old ones know us already—and are getting out their saltshakers!

—Everylastoneofus.

## A News Letter to the Old Girls

This letter, written by Floy Klein, in the name of the editors, bears you greeting from Stephens College. We wish you could be here and "see for yourselves" all the new things about the campus-- including the new girls

*Dear Virginia, Lillian and all the rest of you:*

Stephens is the same—and *not* the same! Outside appearances would lead you to believe that it is a duplicate of last year, but "inside dope" will show you otherwise.

Will you believe me when I tell you that Mr. Scott's studio plus the old Post Office, now equals Mr. Davis's private office? Or that Dean Oppenheimer's office is now where Mr. Davis's was last year?

And what do you think—the Dean of Women and her assistants have an office in the Conservatory—on second floor. *That* is where we go for date permissions.

The New Post Office is installed in the basement of Columbia Hall. The only thing we miss is the daily jam caused by the ten o'clock delivery. Miss Kyd continues to hand out letters, call-down slips, shoes, and laundry. She is still partial to some girls—often leaving Box 54 *empty* and almost *filling* Box 55!

And by the way, the Post Office is now an official branch and that means Sunday mail! Isn't that jolly!

The branch Missouri Store, adjoining the P. O. is bigger and better than ever. To the joy of all the girls, it still carries the same line of favorite candies.

You really should see Old Dorm! Why you would hardly recognize it! Fresh paint, fresh varnish, fresh paper, new light fixtures—and every thing!

The new telephone system is quite complicated. Each floor of every house is blessed with several phones. These are all on a special line and calls during study hours are taken by Miss Jens, who has her office in Mr. and Mrs. Wood's former room in Main Dormitory.

Telephone call slips are placed in the correct P. O. box. This insures securing said call sometime out of class hours. The girls heartily appreciate the saving of steps which this system makes possible.

Old girls: we miss you—but we should congratulate the representatives of the college who have secured for us so many new girls—girls who are capable and willing to support Stephens ideals and standards.

New girls come—and old ones go—but the old standards remain; Stephens spirit will not die. So, in spite of all of the changes, the old spirit is here—better and stronger than ever.

Yours lovingly.

P. S.—In listing the new improvements, we must not omit the mention of James Madison Wood, Jr. According to Mr. Wood, he is quite an improvement over James Madison, Sr.

## Dr. Dudley Is Dean of Women

"Best Year Yet" is the confident slogan of the dean and her assistants. Honesty is stressed as first principle of conduct. "There must be no rule that is not reasonable," says Dr. Dudley

"**A**CTING DEAN" is what she wants to be called—and why not? For where Miss Dudley is, there *action* is bound to be also. The returning students were very pleasantly surprised to learn that Dr. Louise Dudley was to be dean of women. "We don't talk back to her—but we like her" expresses the feeling of the entire student body.

Dr. Dudley has been professor of English literature at Stephens for a number of years. She still retains her former position and is also head of the house in Columbia Hall. Her three-fold duties are very capably performed by Dr. Dudley, thereby contradicting the theory that only one thing at a time can be done well. She is not only Acting Dean but also an *acting* dean. She is, how-

ever, to be relieved of some of her classes in literature.

She is assisted in her duties as dean of women by Marjorie Carpenter, head of the house in Main Dormitory and Patience Haggard head of the house in Wood Hall. The executive committee of the Student Council works in cooperation with the dean and her assistants.

#### THE BEST YEAR YET

Miss Dudley is attempting to make this year the most successful in the history of Stephens College. And in her efforts she has the co-operation of all the students in school. She says, "Girls who come to Stephens are naturally good and naturally kind. The only task of the dean of women is to try to help them to get adjusted to the new environment lest they allow either the changes in living among a large number of people or the change in being entirely without the surroundings and familiar environment of home to upset them."

"This year Stephens has a fine lot of girls—even finer than usual," is Miss Dudley's way of saying how greatly pleased she is with the manner in which the students are working this year, with the support which they are giving her, and with their loyalty to Stephens College and to Stephens College ways.

#### HONESTY FIRST

Every girl who has been before the Student Council this year has been there of her own accord. She has broken a rule and has reported it herself. That is a high ideal for students to uphold but it is the one which is going to "put self-government over strong" at Stephens this year. Miss Dudley "thinks more of honesty than of any other one thing." It is the cardinal virtue. To disobey a rule and not report it oneself, to be dishonorable in school work, to be disloyal to friends—all are forms of dishonesty.

#### RULES MUST BE REASONABLE

"Few rules but reasonable ones" is Miss Dudley's belief. "The rules that are most effective are those which the girls themselves can see the necessity of. Unnecessary rules or unjust rules are worse than no rules."

In summarizing her aims, Miss Dudley said: "I want to make the girls realize that they are young women, old enough, dependable enough, and sensible enough to act according to their own judgment of right and wrong; mature enough to realize that living with a large number of people demands at times a sacrifice of individual impulse for the good of the whole; and noble enough to make the effort to do it."

