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## EDITORIAL COMMENT

### GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS.

Nearly every year Smith University graduates men who desire to pursue courses leading to graduate degrees, but are forced to give it up because of a lack of funds. Such a condition should be done away with if the future welfare of our school is to be safeguarded. Soon, ah, very soon, these tried and true veterans whom we now have with us will pass off the stage of activity. Why can't we arrange to fill the spaces left vacant by their departures with sons of Smith who have been aided in their higher education by their Alma Mater. Surely one scholarship each year for a deserving student will not force our ship of finance upon the rocks of bankruptcy, but will, in course of a few years, pay dividends of service far exceeding the amount of the investment.

### THE UNDERGRADUATES AND THE STADIUM.

A few days ago members of the Alumni Association came before the student body with an appeal for funds for the Stadium. We were horrified to learn at the close of the meeting that from a student body of more than 300 men only a little more than two hundred dollars had been subscribed. Such a meager response to such a worthy appeal makes us wonder if we actually haven't been spoiled by having so many things given to us in the years gone by. Probably we would be more self-supporting now if we did not have a lifetime of charity behind us. Still, even with this handicap, we must feel a tinge of shame when we realize that we didn't even subscribe an average of one dollar per man to a cause that is entirely our own. We realize that the life of a student is beset with numerous financial pitfalls. Yet we also know that there is not a single student on our campus who, by a little sacrifice, could not pay one dollar per month for nine months towards this cause. Such a sacrifice would mean a student subscription of \$2700 to be realized in June of next year.

Come on, fellows, let us put on a \$2,500 student campaign for these nine months. Let every student be responsible for turning over \$9.00 to this fund by June, 1928. We can beg twenty-five cents from each of our friends and realize this sum in a week. Come on, boys, let's do this for ourselves and our posterity—\$2,500 by June! We can do it.

The printing of the first issue of "The University Student" for this scholastic year has been delayed on account of extra work in the University Printing Department. We are hoping that the remaining publications will not be delayed.

Beginning with the next issue the following features will appear:

"The Rooster Crows"  
"College Quips"  
and  
"Notes from the Extension Class"

Do not miss these rare treats.

## THE POSSIBILITIES OF THE NEGRO

James O. Scipio, '29.

I sometimes feel that we as a race have begun to realize some of the possibilities that are now presenting themselves in the different professions, and, as a result of the realization of the many possibilities, the Negro race has begun to advance and the race will continue to advance.

In the days of slavery the powers of the Negro were suppressed; they could not be original in any way that would tend to lead them out of the shackles of slavery. But to every hardship there is an end. So now the Negro is able to witness an age of freedom, where each according to his own talent is free to do just what he desires so long as it is not a violation of the laws, and so long as his desires are in the bounds of the Negro race.

The Negro has unlimited possibilities, and the only thing that tends to impede the progress of the Negro is that the Negro race as a whole lacks the power of holding together. The Negroes, though realizing many important things, have not as yet learned how necessary it is to think in common, and act in common. It is said by a noted writer that together we stand, and divided we fall.

We as a race do not think enough of ourselves. We will sell our rights, our privileges, which will in no way mean anything for the advancement of our race.

There are several other things that impede us, one of which is that the younger generation does not have before it a goal.

"Let's go!"—that simple phrase has come to be the slogan of the age. There is no room for the man that hesitates to grasp the possible chance to high attainments; nor any pity for his failure. Carcassonne was in an old legend, the life dream of a peasant, who delayed the venture so long that death overtook him. Do you know where you want to go? If so, start today.

Every Negro student should have a carcassonne, a dream, a desire, a goal, a something to aspire to, a something to live for. Conscious or unconscious, formulated or unnamed, there is a carcassonne in each life, and it is the determining factor of that life. It may be vague or it may be as outstanding as the Rock of Gibraltar.

Now to those individuals that are cognizant of the fact that possibilities lie before them, the psychologists say it is self-realization. One may interpret that as self-gratification and choose a hedonistic carcassonne. But the wiser man comes to understand with Socrates, that he who gets the best out of life does not care for riches or any other thing before virtue: that he finds self-realization through development, self-mastery, self-emancipation, self-devotion, and self-sacrifice. Those that choose their possible chances to high ideals in the light will in no way be of the number of those who, having ears, hear not; who, having eyes, see not the things which so nearly concern our temporal salvation. But will be of the number of those that were mentioned in Kipling's poem:

"If you can fill the unforgiving minute  
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,  
Yours is the earth and everything that's in it,  
And—which is more—you'll be a man, my son."

### AGENT FOR NEGRO PERIODICALS:

"The Crisis" Magazine, and "The Afro-American."  
W. S. Brinkley, Room 38 Berry Hall.  
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## Y. M. C. A. NOTES

By R. Hayden Lee, '31.

Oh that we had a thousand tongues to say, "Hurrah for the Y. M. C. A!"

