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The Christmas Spirit

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THE angels had finished their song and had disappeared in the heavens; the last vibrant echo had died away, and the cold, crisp evening air was hushed. I stood completely entranced by the strangely glorious experience, gazing upon the hal- lowed and complacent scene before me—a tiny treasure with countenance Divine, and sacredly beautiful—in a world unknown. Ah yes, and as I looked I worshipped for I knew that in that tiny bundle was wrapped the only key to the salvation of a world of fallen men. Infinite peace hovered round, pure glory filled the place. I could refrain no longer and stretched forth my hand to place it in loving caress upon the infant's cheek.

“MERRY CHRISTMAS”, some one called, and instantly the vision vanished. “Christmas,” I repeated in a whisper, and then aloud. Heaven's best who has become the fountain of healing, consolation, and happiness in this life, and will be the priceless gem throughout eternal ages, was the gift of that first Christmas eve. The fair and gorgeous stones that graced the king's crown were not a fit gift for that memorable time, and I remembered that even now the treasures of this earth cannot satisfy the heart's longing at Christmas time. Then it was love, the spirit of Christ which brought the dawn of Christmas morning; now it is love, the spirit of Christ, that makes this glorious triumphant day in any sense a true Christmas.

SO WHILE we remember with gifts the hungry and cold, let us think of their souls which perhaps have never been touched by the warmth of the radiant presence of Christ. For only in radiating unfeigned love to our fellow men do we feel and manifest the spirit of Christmas.

*“He gives only the worthless gold,
Who gives from a sense of duty,
But he who gives but a slender mite
And gives to that which is out of sight;
That thread of all sustaining beauty
Which runs through all and doth all unite;
The hand cannot clasp the whole of his alms,
The heart outstretches its eager palms;
For a God goes with it and makes it store,
To the soul that was starving in darkness before.”*

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Editorial

The article on the front page this month is the prize essay from a contest conducted in the College English I class. There are twenty-nine in this class and a number of good papers were given to the judges. We congratulate Miss Moore on her good fortune.

Expecting that some who will read the Messenger this month are contemplating entering school next semester, we wish to briefly give three reasons why you should come to N. N. C. There are many reasons, but we believe these are the greatest.

1. Spiritual things are put first. N. N. C. is a holiness school. It avowedly does not try to compete with state universities. That is not its mission. But we are in competition with any school that puts as its prime objective the building up of the spiritual and religious phase of life. We maintain that in this regard we are among the best. We have the equipment and the faculty for that kind of training. We believe that spirituality and scholarship are not in any way incompatible. We not only teach spiritual religion as a theory, but practice it as a fact. We offer this to you.

2. Our educational standards are high. N. N. C. is a school. It was established as an institution of learning. We can offer you a good course of study in the High School, Bible College or College of Liberal Arts. Our school is accredited by the State Board of Education of Idaho. The members of our faculty are all university or college trained men and women and can give excellent training in their respective departments. The relatively small numbers in the classes makes personal instruction possible and develops the power of original investigation and aggressive thinking. We offer you this.

3. Expenses are low. This is the most important consideration of all in most cases. The cost for one semester if paid in cash is \$155.25. This includes

instruction, board, room and student fee. There is also opportunity to work out for board and room, and some work can be had in the school to help on expenses. For any other information concerning this we would refer you to the catalogue or J. E. Janosky the Bursar.

Think it over—you who are halting between two opinions, and see if you don't think that N. N. C. would suit you. We need you, and will do our best to make the institution mean all that it should to you.

How easy it is to lose a keen sense of distinction between right and wrong. In many things it is not necessary to make any personal distinctions, it is made by custom. Time and the majority have ruled that certain things are right, or they are wrong. If this were true in all things, however, morality would not be such a noble thing. No, in the multifarious duties of life we are constantly called upon to use that power called judgment. We must use moral judgment. We face crises that call for quick and definite decisions. How necessary, then, is it that we have a sensitive conscience, and strong moral and religious convictions.

