PARTIES, PLAYS AND PHOTOPLAYS ARE DIVERSIONS IN SCHOOLS

Pupils Are Equally Sealous in Serious Class Work—Entire Student Body at James John Enrolls in Red Cross.

Latin Club Sees Shakesperian Characters.

James John Sodalitas Latina Enjoys Novel Productions—Whole Student Body Joins Red Cross.

BY CHARLOTTE JONES.

ANTONY and Cleopatra, with their attendants, paid the Sodalitas Latina a visit on Friday, November 14. This visitation was in the form of a burlesque on grand opera, composed by Stanley O'Connor. The "Powder and Paint" chorus and "Two Little Love Bees," a duet, were the song hits of the evening. Miss Clinton explained that the setting was historically correct, but the Latin club members were rather surprised to discover that the Nile is sky blue, and to hear the strictly modern slang of the ancient Egyptians and Romans. Stanley O'Connor and Erma Griswold vividly portrayed the characters of Tony and Cleo. As this production was presented by the council it was necessary for some of the members to take two parts, so Jack Vinson played the dual roles of Octavius and one of Antony's followers; Gertrude Hansen, Octavia and Cleopatra's maid, and George Miksch, Lepidus and Cleopatra's servant. Lola Shirley was the other maid of Cleopatra and Jessie McNiven a messenger boy. After the performance punch and cookies were served to the cast and audience. A few games were played before the meeting adjourned.

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For the second time, James John students voted an appropriation from the Student Body funds to pay the Junior Red Cross membership of the student body. At the opening of an assembly which was held Friday morning, November 14, Mr. Fletcher introduced Paul Chatterton and the truly remarkable "talking machine" which he made in manual training. Paul played several selections on his composite machine, which was fully able to speak for itself. Following this the meeting was turned over to the student council. Oliver Jessup, president of the student body, explained the two ways money for Junior Red Cross membership could be obtained, before calling for a vote. After discussion a motion by George Miksch that the money be taken from the treasury to give James John 100 per cent membership, was passed. The Red Cross pins arrived Monday, together with the 100 per cent poster.

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The girls' basketball season has opened at James John and up to date three inter-class games have been played. The seventh and eighth term teams defeated both the third and fourth-termers, while the fifth term team played "all around" the second-termers. Miss Kincaid is the upper-class coach, while Miss Harrison has the first-termers in charge.

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Tuesday, November 18, the periods were all shortened, in order that those who wished might witness the dress rehearsal of the opera, "Martha," a special car carried the students directly to the auditorium. James John was represented by about 250 students. This large attendance shows that the action of the school board which made it possible for them to go was greatly appreciated.

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Lee Haskins was elected business manager of the farce and operetta, at a council meeting Monday evening. His assistants, as stage managers, are Raymond Ketner and Verne Hall. The property manager has not yet been selected.

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The second civic league meeting of the year was held Friday in the high school. A scene from act four of "Macbeth," under the direction of Amanda Steele, was presented by members of the eighth-term English class. The characters were: Macbeth, Dick Girt; witches, Charlotte Jones, Sibyl Bugbee and Leona Boomsteter; apparitions, George Skells and others. Paul Sandifer gave some remarkable "Topics in Brief." Mary Kilfer spoke on the subject of "Stars Elections." A vocal duet was given by Gladys Keeney and Gladys Coon. For the first time a social function followed the business meeting and programme.

Lincoln High Has Its Own Picture Shows

Meritorious Programmes Given With School's Own Machine.—Thanksgiving Cardinal Number Issued.

BY GEORGIA JACOBS.

THE Thanksgiving number of the Cardinal was issued Wednesday. The staff, headed by John Piper, Florence Fowler and George Walker, has turned out two splendid magazines so far this semester. Among the special features of the Thanksgiving issue were: An attractive cover design by Clarence Murton; short stories by Edris Noble, Isabelle Petrie, Mary Wilson, Miriam Dubiver and Evelyn Weinstock; poems by Ethel Tyler, Rose Ann Carr, Margaret Vincent, Margaret Smith and Ruth Stevenson. Several interesting editorials and articles covering the work of the various school organizations completed the number.

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Miss Willa Caffrey, assistant pastor of the Wenatchee (Wash.) Methodist church, addressed the girls of Lincoln High school Wednesday morning.