There have been air castles built in the "Y" for many years without any realization. But alas! we are filled with joy unspeakable to announce that the day of realization has at last come to us. The year was rightly begun and we owe our success chiefly to that.

When school opened the executives were on the job saturated with the idea of a "Greater Y" at Smith.

As God helped Daniel when he had the right purpose in his heart, so is He helping us to carry out our purpose.

Through the courtesies of the "Y" to both old and new students on their arrival at the University, causing them to become interested, may readily affiliated themselves with us. We welcome all and hope that their affiliation with the "L" will mean much to them and to the Association.

Our Annual New Student Reception was a gorgeous occasion held on the second Friday of the school term. It was attended by the Faculty, students and friends of the city, and all seemed to have gotten a "kick" out of the affair which was due to the interesting program made possible by the participation of Faculty, students and friends of the city.

The welcome to the Y. W. C. A. by Miss Jenkins was received with great applause, and by observation it has proven that the boys are taking advantage of the cordial welcome.

Relative to the regular "Y" services on Sunday morning we wish to say that our program committee is striving to their utmost to offer something that is interesting and the source is a variety. Their proposed program for the year is one of great promise. Thus far our programs have been as follows:

Our first Sunday was given over to greetings to and from the new members. The second Sunday was given to discussion, "Why I came to Johnson C. Smith University?" It was inspiring to hear the boys tell why they came to Smith. Many were the reasons given.

Rev. Cauthen, pastor of Gethsemane A. M. E. Zion church, gave us a lecture the following Sunday. His words were well taken because he was practical and effective.

An interesting period was enjoyed at the next meeting when we discussed: "What Goes to Make a College What It Should Be?"

Our last program was one of peculiar interest, due to the presence of some of the young ladies from the city. The program was given through the courtesy of the faculty of Fairview School.

Mrs. M. G. Davis, Principal, gracefully addressed us with a crisp subject, after which all the song birds hushed their songs to listen to the melodious chords vibrating the air from Miss Janie Wallace, accompanied at the piano by Miss Rose Leary, whose pianistic touch demands recognition.

The audience was also graced with the presence of Misses Bessie Watkins and Clementine Latta.

The last words heard from the boys after the program were: "Oh, for another program like this!"

For many years we have been trying to get a luxury room for our Association, and to our good fortune such a room has been provided through the courtesy of our devoted President, Dr. H. L. McCrorey.

He did not stop at giving us the room but is having it remodeled with every convenience necessary. At our formal opening we hope to show you a store with

school necessities, a cafeteria steaming with foods suited for the school boys' appetite and pocket book and while you eat you can hear music from different parts of the U. S. A.

If you do not wish to dine with us you will be welcome to read our papers and magazines while others are engaged in various little pastime games.

Boys, do not worry about stamps any longer, for they are waiting for you in the "Y."

By the keen interest of Dr. McCrorey and the careful management of the President, Mr. Geo. McKeithan, with the continued cooperation of his staff, we can not see anything before us but victory.

## WITH THE ALUMNI

By W. R. Mayberry

So many good things have been said about the Alumni from time to time and by different persons that there is hardly anything now for me to talk about.

I believe it is my good friend, Rev. Dr. J. L. Hollowell who often speaks of the Alumni as individuals. He frequently points out that certain men are doing extremely well and are accumulating much. My friend isn't found wanting, either.

Uncle Billie has just finished throwing chips. What will I talk about or throw? Oh! Fellow Alumni, the Stadium project is a good one. Let us build it by Easter Monday. If we can get sufficient money on hand we can begin work on the grading of the field by the first of the calendar year. A few friends and Alumni have contributed liberally. We are anxious that you share with us. A list of contributors will be published in the Africo each week. The cost is \$20,000. Your contribution will reduce this.

## THE THEOLOGICAL CORNER

The members of the Theological Department are glad to know that Rev. A. H. Prince, the valedictorian of the Theological class, of '27, is taking post graduate work at McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, Ill.

The winners of the following prizes were announced during our last commencement exercises:

The Theological prize, which is given by Rev. J. L. Hollowell, D. D., was won by Mr. J. O. Walker, the President and Treasurer of the present Senior Theological class.

The Old Testament History prize, which is given by Rev. S. A. Downer, D. D., was won by Mr. C. H. White.

The Theological Department gladly welcomes in its department Mr. J. L. Brewer, of the class of '16.

The following officers for this Department have been elected to serve during the year 1927-1928:

Mr. J. O. Walker, '28, President; Mr. S. G. Vanlandingham, '29, Vice-President; Mr. A. E. Fortune, '29; Secretary; Mr. J. C. Corothers, '29, Assistant Secretary, and Mr. C. H. White, '29, Treasurer.

Last week the Long Brothers opened up "Tia Juana." La Saine, Justice, Elmore Williams and some others make up the rather exclusive clientele.

### Salesmen for "The University Student."

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W. S. Brinkley, Room 38, Berry Hall.  
G. W. Jones, Room 12, Carter Hall.  
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