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## AN IMPRESSION

I ran across an epigram in a recent issue of the *Dallas News*, which epitomizes the current opinions that are being advanced by publicists and philosophers relative to our inability, so far, to free ourselves from, and to rise above, the economic and social debacle in which we have been engulfed for the last three years. Allow me to quote it:

*"One thing that ails this country is too many leaders trying to stay with the crowd rather than out in front."*

When leaders consciously choose "to stay with the crowd," they, by the very nature of their voluntary choice, forfeit their right to leadership. "The trouble with the country today," one hears on all sides, "is that we have no leaders." The opinion is challenging, to say the least. The World War left a large number of people with money surpluses which they had earned through the capitalization of the original animal tendency in man—the tendency to kill. These surpluses were used by most of them to give their children a college education. Tens of thousands of these baby-Americans, in the mass formation of the army, invaded our colleges and universities. This mass attack on our educational institutions was further sustained by the so-called prosperity of the post war period. Sane, orderly education fell before the relentless onslaught of the mass.

For a time, the civilized world marvelled at this educational phenomenon. Presently, however, the sober-minded began to question the wisdom of this machine-like grinding out of college and university graduates. Schoolmen, coming to the rescue of their *nouveau nee*, took the position that the people were being trained for leadership. One has a right to assume, then, on the strength of these schoolmen's statement, that scattered throughout our body-politic there are to be found thousands of potential leaders—college-trained leaders. And why haven't these trained leaders come forward in this soul-racking emergency and taken hold of the reins? Why, out of that large number of college-trained leaders, hasn't one, yes one, emerged with a program, with an idea which, because of its practicability, commands the interest and respect of the people?

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## A WELCOME LETTER

### American College of Surgeons

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FRANKLIN H. MARTIN, M.D.  
DIRECTOR GENERAL

October 14, 1932.

Mrs. Frances A. Worrall, Superintendent,  
St. Agnes Hospital,  
Raleigh, North Carolina.

My dear Mrs. Worrall:

We have pleasure in informing you that your hospital has been awarded Full Approval by the American College of Surgeons for the year 1932.

Approval is given from year to year to the hospitals that fully comply with the requirements as laid down in the Minimum Standard.

We hope the management and medical staff of your hospital will continue to maintain high standards of service in the care of the patient.

Assuring you of our interest and cooperation, I am

Yours very truly,  
FRANKLIN H. MARTIN,  
*Director General.*

## ST. AGNES HOSPITAL

We quote below from a news item sent out by the Publicity Department of the National Council:

If you have access to the October issue of the magazine, *Modern Hospital*, look up the excellent commendation of St. Agnes Hospital, Raleigh, N. C., in an article by Mary Ross of the Rosenwald Fund headquarters in Chicago. She writes with really glowing approval. Pictures from Raleigh appeared in the previous issue.

Of the superintendent, Mrs. Frances A. Worrall (a United Thank Offering Worker), Miss Ross says that St. Agnes Hospital "owes to its superintendent an atmosphere of which any institution would be proud—the product of courage, consideration, administrative skill and a saving grace of humor in the face of difficulties occasioned by its most limited finances."

The two Negro nurses doing public health work in Raleigh, N. C., one city nurse and one county nurse, are both graduates of the training school in

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