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## EDITORIAL COMMENT

### APPRECIATION.

This being the first issue of "The Student" since the election of the new editorial staff, we wish to express our profound thanks and sincere gratification to those who chose us to superintend its publication for the ensuing year. We realize the responsibility delegated to us and shall endeavor assiduously to maintain the lofty repute which "The Student" now enjoys. We further wish that the students will submit their honest to goodness, unbiased, altruistic and individual opinions. We anticipate with the broadness and commiseration of our faculty advisors, making this paper invariably, of the student, for the student and by the student. Finally, we hope that in the ultimate analysis you will in return, appreciate our fervent efforts as we, to be sure, appreciate appreciation.

### BE YOURSELF.

From the very genesis of the human kind there has been a tendency in man toward hypocrisy, affectation, rationalization and subserviency. An infinitely few have been courageous and ingenious enough, or perhaps, energetic enough to advocate new ideas, create new thought and dissent from old opinions. The masses have been content with the ancient regime of ideas. They have been ardently satisfied with things as they were, or the "laissez faire" attitude.

But in direct antithesis to these pedantic, unsophisticated, pseudo-intellectuals, there have emerged some men who differ in spite of biased criticism and punishment, in some instances. Copernicus disagreed with the old school of astronomers, and now Americans enjoy the liberty and prosperity of this new world. Lindberg was not in concord with the opinions of the American Congress and populace as a whole, and the Spirit of St. Louis landed safely at Le Bourget, thus establishing a closer union between France and America and at the same time paving the way for aviation. And so on "ad infinitum."

In cognizance of these facts and in an age of specialization, creative thought and free speech, why should students or human beings continue to suppress their desires and unconsciously develop an inferiority complex or abullia. Why thwart your individuality? Why not have the courage of your own convictions? Why accept suggestions from others as a baby does a piece of red candy before you first differentiate between the spurious and the authentic, the superficial and the profound, the bad and the good?

The chemist or goldsmith when presented a metal, matters not how pure and translucent it may appear—"All that glitters is not gold"—takes it into his laboratory and through various processes of experimentation and analysis, subjects it to alkaline and acid tests. He then detects and separates the iron from the pure gold, the basic from the noble. In the same way after hearing a lecture or discourse of any sort, or reading a book, it matters not how suave, flowery and eloquent it may be, or whether it comes from the pen or lips of dyed-in-the-wool Fundamentalist, or most dynamic modernist, Christian or atheist,

disciple of Bryant or Darrow, pedagogue or student, you should first convey it to the laboratory of your brain and then take it through the processes of deep cogitation and close scrutiny and then detect and separate the base from the noble, retain the residue of truth and decant the false.

Methinks in order to stifle hypocrisy, subserviency and similar traits, the first requisite should be fairness to yourself; or more strikingly, in the words of Polonius, "To thine ownself be true. And it must follow, as the night the day, Thou canst not then be false to any man. It would be well to realize that you are the one that must face the world. You must decide whether you will be the victor or the victim. In view of the fact that your environment may not always be propitious for freedom of speech and expression of opinion; in view of the fact that some will be averse to development of SELF, do not be a hypocrite. BE YOURSELF.

The students and faculty appreciated the efforts and the success of Doctors Baker and Long in bringing the first of the series of three meetings of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., to the University last week. A deep sense of regret could be discerned in both students and visiting friends when it was announced that Dr. L. S. Mudge could not be with us on account of illness; however, the message brought to us by Dr. Jas. H. Speer, chairman of the General Council of the Church, was inspiring. His remarks were directed particularly to the students. He warned the students against being self-centered and said some one has observed that "the man who is wrapped up in himself makes a very small package."

Men of the caliber of Dr. Speer serve as an incentive to the students at large and we cherish the hope that more men of similar standing will come to us in the near future.

Many comments will be found in the columns of this issue pertaining to the Hartley Wood Gymnasium now under construction which is the gift of Mrs. Johnson C. Smith, our beloved benefactress. However, when it shall have been completed with swimming pool, showers and locker rooms in the basement; basket ball, volley ball and indoor tennis courts on the main floor, and indoor track, observation balcony, etc., on the second floor, we feel there will be ample room for the overplus of recreation seekers. When the administration outlines a specific schedule of compulsory "Gym" attendance, may the interest be manifested in larger measure.