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Rehearsals for "Three Pills in a Bottle," a play which was to have been presented during speech improvement week but was postponed, have been resumed. This play, which is under the direction of Dr. Henrietta Moore, will be given in the near future.

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The second of the series of moving picture shows given in the Lincoln auditorium was presented Friday night. "The Zeppelin's Last Raid" was the special feature which, with a comedy and an educational film, made a very interesting programme. The series of photoplay entertainments will continue to be given on Friday evenings under the auspices of the High Y's.

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Los Espanalitos met Wednesday and enjoyed an unusually interesting programme, which included the reading of a Spanish poem by Dolores Allphin and a vocabulary contest in which all present participated.

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Instead of their regular meeting this week the Aeolians attended the rehearsal of the opera "Martha." Many Lincoln students, besides the Aeolians also attended the opera, which was greatly appreciated, not only for its own worth, but because of the fact that the cast was made up of Portland talent.

Benson Accepts Franklin Debate Challenge.

Rivals to Clash Soon Over Treaty Question — Inter-Class Football Game Looms.

BY FRANK KING.

THE Benson Debating club has accepted the challenge of the debating club of Franklin high to a debate. They also have accepted the question presented. As yet the time has not been set, but is expected to be in the near future. Benson was given her choice and has chosen the negative. The question is, "Resolved, That the United States ratify no treaty by which China is accorded the Shantung peninsula." The club, which is a new one, has elected as officers for the term: President, James Spaulding; vice-president, Frank Corcran; secretary, Cecil Harnick; sergeant-at-arms, John Barnett; class historian, H. Barnum; class adviser, Mr. Barzee.

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The June '20 class has challenged the January '20 class to a game of football. This game is creating great interest, as no member of the first team or substitute squad is eligible for the game. The game is expected to be played in a few days.

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"Midget" Frank Corcran has been elected yell leader for the year. He is the topic of much conversation, weighing only 85 pounds and is only 4 feet 6 inches tall. Corcran has full charge of the yelling and leads the 500 students like a veteran. George Peters, last year's yell leader, gave Corcran strong competition for the job.

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The ground floor of the gymnasium has been lowered several inches to comply with the basketball regulations. The students have volunteered and under the direction of Coach Bryan are rapidly completing the work. The dirt excavated is used to fill in one of the lower places on the campus.

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During the past week the foundry has cast a four-blade propeller which has a 36-inch pitch. Frames for a new core oven and numerous other articles for the electric and machine shops have been cast. The blacksmith shop has made a set of steel basketball rings for the gym.

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Friday's game with Commerce ended Benson's 1919 interscholastic football season. The student body gave the team wonderful support throughout the season. Coach Bryan's services are highly appreciated by the entire school. Last week Benson journeyed to Astoria and played the high school. The "Techs" were victorious by the score of 7 to 0. The sandy field was a great handicap to the Benson players. The hospitality shown by the Astorians was highly appreciated.

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An assembly was held last Wednesday in which Mr. Pratt gave an interesting talk on "New American Ideas." At various intervals of the assembly the band played appropriate selections. Mr. Cleveland and Mr. Bryan also gave spirited talks on school topics. The assembly closed with several yells led by Corcran.

PHYSICAL EXTREMES, ADEPTS IN THEIR LINES, MEET AT BENSON POLYTECHNIC.

During the interscholastic football season just closing the Benson Polytechnic school boasted not only two giant tackles, but was equally proud of its peppery midget yell leader. Above are Gregg and Kleinan, 190-pound tackles, 6 feet 2½ and 6 feet 4 inches tall, respectively, confronted by Yell Leader Frank Corcran, weighing 85 pounds and but 4 feet 6 inches tall.

Comedy Scores Popular Hit at Franklin

Play Given by Seniors Delights Record Audience — Community Dancing Class Procures Orchestra.

BY ANNA KARAGOZIAN.

FRANKLIN senior students delighted one of the largest audiences ever gathered at a school play Friday evening, November 14, with the comedy, "What Happened to Jones." The affair was a charming production. The staging was excellent and the cast was chosen from the experienced members of the January class. Esther Wellington, as Cissy, was the leading lady, a bright, pretty and impulsive girl, full of high spirits, ignoring conventions and proprieties in most ingenuous ways. Hugh Walton played the double role of Jones, hero of the play, in a most pleasing manner. Emerson Sims, as Ebenezer Goodly, caused many a laugh in his interviews with his wife, Mrs. Goodly, portrayed by Marjorie Haley and Jean McLean as Alvian, the character lady. Harvey Bennett as Richard, was the dashing young lover of Marjorie, represented by Louise Schumacher. Victoria Ellis as Helma, the servant, and George Wilson, the bishop, kept the audience screaming with laughter. Other characters worthy of plaudits were: Grace Jasper as Minerva; Robert Kuhl as policeman; Earl Williams as Bigbee, and Esther Akers, the keeper. To Frances D. Curtis, the coach, is due much credit for the success of the production. Charles Haldors was business manager; Harry Thomas, stage manager, and Ruth Gentry, properties.

