

COLLEGE GLEANINGS

By "Klem," Jr.

A new year began in this month. It will mean new hopes, new dreams, new disappointments and new successes. These bringings of a new year, they are not so surprisingly novel, for does not each day bring to each of us new hopes, new dreams, new disappointments, and new successes; then, further, a new year is but a new day. The first of January saw many new and old resolutions made and remade; the second of January saw many new and old resolutions broken and re-broken. "What is man that thou art mindful of him?"

The Rev. Dr. I. H. Russell, Synodical Evangelist, conducted a week of prayer services on our campus from the seventh through the thirteenth. Much good should have been the results of such services.

Our President, Dr. H. L. McCrorey, has been ill for a few days with the now common ailment. Mr. S. D. Williams, Principal of our High School, has also been among those confined to the sick room for the past two weeks. We are, indeed, thankful that both of these persons are in good health again. Mr. Williams' mother and sister visited him during his illness, the former coming from their home in Georgia, and the latter from Reidsville where she is teaching in the high school there.

The little Mr. Wm. Byrd entertained in honor of "la petite femme" at the "House" a few nights ago. An affair of such a nature is a novelty in the activities of our students. If one is to render a decision based on the delightfulness reaped on that evening all that we can inquire is—"When is the next one to be?"

Prof. and Mrs. S. H. Adams, Prof. Thornton and Miss Louise Bass motored to Bricks, N. C., during the first of the month for a brief stay there. Mrs. Thornton, who had been visiting there, returned with the party. "Klem," Jr., was also a delightful partaker of this deviation from the routine of campus life.

There seems to be a concerted move on the part of those of our students who are grouped under the title, "smooth" to get over their "line," to win the heart of some fair maid, and to vanquish some trusting King Arthur. We have only to consider the following to verify our foregoing statement: Whiteman in Shelby; James Ellis and Lytle in Concord; Whitehead in Durham; Troy and one Bryant in Gastonia; Sam Long and Thompson in Greenville; Neal and Crawford around the Arch; Carraway, Greggs and Skinner in the Wards. The hardened veterans in this social game such as Ozier, Newell, Lowe, "Pap" Williams and R. E. Jones smile to themselves when they note these mighty lovers sally forth to their respective fields of battle (verbal.) Vick, Lee, Walker and Watkins must be sad at heart when they think of fields lost. That foursome and all others who have felt the effects of a Backbiters' assault have our sympathy and best wishes if they attempt any form of retaliation.

"It is whispered" that Jno. Powell spent twelve hours one night during the Holidays taking a peep into night life around Winston. "They say" Ed House has followed "Bun" Hayes into a conservative settlement near the campus. The latest "graveyard" says Big Brother Evans and Tony Brown are vieing for the same lady; that Osborne Wilson is to attend the next Convention of Deans, and that Jethro Henry is giving the High School weak eyes and a weak heart.

First Semester examinations are scheduled for the last week in this month. It will be the usual period of cramming and over-taxing of the nervous system. Profs. will be attempting to funk Johnnie. And Johnnie will be preparing to answer a thousand questions that the "Profs" had never thought of asking. More "getting-

COLORED CLERGY

By A. J. Clement, Jr.

In this, let us not be bias, so prejudiced, so much of the slave to the hypocritical that we will not wish to consider the true facts in the case. Do we not think that it is time that we as a coming powerful integrant in American life make an inventory into our present position and responsibilities? Can not we now frankly and fearlessly consider one of the greatest influences that is affecting our masses today? Are we, students in the College of Life, to be permitted to view passively the subjection of a race to the ignorance of the past? Or are we to be permitted to consider the national emotional nature of our people, the influence the colored clergy has upon this emotional people, the unfitness of so many unlettered members of the clergy, and the results from these conditions and situations that we may see in many of our Negro churches; not only those in the hamlets, the villages or the towns, but even in our most cultured civic centers?

When as a policy of warfare and for the sake of the perpetuation of the Union, Abraham Lincoln, one of the greatest of America's great Presidents, set up a race of Freedmen that had been perverted emotionally for over two hundred years. This group launched out into this new day with the eyes of its masses cast beseechingly unto those of its members that were ministerially inclined for its leadership, advice, information and hope. And in the just past, comparatively few years have painstakingly struggled against the material and more investigative pursuits of their Anglo-Saxon contemporaries and are becoming a most important cog in the machinery of American life; not only because they form such a large part of that industrial class which every nation must have, but also because they are contributing something to America's pursuits on the higher way of living. And in all these years that these people have struggled upward they have identified and have had identified as their leaders, their ministers—the components of the colored clergy. Any layman with proclivities for leadership has been quietly relegated to the land of the forgotten whenever he competed for this leadership with the spiritual dispenser.

That clergymen have been identified as leaders of the race is not surprising when we consider that the Negro even before his gloomy advent into American fields of endeavor (a literal meaning is applicable here) and before American freedom (American freedom is peculiarly different from any other possible kinds of freedom) was suddenly thrust upon him, the witch-doctor, the "hoo-doo" man, and the "jack-leg" had cast a spell upon his forbears that was to still have a most poignant effect even unto the present. This heritage from the past has hung tenaciously to posterity as generations have passed from one era into another; the subjection to a discourse on an unquenchable, fiery hell, and a gold-paved, easy-living, honey-flowing heaven as presented by those versatile manipulators of words—a clergy all their own—has made colored America lose much of its initiative, backbone, and desire to sally forth to be conquerors. These emotion raisers have failed to be fair to their hearers, to their wonderful responsibility, and to themselves. They have propagated a philosophy far foreign to the tenets of true Christianity. This domination and misinterpretation of a great philosophy by irresponsible members of the colored clergy has meant a great "marking time" and retrogressive influence in the Negro's spiritual and intellectual development.

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by" innovations shall be brought out, dusted and placed into usage (again) than Gerald Chapman or Darrow could dream of in a lifetime. It is really going to be on around here.

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