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Christ Is The Answer

Christ can do for us what we cannot do for ourselves. We can make our bodies clean but only Christ can make our hearts clean. We may discipline our minds but only Christ can deal with the problems of attitudes. By resolutions and rules we may seek the good life, but the secret of goodness is the Spirit of Christ dwelling within us, purifying the springs of thought, imagination and feeling.

We do not know ourselves as Christ knows us. He is able to control our moods. Paul, therefore, prays that we might know in our inner life the wondrous power of Christ's Spirit; even to the point of being "filled with all the fullness of God".

Do not be deceived. God is not to be sneered at. A man will reap just what he sows. The man who sows to gratify his physical cravings will reap destruction from them, and the man who sows to the benefit will reap eternal life from the Spirit. If we confess our sins, he is so faithful and just that he forgives us our sins and cleanses us from all unrighteousness.

Reflection On Chowan College

The whispering pines praise God and tell
Of years gone by. The columns stand erect
And mark the spot where countless youth
Fortell Our nations course. The bell still calls
to check the laughter of the halls, and walls
resound with wisdom, love, and truth. Small
squirrels play Among magnolias tall. Green
shrubs abound and flowers brightly bloom.
The great White Way Shines forth, a symbol
of God's light as found Always! In chapel
talks and walks each day. In years gone by
and days to come, we sound Her praise and
name her deeds. All know and say Her past
is great. Her present sure. Each year To
come will see yet greater works appear!

Robert H. Woodland

I will accept Christ, who alone can make
and keep me pure within.

—Marvin L. Gibson Jr.

The Future

Chowan College opened her doors this year for the one hundred and third year to the students of northeastern North Carolina. This year brought about many changes: some good, some not so good, and still others which have to be tried.

As we watch the autumn weather turn the leaves of the trees on our campus to bright colors of red, yellow, and orange, we are reminded of life and how quickly it passes. Just a few weeks ago these same leaves were a bright shining green. Now they turn to the bright colors of autumn. In a few more weeks they will be a dull brown and then as the first fingers of Old Man Winter touch them they will fall and be covered with a blanket of snow.

And so is life — today we are here; young, strong, happy, in the prime of life, and then we before realize just what is taking place autumn is here again. Our hair turns to silver and our skin wrinkles with age and then slowly but surely winter comes again and we are placed beneath the snows of time.

But Chowan has seen many winters

come and go, and still after one hundred and three years she stands a shining light to the young men and women of North Carolina. As we begin this new year we wish to say but one thing, "Longlive Chowan and all the ideas of Christian living for which she stands."

In the past Chowan has been somewhat like a child who has been sick for a long period of time. All the strength has been drained from the child by this terrible disease. All through the winter the child has lain dormant and fevered, but with the coming of spring a new drug is discovered and the child begins to throw off the disease which has been taking the very life from him. By the summer the child is completely well and is able to run and play with the other children his age once again.

We can look back and think of Chowan during the war when funds and students were so low that Chowan had to close its doors. That, we think of as the winter when the child was at its worst point. Then came the discovery of the new drug. Some people ask, "Will it work?" Many say it won't. They say there is not a chance for the child, that surely it will die. But the drug is given and what happens—the child recovers. We would like to think of Dr. Mixon as the new drug and Chowan as the child. Today many stand at a distance and ask again, "Will it work?" Even today many stand and say that it surely that will not work. They say that Chowan will close again and never again will it open its doors to the students of this area. But the drug has been given. Will it work? We think it will.

Best of luck to you, Dr. Mixon and to your fine staff and faculty. As to you, the students of Chowan, who for the first time are away from home and the things which are dear to you, we wish to you luck and a very happy stay at Dear Old Chowan.

EDITOR

Chowan's Garden

The college has started a garden this year with Mr. Ernest Connely in charge.

For the winter garden they have planted cabbage, carrots, kale, turnip salad, spinach and radish. The spinach and radish were planted last Friday and have already come up.

Mr. Connely said, "we do not expect to get much out of the garden because the ground hasn't been cultivated in ten years, but we are expecting a first-class garden this spring."