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At the regular assembly Wednesday morning, Mr. Walsh led the students in singing. Louise Schumacher favored with a reading. The boys' glee club rendered several selections, accompanied by Grace Jasper at the piano. Ernest Gillard and George Brown led the students in school yells.

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Much to the joy of members of the community dancing class, Carrol's popular orchestra has arranged to furnish the music for the dances. In addition to the piano played by Wayne Carrol, the saxaphone, played by William Mansfield, and xylophone, by Delmar Porter, have been added. The xylophone and violin are both played by Delmar Porter. Alfred Johnson plays the traps. The variety of choice selections, and the excellent quality of music furnished bids fair to add to the enrollment of the class for the coming season. The class is looking forward to a big Christmas party. A committee of girls composed of Geraldine Roe, Frances Faust, Helen Glover, Anna Karagozian and Jeannette Bear are making elaborate plans for the coming event.

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Last Thursday the Franklin Pedagogy club entertained the similar organization of the various high schools with a unique programme. The number embraced a vocal selection by Eloise McPherson, a reading by Myrtle Anslow and a Mother Goose pantomime by girls of the club. Dancing and games were enjoyed after the programme and doughnuts and cider served by Myrtle Moore and Minnie Underwood. There were about 150 girls present with all the schools equally represented. Hazel Loy had charge of the programme. Miss Alice Johnson and Miss Lilli Schmidli chaperoned the girls.

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Dut to the many events taking place on the date set for the Parent-Teacher reception, it was postponed until next Tuesday afternoon. The reception will be in hopor of Mrs. Ella Ehmsen Wilson, dean of Franklin. Dean Wade of the high school of commerce will be the principal speaker. The music department will furnish a splendid musical programme.

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Miss Louise Eccles, teacher of sewing, has been very ill the last three weeks, to the regret of the students of the school. Her place is being filled by Mrs. M. F. Wilson. Ruth Gentry is also being missed on account of illness One of the most enjoyable afternoons was had by the students of Franklin at a matinee dance given last Friday afternoon by the Drama club. This was the first social event of the club. The music was furnished by school talent. The committee in charge was comprised of Ruth Gentry, Mildred Deaver, Anna Karagozian and Howard McCann.

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Esther Reinhold took first place in the recent yell contest held by the student body association. Lawrence Cook won second place and Gerald Bashaw took third.

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Another social event which looms prominently is the Franklin alumni dance, to be given at the Portland hotel on Saturday evening, November 29. Since the college students will be home it is espected that a large percentage of the alumni will be present.

Girls in Trade School Fabricate Jewelry

One Class Is Working in Articles of Silver—Laundry Course Proves Thoroughgoing One.

BY MILDRED MITCHELL.

OUR students attended the dress rehearsal of the opera "Martha" last Tuesday. In addition to the story of the opera being given in the different classes, an assembly was held just before the students started to the auditorium, in which Miss Magers, music teacher, discussed the opera and played records of several of the most beautiful and familiar songs. This was of much assistance in understanding and appreciating the opera rehearsal.

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The laundry class had a good display of silk and georgette waists in the hall last week to show the kind of work they can do.

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The third-term domestic science class has taken up the study of luncheons. Each girl has prepared three meals. These are served for four girls at a time. The meals cost not to exceed 60 cents.

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The domestic science department is now giving its course in home laundry work. Ten stationary tubs and other laundry equipment were installed this year. Very thorough work in washing, ironing, cleaning, stain removing, etc., is being done. The first problem is white clothes, table linens and cotton waists of fine fabrics. Later the setting of colors in colored materials and the washing of silks and woolens will be studied. The last lessons are the washing of laces and ribbons, correct methods of ironing and mending and removing stains. Every Friday the second-term girls wash and iron their own towels and aprons. The sewing classes use the laundry department for cleaning renovated wool dresses and also for shrinking materials.