## A Word About the S. A. B.

*NOTE: The Student Activity Board was established last spring as one of the Divisions of the Civic Association. In this article, Opal Simmons, chairman of the Board, explains its purposes and plans*

**U**NDER THE PRESENT SYSTEM at Stephens, all clubs and organizations are under the control of the Student Activity Board, which is composed of a representative from each club. Through these representatives each club is advised by the Board as to what it should do for the college and for its members during the year. No club is permitted to become stagnant.

#### USING THE QUESTIONNAIRE METHOD

The Student Activity Board, in order to find where to place each girl in school and in order to ferret out her special abilities and develop her talents, fosters the "Questionnaire Movement." Questionnaires which tend to ascertain what student activity work the student has done in high school and what she wants to do in Stephens are sent to each girl and through these questionnaires

under the Census Bureau supervision, the S. A. Board is able to "place" girls to the best advantage.

In order to more equally distribute the chances for leadership, points for office holding are limited to 10 for any one individual.

#### GETTING THE SAILS SET

Of the various clubs under the Student Activity Board, the International Polity Club was the first to organize at the beginning of the year. But all the clubs are making active preparation. The Athletic Association, Hypatia, French, Home Economics, Dramatic, Shrine, Eastern Star, and various state clubs, as well as Hi Beta Steppo, the peppiest club in college, are organizing and getting to work.

## NEW OFFICE FOR S. A. B.

"Club Day," with campaigns for membership in the various clubs, is a feature of the Activity plans to increase interest and enrollment in the clubs.

A new club room or office is to be completed very soon in the basement of Wood Hall. Each club will be provided with an individual locker and in this room the Board will hold its regular meetings.

## A CALENDAR WITHOUT CONFLICTS

Through the Social Engagement Committee, club meetings and social functions are scheduled in a manner such that one girl may attend every meeting of every club and in that way it is thought that greater interest in student activities may be fostered. It is the aim of the Student Activity Board to see that every girl receives that training which will enable her to become an all-round capable woman with the necessary qualities for successful leadership.

## Big Sisters Are Worth Having

The Big Sister Movement is to become a permanent part of the Y. W. C. A. work. The Big Sisters make the first days easier and chase the homesick blues away. They represent the Stephens Spirit of service

THE STEPHENS Y. W. C. A. is sponsor of another successful movement. The Big Sister movement is a success in every way and has already established itself as a permanent part of a Stephens girl's life.

Last year, just before the close of school, the junior girls who were considered especially fitted to act as Big Sisters to the new girls entering in the fall were selected and organized to carry on the new movement that was being fostered by the Young Women's Christian Association. Miss Ruth Marshall was selected as the Chief Big Sister.

During the summer, letters were sent to the old girls giving the names and addresses of their "Little Sisters," informing them of their duties and giving suggestions for the coming year. Each girl was requested to write to her "sister," hunt her up on her arrival at school, assist her in getting settled and in registering, keep her from being homesick, and explain the traditions and regulations of the school.

This fall the Big Sisters returned, ready to serve in any way possible. Trains were met, rooms straightened, and many little kindnesses performed that helped to take away the "new-

ness" of the experience of being away from home for the first time. The girls were identified by their arm bands of white with the "Big Sister" printed in blue upon them. It put a warm feeling in the heart of a new girl who was coming in, an absolute stranger, to have someone call her by name and help her in becoming acquainted with the others. The first night of her year here, and the hardest night of all, was made much easier and more pleasant by the comradeship of a girl who was her friend and who was willing to help in every way.

Especially during the trials of registration the "Big Sister" was an ever present help in time of trouble. Read the editorial in this issue entitled "Credit Where Credit Is Due" in order to understand the purpose of the Big Sisters and some of their duties. This is the first year that the Big Sister Movement in Stephens College has been perfected in every detail. Because of the success with which it has met at the opening of this school year it will continue to be a prominent feature in the Y. W. C. A. work at Stephens College in the future. It typifies the whole hearted friendliness, democracy, and ideal of service of the Stephens Spirit.

### THOUGHTS FROM THE OPENING CONVOCATION

(Impressions received from Mr. Wood's address)

1. Get the maximum of benefit from this year at Stephens.
2. Book-learning is just one phase of education.
3. Use your originality - learn to be a leader.
4. Every girl in Stephens is ready to be a true friend of every other girl.
5. We don't encourage "joiners" but we know there are unemployed workers who should get busy, and make their influence felt in some kind of club work.
6. See what good pals and friends you can make of the girls, for their friendship will be one of the finest things of your college days.
7. Don't forget that every one of us is FOR YOU.
8. Make it your purpose to work hard, but to sandwich in just lots of hard rollicking play.

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## Their Golden Wedding Day

ROMANCE is the essence of a girl's dreams, and when its fragrance lingers about the figure of one whom she holds in great honor and esteem, her dreams become sanctified realities and she experiences a sense of fulfillment and gratitude.

E. W. Stephens and his wife have given to every Stephens College girl a beautiful picture of silver-haired and lavender-gowned romance—framed by the lovely setting of a golden wedding anniversary—to be placed in her memory book.

