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## HAMPTON QUINTET VISITS SALEM COLLEGE

Dr. Griggs and Mr. Purvis Speak—Problems of Colored Race Theme. On Saturday evening, February 24,

Dr. Grigg, president of Hampton Institute, Mr. Robert Ogden Purvis, grandson of the late Robert Ogden, who was so well known in the educational world, and the Hampton Quintet gave a program in Memorial Hall.

Mr. W. A. Blair introduced the visitors in a very attractive manner, and expressed feelingly his attitude toward the question in discussion.

After several songs by the quintet, Mr. Robert Ogden Purvis made a short talk explaining the purpose of the occasion, which was to awaken in the audience an active interest in the great problem of the South, that of the colored race. Mr. Purvis said that, while we were amused at the native songs sung by the colored quintet, we should remember the circumstances of their creation, and should recognize the great underlying truths which they expressed. While the phraseology and subject matter are sometimes quaint and amusing as, "Keep Inchin' Along Like de Poor Inch Worm", yet they are the spontaneous expression of the soul of the negro, and should be so regarded. Mr. Purvis also pointed out that what is known as "the old-time negro" was passing out. The race is changing and developing, and it needs immediate co-operation and encouragement. Hampton Institute is attempting to do this—to apply Christian principles to the solving of the problem.

Here the popular quintet gave several other numbers, which were repeatedly encored.

Mr. Griggs, president of Hampton, then rose to further explain the problem and to tell of the work of that school. He pointed out that the races had been living side by side since 1619 and that co-operation between them was absolutely necessary. Race prejudice is the acid test of democracy and christianity. Can we meet it? This problem is the heritage of the sins of our fathers. It is up to us. However, Mr. Griggs went on, we should look forward to a new and better day rather than backward.

Mr. Griggs then told of the work of Hampton Institute. It was established in 1868, with a view to the betterment of the colored race. It is making its contribution in three ways:

1. By looking the facts squarely, and by recognizing the needs of the negro.

2. By training trustworthy leaders. They aim at men and women rather than scholars, through discipline of the hand, heart, and head.

3. By approaching the task in a co-operative fashion, and in regard to the highest ideals and purposes of the south.

Mr. Griggs stated that the task belonged to the public and that the first problem was to interpret the white south to the white north, the white north to the white south, and the negro to both.

Dr. Rondthaler then rose and expressed his appreciation of the visit, and his deep interest in the subject. He commended the quintet, and spoke of their songs as being a sweet, gentle

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## SOPHOS ENTERTAIN SENIOR SISTERS

"Oh! Mr. Gallagher—Oh! Mr. Gallagher—"

What are the Sophomores fixing for next Wednesday?

They're rushing everywhere With a very mysterious air

I'm sure there must something under way.

Oh! Mr. Shean—Oh! Mr. Shean Everything is true that you have seen—

They're preparing, they told me, For the class of twenty-three

At nine forty-five, Mr. Gallagher— Yes! Recreation room, Mr. Shean."

In response to this enthusiastic but mystifying invitation the Seniors met their Sophomore sisters in the recreation hall at the specified hour Wednesday evening. One-half of the hall curtained off illuminated with softly shaded lights, made a delightful ball room.

A splendid one-piece orchestra furnished music unexcelled by Garber-Davis. When several dances had been enjoyed, charming waitresses appeared on the scene with a delightful ice course. But even this could not keep the couples off the floor for long. After everyone had again begun to dance some one called a "Paul Jones" which seemed to heighten the merriment. This good time continued until almost "lights" when the sad strains of "Home, Sweet Home" fell on the ear.

In addition to the Seniors, Mrs. Rondthaler, Miss Stipe, Miss Albright and Miss Hall enjoyed the hospitality of the Sophomores.

## MISS CLINE WINS HONORS.

Those who heard Miss Velma Cline play at Music Hour several weeks ago and recognized her decided talent and musical ability will be interested in the following from an Asheville paper:

Friends in the city will be interested to know that Miss Velma Cline, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Frank Cline, has won signal honors at Salem College, where she is in school. She has been chosen as the college's representative in the State Music Club's piano contest. All contestants from the various clubs and sections of the State will appear on the program at the State convention of Federated Music Clubs, which convenes in Winston-Salem, March 13, 14, and 15.

Miss Cline, who is a member of the Junior Music Club of this city and who was its first president, is an exceptionally talented musician, and her friends predict a great future for her in the musical world. It is also interesting to note that her great-grandmother, Rachael Rebecca Smith, attended Salem College, and was a prominent pupil in that school, which is one of the oldest in the United States. Rachael Rebecca Smith was a sister of James Smith, the first white child born west of the Blue Ridge mountains, both being children of Daniel and Mary Davidson Smith.

A Chicago woman student who does not want her name made public has refused to accept Phi Beta Kappa. She does not believe marks are a criterion of intelligence. And she considers the award unfair as it is based solely on marks and yet is considered an evidence of ability.

