

A GENTLEMAN

By Albert A. Adams, '27

There are so many interpretations of what it takes to be a gentleman until it is difficult to tell just what we mean by the term, gentleman." Nearly everybody has a different interpretation of what it means to be a gentleman. A gentleman, in the estimation of some, is a scoundrel in the estimation of others.

But we must face the fact that a thing is or it is not. You are a gentleman, or you are not a gentleman. But the question is, how shall I know the gentleman? There are three things absolutely necessary to make any man a gentleman. These are as follows: (1) honesty; (2) intelligence; (3) morality.

Honesty: This abstract idea we call "honesty" is a most desirable quality in the life of every one who has it. Nobody really likes a rogue. Even the members of his own gang dare not trust him. But how shall I know an honest person? Is a man honest because he does not steal? Is a man a rogue because he steals? A man is not a rogue because he steals. He steals because he is a rogue. A man is no better than the thing he wants to do. God does not give any man credit for not doing what he wanted to do. To make the long story short, the only man who is honest in the sight of God, is the man who would not steal or be dishonest if he knew he could do so and nobody would ever know it. Are you honest? Would you steal a million dollars if you knew you would never be caught? If you would do this, then you are not honest. An honest man would not steal if he had a thousand chances. No gentleman will steal.

Intelligence: I have very little faith in the gentlemanship of an ignorant and a lazy man. I suppose more crimes have been committed because of idleness than because of any other one thing in the world. An idle mind is given to folly. I doubt whether or not a fool could ever be a gentleman. Whether you will be a gentleman or not depends on how much sense you have.

Morality: There is but little difference between honesty and morality. You can be honest without being moral, but you cannot be moral without being honest. Judge no man by the clothes he wears. If there is any one thing the Negro race needs it is "morality."

THE TYPICAL SOPHOMORE

By Hemphill Brown, '29.

The Sophomore is the most lovable character in school. He lacks the dignity of the Junior and is minus the temerity of the Freshman, possessing just enough self-assurance to be forgetful of self-consciousness and that is the key to his happy disposition. He is but expressing the reaction from his long year of service and allowing his animal spirit to proclaim his joy at his release. He is a captive bird set free and is filling the world with his song. For the first time in his life he has some one to command, some one for whom he feels responsibility, some one who looks up to him in awe and reverence.

There is nothing that can shake his self-confidence or suppress his loud-mouthed boisterousness. For the first time his advice is asked and his opinion respected. He has lived a full year of experience and knows the ropes. Of course, he is conceited and filled with a sense of his own importance, but that cannot subtract from his charm. He is full of enthusiasm and gayety and it is not forced, for he is bubbling over with the joy of living, commanding, directing and playing.

Watch him as he goes boldly and boisterously about the campus. One minute he is scolding at a rat, the next he is grinning widely at an acquaintance. Here he pauses to be familiar with a Senior; then he goes to splash a little banana oil to a professor. He is conceited but he is wise.

The end of what to many Freshmen seems to be the hardest year of their lives is

drawing near. They look forward with expectation and joy to that not far distant day when they will be hard-boiled Sophomores. When this day does come they will have the right, privilege and responsibility of training and molding the incoming Freshmen into true Smith men, inspiring them with the J. C. S. U. spirit together with the proper respect for upper class men.

The much dreaded examinations are just around the corner and every one is putting out in preparation for them.

The examination for the second semester will be much harder than the first semester examination exam because a number of the students kept out nearly one-half of the time on account of financial shortage. And now they must "pay the piper" unless they are talented with a nice line of jab to hand the professors. It is hoped that a smaller percentage of E's and F's will be recorded than have been.

The faculty has said too many men are going down on the job and now is the time when they should "be on their toes." As to the faculty officers especially to some the word Sophomore and Freshman is anathema.

I am sure every member will breathe easier after this struggle, because the grueling contest of the faculty against them will be a thing of the past. After the smoke of battle has cleared there will doubtless be some casualties but there will be a chance in September to regain this lost ground and to score a victory over the faculty. But whether a man has met his Waterloo or not he will breathe easier after the exam-week is over. As our honored friend has aptly put it, "it ain't long now," and right he is.

There is some doubt about figuring the final averages for the year. Some are of the opinion that the two terms will be averaged. Others think each term must be passed separately. But we hope Captain Adams will use the method that will pass a majority of the men.

WE FRESHMEN

Klem, Junior.