That beautiful golden wedding was like a flood of pure sunlight across the world's infidelity. To every girl who attended the reception, it was the sweet reassurance that *dreams come true*. If there is any virtue in dreaming on the wedding cake of newly-made brides, how potent must have been the spell of the three hundred bits of that

wonderful golden wedding cake which the Stephens girls dreamed over the night of September 27. For it was sanctified by romance tried and proved; its magic was made thrice magical by a love which, hallowed by a half-century of happiness, carries into the autumn of experience the heart of perpetual spring.

Yes, dreams *do* come true.

We Stephens girls will never forget you, Mr. and Mrs. Stephens. It was lovely of you to think of our happiness on your golden wedding day. We have a little love cell in our hearts which we have stored with the sweets of loving remembrance and warm affection. The dedication of this number of the *Stephens Standard* to you is a sincere, though very inadequate, expression of our love and esteem.

## Keep in Touch

HOW CAN YOU properly appreciate the growth and development of Stephens College unless you *let us keep you informed* from month to month of the progress of the College? Don't become a stranger to your Alma Mater. Even if you were in Stephens only one year, that year should be kept bright in your memory.

The *Standard* will bring you information; it will bring you the greetings of every Stephens girl; it will make your friendship for Stephens College a warmer and truer one, because it will *identify you* with the college activities. *Don't let yourself drift "out of touch."* The dollar which you pay for the *Standard* is merely the admission price into a large company of Stephensites whose hearts are the sanctuaries of Stephens Spirit. Let the *Standard* be the tie that binds you all together. The more subscription dollars we get the better service the *Standard* can give you.

Wouldn't it be fine if we could issue a *complete* directory of the alumnae *free of charge*? With a large enough subscription list we can do it.

## The Four-Fold Life

The work of the Y. W. C. A. is to make students *conscious* of Christianity, stimulate the desire to know more about the teachings of Christ, and to give opportunity not only for learning Christian truth but for living it as well. It is *not* the desire of the Association to make long-faced Christians. It does not wish to distort the symmetry of living but it strives to perfect the natural symmetry of life through the development of the four-fold life—spiritual, moral, mental, and physical.

## "That Boarding School Idea"

EVERY GIRL in her "teens" has assiduously devoured books about boarding school life. She has hidden beneath the bed with the heroine while a soft-footed teacher crept down the hall "on a stealthy expedition of discovery." Slowly her ideas of boarding school life have crystallized about this picture of watchful teacher and hunted girl, captor and fugitive, and her admiration has gone out to the clever wits of the Becky Sharp who could succeed in eluding the watchfulness of a teacher.

And then this girl, at the close of her high school course, finds herself in a girls' school. With a head crammed full of fiction-inspired ideas, she calls her new home a boarding-school. Its true name, however, is Stephens Junior College. Soon she sees the incongruity of her ideas and realizes that there must be another viewpoint than hers.

The readjustment that follows is indeed a revelation. The junior college of today is *not* a boarding school in the old-fashioned sense. A girl is accepted as an *individual*, a factor in the life of the community with the power of decision and a definite idea of moral values. All thoughts of irresponsibility and evasion of laws of social conduct are discarded as childish. Those thrilling tales of fire-escapes and other kinds of escapes become a part of her girlhood fiction and the Stephens College girl accepts her place as a responsible member of a civic organization—a college community.

Not only is there a demand for a readjustment of ideas in the minds of girls, but in the minds of many young men there is a perverted conception of the purpose of girls' schools. "Oh, he has that boarding school idea!" was the verdict recently passed by a representative group of Stephens College girls in talking of a certain young man who occasionally calls at the College. Apparently it was not a complimentary verdict. To say "She is a Stephens College girl" should be equivalent to saying: "She is a responsible girl with a conscience and a sense of honor—not a fickle, fluttery fly-by-night with a mania for forbidden fun."

## Credit Where Credit Is Due

OUR PEN was already poised in the act of writing a few words of praise for the Big Sisters, when the following paragraph, written by a junior who signed herself as "One who was

made happy by her Big Sister," was handed to us. We laid our pen down with a satisfied "Ah!" Our editorial had been written for us.

At a very late date in August I sent a check and an application for a room in Stephens College. Since my decision upon college had been delayed, I had determined to make myself happy with whatever accommodations (regardless of things or minor inconveniences) could be afforded me. Soon after my application had been accepted I received a letter from a small town in Missouri. Who could be writing to me? I learned from the letter that I was adopted! "Sight and unseen," with absolutely no guarantee, my big sister from Stephens had claimed me. What I should have done without her I can't imagine, for she met me at the train, helped me unpack, found a pleasant table for me in the dining room, accompanied me through the trials of registration and, above all, she is still my friend! Could this willingness—even wilfulness—to serve be "Stephens Spirit"? I think it is!

## The Builders of Heaven

*(A bit of home-made philosophy, which, if applied locally and rubbed in well, should cure spiritual indisposition and soreness.)*

"I myself am Heaven and Hell."

