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EDITORIAL

The Spring season in the schools of the South is usually one that cements more firmly the love for college life of every student. That is true because of the many gaities and sports which are so inviting. But one will have to be really careful not to neglect the essentials of college life for these inducements.

Seemingly there is a large publication of college journals and periodicals this year. Nearly every college has a journal of some kind for the outlet of the student opinion, and it would not be a bad idea for the colleges and universities in our race to form an association of editors or staff representatives in some way for the purpose of exchanging ideas and improving our college journals. For no one will doubt the fact that it is important to have an understanding among ourselves.

Some one has said that "The male schools are a violation of the intention of the will of the Almighty, because when He created man and placed him in the garden of Eden, He placed a female companion as his associate," "and thus forming the first co-educational school." But to the students who are now in the male schools we can say that we are doing better than Brother Adam did by not having this association. We do not despise them at all, but love them more, and we have the confidence of getting the "Best Ones" from our brothers who are in the Co-ed institutions with them every day.

CAMPUS PROPRIETIES.

(From What the Colleges Are Doing)

There ought to be a course in manners in every curriculum. We have such a disguise under the caption of Human Relations and we have courses in Personal Hygiene, which should take care of some of the sources of offense now up for discussion. It ought not to be possible that any college man in America should fail in postgraduate achievement because he did not know how to make himself agreeable in conduct and in appearance. Yet our graduate lists have a plenitude of just such failures, men lost to the world they should adorn simply because they could not lay aside the habit of taking things for granted in the basic matters of social propriety. After all is said good manners are the bedrock of civilization. The world has gone to the bad more than once because of bad manners between nations, and the lesson is the same in matters of lesser concern. Our jazzed culture everywhere needs smoother articulation, more oiling of parts, more rhythm and melody, less of noisy surprise and boisterous challenge,—needs in short, better manners. The college sees this fact, as it foresees almost every fact worth while and the campus critics propose that it be remedied.

It may be a purely commercial reaction on the part of youth, aimed at better self-marketing, but this renders it none the less desirable. Indifference and taking things for granted are a parasitic contagion, which spreads and hurts, and spoils wherever it touches, until it ultimately chokes the very organism on which it feeds. Manners and morals are twin necessities, sadly lacking in our curricula. That the lack is recognized and perhaps to be remedied is hopeful indeed, and there are joyful signs of improvement, even in the mere matter of clothes.

A great Western college daily paper re-

cently bore the placid announcement that Mr. Blank, of Elank and Blank, purveyors of clothes to the college youth of the University of Blank, had just returned from an extended trip to the colleges of the East, where he had been taking observation of the clothes worn by the men in Princeton, Columbia, etc., doing research work particularly in such fine details as the prevalence of "Oxford bags," the width of trouser legs in general, color and cuts in clothing, proper button display, shirt and cravat tones. As a result of this canvass it was serenely announced that Blank and Blank are now thoroughly qualified to clothe their patrons in absolutely proper form, assuming, of course, that Princeton and Columbia are perfectly conventional models in all such matters, a conclusion which we dare not question. We must approve such humorous enterprise, though even this attempt at standardization may have its critics.

President Little of Michigan has said, in answer to a criticism of the nondescript clothes appearing on the campus:

"If a man has enough originality to dress as he sees fit, with a view mainly to comfort, cleanliness and convenience, regardless of the prevailing modes, there is a chance that he may think for himself in greater things. Perhaps one of the highest tributes ever paid to Harvard University was the remark that it was the only school where a student can walk across the campus on a clear day wearing overshoes and carrying an umbrella without attracting attention. It takes a highly intelligent community to let a person do a she thinks best for himself without trying to make him follow what everybody else is doing."

UNITED YOUTH FOR WORLD PEACE

By E. A. Armstrong, '26.

The present trend of society, guided by youth, is tending towards the perfection and preparation of itself to bring into reality general human happiness.

The liberal thinker readily acknowledges that it is both non-sensible and irrational to attempt to solve universal problems by force, for more damage and havoc have been wrought than a socializing influence contributed to cure the world's ills. Peace should be our every day slogan, an ideal easily attainable upon the application of Christian principles. Any measure designed to prevent another clash of arms, world restlessness, bloodshed and death should meet the approbation of all civilized peoples.

United youth the world over are beginning to marshal their forces to reform and improve the deplorable conditions which society has allowed itself to drift into.

The World Student Federation states that there has been a general advance and a noticeable return to normal life in many of the terribly affected countries of the world, resulting from the economic and political disorder of recent years, and from all parts of the globe the challenge comes that the great majority of students must work for a brotherhood between all peoples to a subordination of personal interest to the welfare of all mankind.

The Student Volunteer Movement of North America is rapidly advancing. The number of its volunteers who have sailed is 440, making a total of 10,812. It held 41 conferences during the year with an attendance of 4,390 student delegates. These conferences challenge students to strengthen the missionary purpose of student volunteers to find their foreign relation to missions and to consider ways and means of promoting campus missionary activities.

There will be held during the summer at Helsingfor, Finland, a world convention to which representatives from every race and nation will have a delegate. A delegation of 250, fifteen of which will be Negroes, will attend, financed by the general Y. M. C. A. of America. Why not join in with the youth of the world in their effort to establish universal peace for the Prince of Peace? The fight is on. They need your interest and money. The sun will soon rise only to witness the sovereign and saving power of united youth for world peace.

WITH THE ALUMNI

By Dr. J. L. Hollowell.