## NATIVE FRENCH WOMAN SPEAKS TO FRENCH CLUB

On Monday afternoon, February 26, "La Cercle Francaise" held one of the most interesting meetings in the history of the club. In introducing the speaker, Miss Edith Hanes stated that the club had long looked forward to the pleasure of having Mrs. Alderman as its guest, and that it was most delighted in at last obtaining her as speaker for the afternoon.

Mrs. Alderman, a most charming French woman, spoke of the many differences between French and American colleges. She expressed grat surprise over the freedom in the American college girl in comparison with that of the French girl. In comparing the respective ages at which the girls of the two nationalities graduate from College, Mrs. Alderman said: "It seems to me the American girls are so lazy. But, she added, "they always have such a good time."

In describing the conditions during the war, she told of the fearlessness and courage with which the French met every hardship, and of their ever-conquering optimism in spite of danger and discomforts.

Mrs. Alderman seemed much disappointed when she found that the only French newspaper to which the class subscribed, was published in New York. She was very anxious that the college girls have the opportunity of reading the best newspapers published in France.

The members of the club are indeed to be congratulated in having Mrs. Alderman as guest for the afternoon. The beauty of her French was a source of much joy to all who were so fortunate as to hear her. After the talk, punch and cakes were served by members of the club, and a social hour was greatly enjoyed.

## MISS ESTELLE McCANLESS ENTERTAINS AT DINNER

Miss Estelle McCanless was hostess at a charming six o'clock dinner at her home last Saturday in honor of Miss Taylor and Miss Jones, of the faculty.

Places were laid for ten. The dining room was lighted by the centerpiece which was a large silver candelabra containing red and white candles. The place cards were small George Washingtons who grasped the handles of tiny red mint baskets in one hand and the traditional hatchet in the other.

A delightful dinner was served in four courses after which the entire party was conducted to Memorial Hall to revel in the delights given by the Hampton Quartet.

The guests from the college were Miss Julia Hairston and Miss Ruth Reeves.

## EDITOR AND MANAGER OF COLLEGE ANNUAL CHOSEN

At a Junior meeting called together last Monday for the purpose of discussing elections for the coming year, Misses Jane Noble and Eleanor Shaffner were chosen respectively as editor-in-chief and business manager of the Annual. If, as we are told, the prosperity of next year depends on the officers whom we are now electing, we feel sure that in this particular phase of college activity, the leaders we have chosen will be quite competent to make next year, "the best year."

## BISHOP RONDTHALER AT Y. P. M. LENTEN SERVICE

Wednesday morning chapel service was a continuation of the Lenten services begun a week ago. Miss Laura Howell played a beautifully appropriate violin solo.

Bishop Rondthaler continued the story of Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane. He showed the courage and hopefulness of our Lord, deserted and betrayed by his disciples, accused and tried by his enemies. The heart of his talk was the reply of Christ to the high priest's question, "Tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God." Bishop Rondthaler impressed on his listeners the truth of Jesus' answer: "Thou sayest it. Hereafter shall ye see the Son of Man sitting on the right hand of power and coming in the clouds of heaven."

These mid-week chapel meetings have revealed to us the spirit of Lent, the time set apart for prayer and grateful acknowledgement of Christ's suffering and death for the sins of the world.

## ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION HOLDS MONTHLY MEETING.

Important Business Discussed and Settled—Wooten Elected Head of Golf.

At a meeting of the Athletic Association on Tuesday night, there were two important subjects brought up. Miss Jackson put a proposition before the Association concerning the sweater that a girl wins by her twenty-one points. A suggestion was made to her that the girls be allowed to choose between an open and a slip-on sweater, she paying the extra amount for the open sweater. This was put in form of a motion and it was voted that the regulation slip-on sweater be kept.

Since golf practice has claimed much interest here, Miss Peggy Wooten was elected head of this sport.

The committee for making money for the Association gave a favorable report and the meeting adjourned.

## WALKING CLUB TAKES CROSS-COUNTRY HIKE.

It is said that Mr. Higgins remarked to Mr. Welfare Saturday afternoon that he was going to find a new trail for the Walking Club to follow. Had a vote been taken among the thirty girls who followed his lead for an hour and forty-five minutes, it would have been unanimously decided that he had succeeded. As we started down the little road beside the campus we thought we were on our way to Happy Hill, but instead of following the road, as usual, we cut across the fields and had a regular cross-country chase. Our route lay to the south of Happy Hill, and out under the big trestle that we can see from our east windows. At last after circling around a quarter of the city we came out near the hospital in East Winston. Just about fifty-three we found ourselves on Church street, a block from the Y. W. C. A. In spite of our muddy shoes we thoroughly enjoyed the walk, and we hope that Mr. Higgins will study the map further and devise new routes for us to follow.