These words of a pagan poet representing a creed which confines within the human soul all the possibilities of reward and punishment, are still the veritable credentials of a divinely inspired personality, working out its own happiness. With a clear, though limited, vision, the poet recognized the presence of divinity in man, and encased a universe within the limits of an individual soul. Thus, he attributes to man the power to shape his own destinies.

Today, we have little use for the doctrines of fatalism. We have dedicated our human efforts to the search for happiness. We lay stress upon the ability of every individual to analyze the elements of any situation and make out of them the substance of his happiness or his discontent. Defined in the terms of modern educators, this power of gaining contentment by voluntary choice becomes known as self adaptation, which is the final test of education.

This privilege of making herself the arbiter of her own happiness, is, for the college girl, the keynote of her success as a student and a citizen. Each girl may make her own ideal of college life come true. When discords and trifling annoyances cause her to make indictments against her college home, she shifts her responsibility as determiner of her own success or failure and becomes, not the pilot of her course in life, but the mere victim of veering winds drifting impotently

in the currents of casual circumstance. If, on the other hand, a girl realizes her own power of adaptability and rules her own spirit with the wisdom which God has given her, there is no obstacle to her making her outer as well as her inner life a heaven, and proving again the time-old truth of the Persian poet's philosophy.

## The Dollar Side

EVERY IDEAL must have its exchequer. Every ship of practical educational purpose must be anchored by money-chains.

Religious education is a virile and tangible phase of life in Stephens College. And it owes its development to those people who have caught the vision and translated it into dollars and cents. They have set up the mechanism, without losing sight of the blue-prints of the ideal, and have set the wheels to turning.

In this recognition of the fact that money is essential in the development of a great program, lies the reason of all present development and the hope of all future expansion. It has been said that the greatest memorial a man can erect for himself is a memorial to education or religion. Such a memorial becomes a concrete expression of abstract ideals. The future Stephens College should be a group of memorials embodying real ideals—ideals which shall no longer be compelled to struggle under the handicap of a depleted exchequer.

## Citizenship

LITTLE BY LITTLE we Stephens College girls are being woven into the fabric of a social organization and we can no longer stand apart and judge. We are within the inner circle and are being judged. Not only are we, as individuals, weighed and estimated, but Stephens College is weighed and estimated in the balances of public thought as a result of our individual actions and standards.

Greater than our duties as students are our responsibilities as citizens. The first thing which we must learn to do willingly is to sacrifice some of our individual freedom for the sake of conflicting desires on the part of others. Again, we must be on the alert for every opportunity to improve the life of the community in any phase of its activities. And perhaps most important of all is our fearless voicing of our honest convictions and opinions. This must be done, however, in a constructive manner. This freedom of speech is

one of the most active principles of a true democracy, for it provokes helpful introspection and is the first step toward intelligent change.

Our Civic Association, by its very name, publishes the fact that it stands for citizenship. As members of the Association, we recognize that we are individual units of a community with responsibilities and duties which no good citizen can ignore.

## Burrall Bits

The "Burrall Bits" will be a regular feature of every issue. If you are a member of Miss Burrall's class and the editors do not happen to get the ones that hit you hardest, hand your own list of "Burrall Bits" to some member of the staff.

Look for the "Burrall Bits" every time you get the *Standard*. They are like little verbal javelins that pin big thoughts to the walls of your mind. They are like grains of gravel in the shoe of your conduct: you can't keep from thinking about them. They tantalize you with their persistent truth.

- "Be so decent as to grow tired of your sins."
- "Life is our biggest excitement."
- "The making of a spiritual life is man's hardest job."
- "There are three ways to enter into the fullest life: Purpose, Bible Study, and Work. But be sure to pray while you work."
- "Specialize in doing the impossible."
- "We allow our moods to dominate us."
- "Most of us have a wish-bone where our back-bone should be."
- "Sin is the absence of God."
- "Wouldst thou be as the stars? Then live as they do. With joy 'perform your shining.'"
- "Your heart is not a pint cup."
- "You are just what you think you are."
- "God must have a sense of humor, else he would not have created some men and women I know."
- "Every man *acts* upon his *real* creed."
- "He whom 'no one understands,' is understood by everyone."
- "Whatever there is that ought to be done, that is what I ought to do."
- "It's not the direction of the wind that counts—but the set of the sails."

## Father Foster Officiate

THE FIRST STEPHENS COLLEGE WEDDING for the school year of 1921-22 was solemnized Friday afternoon, September 23, at the College. About eight hundred people were invited, the majority of that number being affiliated in some manner with the College. Because of the very unfavorable weather only about one hundred and fifty of those invited were able to attend.

An introductory musical program was given by Olivia Noel, Lue Gene Evans, and Mary Louise Melvin. As the first strains of Lohengren's Wedding March were heard, the bridal party appeared at the south door of the gymnasium and marched down to the north end of the large room where a very solemn and binding ceremony was read by Father Foster. Through this ceremony—which was conducted contrary to all the rules of etiquette and solemnity—Stephens College and Miss New Girl were united in holy wedlock.