## MUSIC AND ART

By Henri Louis Marshall, '29.

On Tuesday evening, February 8th, Mr. and Mrs. Michitaro Ongawa appeared in an interesting programme at Johnson C. Smith University. The audience attested to its interest by large and many applause; especially the Oriental music and dance which seemed rich and inspiring. The programme consisted of Drama, Dance and Folklore. The Ongawas are considered the foremost artists from Japan in America today.

The Glee Club under the direction and management of Professors W. S. Peyton and J. C. Bryant, is making wonderful progress. It is not only an asset to the University, but to Charlotte.

The University and friends of Charlotte consider it a rare treat to learn from the Lyceum Department of the coming of James Weldon Johnson in the near future. Mr. Johnson, as we know, is an outstanding person not only of our group, but of America.

As Shelly has said, "O wind, If winter comes, can Spring be far behind?" surely everybody is saying, If March comes, can

the 26th be far away. The 26th of March brings Hazel Harrison, of Chicago, in a piano recital. Miss Harrison has studied recently in Germany under the noted Busoni. While in Germany she gave fourteen recitals, and now has returned to America with favorable criticism of a wonderful technique and great pianistic ability.

The Lampados Club gave an interesting programme in the University Auditorium Sunday evening, February 12th, on Negro History.

## VERSE

### A NEGRO SALUTES THE FLAG.

By George Leonard Allen  
(in Southwestern Christian Advocate.)

Unfurled against the sapphire-tinted skies,  
Borne high above the cheering of the throng,

My country's flag! with reverent, eager eyes  
And beating heart I see thee pass along.

Red as the blood shed by a thousand slaves  
And spilled in Freedom's cause when At-tucks fell,

White as the daisies blooming o'er the graves

Of blacks who bore thee through the jaws of Hell!

Blue as the sea, beyond whose storm-swept tide

Unnumbered dusky heroes martyred lie;

I hail thee, emblem of a nation's pride,

And in my heart I hold thee ever high!

Thou art my flag, for in thy every strand  
Are woven black men's deeds, wrought in thy name!

Full many a faithful, toil-scarred, swarthy hand

Has writ thy glory on the scroll of Fame!

So as I see thy gleaming colors flash,

Forgotten are a thousand tyrannies,—

The lyncher's rope, the cruelties of the lash,

The lusts, the hates, the wrongs of centuries!

And gazing up in hope my spirit cries:

"Float on, O glorious banner of the free,

From Maine's dark woods to Georgia's smiling skies,

From fertile plain to throbbing, wind-tossed sea!

From sunlit vale to snow-capped mountain

crag

Wave ever on, my own, my country's flag!"

### WHEN DREAMS COME TRUE

By C. M. Thorpe, '28.

For four long years of precocity  
Johnson C. Smith's University's Team,  
Endeavoring to merit popularity,  
Awoke each morn with a beautiful dream.  
It dreamed that the God who made man's mind

Willed it to develop to be healthy and strong,

That in all life's problems, regardless to kind,

He'd find their solutions with a smile and a song.

Now for the mind to be strong and able to withstand

It must have a strong body in the physical sense,

But we had no gymnasium at our command,

And to build one would call for heavy expense.

Though gymnasiums in schools are indispensable,

If you wish the students to be well trained;

Their aspirations will be more sensible

With a stalwart body and a cultured brain.

So God, who holds time and eternity  
In the hollow of His hand, that emblem of thrift,

Blessed Johnson C. Smith University  
Through the sweet personality of Mrs.  
Johnson C. Smith.

January twenty-seventh in old chapel hall,  
Tidings rang from the altar through Dr.  
McCrorey;

Shouts of applause between vibrating walls  
Interrupted three times his beautiful story:

That Mrs. Johnson C. Smith has given the cash

To build the gymnasium! Begin Tomorrow!

Our beautiful dream awoke like a flash  
Into triumphant, joyous panaceas for sorrow.

We invoke the Trinity of infinite love  
That motivates the heart of every perfect gift,

To make us more worthy as He speaks from above

For us through the voice of Mrs. Johnson C. Smith.

O, doubtful dreamers, if you wish to succeed

Don't lose faith in your dreams like infidels do;

Put faith in your God; put manhood in each deed;

Through noble perseverance your dreams will come true.

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