

Dr. C. Alphonso Smith Speaks On Shakespeare and the Bible

1200 REFERENCES

Gets His Belief in Intrinsic Worth
of Human Nature From
the Bible

PLAYS DEPENDENT ON IT

"Investigators have proved that English literature is more indebted to the Bible than that of any other country," stated Dr. C. Alphonso Smith in his lecture on nature of Shakespeare's indebtedness to the Bible. He gave illustrations showing how numerous are the references of English writers to the Bible, but said that Shakespeare headed the list with his twelve hundred references to Bible thought or passages.

No one he said had ever approached the Bible with a sounder reverence for its sacredness and beauty than did Shakespeare. The speaker gave a brief comparison between the language employed by Shakespeare and that of the King James version of the Bible, which appeared in 1611, the year Shakespeare quit writing.

Dr. Smith spoke of the reference of Shakespeare's to Palestine, and said that the fact of importance to Shakespeare was not that Christ lived in Palestine, but that he died there making atonement for the world.

The lecturer declared that Shakespeare as a great portrayer of human nature was dependent upon the Bible. "It is refreshing," he said, "in this day of pessimistic writers to find the man who created 246 characters side by side with the Bible in his belief in the heights to which human nature can climb, though he knew so well the depths to which it can fall."

Shakespeare's philosophy that no one in this world, no deed, or no thought is wholly evil comes from the Bible, and is expressed in his works, "There is a soul of goodness in things evil, would men but distill it out."

The lecturer called attention to Shakespeare's propound theology regarding prayer. This is illustrated in a passage from "Hamlet" where Shakespeare expresses his belief that one cannot ask forgiveness for a sin so long as he possesses the results of that sin.

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"TWELFTH NIGHT" TO BE GIVEN BY GLASS

Prof. Taylor's Class in Play Presentation Staging It—62 Taking This Course

Prof. W. R. Taylor's class in Presentation of Plays will present Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" in the evening of July 22, the last Saturday night of summer school.

This course was started last summer and has proved very popular. It is intended for high school teachers and others who are called upon to coach amateur dramatics. The course gives practice in directing plays, ideas regarding modern stage settings, practical and cheap lighting effects, and other points helpful to those who find themselves confronted with the problem of producing a play. Those enrolled in the course always present a play of their own.

This year there are sixty-two taking the course.

Prof. Taylor has charge of the dramatics among the various organizations during the winter session, and the plays he has had charge of are always successfully given and heartily approved.

TO HAVE NEW FACULTY MEMBERS AT COLLEGE

Many New Names Are Added to the
Various Departments for
Next Year

NUMBER OF FACULTY ARE ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the college held Tuesday the members of the faculty for next year was elected.

In the biology department Dr. A. E. Woodard of Amherst College will take the place of Miss Mary Frances Seymour, who is on leave of absence. Mr. Yocum of this department was also granted a leave of absence.

Miss Elva E. Barrow will return to the chemistry department after a years leave of absence spent in study at the University of Chicago. Miss Gladys Kindred from the University of Chicago will be added to this department. Miss Josephine Jenkins, a graduate of the college in the class of 1923, will return as an assistant.

In the education department Mr. J. A. Highsmith will return after a leave of absence spent at Peabody College of Nashville, Tenn. Miss Thompsie Baxter, who has also been away studying will again be on the faculty as a supervisor in the training school. Miss Morris will be added to the training school faculty.

Four of the members of the English faculty will be away next year on leave of absence. They are Misses Frances Womble, Dora Mae Robinson, and Aileen C. Turner, and Mr. R. H. Thornton, Miss Robina Mickle, Miss Virginia E. Fair, Mr. R. L. Harriman, and Mr. J. Arthur Dunn, will take their places.

At the Infirmary Miss Elizabeth Hininger of Statesville will take the place of Miss Cora Beam who has resigned.

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ENGLISH MAY BECOME LANGUAGE OF WORLD

Dr. Smith Attributes Lead of English Over Others to Discarding Incumbrances

A keen analysis of the reasons why English bids fair to become the world language was given by Dr. C. Alphonso Smith at the chapel hour Monday in his first talk before the students of the summer session. The speaker said that three hundred years ago English was a despised tongue, while today it is one of the greatest languages in the world; that in the days of Queen Elizabeth when only four million people spoke it it was threatened with extinction, while today it is spoken by one hundred and eighty-five people and has outstripped all competitors.

