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EDITORIAL COMMENT

THE STAFF RETIRES.

In keeping with rules and regulations governing the affairs of this paper, the first Tuesday in February will see a new editorial staff elected by the student body to serve for a period of one year.

The present staff anticipate the date of their retirement with a feeling of regret in spite of the many hardships they have encountered during the twelve months they have served. Although hardships have been many, it has always been a pleasure to serve the student body and receive their earnest congratulations when sleepless nights, neglect of studies, and expenditure of personal money resulted in getting a copy of The Student off the press.

In passing the present staff take advantage of their position to offer the following suggestions to the student-body and the new staff in their policy for the next twelve months.

To the Student-Body:

1. Pay your subscriptions on time and without extra dunning by staff representatives.
2. Have matter for publication in the hands of staff representatives before the fifth of each month.
3. Talk the paper up among friends and thus secure ads and subscriptions.
4. Select for your staff officers men who are, in spite of class, fraternal affiliations or athletic ability, specially adapted to newspaper work, and try to elect men who are not already overburdened by extra curriculae work.

To the New Staff:

1. Strive always to keep the paper interesting to the undergraduates.
2. Let your policy be "freedom of expression for undergraduates." In spite of the difficulties such a policy will present, let it dominate your exertions. For until such a policy is realized we can not lay claim to a real undergraduate publication.

Keeping the above suggestions in mind and working always toward their realization, we dare predict that the next twelve months will see The Student grow from the small irregular four-page sheet which it now is to a regular eight-page newspaper and an authoritative organ of student thoughts and opinions, unadulterated by the fear of wounding the tender sensibilities of "persons higher up."

THE PHILOSOPHY CLUB

By Leroy Young, '28.

On December 20, 1927, just before the Yuletide season, the Philosophy Club had its regular monthly meeting. The subject for discussion was: The Influence of Christian Religion on Society. A number of inspiring contributions were offered by various members of the organization. Dr. F. J. Anderson, director of the Department of Philosophy at Smith, gave a very interesting discourse on the topic, tracing the history and origin of religion and its effects from the earliest Christian Era to the present, showing how this question was one of the sources that gave rise to reflective thinking. After delving minutely

into the different phases of religious dogma that hastened and retarded the progress of civilization, the teaching and influential Christian doctrine of Jesus Christ stood out preeminent with the greatest effect on society.

JOHNSON C. SMITH UNIVERSITY.

Eugene S. Potts, '31.

O Smith! How great is thy name,
How you stand in the halls of fame;
Though we may forgetful be,
Yet always shall we think of thee.

Through all these years you have stood for
the best

When you were not known by the rest;
But to us your name will remain,
Now and always just the same.

When you are forgotten by others in the
land,

We will always lend you a helping hand;
You teach your students to be true,
To be united under the gold and blue.

You speak to them concerning Christianity,
And teach them to do things that will uplift
humanity;
You teach them to sing with all their might,
And train them to be athletes as brave as
knights.

And when your career you shall end,
You will have gained many a friend;
Although the path was weary and old,
Dear Smith you will have reached the goal.

LAMPADOS CLUB

By M. A. Hawkins, '30.

The mid-term examinations are drawing near. It is keenly realized by all members that a failure means doom. Passing all subjects creditably is one of our obligations. None of us should expect to reach the goal which we are striving for with a deficiency. The ones who think of college as an amusement park can not expect recognition among their fellows and elders. They can not expect personal independence nor will they reach a goal. Each individual is playing the game himself under the watchful eyes of ? Statistics show that he is expected to put up a good battle on equal footing with any of the "popular idols" when he shall have reached his goal.

The club is trying to arrange for several basket ball games in the near future. If our plans materialize a game with the "Lamps" of Shaw University, Raleigh, will be played at the auditorium soon. The prospects for a good team are encouraging, with such players as Jordan, former captain of the team at Selden Institute, Tucker, Carson, Bryant, Avant, Bynum, Shade, Davis, Scipio, Townes, Hogan, Dusenbury and Erwin.

Clubs interested in playing games with us may write the manager of the Lampados basket ball team.

AGENT FOR NEGRO PERIODICALS:
"The Crisis" Magazine, and "The Afro-American."
W. S. Brinkley, Room 38 Berry Hall,
Johnson C. Smith University.

AGENT FOR NEGRO PERIODICALS.
The "Opportunity" Magazine, "Messenger,"
Magazine, and "The New York Age."
J. A. Jones, Room 3, Smith Hall,
Johnson C. Smith University.

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"The Charlotte Post," "The New York
Age," and "The Pittsburgh Courier."
G. W. Jones, Room 12, Carter Hall, John-
son C. Smith University.

CHRISTMAS AT JOHNSON C. SMITH UNIVERSITY

By C. M. Thorpe

Mrs. Johnson C. Smith made it possible for the spirit of Christmas to be highly celebrated at Johnson C. Smith University. Some of the boys were not able to go home and eat a Christmas dinner from their mother's table, but Mrs. Smith was determined that none of her boys should fail to have a merry Christmas. I say her boys, for she takes as much interest in us as she could if we were her own children.