When the whole blame world seems gone to Pot;
And business is on the Bum;
A "two-cent" grin and a lifted chin
Helps some, my boy, helps some.
(Lines from Osborn Wilson's "Smilatopsis.")

We notice that the North Carolina Conference of Negro Institutions of Higher Learning considers the Freshman as one of the major problems. We know some Freshmen who consider the "luflic wifmann" as quite a problem.

That which fosters brotherly love should be maintained on every school's campus, if that particular institution hopes to move toward the things it holds high beyond the student. But it is very hard to understand why it is that every time Vick calls "in town" he finds his "prospective brother," "Barney" Whiteman, on a certain piano stool. And another thing, a certain "wifmann" requests that Messrs House and Hawkins refrain from calling on her at the same hour. (Remember, boys, "too many" is as bad as "too few.")

While we are on that street let us state that "Fats" is not as good as the "man who sat and waited." "Fats" sat from 5 to 9 one Sunday afternoon waiting for a lady, who, he had been informed, was "upstairs dressing;" but at 9 he learned that she was out—with another fellow. It would be unsympathetic to speak of the look on "Ma's" face, especially after the memory of the "falling glassware" at a recent affair is fresh in his memory.

Ray, Vick, "Barky" and "Klem" returned from Concord after their recent trip there with the firm belief that—"hit ain't what 'hit used to be.

Ancrum went home during the past week-end to recuperate from the poignant effects of having to serve a former "fan" at a recent affair. We feel here for a certain

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Junior (C. C. W.) also.

The Long boys are going to be the Short brothers if they do not make their class room "doings" come up to their "parlor wooings."

Somebody on Wall Street labeled Troy as "The Perfect Sinner." We know him better as "Dilbury."

Cannot see why Deamus Jones had to be awarded a "glass eye" for his marvelous foresight in a checker tournament that was recently held after a brief discussion on the possibilities of a novice.

"First Ward has charms that are really unignorable." "Quite so—quite so," he quickly agreed.

Manley cannot get near to Cherry. A "Frat Pin" is "twixt" him and his "light of love."

A happening recently recalled vividly to every Freshman an experience of the past. But we are ever mindful that we can only live life, and that in time we shall reach the Good for which we hope. We are happy fellows; jolly fellows—but there is a pain somewhere within. And when we reach the End, we will remember that "a two-cent grin and a lifted chin, helps some, my boy, helps some."

TRUE CHARACTER

By Cato C. De Vane

True character is a quality that is without a substitute and cannot not be bought at any price. This standard is reached only by diligent thought, patience and continual effort of moral health. Is has the force of a three-fold development—the spiritual, physical, mental.

The spirit moves the body. If you will possess greatness of soul through building up character, then you will not likely become a victim of self or other vices. One must train his character to be good as a singer trains his voice. This, of course, lies within the individual, as nature has given him intellectual facilities to recognize these truths.

Character is a possession which, when lost, cannot be regained by the costliest jewel. Therefore it is to be cherished, for therein lies happiness and the comforts of life. It must be remembered that a healthy character makes a healthy body. If you will show me a man with a lovely disposition, or one who seeks the precious values of life, it may obviously follow that he is in "moral health."

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LAMPADOS CLUB

By M. A. Hawkins

In the writer's knowledge there are as yet no statistics available which give definite information as to the relative scholastic ability of the present members of the Lampados Club. However, there are well grounded reports. It seems to be the consensus of opinion among leading men connected with the University that some of our members are markedly promising.

It is interesting to note the number of men seeking membership in this club. Knowing the keen competition they have to face during the day of recording, these men should be congratulated for their ability to distinguish between gold and glitter, true and tawdry, the choice and the cheap. They are inspired with an undying love for the best.

The primary object of this club is to develop a longing to learn, to train in the process of learning, preparation for citizenship, the doctrine of service, the enterprise of learning and the search of the truth. The word Lampados is treated as a verb and not as a noun. We make it active instead of passive. It is a source of public distinction and honor.

Several of our former members who are noted for their stamina and admirable staunchness have reached the goal for which they strived diligently and left several offices vacant in the club which necessitated the election of men to fill their places. The election resulted in the choice of J. O. Scipio, Vice-President; E. A. Manley, Assistant Secretary; Guy Perry, Sergeant-at-Arms, and M. A. Hawkins, reporter.

A large audience witnessed the programme rendered by the club in the University Auditorium on the twenty-seventh of February. The committee is planning for a similar attraction soon.

As there is a place on the athletic field for every water boy, bat boy and bench warmer, there is a place awaiting every good man in the Lampados club.