The groom enjoys a wide reputation for sobriety and uprightness and has a bright future before him. The bride, Miss New Girl, was very timid at the altar but we know that she will blossom into a lovely wife and be the inspiration of Stephens College in all the coming years.

After a brief honey-moon journey from Wood to Main, and from Main to Columbia Hall, the happy couple will be at home to their many friends at the residence which the groom has prepared for his bride in the beautiful ten-acre tract bounded by Broadway, College, Waugh, and Locust Streets.

## Putting the Step in Hi Beta Steppo

"HEARKEN, all ye would-be Pills, come forth to-night in all your glory. Dashing brunettes and fickle blondes—come out to-night arrayed in your twenty-six pigtailed; aprons hind part before; one black stocking and one white stocking. Carry under your right good wing one paddle (homemade or otherwise). After you have toddled around the tables, shuffle up to the gym."

Such was the poster that greeted the eye of the juniors on September 26. Accordingly they assembled in the correct garb at the correct time and place, carrying the very necessary implement. They crawled on hands and knees from the gym to the dining room and sitting on chairs turned backward, devoured, with gusto, quantities of food. They used knives and fingers (but no forks) and drank water with a spoon. The "Would-be Pills" remained in the dining room until the Old Pills had departed. Then they "crawled the gauntlet" and, amid much laughter, reached the gym where Most High Pill, Mary Lee Simpson, had arranged a pilluptious entertainment.

## Dr. Bradford Speaks at Vesper Hour

Dr. Mary C. C. Bradford, former president of the National Education Association, spoke to the Stephens girls at the vesper hour, Thursday, September 15. Her short but inspirational talk centered around an old Sanskrit legend. According to this legend, the spirit of Christ would come again in a new and strange land in the form of countless women. To fulfill this legend should be our ideal as young women of America.

Dr. Bradford is at present in charge of the sale of poppies for women and children in the devastated regions of France. The red satin poppies are made by the women and children and sold here at ten and twenty cents each. The money obtained in this way is used to build hospitals in France. It is probable that a Poppy Day will soon be held on the Stephens campus.

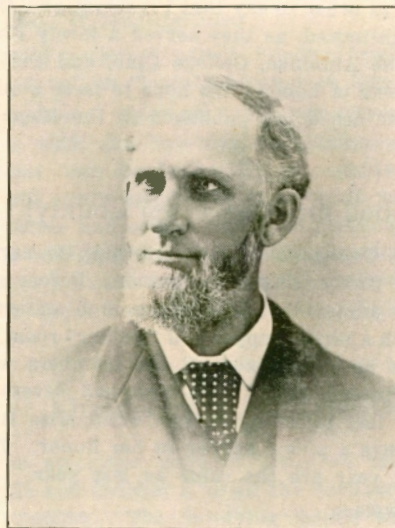
## The William J. Miller Loan Fund

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY of the College has reported the gift of \$1000.00 by William J. Miller of Windsor, Missouri. This money is for the purpose of establishing the William J. Miller Loan Fund and is to be used for the aid of students who desire financial assistance.

Mr. Miller formerly resided in Pennsylvania. He came to the Middle West when he was a young man and has become one of Missouri's prosperous citizens by virtue of his own ability and foresight. By careful management and economy, he has become the owner of several thousand acres of Missouri, Texas, and Oklahoma land. He is considered a noted agriculturist and stock man in Missouri.

Mr. Miller believes in higher education and each of his children has had excellent educational opportunities. His gift of the loan fund is further testimony of his belief in the kind of educational and religious training which Stephens College is equipped to give. This is the second fund of like nature which has been established this year, the other being made by the class of 1915.

"Mr. Miller is the kind of friend Stephens College needs," said H. S. Walter, financial secretary of the College, "a friend who believes in Christian education strongly enough to invest in it."



WILLIAM J. MILLER,  
of Windsor, Missouri, through whose generosity the new  
Loan Fund has been established

## Mainly About Ex-Stephensites

Here we are launching out into another year of glorious school work! You know what a year full of joy there is ahead of us.

Girls, I know you are just "standing on your eyebrows" to hear about the things we are doing and also what all of our Ex-Stephens-ites are doing. Well! I cannot tell you because I am rushed "to tears" but I can tell you a real way to get Stephens news. **SUBSCRIBE** for the STANDARD. You know you want to hear what all of your old friends are doing. You can get it through the STANDARD.

Now, let me tell you another pitiful and yet glorious thing that has happened. The Juniors have beaten the Seniors in subscriptions—For goodness sakes—Come on and help us carry the subscriptions "over the line" for the Standard.

We want every one to know the glory of Old Stephens. Honestly! the thrills of patriotism are chasing up and down my spine and I hope "you are the same." Come on!! All Set!! We are off!! Help us make the score!!

"Peppingly" Yours,

Viola May Talbot.

## Report of Columbia Alumnae

During the commencement season of the Alumnae Association and College Club renewed their interest in college life by attending the various entertainments. It is our custom to have a meeting on Class Day and take part in the exercises, thereby linking the new graduates to our organization. This year there was a large attendance at our Alumnae and College Club meetings, and our treasurer shows by her report that we really are interested workers as we now have about \$600.00 in our loan fund.