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The June '20 class held their first school party for the term in the girls' gymnasium Friday. The Heneeks orchestra played many selections and dancing was one of the features of the evening. The girls and the Benson Polytechnic boys were dressed in costumes and both provided refreshments, which were served by the girls.

Banquet Given Washington Faculty Members

Instructors Are Guests of High-Y and Phrenodikens—Several Demonstration Luncheons Served.

BY ANNA L. McPHERSON.

ON FRIDAY evening the faculty of Washington high school was entertained with a banquet given in their honor at the Commercial club rooms by the High-Y club and the Phrenodiken Debating society of Washington. An enjoyable programme was given, each organization presenting a number. The following girls served: Georgia Shipley, Jane Becker, Nan La Roche, Harriet Dalby, Grace Pick, Frances Manning, Margaret Alexander, Estelle Modlin, Regina Keil, Velma Couture and Anna McPherson. The committee that assisted from High-Y consisted of Jenny Meek, Bill Johnson, Rodney Keating, Irvin Reinke, Jack Sullivan, Hugh Hayden and Edward Durham. Every one joined in making the evening an enjoyable one. All but three of the faculty attended, besides 25 from High-Y and 40 from Phrenos.

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A football rally was held in the auditorium Tuesday. The yell leader, Hugh Hayden, took charge. After leading the school in several yells he read the names of the boys on the team: Hitchcock, Irvine, Hurlburt, Haynes, Ritchie, Johnson, Edlund, King, Scott, Reinke, Brice, Robbins and Myers. Three "rahs" for the team were given and were responded to by Eddie Edlund, captain, who pledged that the team would do all possible to win if the school supported them. Douglas Farrell, president of the student body, then spoke. He asked for a response on part of the school as to how many were going to the game, and practically all of the students stood up. The yell leader closed the assembly by instructing everyone to bring both colors and voice to the game.

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Rehearsals for the class play, "Pomander Walk," by Louis N. Parker, were begun Monday. The date for the play has not been definitely settled, but will probably be in about three weeks. The setting for the play is an exterior one, so it will have to be made to order. The art classes are going to assist in painting the scenery.

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Following favorite songs at the Washington morning assembly, announcements were made that there would be a meeting of the second-term girls on Thursday and a meeting of the executive committee of the Girls' league in the dean's office. When the school finished singing "Washington, My Washington," and giving the chant Mr. Oppert, a former teacher at Washington, came forward and led several yells which helped to stir up enthusiasm.

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The first of a series of "surprise" luncheons was prepared by Eunice Cowgill and Thelma Peterson on Wednesday. These luncheons are given by the senior girls as a test of their ability. A number of supplies are placed on the table in the luncheon room and from these a luncheon for four persons must be prepared in 45 minutes. The guests were Veryl Blasier, Annette Bird, Virginia Pearson and Estella Modlin.

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At a recent meeting of the Tri-L society of Washington Miss Miller, the Y. W. C. A. Tri-L adviser, was present and gave a talk. She told of the work that similar societies were doing and urged the girls to have an aim in everything they attempted. On Saturday the girls were entertained at the Y. W. C. A. social hall by the Franklin Tri-Ls. Those who attended from Washington were Marion Rounds, Gladys Ford, Mabel White, Marion Web, Helen Rounds, Florence Thomas, Louise Meserve, Ethel Correy and Jennie Ten Eyck.

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At a Girls' league assembly held Friday morning Miss D. Willta Caffray, representing the Methodist church, spoke on "The Ideals of Womanhood." Her talk was very interesting as well as helpful.

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The commercial advertising class is taking charge of publishing the W. H. S. News. This paper is issued weekly and posted on the bulletin every Monday. The staff is composed of P. Buxton, editor-in-chief; Freda Runes and Florence Fitzgerald, assistant editors.

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On Tuesday Gertrude Deckert and Edna Moore entertained with a luncheon in the luncheon room. The guests included Mrs. A. Stevens, Mrs. H. L. Deckert, Miss Shaver, Mrs. Herolz, Miss H. Deckert and Miss Hobbs. The table was artistically decorated and the menu was very appetizing.

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The first and third-term classes taking domestic science have prepared luncheons for the football boys at noon before the games several times. The menus are made and then submitted to the coach. As Washington has no cafeteria this is a great help to the boys.