It is our constant prayer that whatever it may cost us personally, whatever it causes us to undergo we shall always and unflinchingly be true to the Christian ideal, that selfishness should never have the power in us to produce one single wrong decision. In working with men, hard-headed and self-willed men it is so easy to let the doctrine of "take care of yourself" go too far and become pure selfishness. Be self-reliant but not self-seeking. Take care of your own interests but do not do that at the cost of square dealing with your employer or your

Big Boost For N. N. C.

In these strenuous times, opportunities to boost N. N. C. are not to be neglected. Dr. Wiley, Prof. Janosky, and a mixed quartette, in answer to Pastor Pound's invitation motored down to Buhl for a week-end meeting. The primary purpose of the meeting was to stir up interest in the College and raise money to reduce the indebtedness, but the result was further reaching than that.

The party started Friday morning directly after Chapel, and arrived in Buhl that evening. Dr. Wiley preached that evening on Nehemiah, the Great Layman; truth found its way into the hearts of the listeners. Saturday evening a sort of platform meeting was held. Professor Janosky and the members of the quartette responded with enthusiasm. Sunday morning the Lord's presence was especially felt and a part of the money raised for the school. In the evening Dr. Wiley preached to a full house on holiness. After the service proper, members of the church remained to consider raising their part of the budget. Pledges of one hundred dollars and fifty, etc., began to come in. In a short time the entire amount was raised and practically all of it underwritten by bankable notes. The amount ran up to nearly a thousand dollars.

Truly the Lord is answering prayer for the N. N. C. finances. And it was shown to the Buhl church at least that the raising of money can be a source of spiritual blessing also.

E. P. O.

neighbor. The very little benefit you may receive at the time cannot offset the harm you have done to yourself.

Our Teachers Say

Miss Bertha Doolley, Professor of Greek and Latin:



"Thy loving-kindness is better than life," says the Psalmist; while the Preacher adds, there is "a time to love."

Not that love which is hidden deep in the heart of an individual has blessed the world, but the same love moved to action by the will. Love becomes effective when manifested in kindness.

So if there is a song in the heart, let's sing it; if an encouraging word in mind, say it; if a note of praise, sound it; if a flower to offer, give it. A wayside dandelion presented at the right time may prove of far greater worth than a basket of exquisite orchids a day too late. And "a word spoken in due season, how good it is!"

Class Room Echoes

South American History

South American History. It sounds interesting, doesn't it? Well, it is interesting, more so than it sounds. Professor Gustafson is giving in this course, a comprehensive view of the history of the South American countries. We are becoming acquainted with the Washingtons and the Lincolns of our South American neighbors.

We are studying these countries not only from an historical standpoint; but also from the commercial and missionary viewpoints, and are gaining an idea of the customs, the culture and the problems of the Latin American peoples.

Professor Gustafson has been leading us into broad fields of research work written by the most modern and best informed authors on the subject. We are seeing South America in a new light and we hope, at the conclusion of the course, to understand our Southern neighbors better, that we may be more efficient in our future intercourse with them, whether such relationships be commercial, political, or religious.

Arthur B. Cook.

Occupations

Professor White's class in Occupations is intended to afford to Academy students an understanding of themselves and of their capabilities, as well as a general knowledge of the principal occupations.

We are simply investigating from an elementary standpoint those professions with which we come in contact every day, that we may discover which we are fitted for.

Our instructor stresses the need of Christian men and women in every walk of life and we are discovering that in every worthy occupation the Christian has by far the greater opportunity for blessing mankind than has the unregenerated man or woman.

We feel sure that our teacher often realizes that he is handling very unripe material, but we are assured of our acceptance with him by his expressed regrets that no one understood him or cared for his future welfare when he was very young.

The class is looking forward with anticipation to the results of this year's work.

Winona Eastly.