We have ten paid up life members in our College Club. That is, by paying \$20.00 you become a life member and are relieved of ever paying yearly dues. Fifteen Stephens College clubs now exist in this and adjoining states. Everything points to making Stephens College the "Vassar" of the West. Just here, it is in order to say that President and Mrs. Wood's hospitality is unlimited, as they served a lovely lunch on the campus with the Alumnae, College Club, and the parents of the girls as guests of honor. We hope to have a quarterly report of what we are doing published in the *Stephens Standard*.

## Good for Mississippi County!

The Stephens College Club of Mississippi County, has been very active the past spring and summer. Before school was closed for the summer vacation, the club entertained the Senior girls with a picnic supper and "weiner" roast. When Mr. Wood was here he entertained all the members with a luncheon at the Russell Hotel. We also had several business meetings. Our last social affair was when Miss Burrall was with us. We gave a picnic supper in her honor. The officers for the coming year are the same as last year.

Frances Lovelace ..... President  
 Eva Lee ..... Vice President  
 Adele Harris ..... Secretary  
 Elsie Kirkpatrick ..... Treasurer  
 Amelia Vernon Hummel ..... Reporter

Mrs. S. C. James writes us an account of the meeting of the Kansas City Stephens Club, September 13: "Mrs. Liebstadter, first vice president presided in the absence of Mrs. Franklin, our president, who was in Chicago on that date. The following members were elected to office:

Mrs. J. B. Franklin.....President (re-elected)  
 Mrs. R. L. James.....First Vice President  
 Miss Edna Garnett.....Second Vice President  
 Mrs. Lex McDaniel.....Secretary  
 Miss Lena Goodding.....Corresponding Secretary  
 Mrs. S. C. James.....Treasurer (re-elected)

Opal Proctor, '21, informs the *Standard* that she is "not a 'proctor' anymore but has taken up the trade of a 'baker.'" She was married to Robert R. Baker on June 14, 1921. Their address is Dutch Mill, Denver, Colorado.

Edna Cunningham, '19, and Dr. Harry Baker were married on Tuesday, July 12, 1921, at Caruthersville, Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Keevill, Syracuse, Missouri, announced the arrival of Mary Hubbard, on July 18, 1921, "a future prospect for Stephens College." Mrs. Keevill was formerly Gladys Hubbard, '20.

Aurolyn Hone, '20, is now Mrs. Richard L. Wright. Her husband is superintendent of the schools at Martinsville, Missouri.

Doris Swink, '17, was married to C. H. Herald, Jr., on June 11, 1921.

Mrs. Laura B. Furgason, 80 years old, died September 7, at her home, 4118 Warwick Boulevard, Kansas City, Missouri. Mrs. Furgason, *nee* Laura Branham, was a pioneer here and attended Stephens College in 1860. She was the oldest member of the Kansas City Stephens Club and was intensely loyal to Stephens College.

Jenny Craven, a Stephen graduate, left September 18, to attend Mount Holyoke College.

Reve Mohler is teaching this year at Derby, Iowa.  
 Lenore Lamson is teaching at Neosho, Missouri.  
 Avis Howard is teaching in her home town this winter.  
 Helen Rummell is teaching in Monte Vista, Colorado.  
 Dora Cies is teaching at Chillicothe, Missouri, this year.  
 Leota Kessler is teaching in St. Joseph, Mo.  
 Adelaide Schott, who was a Gamma at Stephens last year, is attending Missouri University this year, and has pledged Alpha Phi.

Dorothy McCutcheon of Sedalia, Missouri, is teaching in her home town this winter.

Anne Johnson was married last June and is now living in Pueblo, Colorado.

Blanche McComas is teaching at Liberty, Missouri. We miss Blanche's peppy personality in Stephens.

Ruth Clapper is teaching school this year. We congratulate her pupils but we yearn for her "bonnie smile."

Lucille Garrison is in Chillicothe Business College, Chillicothe, Missouri.

Frances Branam is taking the nurse's course at Missouri University.

Dorothy Mitchell of Lamar, Colorado, is teaching in her home town.

Ann Hayes is teaching school.

Kathryn Young is at Wells College, Aurora, New York, We have clipped out Kathryn's four-by-six picture and thumb-tacked it to the bulletin board for the edification of hall haunters.

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Ruth Lenore Sizer, a Stephens girl of 1917-18, was married to William Elwood Rogers on Thursday, June 16, 1921. They are now at home, 406 Forsythe Apartment, Savannah, Georgia.

Laura M. Foster, a graduate of the class of '18, is in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. The editors very sincerely appreciate the good wishes which she sends, to the *Stephens Standard*.

Alice V. Sanders, a graduate of '21, is teaching Home Economics at Carbondale, Kansas.

A. A. Speer, president of the First National Bank of Jefferson City, Missouri in sending his subscription to the *Stephens Standard* writes, "It is pleasing to note the progress the college is making and the very great work it is doing."