Wednesday noon, before the football game, boys of the school formed a line and serpentined around the halls, giving Washington yells. They led the crowd into the assembly hall, where a rousing rally was held.

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Franklin high school entertained the Pedagogy clubs of the various high schools on Thursday. The Washington pedagogy girls attended and all had a good time. The club is eagerly looking forward to November 26, the date set for the initiation party.

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Lorena Marr was hostess at a luncheon given recently in the luncheon room at Washington. Dorothy Lowes assisted her in serving. Her guests were Mr. Whitney, Mr. Herdman, Miss Artingstall and Miss Hobbs. These luncheons are part of the regular work of the third-term cooking classes.

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An interesting demonstration on baking powder mixtures was prepared and presented by Florence Fitzgerald on Tuesday in the cooking department. Nut bread, cream muffins and southern corn bread were included in the demonstration. Her finished products were delicious.

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Officers of the June, '20, class had a meeting recently to discuss the means of entertainment for the January, '20, class. It is the custom that the seventh termers entertain the eighth termers before graduation. The class voted to keep the standard pin and are having them made, so the June class will soon be displaying their pins.

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Members of the January, '20, class are having their pictures taken for the class issue of the Lens. Plans are being made for this number and material will be due soon.

Editors Are Chosen to Handle Ledger

High School of Commerce Staff Will Issue Publication Just Before Thanksgiving Day.

BY DAVID SINGER.

TWO assemblies marked activities at Commerce this week. One was held last Wednesday for the purpose of arousing school spirit in the carnival. Several speakers gave various phases of the event and Miss Clovena Larson gave some comical impressions of what was to take place. Mr. Elton closed the assembly by calling on Mr. Eldridge to lead the school in a few yells. The second assembly was held on Thursday, November 13. The principal speaker was W. F. Woodward, senior member of the firm of Woodard, Clarke & Co. He gave a very interesting talk.

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Helen Chehak entertained a few friends ta her home on Friday evening. Among those present were: Maurine Welch, Gail McDonald, Irene McCabe, Guala Loveland, La Velle Long, Lucille Martyn, Lenore Wilkthore, Clovena Larson, Margaret Maffet, Evans Van Buren, Merel Tappendorff, Chet Bauhman, George De Courey, Dolor Miller, Bud Young, Paul Gratin, Ted Barton and Francis Akres. Games were played and refreshments were served and all present voted it one of the best times of their lives.

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The January '20 class Ledger staff has been chosen as follows: Class editor, Anna Westbrook; associate editor, Lavigna Colt; advertising manager, Robert Masters; circulation manager, Alf Johnson; class poet, Annette Maffet; class prophets, Clovena Larson and Helen Chehak; class historian, Maurine Welch; class will, Annabelle Palmer, and class record, Moses Levoff and Guala Loveland.

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The first issue of the Ledger this term will probably appear the day before Thanksgiving and will contain 42 pages. There will be several new departments. The Spanish department will have a whole page devoted to activities of the Spanish classes. Another new department is the art department, which does all the Ledger cartooning.

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The Commerce football team went down to defeat last week at the hands of Lincoln, but will fight all the harder in the next game with Benson Polytechnic school. The work of Kelling and Percy Pander made the last game worth while to see. The whole team put up a splendid fight.

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The fifth-period commercial law class took its annual trip to the county jail chaperoned by Miss Rankin. The students were much impressed with the jail system. The authorities at the jail were very kind and explained to the students the workings of their system.

Jefferson Seniors Play Part of Hosts

January Class Members Entertain June Class at Dance—Mock Trial Proves Diverting Event.

BY LIONEL M. CLARK.

ON Friday evening members of the January '20 class were hosts to the June '20 class at a dance given in the school gymnasium. An unusally large crowd of seventh and eighth-termers were present and an excellent time was enjoyed. The colors of the January class, blue and gold, were used in decorating the gymnasium. Cedar boughs, strung along the sides, connected the four baskets of ferns, which were placed in the corners of the gym. In the center of the room, suspended from the ceiling above the dancers, was a huge basket of ferns tied with yellow tulle. Punch was served by members of the class. The dance lasted until 10:30 and all voted it an excellent evening.

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On Tuesday afternoon school was dismissed early in order that the students who so desired might attend the opera "Martha," presented by the Portland Opera association at the auditorium. Many students attended the performance. Special cars were provided for the trip.