In answering the question of why this is true, Dr. Smith compared the competition between the languages to a race in which the languages were contending to see which should first reach the goal of world supremacy. The supremacy of the English over all other tongues as a medium of exchange he attributed to the fact that the English language has thrown off more useless incumbrances and has thus dressed for the race. Owing to this fact English has already gained some steps over the other competitors, and the speakers prophesied

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DR. SMITH SAYS LITERATURE HAS WELL DEFINED USES

It Anticipates Future, Expresses present and Restores Past

"The Uses of Literature" was the subject discussed by Dr. C. Alphonso Smith in his second lecture delivered before the students and faculty of the summer session on Wednesday evening.

Dr. Smith stated that in the scrutiny to which every subject which gains entrance into the classroom in today subjected literature has not escaped. But literature has won out everywhere, a condition which is proved by the fact that every agricultural college has increased its courses in literature in the last ten years.

The lecturer was concerned with the reasons why literature deserves a place in every educational institution, and it is to the ministries it performs for man that he attributes the triumph of literature. These ministries are those of anticipation of the future, expression of the present, and restoration of the past, in regard to the first ministry Dr. Smith stated that every discovery has been cited by the poet years before it is actually made, that the poet foretells and the scientist works up to it. "Poets reveal the truth afar off," he declared, "and they

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1600 APPLICATIONS IN FOR NEXT YEAR

Dormitory Space for Only 1175.
New Applicants Show Better Preparation

With practically sixteen hundred applications and dormitory room for only eleven hundred and seventy-five the thinning out process is a difficult one. About eight hundred former students applied for re-admission next year, and seven hundred and seventy have already been given appointments. Deducting the number of graduates, an estimate shows that practically eighty per cent of the last year's student body are returning to the college next year. This is a larger number than in former years.

Already there are seven hundred and ninety applications from new students, a number of which lack of dormitory space and equipment make it impossible to take care of. It is, of course, a certainty that there will be a large number of applications later on, as quite a number always delay putting in application until July, and quite a few until August. It is an interesting fact that the applicants show better preparation than those of last year and preceding years. This would seem to indicate that the standard of secondary schools is being raised to meet the requirements for admission to the college. The very fact that more of the applicants can present the necessary number of units makes the task of deciding who shall enter the promised land of college education all the harder for those in authority.

Next year there will be more former students than new ones. The freshman class will number only about four hundred as opposed to six hundred this year. In 1921-22 the new and old students were about evenly divided. Next year the proportion will be about what it was several years ago. This indicates that conditions have about reached normalcy following the unusual situation which confronted the college last year as a result of the opening of three new dormitories which made possible the admission of an unusually large number of new students.

GAY CARNIVAL TO BE HELD NEXT SATURDAY

Side Shows, Minstrels, Fortune Tellers, Pink Lemonade Will All Be There

CROWNING SOCIAL EVENT OF THE SUMMER SESSION

With the customary fat lady, lean gentlemen, raucous voiced criers, snake charmers, trained animals, tricky side shows, minstrels, dancing girls, fortune tellers and fortune wheels, pink lemonade and pop corn, a joy-giving carnival or street fair will be in full swing on South Spencer lawn next Saturday night when the big social event of the summer session takes place.

It has been the policy every summer to have a campus wide social event in which every one is urged to participate. For the past several years this has taken the form of what has been known as Stunt Night. Last year the student body was divided into seven groups representing six sections of the state, and the seventh being all the students from other states. The faculty formed a separate group. Each of the eight groups thus formed gave a stunt, representative of the particular section of the state from which they hailed or merely comic in nature.

By way of variety the carnival is being introduced this year.

This occasion is one which is eagerly looked forward to each year, and all the students who so desire are not only permitted, but are urged to take part in some feature of the evenings entertainment. Booths are to be arranged along South Spencer lawn all the way from college avenue to Woman's Building. These will contain numerous side shows, fortune tellers, fortune wheels, and tricks to catch the unsuspecting public. These have already been planned and work

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Miss Harriet Elliott Conducts Discussion Concerning the Long and Short Ballot

The relative merits of the long and short ballot were explained and discussed pro and con by Miss Harriet Elliott Monday night in the second of the series of practical discussions of political problems.

