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## IMPRESSIONS OF THE NEW ST. AUGUSTINE'S

The parents of a child or the home staying inhabitants of a town are inevitably less vividly impressed by the changes incident to growth than the brothers who have been away at college for four years, or the wanderers who have just returned to their home town after an extended absence. And yet the impressions of the latter time are different from those of a stranger, who cannot have any basis of comparison. So it is to be expected that one who terminated his career as teacher at St. Augustine's School six years ago, and returned this year to be a teacher in St. Augustine's College, would see things there from an angle a little different from that of either a "new" teacher or an "old" one.

This granted, the returning teacher is glad to say that all the changes noted seem to be in the direction of progress. The first noticeable improvement is of course in the appearance of the campus. The addition of five beautiful buildings, and their situation so as to carry out the idea of a quadrangle could not fail to inspire admiration and pleasure.

The enlargement of the Faculty and the remarkable increase in the college enrollment next attracted the attention of the observer, for he recalled the beginnings of the Junior College with a handful of students and a few teachers who could be adequately accommodated in two or three class rooms. Being apprised of the fact that there were some ninety students registered in the Freshman Class caused a feeling bordering on amazement. The general youthfulness of the student body, the alertness and intelligence displayed in the class rooms, and the widespread use of the library facilities were all features that attracted interest and caused gratification. The general academic atmosphere has been enhanced by the gradual change from a High School to a combination of High School and College.

In this general atmosphere of change there were many old connections with the past that the returning teacher was glad to observe. The continual presence of many old friends on the Staff, the fundamental permanence of some of the customs associated with Chapel Services, the pleasant and helpful relations between student and teacher are among those things that have been found good, and will, I hope continue unchanged throughout the years of continual progress for which St. Augustine's is destined.—C. H.

## ST. AGNES HOSPITAL

First thoughts of St. Agnes Hospital today are of the stack of unpaid bills in the cashier's office, of the bank that failed carrying with it our current expense account and of the twenty-two year old boiler that chose this year in which to burst. Then, I think of the increased demand upon us for charity and the very much decreased collections and I wonder where we are to end. If we were a business institution it would be in bankruptcy, but, what does happen to mission hospitals that cannot pay their bills? I hope some of our readers will answer that question.

In spite of hard times we have gone on and opened our clinic which in its first three months had enrolled 305 patients making over 600 visits.

By careful investigation we hope to exclude those able to pay a doctor and give this service only to those needing care who have no means with which to procure it.

Our dream is to some day make of it a health center where prevention of disease may be taught, but that will have to wait until we can employ a full time worker.

As dreams do come true, our Nurses Home being absolute proof, this dream, too, may be realized.

Writing of the Nurses Home reminds me of the class of nine nurses, just graduated, seven of whom are already in good positions. If the profession is ever crowded, it does not seem to be for St. Agnes graduates. We have so many applicants, all high school graduates, on the waiting list that we have ceased to send out application blanks.

This year, for the first time, an interne, whose time expired in September, asked to remain for an additional year of study. This we were glad to give and are hoping that he is getting as much out of it as we are, as his greater experience makes for much more efficiency in the professional care of patients.

In closing I want to add a word about our Medical Library, the seemingly impossible thing made possible through the Church Periodical Club. It is housed in a room in the new Benson Library, a room in frequent use by the pupil nurses who are required to spend one hour there in study each day, and by the internes who find there the latest medical journals and books to help them to a better understanding of the cases under their care.—  
F. A. W.