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EDITORIAL

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Throughout the summer we all have been exposed to the many essential qualities which compose the Christian character. We have seen these ideals and values work in the interplay of our rugged life in the New Hampshire woods. At Pasquaney there exists a natural atmosphere for molding our characters about the Christian ethic. It is this climate which is kept flourishing from year to year by men and boys who energetically but humbly pursue and assist others in attaining the essentials of the good Christian life. This current of good will is what we call the ‘Pasquaney Spirit.’

In this age, the desire to possess the immediate and the practical, while forgetting the long-range goodness of high values and ideals, makes it more imperative that we do not take the “Pasquaney Spirit” for granted. It does not exist automatically but must be constantly sustained by loyal support. It is only by realizing the delicate balance between idealism, personal integrity, and conscious practicality that we can adhere to our beliefs and live the “Pasquaney Spirit” in our daily actions. This understanding and preservation of the “Pasquaney Spirit” is the personal responsibility of every one of us; each person at Pasquaney must be an energetic influence for good, both here and elsewhere.

Imagine, if you will, three men in a canoe; the bowman is facing the stern, endeavoring to counter the efforts of the stern man. This third man is resting in the middle of vessel as dead weight. In order for the stern man to paddle the canoe in a positive direction, he must overcome the effects of the other two. It is this role of the stern man that must be assumed by those who wish to keep the “Pasquaney Spirit” flourishing. This is a tremendously important task but not always an easy one.

We may ask ourselves: How can I be this vital influence for good? First, we must continually “Stop and Think.” We should continually consider how each act we do will influence others and yet, at the same time, we should not possess a self-consciousness that may lead to that all-too-easy tendency to conform to popular and often cheap values. Secondly, we must develop the ability to be honestly concerned about others; we must acquire the faculty of sympathy and reach out to others with our sympathetic concern for their well being. Most important of all, we must dedicate our lives to something much greater than ourselves. We must cherish our ideals and love God. This love for God is a prerequisite for becoming an influence for good. Further we must employ diplomacy in our dealings with others. Diplomacy encompasses the qualities of tact, form and manner, and courtesy. And finally we should keep in mind

that our efforts to preserve the “Pasquaney Spirit” must be tireless, vigorous, and conscientious.

Remember these five points essential to our development so that we will leave this porch tonight determined to demonstrate our loyalty to this unique, overwhelmingly important, and extremely vital thing known as the “Pasquaney Spirit.” I sincerely hope that by the end of the year we will have all absorbed some of the true meaning of Pasquaney, that nebulous spirit or will to do good which makes Pasquaney different from any other place you will ever know.