The principle of the long ballot is that there are at one election an enormous number of officials to be elected, and if there are several parties the number is increased. The voter is supposed to know the person for whom he is voting—his intellectual ability, his fitness to meet the particular problem of his office, his character, and whether or not he would vote party principles if the voter is a strict party person. "Obviously it is utterly impossible for the person to know much about what he is doing," declared Miss Elliott. "With the long ballot the average person doesn't know the people on it, and the very essence of democracy is thus destroyed. The ideal of democracy is to know the persons for whom you are voting to represent you."

As a rule the long ballot with its enormous number of officials to be elected has resulted in "blind voting of the straight ticket." This, the speaker declared, plays right into the hands of the political party machine. The individual votes the straight ticket, interested in the chief figure on the ticket, while there may be a great difference in the local candidates, a fact which should be taken into account. Party organi-

DR. CHAS. McMURRAY INDICATES WAY TO GREATER EFFICIENCY

Lies in Bettering System of Education by Introducing Well Trained Teachers

NEED HIGHER SALARIES

To Pay Teachers Better Will be an Economy in End

"Economy in Education" was the theme discussed by Dr. Charles McMurray of Peabody College at the chapel hour on Thursday.

Dr. McMurray spoke of the recent great and rapid progress made in education all over the United States, a progress which is still continuing. He said that this progress was typified in the rapid growth and development of this college.

The speaker denounced the habit of complimenting the teacher on the great work he is doing, and letting that take the place of adequate compensation. It is not enough to tell a teacher he is doing a great work and not pay him for his work.

The standard in education at the present time, the speaker said, is to give every child a chance at a high school education at public expense under the tuition of a good teacher. "When that day comes American society will have reached a very high standard of efficiency."

Dr. McMurray declared that it would be an economy in education to do away with low paid poor teachers and employ only high paid first class teachers. He said that the normal schools today are able to turn out only about 50,000 teachers yearly while 200,000 are needed. This means that only about one in four teachers is sufficiently trained. It would be a great saving if sufficient compensation were offered to induce teachers to take the necessary training. The added expense would soon be more than paid for in the increased efficiency of the whole country.

"An ignorant people are bound to be a poor people," said the speaker.

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zation, therefore opposes change. The national political organization as a result brings pressure to bear to keep the state organizations intact. Thus the long ballot with its long list of names is seen to result in blind voting and the decision of local elections on a party basis rather than on that of merit.

Realizing the failure of the long ballot in these respects political thinkers are hunting for a substitute. Some of them have turned to the short ballot. In advocating the short ballot Woodrow Wilson said, "Simplify your processes and you will begin to control; complicate them and you will get further away from your control. Simplification! simplification! simplification! is the task that awaits us; to reduce the number of persons to be voted for to the absolute workable minimum; knowing whom you have selected; knowing whom you have trusted; and having so few persons to watch that you can watch them."

Some advocates of the short ballot recommend the election of the governor, the auditor and the treasurer, with the governor having power to appoint the remaining members of his council, judges, chairmen of commissions, and so on. In short, they would recommend the election by the people of only those concerned primarily with developing the policy of the government. In the county

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PARAGRAPHS

Punch, but no pink lemonade for the fourth of July. Guess they must be saving for the big carnival next Saturday night.

Without the slightest qualification it can be said that N. C. College passed a quiet fourth of July. No automobile accidents, no runaway horses, no annoying fire works, no little boys blown to pieces. But after all, wonder if there were not many who deep down in their hearts longed for the kind of fourth we used to have when we were children—the kind where "a good time was had by all," even if some did end the day slightly the worse for wear.

Besides the holiday, Wednesday for most of us meant "Three weeks from today I'll be at home."

"Come see the fat lady"—at the N. C. C. W. Carnival.

English may be making rapid strides forward in the race for world supremacy, and there may be lots of good reasons why it is the easiest language for a foreigner to learn, but many of us have reached maturity without learning how to speak it.

