

Thirty Days Hath September!

September is a wonderful month! As little girls with slates, pigtails, and apples we probably doubted it, but now as young women in high school and college we can fully appreciate September. The wheels start rolling again, people return from vacations, refreshed and eager to get back into the old routine; fall clothes appear along with fall weather, and we get ready to go to college. For new girls it was a thrilling experience to get "college wardrobes" ready and for old girls it was fun to rummage through last year's clothes and replace and replenish until satisfied.

But there is much more to September than returning from summer trips and shopping for winter clothes. September has an elevated position among months of our college year that cannot be questioned. This first month that we are in school is a great deciding factor in our success or failure in any school anywhere. We plant the seeds for lasting friendships and consequently assure ourselves of school happiness for the ensuing months! First impressions aren't necessarily lasting ones, but they never fail to make an imprint on our susceptible associates.

Clubs are looking for new talent as earnestly as Diogenes searched for an honest man. All of us are looking for worthy friends to hitch to in order to overcome the first miserable pangs of gaping, biting homesickness. And most of all the faculty, our hall mothers, our school heads are looking for *us*. They want to know us, where we're from, what we're interested in, what halls we live in.

September is most assuredly our month, our best month. It may be a difficult month, because we have to make adjustments, and get used to being on our own, and as such it's an invaluable month. Walter Dill Scott said, "Success or failure in business is caused more by mental attitude even than by mental capacities." How true, how true that is of college life as well! Super-intelligent people frequently burn out before they are sufficiently illuminated. Industry is what makes for success in Ward-Belmont and anything we attempt to do. If we keep our minds open to accept other people and their opinions, and go out for everything we hope to get—then full steam ahead, college!

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