The insurance field has become, in recent years, attractive to college men. The executives and other employers are men, very largely, who once were in the teaching profession. Many college graduates are doing work for the North Carolina Mutual Insurance Company of Durham. Johnson C. Smith University is capably represented by three men, alumni of the institution, who are remembered for their college activities as students—C. H. Llewellyn, of Portsmouth, Va.; A. J. Clement, of Charleston, S. C., and R. L. Smith, of Durham, N. C. These men are of the class of 1905. It is significant that they are of the same class. There may be others of the same class who are engaged in the same work. If C. H. Llewellyn is as active and energetic as an insurance man as he was a diamond star, he is rated high. There have been few college shortstops his equal. Messrs. Clement and Smith were very active Y. M. C. A. men and took a general interest in all college affairs. Mr. Smith formerly taught at Fort Valley Industrial School, of which Prof. H. A. Hunt is President, and who formerly was superintendent of the Boarding Department of Johnson C. Smith University. We hope more Smith men will look into the merits of insurance work of the several good companies which our people now own and operate.

Mr. Thomas A. Allison, class '24, is spending his first year as a medical student at Meharry Medical School. Mr. Allison says that the course is interesting, but strenuous and exacting.

Rev. J. Metz Rollins, class '21, has accepted a call to the Carver Memorial Presbyterian church, of Newport News, Va., formerly pastored by Dr. C. A. Ward. Rev. Rollins received his theological training at Lincoln University. The church to which he has been called is an important one. Under Dr. Ward a handsome building was erected. The friends of Rev. Mr. Rollins wish him much success in his new field of labor.

Dr. B. F. Murray, class of '85, has an inventive mind. Dr. Murray holds a patent from the government for a quilting apparatus. Dr. Murray is one of the "dark day boys" when the university was laying the foundation for its present history. The expression, "dark day boys," was made by a present day student at the reunion last commencement when some of the older men were passing him. Of course it was said in a spirit of fun. Dr. Rattley, in his speech during the reunion exercises, took as his subject, "The Dark Day Boys," and brought out some interesting history about some of them. Dr. Murray, a versatile man, has been successful as a minister, teacher, farmer and inventor.

Wherever it is known, all alumni are delighted to hear that athletics relations have been taken up again with Livingstone College. Football and baseball do not reach a climax until games are played with teams of this institution. It has been friendly, but sharp rivalry for a good many years and no games with other colleges on Thanksgiving Day and Easter Monday can work up the interest for big crowds and finance like those played with Livingstone. Since now, this ancient custom, which almost ceased temporarily, at least, has been revived, we hope that the boys will go out and win both the spring and fall games. There is no reason why these games should not equal in popularity and interest those which are played between Howard and Lincoln Universities. As usual there will be a large number of alumni and friends at the Easter game.

The passing of Rev. T. L. Toatley, of the class of 1892, was noted in the Africo-American Presbyterian recently. Those who know of the work and labor of Rev.

Mr. Toatley will miss his intimate knowledge of affairs and his influence for good. "Requiescat in pace."

An alumnus asked this question a few days ago: "Why are there not more inter-collegiate debates among Negro colleges of the South, especially in North Carolina?" We attributed the cause to many reasons, when our answer was made. But we did not give this as one of the causes, and perhaps, it can be pointed to as one of the main reasons. There has been a lack of interest along this line. It is conceded without question that intercollegiate debate is a high type of college advertisement, with less cost than any other branch of activities. We all can look back with a feeling of genuine pride upon the forensic battles waged and won by our strong debating teams a few years ago. The names of Dr. J. G. Walker, of Chicago, Dr. C. A. Ward, Toledo, Ohio, Rev. M. A. Talley, Homestead, Pa., and T. W. McRobeson, St. Croix, W. I., will ever remain in high esteem for the honor and fame brought to the institution by their successful work along this line.

LOVE GIVE7S ITSELF, OR VAMPIRED.

A Polyphonic Prose Poem—An Idyl for College Men.

By Rev. Yorke Jones, D. D.

She was the queen of his heart,
He, love loyal to her least wish,
Lowly at her feet looking up
Adoringly, and piling, lavishly,
Gifts—attentions and presents
Costly and of exquisite taste,—
She, meanwhile shining on
Him an August, cloudless sun
Warming him by body charms
And soul powers into luxuriant growth
Of more attentions, more adorations.
The more he gave the more
She fascinated him to give—
He supposing her fascination of him
Evidence of her love to him
In return for his great love for her.

II

Tennyson

In Guinevere,—*"Idyls of the King,"*—
Fulminates righteously thus:
"I held that man the worst of public foes
Who either for his own or children's sake,
To save his blood from scandal,

Lets the wife

Whom he knows false,
Abide and rule the house:
For being through his cowardice allow'd
Her station, taken everywhere for pure,
She like a new disease,

Unknown to men,

Creeps, no precaution used,

Among the crowd,

Makes wicked lightning of her eyes,
and saps

The fealty of her friends,

And stirs the pulse

With devil leaps, and poisons
half the young."

III

So they did wed.

He walked on air

In his great love for her,

And she sunned herself

In the glory of the position

That was hers as his wife.

She did deem she was happy

In him, as he was in her.

IV

But came a day he awoke!

After a time, he knew her—

Knew her to be a Guinevere wife.

Now he knew also—

Knew by her vampiring

For other men's admiration,

That as a maid,

Him she had vampired.

Now he knew she had loved

His gifts, not him.

He awoke in his coffin!

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