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## Editorial.

TO THE STUDENT BODY OF SALEM COLLEGE  
THE ACADEMY EXTENDS A HEARTY WELCOME

### A WORD TO THE NEW STUDENTS

Over 45 per cent. of the student body are entering Salem for the first time, and we beg to remind them that in their case the oft-times fatal saying that "opportunity knocks but once" is not true.

Since the day you entered your name on the Registrar's book you have had the chance to lead in any or all college activities.

The *Y. W. C. A.* needs you.

The *Athletic Field* needs you.

The *Gymnasium* affords a means for preserving and bettering your health.

The *Literary Societies* will enable you to train yourself as a speaker and thinker.

The *Library* can lead your mind in any channel that you choose to seek.

Your *Text Books* need you and you need them.

All these opportunities keep knocking at your door, and it is up to you to bid them enter.

You are here not only to get something out of Salem, but to give Salem something.

## Y. W. C. A. NOTES

## THE BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE OF 1914.

ELLA REA CARROLL, PRES. S. C. Y. W. C. A.

Just the name Blue Ridge will recall many happy memories to the seven Salem girls who attended the Conference in June. We had heard quite a number of interesting addresses on the Conference during the year, but we did not fully appreciate them until we opened our eyes to the realization of actually being there.

The Blue Ridge Association grounds are situated three miles east of Black Mountain. The great white buildings are seen at a distance and seem to nestle themselves in the profuse green foliage of "High Top" mountain. There are 1000 acres in the Association grounds, the place being owned and controlled by twenty-one men and women belonging to the two great organizations. One hundred and fifty thousand dollars has been spent in securing the land, and we were told that fifty thousand more would be spent during the next two years.

The beautiful social and religious spirit of the place cannot be imagined. There was neither a "long face" nor a stranger there—every body wore a smile and was happy, and a name made no difference.

By the time we had finished one meal in the large dining hall we felt that we knew all the five hundred and eighty-six girls who were there for the same purpose. The spirit of all the colleges was exhibited at every meal by the giving of "yells" and the singing of college songs, and it increased your feeling of loyalty to your Alma Mater just to be there. It was a great treat to come in contact with such brilliant ministers and leaders of the Y. W. C. A., and to be able to hear them and learn of the work they had done and are doing. The Bible and Mission Classes were held each morning, and we were privileged to hear a series of lectures on the most vital religious topics.

Quiet hour was held each afternoon, and in the evening as the sun was disappearing behind the mountain tops we gathered on the portico of "Robert E. Lee Hall" for Vesper Service, after which we went to the large auditorium, and there heard some prominent speaker make an address. Everything was of such great importance that you could not afford to miss it. Just before retiring each delegation held a meeting in their own rooms.

The leaders of the Conference were all charming people. Miss Bertha Conde, of New York, was the executive head, and she made every girl feel welcome. We went to "Blue Ridge" for new ideas, new ideals and encouragement; we came away full of the Conference spirit—ready to face a world of service, a better friend of mankind and in closer relationship with God.

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—The Annual Reception tendered the faculty and student body by the Young Woman's Christian Association of the College was held on the Saturday night following Opening Day. The receiving line, consisting of the officers of the Association, together with the President's wife, was stationed at the foot of the 1905 Memorial Steps on the upper campus. After all had passed down the line, the old students formed a circle around a similar circle made up of the new Salem girls. As the music started the two circles commenced to revolve, and at stated intervals would pause and each old girl proceeded to make herself known to the new girl facing her. Refreshments were served by the Misses Freeland and Allen, 1915, and Bailey, 1916. The officers for the ensuing year are:

President—Miss Carroll, 1915; Vice President—Miss Hadley, 1915; Secretary—Miss Ross, 1915; Treasurer—Miss Davis, 1915.

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—Dr. Rondthaler, President of Salem, addressed the first regular weekly meeting, his subject being "The Ideal College Girl."

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—The second weekly meeting of the Association took the form of a Blue Ridge Conference Meeting, at which reports were made by members of the Salem delegation who attended the Conference at Black Mountain last summer. Miss Davis, 1915, spoke on "Social Life at the Conference"; Miss Devane, 1916, on "Bible Classes"; Miss Vogler, 1915, on "Mission Study Classes and the Sunset Vespers"; Miss Ray, 1916, on "Auditorium Meetings," and Miss Carroll, 1915, on "Ideals Set Forth by the Conference."