Now that the list of names is exhausted many of the readers may be wondering with what the editor is going to fill the last issue of the Summer Carolinian. So does the editor.

"Time and tide wait for no man." Neither does the Pomona car even if it is a hot day and you run your fastest.

The siege of tests through which we have passed the last week can mean but one thing in the sad experience of the student, and that is that grades will soon be forthcoming. The first three week's work is ended, mid-term has passed, and some of us have found that we didn't know as much as we thought we did.

From the crowds who throng to the post office one would judge that m-a-i-l was about the most popular thing on the campus. It's a wonder some of us don't get disgusted and stop going, but a dearth of letters seems to work the other way.

Could we have our weather made to order we would probably have it all like the first days of this week, for the rest of the summer school at least.

Peabody Park is free for all—that is, all the members of the college family, but many of us have as yet failed to discover its existence.

THE WOMAN CITIZEN

Previous to the granting of woman suffrage courses in government meant little to a woman, because her influence in such matters was only indirect, and none know better than we how little this much talked of indirect influence really amounted to in a material way. With the granting of suffrage to women, however, our influence has become direct, and much as we dislike to admit it, we must face the facts and realize that most of us are wholly unprepared to assume the responsibility that is ours. We don't know what it's all about. Woman suffrage does not promise to bring about any marvelous transformation in politics as we fondly dreamed of several years ago. Instead, it has merely increased the vote rather than changed it.

This is the situation as it generally is, but there is no necessity for keeping it that way. If women are going to bring about the great reform they frightened the political world with, it is time that they arouse themselves and try to grasp the situation. Most of us know little beyond the fact that we can vote. We know nothing of the mechanics of government and politics; we know nothing of the practical political problems and give no thought to methods for their solution. Because men have gone on ignorantly voting for years is no reason why women should follow in their footsteps. There are various ways of learning about political matters.

To begin with Miss Elliott gives an hour each week to discussion of just such things. In these discussions a wholly non-partisan attitude is adopted. They are not for the purpose of prejudicing any one's opinion. The questions are explained and discussed from an unbiased point of view. The purpose is, not so much to arrive at a solution, as it is to arouse and promote further study of the matter. Numbers have been attending these discussions and deriving benefit from them.

There are all North Carolina branches of the League of Women Voters. We could do nothing better than to affiliate ourselves with this organization, and with the other women of our communities study the situation and learn in some measure just what our responsibilities as citizens are.

Another thing that we might find helpful is a little magazine called "The Woman Citizen," which is published monthly. Here we can continue our study of the matter of citizenship and keep in touch with what the other women of the United States are doing.

It is never too late to learn, but it is time some of us began.

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make the whole world the beneficiaries of their visions. This is the prophetic instinct which goes with real literary genius. It is not that the scientist is dependent upon the poet for the discovery itself, but the poet familiarizes people with them, gives them the great dream and prepares them to accept it when it comes. The loss of this gift would slow down the civilization of the world."

As an example of this the speaker said that the law of gravitation was foreseen by Dante and Shakespeare years before Sir Isaac Newton made the actual mathematical calculations. He pointed out the fact that the three prophecies of Tennyson in "Locksley Hall" had all been fulfilled ex-

cept the one regarding the Parliament of man, and that even in this particular, work of the poets had caused the world to move forward near the era of the brotherhood of man.

The ministry of expression is one which the lecturer thinks comes nearer to the average person than the other two. A person's troubles and worries are acute only because he cannot express them. "The more civilized a people are the further they are removed from expression," declared Dr. Smith. "We soon get beyond the time when there are any words in our little vocabulary that can adequately express our grief or our joy. By some divine gift the poets are those in whom there is no chasm between thought and expression. They have the power of so expressing the most complex moods and thoughts that we reading after them have our own clouded thoughts led out."

It is in the ministry of restoration of the past that Dr. Smith considers the poets most wonderful. They have the power of calling people, civilizations, lost dreams and hopes back from oblivion. The present day world owes, in large part, its knowledge of people of the past to the poet. Summoned by the poet they have come back today living. This is an art possessed by no one else, the historian, the painter, the sculptor, to make the past live. The poet calls these people out and interprets their spirit, thus making them real today. As examples of this the speaker cited Hamlet made to live by Shakespeare, Authur Henry Hallam by Tennyson in "In Memoriam," Paul Revere by Longfellow, and Little Giffin of Tennessee in the poem of that name of Ticknor.