Mrs. McCrorey has manifested such motherly care in providing for our comfort that she has not only won our highest respect, but she has caused us to love her like a child loves his mother.

Christmas morning the students assembled in the dining room, which was beautifully decorated with holly and red Christmas bells at each window, where a red rope formed the letter "S," signifying the spirit of Mrs. Smith was with us. The tables were arranged in the form of the letter "C," to impress the fact that Christ came to save us. In the center stood a beautiful tree decked with the seven rainbow colors. At the foot of the tree was a stack of presents, and near by stood a table heaped with candies of the finest quality and tropical fruit to be given to the students.

Immediately after breakfast, Dr. McCrorey read the 2nd chapter of St. Luke, narrating the birth of Jesus; then offered prayer in which he referred to the prophecy of Isaiah: "Unto us a son is given". He reminded us that Christ is a gift of the model for all who would give their lives for Father, and his willingness to serve is a to service. Several carols were sung; then Mrs. McCrorey addressed the body, saying that she was carrying out the wishes of Mrs. Smith in giving this Christmas tree in order that the boys might have some definite means of association and receiving tokens of remembrance.

Presentation of the gifts followed. Those who assisted Mrs. McCrorey in distributing the gifts were: Mrs. Spaulding, Professors Knox, Blue, Peyton, Woodson and Dr. Long. The gifts were not only tokens, but they were useful articles which are indispensable to student life. Prof. Blue presented to Dr. and Mrs. McCrorey, on behalf of the faculty, a beautiful telephone stand and chair, as a token of appreciation for their untiring service.

At dinner Mrs. McCrorey announced in the dining hall that Mrs. Smith said "Chicken is not good enough; I wish for my boys to have turkey for their Christmas dinner." And so we had turkey. Mrs. Spaulding planned a most gorgeous dinner, and the cooks prepared the food with the very best taste. The courses were: roast turkey, cranberry sauce and soute, French peas, macaroni alagratin, mashed potatoes in cream, sweet pickles, hot rolls and butter, peaches, cakes and apples.

All the members of the faculty brought their wives and sat with the students as one great family. Everybody was cheerful.

After dinner, Mrs. McCrorey acting as mistress of ceremony, Dr. McCrorey read a telegram from Mrs. Smith, expressing Christmas greetings to the school. Everybody applauded. Expressions of appreciation were made by the following: Dr. Jones on behalf of the faculty; Mrs. Adams on behalf of the faculty's wives, and Mr. George Dockery on behalf of the students. Then it was voted that a telegram be sent to Mrs. Smith expressing gratitude and wishing her a merry Christmas.

Mrs. Adams said women rule the world. If all women were like Mrs. Smith the world would be a better place in which to live, as women rule it. Inasmuch as the Virgin Mary represent the highest ideals in womanhood in mothering the Saviour of man and Mrs. Smith represents the highest ideals in womanhood as a supporter of

institutions for training men, we repeat that woman's contribution to our well-being shines forth like the brightness of the morning star.

Prof. Booker was called out of town to preach and to marry a couple, but he was so anxious to show his appreciation of Mrs. Smith's benevolence that he drove at the rate of fifty miles an hour in order to be on time for dinner. If all the schools in Johnson C. Smith University, Christmas spirit was fully realized.

THE THEOLOGICAL CORNER

By C. H. White.

We feel that the Christmas season at Johnson C. Smith University was accompanied with the Christ-like spirit. The manifestation of Mrs. Johnson C. Smith's interest in us on Christmas Day, brought delight to both the faculty and student-body. This enabled the students, who remained on the campus during the holidays, to find a source of pleasure, to become encouraged to think of the Christmas spirit, and to appreciate it.

As the New Year approached, many of us entertained splendid hopes and expectations, which we desire to be fulfilled during the year 1928. This year will be just what we make it. Let us give it the best that is within us, that we may receive fruitful "returns."

In order to begin the New Year aright, Johnson C. Smith University began this year's work with the observance of the National Week of Prayer.

Rev. Yorke Jones, D. D., the Dean of the Theological Depart., is laying great stress on various Homiletical principles, that the Theologs may have the true conception of the ministerial work, and be better prepared for practical training.

Rev. W. E. Partee, D.D., has a job on his hands to instill within the mind of a certain Theolog that many Theological doctrines that are advanced do not agree with the accepted Calvinistic view of the Christian religion.

Mr. S. J. Burke, '30, is engaged in missionary work in District 13 (campus). We wish him much success in his endeavors.

Mr. S. C. VanLandingham, '29, is said to have specialized in preaching funerals.

TWILIGHT FANCY

By George Leonard Allen, '26.

(Awarded honorable mention in Crisis Literary contest, 1927).

Dusk came dancing down the dale
Like a slim dark maiden
Crowned with blossoms sunset-pale
Dream-perfumed, dew-laden.

Black as midnight were her eyes,
Crinkley-dark her tresses;
Sunbeams, flickering from the skies,
Wooded her with caresses.

Lingering but an instant's space,
All my heart entrancing,
Swift and sweet, her warm embrace
Stirred my heart to dancing.

But when Night, in splendor rare,
Set her love-lamps gleaming,
Dusk had fled, and left me there
Lone, and lorn, and dreaming.

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