Religious Education

Professor White's class in Religious Education is something of a new venture, as this subject has never been taught in the college before. It is, however, a most valuable course for students who will have to deal with the religious training of children, and helpful to those who expect to teach in public schools. Some of the subjects considered have been: "Instincts"; "Instincts as related to religion"; "Possibilities of a Pre-adolescent Religious Experience"; and, "The Uses and Form of the Church Building." Some of the topics evoke much discussion and even dissent, but arrive at a broadened vision and new realization of the opportunities for the religious training of children. This is a big field, bigger than we shall be able to thoroughly cover—but we are at least seeing some of the problems and issues.

Verne Tock.

"If we work upon marble, it will perish; if we work upon brass, time will efface it; if we rear temples, they will crumble into dust; but if we work upon immortal souls, if we imbue them with principles, with the fear of God and love of fellow men, we engrave on those tablets something which brightens all eternity."

—Daniel Webster.

The Christian Workers Course

An announcement of great interest to those who are interested in the work of N. N. C. was made recently concerning a Christian Worker's course to be given evenings at the College. This course is designed especially for those who have neither the time nor means to register for the first semester of the present year. efficient preparation for Christian service. The work done will be given proper credit and may be applied toward the completion of the Manual Course of Study for preachers and deaconesses. One credit will be allowed for each sixteen lectures in a single subject. Four credits may be earned each semester.

The following courses are announced for the first semester of the present year. Other courses will be announced for the second semester—where these are not continued.

I. A course in Practics is being given by Professor A. E. Sanner, District Superintendent of the Idaho-Oregon district, dealing with problems which preachers and other Christian Workers meet every day.

II. An expository course in the Epistles of First and Second Thessal-

onians and First and Second Peter is conducted by Prof. H. A. Erdmann.

III. A course in Religious Education, designed especially for Sunday School workers is offered by Prof. R. H. White.

IV. Prof. J. O. Young is giving a series of lectures on the History of the Christian Church.

These courses are given on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30 until 8:30. Those who desire credit for their work are charged a nominal fee of \$1.00 to cover the expense of registration.

It is planned to extend the scope of this work later by giving similar courses in churches in outlying districts and towns of this section. Plans are being made for this and as soon as perfected will be announced. In this way we hope to make our influence greater and extend our range of usefulness.

Kenneth Eichenberger.

Revival Meetings at Wilson

A very successful revival meeting was held at the Wilson schoolhouse, November 28 to December 7, by Professor Erdmann of the college and some of the students. Professor Erdmann was engaged as the evangelist and the students assisted by rendering special music. Twelve people of the community were converted and seven sanctified. This is a cause for great rejoicing when it is remembered that this community was formerly composed entirely of worldly people who did not care for religion.

The Wilson schoolhouse work was opened up by the Christian Workers Band of the College a year or so ago, and is now carried on by Harold Bottemiller with the assistance of Miss Ruth Born and other of our students. K. E.

The African Band, the India Band and the South American and Philippine Island Bands have each had charge of a chapel service recently. The student members of these mission bands used the time to create a deeper interest in their respective fields. All who took part have felt the Divine call to foreign mission work. Each Tuesday, the chapel service is reserved for one or another of the mission bands.

Dr. Wiley announced in chapel the other day, that he had received the promise of an entire new building to be built on the College campus as soon as the present indebtedness is raised. Help us by your prayers and efforts to accomplish this as soon as possible.

God so loved that he gave, and let us also love and of this love give to all about us; for it shall be given us in return.

School Notes

The Mock Trial

Friday afternoon, December 12th, the Ortonian Literary Society completed a mock trial, the trial had been started the week before but on account of the length of the cross-examination the court had to adjourn until a later date.

The case was the State, versus Messrs. Bottemiller, Stiff, and Snider; the charge being one of larceny. The plaintiff, Mr. Johansen was alleged to have lost three pairs of trousers and two pairs of shoes. The other principals of the trial were: Mr. L. S. Tracy, Judge; Mr. G. Irving Wallace, attorney for the defence; Frank True, Prosecuting Attorney; Mr. E. G. Wooten, the Sheriff; Ralph Cook, Clerk; Elmer Otterbein, Bailiff.