MISS HARRIET ELLIOTT CONDUCTS DISCUSSION

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unit the commissioners would be elected by the people and they would appoint the other officials.

The whole idea, the speaker explained, is to eliminate the long ballot, to elect the chief officials who will create, to a certain extent, and direct the policy of the government, and let them appoint the administrators. The advantage of this system would lie in the fact that the voters would have a better opportunity really to know these few people, who would be more directly responsible to them. Advocate of the short ballot also recommend the liberal use of the initiative, referendum and recall to make the persons with appointive power more responsible.

An argument brought out by Miss Elliott against the short ballot is that it may be considered undemocratic to take out of the hands of the people the right to elect all of those who are going to have a share in directing the policy of the government. But it was added that efficient government is the real thing, and so long as the government is efficient people are not aroused.

Miss Elliott at the close of the discussion emphasized the fact that these discussions are for the purpose of studying and analyzing a problem and not to decide it. "Don't come to any conclusion overnight," she urged. "It is so easy to see the evils of a system, but don't adopt a theory of reform until you have studied it. We are so prone to accept some general principle we have heard discussed when we are not really ready to advocate it intellectually."

The question for discussion next Thursday night is the primary versus the party convention.

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TO HAVE NEW FACULTY MEMEBERS AT COLLEGE

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Misses Mildred Frances, Anne Campbell, and Irene Emory of the physical education faculty have resigned. Misses Helen Smith and Elizabeth Sehon will be in this department next year.

Miss Louise Irby has resigned as instructor in history. Dr. John D. Hicks, also of this department, has resigned and will be head of the history department at the University of Nebraska next year. Miss Laura Cooper has resigned to accept work at Agnes Scott, which is near her home, and Mr. Marvin E. Eagle will hold a fellowship at the University of California next year. Dr. A. M. Arnett, who has been head of the history department at Furman University, and who is a member of the summer school faculty will be here next year. Mr. C. D. Johns of the University of Cincinnati, who, it is interesting to note is a brother-in-law of Dr. William E. Dodd of the University of Chicago, will also be in this department. Misses Bessie E. Edsall, of the University of Wisconsin, and Ethelyn Dewey, of the University of Chicago, will be the other new members of the history faculty.

Miss Clara Tucker of Columbia University will be connected with the home economics department.

Misses Alice Vaiden Williams and Claire Henley of the music department have resigned and their places will be taken by Misses Eleanor Furringer and Bessie Leone Bradford.

Mr. Preston has resigned in the physics department, and as yet his place has not been filled.

In the romance language department Mme. Villedieu, Miss Martha C. DeVere, and Mr. Tourill have resigned. In their places Dr. Harold B. Stanton of Rutgers College and Misses Alice Salvan and Nettie T. Moore have been added to the faculty.

In the department of Sociology and economics Mr. I. E. Rogin has resigned and Mr. C. A. Williams will be away on leave of absence. Prof. Glenn R. Johnson of Bowdin College will have charge of this department.

Miss Pattie Spruill will assist Mr. Forney in the commercial department.

Miss Bell has been added to the library staff.

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large extent upon the Bible, Dr. Smith said that in "The Merchant of Venice" Shylock and the action centering around him represented the Old Testament, while Portia introduces the thought of the New Testament. It is their different conceptions of the word mercy which point out the difference between the thought of the old and the new, and the superiority of the latter over the former.

"Macbeth," the speaker thinks, is an expansion of the dramatic incident in the Bible where Jezebel persuades Ahab to kill Naboth for his vineyard. The same elements are found in "Macbeth" and they both have the same motivation.

"Shakespeare's exemplified Bible thought, history, and imagery in every one of his 37 plays," said Dr. Smith. "Every one of his 246 characters speak the language of the Bible. What John the Baptist was to the career of Christ, William Shakespeare has been to the career of the English Bible."

Miss Anne Cantrell, a graduate in the class of 1922, was a visitor on the campus Thursday. Miss Cantrell spent the past year at the University of Wisconsin where she studied journalism.