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On Monday the regular weekly assembly was held. Mr. Boyer led the student body in singing and Ambrose Murphy then spoke to the students concerning the mock trial to be given by the Pi Delta on Thursday. The speaker pointed out the various dignitaries who would participate in the trial and urged that all who could possibly attend should come. Mr. Jenkins read a few announcements and the assembly closed with the singing of "America."

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At the noon period on Wednesday a special meeting of the student body was called by the yell leader, Harold Brown. The meeting was called for the purpose of practicing the school yells to be used in the game against Washington.

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On Tuesday a special assembly was called by Mr. Jenkins for the purpose of arousing school spirit in regard to attendance at the football game between Jefferson and Washington. Tim Colvin spoke for the team and told the students of the necessity for support. Wa ganuch. He explained how a large attendance at the games helps to arouse the fighting spirit of the team and show them that the school is really behind it. Chester Froude also addressed the student body and quoted the records of the Jefferson-Washington games in the past. He also urged that the percentage of Jeffersonians at the game equal the percentage of the team. After the speakers had given their messages Harold Brown led in yells. Some new ones were tried and the old ones were reinjected with "pep."

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On Tuesday after school a meeting of the Technical club was held in room 38. Very little business was transacted, owing to the fact that many of the members attended the opera at the auditorium.

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Thursday afternoon there took place in room 52 a great and important event. On that day the Pi Delta Epsilon society held its semi-annual mock trial. The courtroom was crowded with anxious and inquisitive spectators waiting to see the trial of Arnebold and Westbrook; associate Jesse James Brigham Young Holman. The criminal was charged with the serious crime of polygamy. His able counselor, Gene Whitten, talked long and fluently in trying to persuade the august judge, Honorable Chester Froude, that the prisoner villain was insane and therefore not responsible for his acts. The prosecuting attorney, Harold Brown, was equally fluent and used the very cream of six-syllable adjectives in describing the dangerous and even vicious character of the accused.

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On Wednesday afternoon the Jefferson eleven met the team from Washington high on Multnomah field and before a crowded grandstand, fighting and contesting to their utmost ability every foot of the way, succeeded in defeating them by the score of 20 to 13. Although outweighed on an average ten pounds to the man, the Jefferson team fought its way through to victory. The brilliant playing of all members of the team was a great tribute to the careful training of Coach Quigley. The team played without the help of Jess Bigman, who was injured in the Jefferson-Columbia game. The grandstand was crowded with students and many special cars were used to transport them to the field. Over 1700 tickets were sold at Jefferson and many of the students' relatives and friends came out to view the contest.

DR. E. H. PENCE TALKS TO CONGREGATION ON "THE SINLESS CHRIST"

Pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church Says He Was the Fullest Orbed Man Time Has Known—Disciples of Jesus Knew That He Bore Within Himself Divine Authority.

BY DR. E. H. PENCE,
Pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Text: Peter 2:21-24—"For hereunto were you called: because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example that ye should follow his steps: who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: who, when he was reviled, reviled not again: when he suffered, threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously: who his own self bare our sins in his body the tree, that we, having died, might live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed."

WHICH means that he was the fullest orbed man time has known. It means in his case, no mere absence of sin, but the release in him of all the positive powers of which sheer human nature is capable. If this is so, then we must be missing our greatest datum in seeking material to build up the proposed superman. Have we studied the one unique instance of the one superman whom time has known, with reference to the imitable qualities to be found in him?

What was a sinless Christ? Let us passionately refuse to discuss or view the question in terms of theology, but hold to the quest of the modern seeker for the super-humanity of which the race is supposed to be capable.

Let us note how a close reading of both the book of Acts and the Epistles of the New Testament discloses the early conviction and vehement preachment by the apostles that Jesus was wholly sinless.

This is the more startling when we remember that he was crucified by the professional religionists and ethical experts of his nation upon the charge of flagrant guilt of blasphemy. That blasphemy was in his claim to be divine. All other guilt of his reated upon the truth or untruth of that claim. If divine, and Lord of the Sabbath, he could make law for or define the narrowness or breadth of the sabbath's observance by either himself or men. If he acted thus upon divine authority, he could shape that great ethical and religious instrument as suited his own ends.

Disciples Perceive Divinity.

By evidence beyond cavil, by tokens so compelling as to sweep them from every anchorage of self-interest or even instinctive preservation of their lives, these disciples of Jesus knew that he bore within himself divine authority, and therefore that the one sin charged against him, namely blasphemy in his claim of divinity, fell to the ground.