The football boys are working the garden and two of the boys are from the city and have never had any previous experience with gardening. The plowing labor was donated by the Lions Club.

The football boys who work the garden are Russell Gayle, Kirby Everett, Clifton Ray King and Worth Croon.

What Chowan Has Meant To Me

Last year I never thought that I would continue my education at Chowan College, for in my opinion that was the last place to go. I had set my heart on going to Radford College, and I thought that nothing could be finer than to be in the mountains in the fall and winter. I was completely heartbroken when I learned that my cousin was going to drive to Murfreesboro every day and that I would have to enroll as a day student at Chowan College.

The day for school to open came nearer and nearer and I dreaded each day more and more. When school finally opened, I dreaded to get up each morning and wished that there was some way I could get out of coming over that day.

I came to school two weeks before I started liking to come at all. Then I began to like the students better and the more I associated with them the easier I found it to like them

All of my teachers were so willing to help that I created a great admiration and respect for each one of them.

Now, I find myself eager to come to school each morning and hating to leave in the afternoon. The friendships I have made mean more to me than any others I have ever known. It seems so easy to try to do your very best, when you think that each professor has an interest in you and wants to try to help you.

In my opinion, we have the finest student body and the most kind, understanding, and sympathetic professors that could be found in any school. Chowan has a co-operating faculty and an excellent president. The student body, as a whole, has a wonderful school spirit.

Chowan has meant more to me than I could ever express in words. I would never think of going to any other school next year. The faculty and student body have helped me to appreciate my privilege of being able to attend such a first-class school. Chowan shall always hold first place in my heart. Here I learned the true value of friendship.

—Jacqueline Barnes

Glee Club Off To Good Start

The Chowan College glee club for the school year 1951-52, with Miss Dorothy Balingier as director, has been organized with a membership of thirty-three. There are nine of last years members back with the glee club and the remaining ones are new members. The glee club this year contains more male members than last year.

The glee club will present two concerts during the school year. The first is a concert of Christmas music, for which the glee club will soon begin preparation; the second is the spring concert. No dates have been arranged for these concerts.

The following constitute the glee club: Alice Hedgpeth, Fannie Marie Leary, Sue Perry, Doris Wilkins, Barbara Guyton, Frances Wilkins, Bois Bobbitt, Nephie Cross, Eris Eure, Josephine Futrell, Betty Keen, Janet Liverman, Marjorie Perry, Margaret Pruden, Lottie Ross, Elizabeth Slate, Jean Spruiell, Irene Turner, Peggins Wiggins, Richard Baker, Bill Britt, Rex Gardner, James Gilliken, Clifton King, Gene Cook, Lonnie Phelps, John Long, C. J. Belch, Thomas Umphlett, Jay Wilcox, Howard Williams, Gerald Bonney, and Mrs. Robert H. Woodland.

An S. A. B. (soprano, alto, and base), and a double quartet have been organized with members of the glee club. The S. A. B., composed of Betty Keen, Lottie Ross, Bois Bobbitt, Josephine Futrell, Jay Wilcox, and John Long, made its first appearance at Robersonville Baptist Church on October 17, at the Annual Roanoke Associational meeting. This group also sang on the evening of October 24 at the Franklin Baptist Church. The double quartet, composed of Howard Williams, Gerald Bonney and the S. A. B., made its first appearance on Thursday, October 25, when the group went to the Bear Swamp Church for the Annual Tar River Baptist Associational meeting.

The Glee Club made its first appearance on October 11 during the Inauguration of Dr. F. Orion Mixon as President of Chowan College.

Guest Speaker

After dinner on October 11, the Founder's Day Exercises were held in the college auditorium. Mrs. Sallie Parker, a former member of the Chowan Board of Trustees, addressed the group attending on the subject, Christian Education. Gilbert Stephenson, a resident of Pendleton, addressed the group on the timely subject of, The Place of Chowan in the Educational System.

After the Founder's Day Exercises, a reception was held in the college parlor so that the visitors, friends, and alumni might meet the president and faculty.