Every Tuesday evening we are given an opportunity of singing, even if we can't carry a tune. It's the chance of a life time, because its not every day people are willing to let us practice on them.

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that it would reach the final goal long before the others do.

One of these incumbrances which the English language has thrown off is what Dr. Smith termed "that useless thing of gender, gender regardless of sex—attaching a gender to every noun in the language." Dr. Smith related amusing incidents of the complications which have arisen over the introduction of new words into the German and French languages because of this matter of gender, and compared it with the simplicity with which it is settled in English by having objects of sex either masculine or feminine and sexless objects neuter. It is because of this that English is much more readily learned, because a particular gender does not have to be painstakingly memorized with every noun. "This miserable question of gender is an incubus on a language," declared the speaker. "When the English language did away with the whole question of gender and made it synonymous with sex it gained in the race for world supremacy."

The English language has made a further gain by the substitution of word order for inflection. It is the only language which has made this substitution and carried it so far. Other languages cannot tell without the inflection which is the subject and which the predicate of a sentence, while this is rendered easy in the English language because of the definite and logical order which they have in the sentence. "The inflection serves as a tag to keep the words of the sentence from becoming hopelessly mixed, and the different parts are known by the label they wear. The English language has been greatly simplified by the adoption of the word order."

A third reason why it is so much easier for a foreigner to learn English than any other language is because about half of the words are already familiar to the majority of them. This mixture of Latin and German derivation of words Dr. Smith attributes to the conquest of England by William the Conqueror. He found the people speaking Saxon, a Germanic language, and he immediately introduced a Latin language. The result is a mixture of the two elements, so that about half of the words are derived from one source and half from the other. "When William the Conqueror conquered England he made a deposit of Latin on the Saxon element which was already there. The result is that the English language stands in a welcoming attitude to both northern and southern Europe. Fifty per cent of the words are already known in some form to the foreigner of northern Europe and the other fifty per cent to the foreigner of southern Europe. The result is that English is much easier for both to acquire than any other language would be. This gives English a big advantage over the other languages in the race for world supremacy."

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There were about eleven hundred delegates enrolled. Besides these there were numerous people from Winston-Salem, Thomasville, Greensboro, and other near-by towns who did not enroll.

At each session there were one or more speakers. Open forums, conferences, meditations, convention singing and special music interspersed these sermons and addresses delivered by such speakers as Miss Elma Farabou, Dr. Chas. L. Greaves, Rev. W. S. Farmer and Mr. Perry Morgan of Raleigh, Rev. D. W. Herring, China, Dr. J. M. Kester, Richmond, Dr. W. C. Barrett, Gastonia, Dr. John J. Hurt Wilmington, and Rev. H. F. Stevens, an evangelist, formerly of Greensboro.

At the close of the Thursday afternoon session the young people enjoyed a visit to the Thomasville Orphanage.

On Thursday evening came the closing session of the convention. At this time the following officers for next year were elected: President, Mr. B. Little, of Wilson; Vice-Presidents, C. S. Green, C. W. Holland, Hattie Boone, Paul Caudill, and Ethel Eaton; Recording Secretary, Mary Annie Younts; Recording Reporter, Mr. Gilmore; State Secretaries, Mr. Peery Morgan and Miss Elma Farabou.

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DR. SMITH DISCUSSES AMERICAN QUALITIES

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"Americanism is that combination of qualities and characteristics that go to make up what we are," said Dr. C. Alphonso Smith in the patriotic address he delivered Wednesday evening on that subject. "It conditions our progress; it is the great ship of state in which our national destiny is intrusted; it is the goal toward which we are moving."

The first of the qualities which the speaker said definitely set the typical American off from types of other nationalities is his sense of humor. With Americans this characteristic is wholesome and universal. It is the first quality that a foreigner expects in an American and it has marked American literature from the very beginning. Americans, the lecturer said, are frequently unconsciously humorous. They will go further and sacrifice more for the sake of a joke than people of any other nationality.

Easy as it is to say that Americans have a sense of humor, Dr. Smith said that it was not so easy to say what is the special characteristic of American humor. Gladstone, he said, declared that it was skilled and effective exaggeration. The speaker gave several amusing anecdotes illustrating this quality in American humor, and declared that all the great writers of American humor had displayed it.

