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ST. AUGUSTINE'S GIVEN FULL COLLEGE RATING

(Extracts from *The News and Observer*, Raleigh, December 23, 1930.)

That the Institution has been rated as a Standard "A Grade" College by the State Department of Public Instruction was the announcement recently made by the Rev. Edgar H. Goold, President of St. Augustine's College, of Raleigh, conducted under the auspices of the Episcopal Church.

The first class to take the full four year College course will graduate next May. Until recently St. Augustine's has offered only a Junior College course, which was duly accredited by the State authorities.

As a result of a careful inspection of the Institution recently made by a committee from the State College Rating Board, the four years course at St. Augustine's has been duly accredited and notice to that effect sent to the College authorities.

St. Augustine's has recently completed an extensive building program which has made possible the development of College work. The new buildings include the New Benson Library, a gift of the Rev. Dr. A. B. Hunter, formerly the Head of St. Augustine's; the Cheshire Building, containing the College Dining Hall, Domestic Science quarters and other features; the Delany Building, a dormitory for college girls; and House for the Training School for Nurses at St. Agnes Hospital, which is connected with St. Augustine's College. Another unit of the work is the Bishop Tuttle School for Religious and Welfare Workers, which has recently been enlarged and developed, and is in close affiliation with the State Department of Public Welfare.

EDITORIAL

(News and Observer, Raleigh)

In 1867 St. Augustine's School for the education of colored youths was established in Raleigh by the Episcopal Church. It has done excellent work in all these years, adding a Hospital and Nurses' Training School, which filled a real need

Another forward step was taken yesterday when the State College Rating Board gave St. Augustine's full College rating. Mr. Goold, President of the Institution, says that the first class to take the full four-year College Course will graduate next May, former graduates having been given only a Junior College Course.

Raleigh is proud of St. Augustine's and this new recognition.

CONGRATULATORY LETTERS

We print below some of the comments that have come to us as the result of the recent recognition given to our College work.

FROM THE PRESIDING BISHOP OF THE CHURCH

Office of the Presiding Bishop, Jan. 14, 1931. The Reverend Edgar H. Goold, St. Augustine's College, Raleigh, N. C.

My dear Mr. Goold:

It is indeed good news, though not surprising, that St. Augustine's has been given full college rating by the State Department of Public Instruction. You are to be congratulated, as is the Episcopal Church, upon this important step in the development of one of our great schools in the American Church Institute for Negroes. For two generations, the school has been leading the way in the movement for the education of the Negro people. I know that this leadership will be continued, and that the work of St. Augustine's College in its new status will be a cause of encouragement and gratitude wherever its good work is known.

I congratulate the graduating class of next May upon the completion of the first full four-year College course, and I look forward with interest and confidence to the classes which will have the same benefits in the future.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES DEW. PERRY,

Presiding Bishop.

FROM DR. JAMES H. DILLARD President of the Jeanes and Slater Funds

Let me congratulate you and St. Augustine's most heartily on the happy fact that the Institution has become a fully accredited four-year College. I have long hoped for this consummation. It is altogether fitting that St. Augustine's should have become a College in the chain of the excel-

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