On the evening of the trial the accused entered the court with a look of deep guilt upon their countenances. Their attorney nervously chewed his fingernails. The prosecuting attorney and the plaintiff entered with a mysterious air. Silence reigned supreme for the space of some moments. Then the Judge made his pompous and solemn entrance. The jury was empaneled after some difficulty and the trial was on.

The lawyers handled their cases well and the trial had all the aspects of realism. One of the points of interest was the rapid-fire cross-examination which held the direct interest of the listener as well as witness.

The second day of the trial after all the evidence was in, the lawyers started the argument of the case. Both of them exhibited fine technique and masterful oratory. When the prosecution had closed the case, the jury was retired. But Fate had decreed that this should be a "hung" jury, and according to the last report they were.

F. T.

School Notes

God is hearing prayer for financial conditions of N. N. C. The faculty called a special night of prayer for Thanksgiving night as they realized that God was the only one who could help in the crisis. Some forty students, teachers and friends gathered in the academy study hall. Prayer and reading of the Bible were alternated until about 11:30 when God marvelously came down and there was a "Hallelujah" time. Nearly everyone present felt that God had sent an answer. Already we are having the proof.

A set of Harvard Classics comprising fifty volumes was added to the Library recently. This valuable addition is the gift of the College Senior Class of '24. With the books is also included a small sectional bookcase. Speaking for the Associated Student Body we hereby wish to thank the members of that class again for their gift.

Testimonies will find a way out in chapel services. If reports of meetings are called for, one will tell how he "met" with the Lord in his room, another how he can "report" personal victory. If announcements are called for, several are sure to "announce" new spiritual progress, or that the Lord has freshly blessed them. When testimonies are called for there is sure to be a clamor for first chance. Signs of spiritual life are always present.

Mrs. E. Rademacher, returned missionary from Peru, addressed the student body in chapel, December the 9th. Her message on South American missions made an especial appeal as she has had much practical experience on the field.

Superintendent Stephenson of the Nampa Public Schools lectured recently to Prof. White's class in School Administration. He spoke on the subject of "Discipline and Control." We appreciate having him with us.

Miss Hargrove, returned missionary from India, brought a short message in Chapel Dec. 3. She was passing through from Portland on her way to Texas. We were glad to meet her but she was in an awful hurry to get to Texas. Perhaps you understand.

Mr. La Fond, of the Idaho Free Press and Mr. Jeness of the Nampa Leader-Herald, have recently visited the Journalism class. They spoke to the class on some practical phases of their profession.

Bro. Harold Hart, student of N. N. C. and pastor of the Marsing church reports that his congregation has raised \$84.00 as a start for a new parsonage. That's fine!

Evangelist Lewis E. Hall, a former student of N. N. C. visited in Chapel recently and preached in the Nampa church Sunday evening Dec. 14. He has recently been in a meeting at Dayton, Washington.

The Strollers Notice—

- That Willis Swett has come back
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- That he is single
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- That he has an hirsute ornament adorning his upper lip
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- That Christmas is coming
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- That so are examinations
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- That the Buhl quartet was held up in Mountain Home
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- That they burnt out another bearing
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- That they got home at 4 a. m.
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- That Dr. Wiley received a \$20 check from China
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- That it was from a former N. N. C. student
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- That Otis Fesler is over the small pox
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- That the Ford bug looks sick now
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- That Mae Walton is the "Kandy Kid" at the Nampa Dept. Store.
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- That Professor Erdmann has had the tonsillitis
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- That he is now back in school
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- That we had a talk on etiquette recently
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- That Mrs. Wallace, the Dean of Women, gave it
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- That it was needed
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- That books on the subject were immediately in demand
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- That the College Seniors entertained the College Sophs
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- That the scene was the Little Red School House
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- That the Seniors dressed as "kids"
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- That Miss Sharp was the teacher
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- That Wallace was not there
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- That thats all.