Lula McKinney, '19, was married to John A. Weldon on Wednesday, September 14, 1921. They are at home at 820 North J Street, Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Isabelle Miller, a student at Stephens in 1920-21, and Leslie K. Grimes were married on Friday evening, August 19, 1921 at Monett, Missouri. Their address is 310 Hitt Street, Columbia, Missouri. They are attending Missouri University.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Esery Grove, Hardin, Missouri, announced the arrival of Charmien Ellice, July 29, 1921. Mrs. Grove was formerly Helen Cruse, a student in 1919-20.

Mrs. C. C. Hearne, *nee* Emily Franklin, a graduate of class '17, is living in Goodman, Missouri. They have a "fine baby boy, William Franklin," who, according to his mother, will someday fall in love with a Stephens girl.

Maurine Birney, '21, is teaching Home Economics and English in the high school at Mounds City, Illinois.

Letitia Janice La Forge, a student in 1916-17, was married to Aubrey L. Searles on Monday, June 27, 1921. They are at home, 753 Sherman Avenue, South Bend, Indiana.

Grace Hayes, who was a Stephens Girl in 1920-21, was married to Charles Boles on Wednesday, June 29, 1921, at Enid, Oklahoma.

Stella Osgood, '21, is teaching mathematics in the high school at Murray, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. McCubbin, Van Buren, Arkansas, announced the arrival of Helen Marie on June 3, 1921. Mrs. McCubbin was formerly Gertrude Eichelberger of the class of 1919.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Jeffres, Painton, Missouri, announced the arrival of Joe Elton, Jr., June 23, 1921. Mrs. Jeffres was formerly Ruth Painton, '18.

Martha Patricia Evans is the little daughter of Sara Allen Evans. Mr. Johnson, the Stephens representative, was introduced to Martha Pat on July 30 and immediately secured her application for admission to Stephens College in 1938. Martha Pat is a fine looking girl, being the very picture of her grandmother Allen. Mr. and Mrs. Evans live in Skiatook, Oklahoma.

Ruth DeLano reports that Mary Virginia Hughes is enjoying life at Oklahoma University. Thelma Neal and Kathryn Ballaine are there also.

Ada Dee Steward is teaching in the grades in Thackeray, Missouri.

Nell Sidwell is teaching in the grades at Troy, Missouri.

Mary Ruth Craven of Salisbury did not return to school this year.

**Warning:** We know lots more that couldn't be crowded into these columns---but we'll print it next time.

## The Gossip Column

The girls in the swimming class are being taught to swim on land. Evidently the ballad of the hickory limb is not as foolish as we thought.

Mary Conley Hunt has gone back a couple of years in her estimation of time. She uses the 'daylight saving' plan.

James Madison Wood, Jr., visited doctors at St. Louis, the last week in September. He is improving rapidly and it is reported that he is gaining an ounce a day.

Mrs. Sweet of Kansas City visited her daughter Flora at the beginning of school.

Mrs. U. W. Uhl accompanied her daughters LaRue and Isabel to Stephens and stayed for a short visit.

The reformers of Columbia Hall are Dot Barter, head proctor, and Price Rowland, foot proctor.

Mrs. McMahon of Des Moines, Iowa, accompanied her daughter, Maxine, to Stephens and remained for a few days.

Margaret Reavis "likes strawberry sodas."

G. W. Barnhart of Joplin, Missouri, visited his niece, Esther Barnhart.

"Kentucky girls do not say 'fellows.' they say 'boys.'"

G. W. Reavis, assistant state superintendent of schools, of Jefferson city, visited his daughter, Margaret, September 16 and 17.

Miss Stockton and Miss Haggard are the Wood Hall directories for the convenience of frat pledges.

Laura Frances Cottingham, more commonly called "Skinney", and Gladys Schott visited at the Gamma house, the first week of school.

"Iowa girls do not have 'dates.' they have 'figs.'" Missouri girls sometimes have "prunes."

A certain pink-haired man now knows that Betty is Miss S—'s first name.

Louise Dudley and Marjorie Carpenter are ambitious to make the Duck Club. In a nine o'clock swim the other evening they manifested unusual ability in high diving and fancy strokes. Their only regret was that the water was too cold to permit feats if long duration.

"Love's said satiety!" Opal Simons firmly believes she could be "fed up" on "lovin'," but not on love.

The International Relations Club of Stephens College, which is affiliated with the International Relations Club of the United States, met September 21 to organize for the year. The club will study international problems in an attempt to develop a better understanding of the relations of the United States with foreign countries. Outside speakers will address the club once a month and among the speakers will be those sent out by the International Relations Club of the United States.

## Open House by Sororities

The seven sororities were at home on the afternoons of September 25 and October 2, to all the members of the student body and faculty. The receiving hours were from three to six. Beta Sigma, Eta Upsilon Gamma, and Sigma Iota Chi received from three to five. Kappa Delta Phi, Theta Tau Epsilon, Delta Rho Alpha, and Zeta Mu Epsilon were at home between the hours of four and six.

