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## LIBRARY NOTES

Benson Library began this college year with over 13,000 volumes on the shelves. Many library books were purchased during the past year through the aid of the General Education Board. St. Agnes Hospital has made some important additions to the Medical Library which is a part of the general book collection.

The Library is grateful for gifts from various sources, particularly the Church Periodical Club and its branches. The Church Periodical Club has never failed to respond to appeals for help and this year replacements of reference books were asked for. A member of the college faculty has presented a copy of Henry O. Tanner's "Disciples at the Tomb" to the Library. We hope for similar gifts. Recreational reading needs to be encouraged among the students. Books which can be used for this purpose are always needed.—P. A. S.

## ST. AGNES HOSPITAL

Several changes have been made in recent months in the personnel of the staff of St. Agnes Hospital. Mrs. Mary Curtis, a graduate of Lynn Hospital and Ohio Northern University, is serving as director of the Nurse Training School in the absence of Miss Ethel Young. The latter is on leave to study at Columbia University. Other new members of the staff are, Miss Katie Thompson, day supervisor; Miss Irene Pitt, historian; Miss Johnnie Head, office assistant, and Mrs. Alvie Jackson, operating room supervisor. All the new members except Mrs. Curtis are products of St. Agnes Training School.

We print below a statement by Mrs. Curtis, who has had many years of experience in teaching and nurse training.

"Having been in an indefinite way acquainted with St. Augustine's College and the activities of campus life, and knowing much, through Mrs. Worrall, of the work that has been done at St. Agnes Hospital, I feel that my short stay at the hospital has given me many viewpoints on the need and the great work being done for the people who come in contact with St. Agnes.

The young women who come to receive a training course in nursing have before them a wide and useful field, and the opportunities for their usefulness are numberless. Appreciation of the work being done for them and the effort to guide them to high ideals should mean a great deal.

The world needs young men and women who are not only sincere in their efforts, but also well prepared for the field they may choose to enter. Realizing from day to day the wonderful privileges granted to the young people on the "campus", and feeling that upon their ardent spirit and sincere

worth so much depends, I cannot but be confident of their future.

I have been greatly interested in the work that is being done at the community center. As days pass I trust I may know more of the work of the student body.

With my contacts in the Hospital, I cannot refrain from expressing my appreciation of the results of the hard work and the deep interest manifested by Mrs. Worrall and her staff in the care of the patients at St. Agnes.

The contacts on the "Campus", and the courtesies extended, have been deeply appreciated, and have left a very friendly feeling for St. Augustine's and St. Agnes."

## FIRST IMPRESSIONS

By A FRESHMAN

The early part of the morning, the part which a poet might describe as pure, virginal daybreak, always gives one a clear perspective of one's surroundings. Such was my advantage when entering the campus of St. Augustine's College.

The leaves on the tall, sturdy trees were still, as though they had not yet awakened. Flowery perfumes pervaded the air; the lowly grass added gay color to the already colorful scene. Then I became aware of the fact that amid this exuberance of nature dwelt some things worldly. This did not spoil the scene but rather the many beautiful buildings seemed to prove that man can add to nature by his own creations.

The Chapel proved to be the most interesting of all the campus structures. I was soon to learn that it was built by Bishop Delany and that there are stones in the altar which actually came from the Holy Land. The front entrance is built in the style of the Old Anglican Church and the whole building resembles a cross in shape. In the beauty of the stained windows placed there *in memoriam* of many of the school's great benefactors I found untold sermons.

By this time my curiosity had begun to demand, "What type of student can fit into such an extraordinary atmosphere?" In a few days my taste of student life was an answer to that query—the big, happy family air found in the Dining Hall . . . the friendly but respected faculty . . . the large attendance at open forums . . . the usual "hustle and bustle" to the Library and classes . . . the profundity of early communion service . . . the interest in football and other sports—all was suggestive of the general character of the school as well as the student body.

Since study, recreation, group friendliness, interesting classes, and religious life are elements which should form a perfect collegiate existence, I declared, not like Caesar, "*Veni, vidi, vici*", but rather "I came, I saw and I knelt."