Three years of minutest and microscopic scrutiny by the eaglest-eyed men of all time found no fault in this man of Nazareth.

But that was the establishment of the mere negation of evil. What was it which was released of any glory of our human nature, of a positive quality—showing any extraordinary thing which he was?

Here is where our false and gilded standards of life, of its successes, its coveted attainments, its greatness, have misled us, led us astray, baffled and often wrecked us upon our voyage after happiness.

First, we are so apt to test the completeness of a man's attainments, the fullness of his life, by the things which he accumulates or may command, with which to do.

Jesus had "no thing" with which to do. He did his work as a human with that marvelous thing which he was. His proposals to men for their altered lives clutched and grappled them because of what and whom they saw him to be. Without the something he was to drive his amazing programme into men's uttermost consents, his teachings should have been laughed to scorn as the airy dreams of a dreamer.

Impressions Amaze Men.

In all of which we are to remember that all conclusions concerning his divinity were arrived at through amazing impressions made upon men concerning his humanity. He was a soul, a personality released to its fullest sway and play of power.

When the fountains of memory broke afresh after his resurrection, and they saw in the calm and poise of the resurrected Lord the same person in every essential, whom they had comraded for three years in all the intimacies of sacred friendship—then they knew that they had seen human nature released to its fullest.

Speaking in coldest practicality, let us urge upon modern psychology that it has no greater task than to explore the higher regions of sheer human experience travessed by one man, Christ Jesus. It has been attempted, but incompetently and too academically. It must be done by some mind saturated with the blood of experience and the struggle to get it.

Out of this greatest of all human facts, the Sinless Jesus, emerge three tremendous other facts.

First—We are to note that those Jewish men at once saw in the willing death of this sinless Christ the consummation of immemorial sacrifices in the Jewish history—just as they saw in him the supreme high priest who had qualified to mediate forever between man and God. It was no mere surmise of theirs concerning him; it was the disclosure which he had made to them concerning himself. "Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and entered into his glory?" These were Jesus' own words to the troubled men whom he met on the Emmaus road. His agony was not the thwarting, but the consummation, of his life purpose.

When they knew this, then they knew all. In some way beyond human mind to comprehend, the assumption of human nature and the compassing of human experience in its every essence and phase has qualified the Christ to serve as the supreme sacrifice. In that sacrifice he achieved a conquest over the forces of sin, both in its universal career and its career in the personal man.

A tainted man could not so have attained. The sinless man, Jesus, could so qualify as to challenge the hopes of men for one who could dare to enter God's throne room and there negotiate upon behalf of a morally alienated race.

Conceive the whole human race, all contemporaries and gathered in one great convention. They debate the gravest concerns affecting their state and hopes. The greatest of all debates upon their docket is this, "What is the state of God's mind toward the human race? Shall we choose one of our number, the one best favored in what he is, to seek God out and plead our cause?"

Upon whom, of all who ever lived on earth, would the choice of that great convention fall as its ambassador? When the nominations began, each race would name its favorite son. But those favorite sons, Confucius, Buddha, Socrates, would rise in protest that any name but that of Jesus of Nazareth should be considered. To the Jew he embodies the fulfillment of every hopeful excellence in his ceremonial customs. To all others he is the ideal of strength, beauty, moral perfection. Out to the edges of human explorings the vast throng would follow him on his way to find God.

The hopes of the world center in him. Call him sacrifice, redeemer, mediator—what we will—he bodies up the supreme competency to find a way for the human race back to its God. To the eager intelligence of a morally serious mind no terms of theology are needed to state the adequacy of Jesus to solve whatever moral riddles life may hold. Innumerable multitudes who know but the barest facts about him adore him, believe in, rely upon him to fulfill every hope they have for life beyond the grave.

The vast hordes of humans to whom he means no more than a mere negligible name, are thus indifferent because they know nothing of him, and presently care to know nothing because they deem him an intruder upon their personal liberties to pursue whatever course of practice or pleasure they wish. And even to these there is no other such soul-shocking experience as meeting him face to face and realizing who and what he is to a soul which has not yet been found.

The second fact which is corollary to the sinless Christ is this, that he is the perfect example, and that example makes law for every human. Men ignore that fact to the peril of their souls; they may seek refuge in a refusal to know the example and the law it makes, but in that example and that law will be found the inescapable fact of human experience, either in this or another and subsequent human experience.