## Burrowings and Borrowings

"What could be more sad than a man without a country?" feelingly asked Miss Searcy of one of her English classes.

"A country without a man," promptly responded one of the girls.

—Adapted

"I tried to pay the new woman a compliment last night in my speech, but it didn't seem to be the least bit appreciated," said Mr. Oppenheimer. "What did you say?" inquired his wife "I said the new woman would leave large footprints on the sands of time."

—Adapted

There has been much amusement recently in Stephens College on hearing certain rumors in regard to one of our professor's absent-mindedness. We shall not make it embarrassing by mentioning names.

This professor, upon returning home late at night, heard a noise, and asked:

"Is some one there?"

"No," came the answer from a burglar under the bed.

"That's strange," mused the professor. "I was positive some one was under my bed."

—Adapted

We have also been told that this same professor one night got up to take a cough drop, and swallowed his collar button instead. With much anxiety he told his wife what he had done.

"Don't worry", said she, "for once in your life you know where you put it."

### A Kine Thought.

Think of being told you have a cow's eyes! Yet that is the greatest compliment a woman can receive, says Miss Dudley, for a cow's eyes are so very soft and beautiful.

Mr. Johnson came staggering home one day.

"Why, what's wrong?" Mrs. Johnson asked, startled as she caught the tottering man.

"Wrong?" the poet muttered; "I wrote a poem about our little boy, beginning the first verse with these words: 'My son! My pigmy counterpart.'"

"Yes? Go on; tell me quick. What's the matter?"

Mr. Johnson drew a long breath as he took the paper from his pocket, and, with his face blanched, pointed to the poem. His wife read aloud!

"My son! My pig, my counterpart!"

—Adapted

She—Now if you were in my shoes, what would you do?

He—Groan with agony.

—Boston Transcript

Mr. Johnson, a stickler for correct English, both in and out of the class room, takes every opportunity to set right the erring in this respect. A few days ago he went into a drug store and asked for a man's comb.

"Do you want a narrow man's comb?" inquired the clerk, courteously.

"No," replied Mr. Johnson, with the utmost gravity, "I desire a comb for a stout man with rubber teeth."

Miss Johnson has decided that it is unnecessary for Mlle. Tastevin to learn to swim. This decision was immediately reached on reading the following article in a paper:

"Two gesticulating men, neither of whom could swim, kept afloat until rescued. 'But you said you could not swim,' said one of their friends. 'We, could not,' was the answer, 'We just kept on talking.'"

This conversation was overheard in the halls the first week of school.

"Lo, wotcha doin'?"

"Nuthin'."

"Seere, doncha wanter go wi me to clazzify?"

"I gues zo. Lezzurry."

"Right. Comelong."

### O Date, Where is Thy Swing?

Necessity has been branded the mother of a Stephens girl's decorum. When there are only three eligible swings on the campus, when twelve Sunday night dates are scurrying for said swings and when one girl has the misfortune of having a fat man, necessity bids that she be fleet of foot.

### A Sprained Ankle—or Words to That Effect

Four variegated heads dangling far and dangerously above four pairs of white trousers have been seen floating over the tennis courts many evenings. It is understood that one night dark approached all too soon, much to the discomfort of a certain pedal appendage. But, it is hoped that the "Famous Four" may be on the field of wild motion soon again and it is whispered that if the tournament is successful, the letters on the sweaters given to these lathy-etes will be "J. J. O.," "R. I. J.," "R. T. D.," and "Z. W."

### A Twentieth Century Fable

By Florence Warren.

THE MONKEY has his flea, man has his income tax, and the Stephens girl has the new allowance system—perhaps.

Conservatively speaking, the first depends upon the flea, the second upon the income, and the last upon the decision of those on the Stephens Mount Olympus.

It would appear that cries of distress from that oppressed race known as parents have penetrated the eternal mists hovering over Olympus, and the hearts of the gods have been touched with pity,—so much in fact that they have resolved to render aid.

It is rumored among those living within the shadow of the Mount that the thunderbolt would have been launched before but for the deplorable fact that it had to be remodeled.

However, when it is perfected, confusion will fall upon the evil-doers, and upon the tempters, who lurk behind delicious confections artfully placed just within the entrances of caves and dens,—pitfalls from which (once within) no plump purse or beautiful vanity case returns whole.

But even then the thoughtless ones will pass by with sighs and moans, and will murmur: "Oh, that I had just one dollar—even a quarter—and it's four days until I get my allowance."

Even this and more, but no aid will come from Olympus. The sleeves of the gods will be filled with laughter; their ears will hear only the rejoicing of parents, for Student Account Books will go up ninety-three points on Wall Street and when at Christmas the seekers after wisdom return from the Fountain of Knowledge, there will still be enough in the family larder to furnish forth the fatted calf for the fair and frugal one and maybe put a ring on her finger.

All ye spend-thrifts, heed the lesson of this fable and mend thy wasteful ways, for the moral of this foolishness is that economy pays both in the long run and in the sprint.