"This sense of humor has performed a very great service," stated the lecturer. "Its shafts have been hurled at oppression and self-conceit and those qualities which separate a man from genuineness and sincerity."

A second quality discussed as typical of Americans is their idealism. The speaker quoted a German critic as saying that American literature is characterized by a nobler and truer idealism than that of any other literature, and his further giving Longfellow's poem "Excelsior" as an example of American idealism. Dr. Smith said that "Excelsior" represented American idealism only in so far as the ideals are lofty, noble and unattainable; but that it failed to be a true picture because the man was climbing alone without regard for those who were beneath him. The speaker stated that he found American idealism best represented in Sidney Lanier's poem, "Song of Chatahoochee," where the little stream rising in the mountains presses on against handicaps because it has a service to perform in the world. "This is the spirit of American idealism," declared Dr. Smith. "It is an idealism that recognized no goal, that is seeking, not personal perfection, but social and beneficent service."

Preceding Dr. Smith's lecture a number of patriotic selections were sung. Some of the national airs were sung by the group; other special selections were given by Misses Bivins, Morelock, and Rawlins, and Mr. Bates. After the lecture punch was served.

DR. CHAS. McMURRAY INDICATES WAY TO GREATER EFFICIENCY

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er, "an intelligent, scientific, educated people will develop the resources of the country in which they live." He drew a comparison between the material prosperity of the New England states and of Mexico. When the Pilgrims landed in New England the place was barren; when the first settlers landed in Mexico the country abounded in wealth. Today New England is the center of enormous wealth and productivity, while Mexico is downtrodden and poor. The difference has come about as a result of education. To increase the salaries of teachers, and thus make it possible to demand well trained teachers, would mean greater efficiency on the part of the people.

GAY CARNIVAL TO BE HELD NEXT SATURDAY

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will soon begin on them. It is prophesied that they will afford amusement for the crowd.

Another interesting feature of the occasion will be the minstrel show, which is hoped will draw many laughs. Folk dancing, aesthetic dancing, and group contests will be on the evening's program. Music of all kinds will be furnished—music planned and impromptu, music instrumental and vocal, music classic and otherwise.

A costumed parade in which everyone is expected to take part will give the students a chance to display their ingenuity along this line of dress. The lawn will be lighted and decorated in characteristic carnival style. The customary pink lemonade and pop corn will be in evidence among the refreshments.

Mr. C. A. Williams, is chairman of the Carnival committee. The event has been carefully planned and various members of the faculty are chairmen of sub-committees. Prof. A. C. Hall is stunt promoter, Mr. Phillips is in charge of the booths, Miss Jones is coach of the stunts and is in charge of the dancing and group contests, Miss Mollie Anne Peterson is attending to the costuming, Miss Olive A. Mellon to the lighting and decorations, and Misses Hope Coolidge and Blanche Shaffer to the refreshments.

NUMBER OF STUDENTS TO BE HERE SECOND SESSION

Those members of the present session who intend to be here for the second term met Wednesday afternoon of last week. There are one hundred and five of them. Those in charge are pleased with the outlook for the second summer school. It was estimated that there will be between two and three hundred enrolled, and more applications are coming in each day. This is the first time that two summer schools have been attempted, and it is gratifying to those in charge that everything is working out so well.

MEMBERS OF CLASS OF '23 ENJOY REUNION DINNER

With commencement and its joys and sorrows less than a month in the past, fourteen members of the graduating class of 1923 enjoyed a reunion dinner at the Alumnae Tea House Thursday night of last week. Seven members of the class are taking work or working at the college this summer and about fourteen either live in or near Greensboro. Seven were prevented from being present at this, so far is known, first reunion of class.

The class colors, red and white, were attractively used in the table decorations. The place cards were cleverly drawn ink sketches of the different individuals carrying out the prophecies.

Those present were: Virginia Terrell, ever lasting president of the class, Dorothy Clement, president during her senior year, Carrie Britain, Stella Williams, Alma Blount, Octavia Clegg, Ann Little Masemore, Grace Stone, Julia Montgomery, Augusta Sapp, Joy Dixon, Frances Watson, Arminta Aderholdt, and Nell Craig.

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