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EDITORIAL COMMENT

KNOWLEDGE.

Modern theologians tell us that we live in three worlds at one and the same time: the material, the intellectual and the spiritual. They inform us that a combination of the material and intellectual will lead us to a contemplation of the spiritual, which we are eternally in, but not of. That is, we strive through material and intellectual attainments to reach the spiritual, which is the ultimate goal of knowledge. They tell us as we approach the spiritual world we become more and more like God and should we finally reach it, (which they are careful to inform us we shall never do), we would be like God and have actual knowledge.

With this viewpoint before us, we turn to Plato's paramount Doctrine of Ideas similar to the modern theologian's spiritual world. Plato is also careful to inform us that we may approach the World of Ideas only through human reasoning. And as we near it, we become less a part of the material or phenomenal world, and that we can only reach it after we have cast off all sense emoluments which bind us to the world of phenomena, and then we have gained real knowledge. But we discard Plato's idea because of the mythical elements which enter into his final conclusion.

Now, with a puzzled brow, we turn to Aristotle. And in his ethics we find this statement: "The highest good for man is the complete and habitual exercise of the functions which make him a human being." And again we ask ourselves and the world of philosophy this favor: please show us the way of knowledge through life.

ACHIEVEMENT WEEK.

During the past week seventy-seven chapters of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, scattered throughout the United States and Canada, have observed what has become to be recognized as Negro Achievement Week. The schools and churches of the country have been flooded, for one week, with literature on the achievements of race men in various fields of activity. Now that the week is over this literature will be cast into the waste baskets and congregations and students will soon forget about it. Why must this be so? Why not keep this literature and from time to time refer to it in sermons and class room lectures? It is in keeping with modern education that ideals be stressed in the training of the adolescents. What greater ideal could the Negro student have than the achievements of men and women of his own race?

AGENT FOR NEGRO PERIODICALS:

"The Crisis" Magazine, and "The Afro-American."
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SALESMEN FOR "THE UNIVERSITY STUDENT."

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G. W. Jones, Room 12, Carter Hall.
Johnson C. Smith University.

By Leroy Young, '28.

The Philosophy Club of Johnson C. Smith University met Tuesday, November, 15, 1927, in the basement of the Library. The President Mr. W. W. Jones, greeted the new members with cordial words of welcome and congratulations urging also that we encourage more to come into our fold.

"The Influence of Habit on Character" was the topic for discussion. Several thought-provoking contributions were made which had a profound significance, lubricating in a great measure, the blessings of life.

Character was defined as the individuality which is the product of nature and environment; the combination of qualities distinguishing any person or class; any distinctive mark or trait collectively belonging to any race or class.

Habit was considered as the manner of living, appearance, a regulator and fixed custom of doing things, physical or mental.

Mr. F. M. Beavers' discourse was based on habit acquisition correlated with character, showing that these two were closely allied. He also emphasized the merits and demerits of habits on an individual. The necessity of developing the best habit was stressed for the betterment and well-being of one's self as well as for the benefit of society.

Mr. W. D. Scales fervently delved into the minute phases of habit formation, resolving some of its various effects into training, poverty and wealth. He commented on wealth blending into pleasure, one's most ardent desire.

According to William James the phenomena of habit in human beings is due to the plasticity of organic material out of which our bodies are made. By this it was understood that certain undesirable tendencies could be inhibited or cultivated into desirable habits in order to obtain sanction and good will of all those with whom we associate. He showed, in conclusion, that intellectual freedom comes as a result of regular mental habits.

Mr. A. W. Waddell's contribution on "The Influence of Habit on Character" was related purely from a philosophic viewpoint, according to the Socratic and Aristotelean interpretation of virtue, being a kind of knowledge, and a kind of habit. The doctrines at first seemed somewhat opposed but finally a common ground was reached. His essential thought was the first requisite for the development of character, which was to unite ourselves with others in pursuit of some end or ideal. Since character on the whole is one of the most important elements in life, we should form good habits. One's conduct is the complete system of such acts corresponding to one's character.

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The "Opportunity" Magazine, "Messenger" Magazine, and "The New York Age."
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"The Charlotte Post," "The New York Age," and "The Pittsburgh Courier."
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THE DERBY CLUB.

By Joseph A. Jones.

We feel that it would be of interest to the public to know that the Derby Club is still functioning on the University campus. This club is growing rapidly. At our last meeting we were pleased to have join us Mr. W. E. Belton and Mr. J. A. Squire. Mr. Belton is a member of the present Senior class and Mr. Squire is a member of the present Junior class. The former being a social king we believe that he will be a great asset to the club in the social world. Also being a good mixer we are hoping that he will add much to the unification of the club. He is of such standing that for further information you may consult the ladies of the city. The latter being of such scholastic standing that we are looking to him for aid on the honor roll. Also being such a neat fellow we expect to gain a bit from him along the line of tidiness.