Jesus Is Example, Not Model.

To the objection that it is impossible to a human endeavor to follow that example, it is replied that the imitableness is in the motive in that example. One's fulfillment of this duty is never in one's producing an exact copy of Christ, for that is impossible. We copy a model, but Jesus is not a model, he is the example to human beings. The fulfillment, I say, is in putting all of our lesser capacity for unselfishness into an act, as he put all of his boundless capacity for unselfishness into his acts.

The capacity for unselfishness grows by the habit of it, and the will to it. No human has ever kept his high reverence acute by communion with the Christ of his exalted trusts, and pulse his best human will at the disposals and promptings of that Christ, that he has not found living as Christ would want him to live a constantly easier and more joyfully thrilling experience. But one must acquire some degree of passionate desire to be like the Christ before the example shall become a potent lure and the conformity thereto its own reward, a reward which makes the pains to win it seem contemptible.

Paul said this of the reaction upon himself of that devotion of his passion to the vast being whom Christ grew to be within him. "But for Christ's sake I have learned to count my former gains a loss; indeed, I count anything a loss, compared to the supreme value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have lost everything (I count it all veriest refuse), in order to gain Christ."

More Than Experience Meant.

Now he means very much more in these words than the experience coming by merely trying to follow an example which he found in Christ, but that whole astounding career of Paul's is only the unfolding of an inner passion to do in life what Christ told him to do.

In other words, as Christ's example was negatively an absence of evil but, infinitely more, the affirmations of the supremely good, and the destructive evil was eliminated by the constructive good—so Paul released through an abandoned will all the noble impulses of a Christly passion to serve. Evil had small room in such a career. In a word, the example set forth in the sinless Christ may be expressed in this formula, "Life's fulness is realized not in its harmlessness but in its helpfulness."

The third fact, and to hordes of serious souls of primary importance, is this: that sinless Christ affords to the cause of religion an unimpeachable witness.

There are honest souls who hesitate. That they are illogical does not impeach their honesty. That they are superficial and inconclusive in their reasoning does not reduce the pathos of their honest pain that Christianity does not overwhelm them and compel their implicit faith. They hold Christ at arms' length; they stand aloof from him because their minds hesitate at miracles. They wonder that others of known intelligence can so easily believe in miracles as a proof of Christianity. In that wonder is their inconsistency.

Miracles Are Explicable.

The multitudes of devout believers in Christ do not accept him on account of assurance of his miracles; they accept miracles because of their assurance of him. Once one has known him, miracles or any other inexplicable phase of his religion become negligible as drains upon belief. Saul of Tarsus did the inconceivable thing judged by the motives usually actuating men—he forewent everything covetable to a mere practical mind, and not the mere pursuit of them but the thing itself already possessed.

All of which seems, I say, inconceivable, save that, by tokens indisputable, he was convinced that Christ told him to do what he did. The inexplicable Paul becomes the Paul chained to life's highest logic, once you know the Christ whom he knew. If you do not know that Christ then Paul shall probably be always an unsolved riddle to you.

There is nothing in all the literature upon this subject richer than Peter Bayne's altogether too thin a volume on "The Testimony of Christ to Christianity." In all the little book there is nothing greater than the acute analysis in two chapters entitled, "Was Christ's Testimony False?—His Moral Character," and "Was Christ's Testimony Mistaken?—His Intellectual Character."

Book Articulates Faith.

The book is an articulation of the intuitive faith of Christendon concerning its Christ. It is true that that knowledge varies from the loosely disciplined obedience of the novice in Christian practices on up to the lofty self-devotion of the saint,—but something within the human soul feels in the Christ of the New Testament its supreme reliance, its infallible guide, its all-sufficient head.

We may impose upon him the burden of a religion which confronts every base passion of selfishness and commands obedience to a high spiritual law. Once we know him, it is enough; we can defer to know any lesser things, being confident that our best and quickest way of knowing them is by the schooling of obedience to him.

The sinless Christ! He is the challenge to this age. In him we shall probably find solution to every problem both of the personal conscience, of its sense of guilt, its hope of destiny, and to every problem which fevers and fetters the human race as a race.

The times await the master soul, combine of saint and genius, who shall expound the meanings of this greatest fact of human experience in terms of modern logic and experience. He shall be to this age what Paul was to his age and ages following, their greatest benefactor.