

CURRENT EVENTS

Since the last issue of *The Pen* many an interesting and noteworthy event has transpired on the grounds of this venerable old campus, now in the seventy-first year of its existence. Consequently your reporter was driven to solicit the aid of a very promising young Freshman, who penned the highlights of our inspiring Epiphany Service. Thank you, Miss Matthews, for your excellent cooperation and work.

Among the many services held on the college campus in connection with the Christmas season, and perhaps, the most striking, was the one in celebration of the Epiphany held on Friday evening, January 6th.

For this occasion the Chancel was carefully dressed with large boughs of evergreen, wreaths and flowers; and from above the altar came the only light in the Chapel — the soft rays sent forth from the star which guided the wise men to the lowly manger bare. Truly this represented the beauty that must have inspired the wise Men, hundreds of years ago as they traveled for days in search of the newborn king.

As the strains of "We Three Kings Of Orient Are" boated over the Chapel from the pipes of the organ, the three Wise Men, robed in their Oriental garments typical of those by-gone days, proceeded up the aisle towards the star, singing that beautiful hymn, with the Choir, which followed them, joining in the chorus. Thus they gave the impression that they were actually in search of the Christ Child.

These Wise Men did not go empty handed, as some of us today may have gone; but they carried gifts, frankincense, myrrh and gold which they presented, falling down

and worshipping Him in prayer and song.

Having found the Babe, they were given the light of Love and Truth, and they walked, not in darkness as they had done while seeking the Great Messiah, but in the Light that was given unto them. This light was represented by a candle which sent forth its beams of Love and Truth.

From this central light each Wise Man received a light that he might continue to walk in the paths of Love and Truth. But they were not selfish as men of today appear to be. Instead they showed their appreciation of this gift by going out into the world and spreading the Light among all men. This was demonstrated by the lighting of the tapers of the congregation from those held by the Wise Men, each receiving his light from his neighbor, thus bringing out the missionary point of the service.

After this the Wise Men were led in recessional by the Cross as they sang, with the Choir and congregation following, "From The Eastern Mountain." Now they were walking in the light of the Christ Child.

Not only was the recessional beautiful and inspiring; but the scene presented by the individuals as they carried their lights across the campus out into the world, portrayed most vividly the real Missionary Spirit.

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On January 13, 1939, St. Augustine's College celebrated the seventy-first anniversary of its founding. A very interesting program was arranged for the day, the highlight of which was the luncheon banquet. This banquet reached its climax at 1:45 P. M. when for fifteen minutes