We regret to say that there are so many applications for membership that we cannot accept on the account of their failure to meet the requirements of the club.

Again we regret that Mr. A. Square Jones was taken to the hospital. He has our greatest sympathy as a brother. Although he was only a pledgee for the club we wish for him a speedy recovery.

The following persons were visitors at that meeting: Mr. C. M. Thorpe, Mr. W. A. Perry and Mr. C. A. Evans.

Lookout for the "Derby Club" at the games and don't fail to read the "Derby Club" notes in the Christmas edition.

Fourfold purpose S—H—U—T.

WE SOPHOMORES

By "Klem," Jr.

At this time last year we were scattered over the States as grain by a sower. And some of us are now wondering if we will ever regain the unity that we once had. In the words of Edwin Markham do we ask who will:

"Give back the upward looking
and the light;
Rebuild it in the music and
the charm;

Make right the immemorial infamies,
Perfidious wrongs, immedicable woes?"
Shall time be it that will bring to us a reply?

More valuation and appreciation is now placed upon our classmates: Theodore Griswold, Crompton Watkins, Robert Vick, Edward House, Percy Williams, Albert Manley and Matthew Whitehead since their recent entrance into the Rho Chapter of the Omega Fraternity. Knowing for what a Fraternity stands, we can only look upon these men as greater assets to our class.

"Jack" Martin, "the old war horse," is to coach our team in foot ball preparatory for our contest with the "dogs." The Freshmen may have a good team but we will have a better one. And it will be some fun to see such men as non-chalant Devane, debonair Vick, "Bud" Jones and the immaculate "Naps" Johnson, hitting that red clay while in scrimmage.

"Awk" Flowe and Otis Taylor are trying to reach the heights of Bardalys as lovers. But, "my boys, beware the path behind Carter Hall."

"Les Cheveliers Elegants" are still active under the leadership of the Mr. M. A. Hawkins.

"The man of a thousand lives" is here, there and everywhere—doing nothing. Some hope that he will regain the Ami.

Someone asked if two of Manville's representatives were members of the A. A.

for the A. of A? We do not know. Perhaps Lasaine can answer.

The man who will represent the "Sophs" in their debate with the Freshmen class are Messrs. A. J. Clement, Jr., C. C. Watkins, M. J. Whitehead and R. E. Jones. These men merged victorious in the recent tryouts for the debating team.

Jenkins, Wilson—the Secretary to the Dean, Pressley, Thompson, Pettaway, "Joe" Taylor and Summersett are each making a niche for themselves in a quiet, unobtrusive way.

"The Bachelors" are grooming themselves for heights yet ungained. And when they break the veil "won't it be fun?"

Who was it that asked if Carson was Assistant Registrar and if Byers was a Senior "theologe?" Also is "Rudy" Erwin losing his charm as a second Barrymore?

Yes, time cares for all puzzles. And Time will bring a reply. So we Sophomores go onward, and we hope, upward.

SOCIAL WHIRL

By Lone Wolf

As I stole out through the shadows of the night amid the rays of light from the twinkling stars, the moon rose in the East and supplied enough light for the Lone Wolf to see the various activities of the Social Whirl.

Solomon used to sit around in his palace and weep upon his papyrus as he wrote his lamentations, because the days of his youth could only be used for reference purposes. This is true of days gone by and is very prominent today when Coach Taylor finds out that a certain senior is watching him from many angles and back-biting by chances. He might be found in the silent hours of the night weeping between the sheets in the near future. What about that, Coach?

The little vicinity of Greenville is becoming lively again. Messrs. Scipio, Alston, Wilson and Hipps are making new paths in that direction. These gentlemen should never fear competition.

If any one would like to know how Mr. Frederick Douglass Battle became conscious of the particulars in the Social Whirl he may receive the information by going to Alexander Street. And, too, if you wish to know the whereabouts of Mr. Leon Steele, you may gain that information while visiting the same vicinity.

The Lone Wolf thinks it is time that Mr. Harvey L. Foster should spend at least one week-end on the campus. He has been quite a frequent visitor to Chester, S. C., recently.

Room 18 once enjoyed the entertainments of a radio set, but Mr. G. E. McKeithan could not tolerate the noise in the dormitory and decided to move it somewhere, probably to his future home.

Heretofore, Seniors have been leaving footprints on the sands of time, but somehow, Mr. C. H. White has failed to recognize those of Mr. Chas. Stewart or he is endeavoring to cover them.

The Wolf has a keen eye on Messrs. James, Dockery, Plair, Massey, Shute, Woodbury and Belton. Be careful, gentlemen, or your names shall begin the Social Whirl column in the next issue.

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