

## SUPERINTENDENT LEONARD

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as much of juvenile delinquency as they are able to.

With the steady increase of delinquency in the United States, the question constantly arises in discussion groups as to the permanent corrective value of our present approach to the problem of juvenile delinquency. In our coming Convention we shall be considering how we as club women may work toward reducing the number of delinquents. Statistics alarm us; newspaper accounts make us wonder whether we are sparing the punitive rod and spoiling the wayward child. As splendid as are the accommodations at the Morrison Training School at Hoffman, as spacious and attractive as the dormitories are at the Girls' Training School at Kinston, additional dormitories are needed at both places to take care of children who are on the waiting list because there is no room available.

Teachers in our public schools suffer daily because of the menace of the many incorrigible boys and girls who should be placed in these correctional institutions; some of them on the very threshold of a court sentence, not indicted because of merciful who hope almost against hope that tenderness, love, persuasion, and wholesome schoolroom activities will effect a cure. These children persist in their misdemeanors; they throw rocks at school windows; deface school property in general; they resort to the use of knives in school fights; disobey bus drivers, endangering the lives of other children; they steal; they shamelessly use vulgar and profane language; they are guilty of truancy, of general disobedience to school authorities and to their parents who in most of the cases are themselves unable to offer any help in the solution of the problem. Not all the heathen people live in Africa. We used to sing "Pity them, pity them, Christians at home!" The song might well be changed and there is much pity that they might offer us; for

*"Here in this happy land, we  
have the light;  
Shining from God's own Word,  
free, pure, and bright.*

The task of the Christian minister, no less than that of a truly dedicated teacher is one that calls for seven days' work every week; and demands the cooperation of club women, church women, sororities, and lovers of human progress in every community in North Carolina. There is no time for idleness, nor self-centered living. The North Carolina Federation issues another call! Link up with some organization that works for spreading joy, shedding light, sharing burdens, lifting human beings. In this service, whatever your own problem may be in your home or with your work outside of the home, you will find such a joy and

## Dedication and Naming of New Buildings at Morrison Training School

At two o'clock Sunday afternoon, April 24, 1955, in the auditorium of the Morrison Training School, Hoffman, N. C., exercises were conducted in connection with the naming of several new buildings recently constructed on the school grounds. These exercises, directed by the Advisory Board of the N. C. Board of Correction and Training, grew out of a request made by the Executive Board of the N. C. Federation of Negro Women's Clubs to the State Board of Correction and Training asking that at the dedication of the new buildings at Morrison and Dobbs Farm consideration be given to distinguished Negroes by naming buildings in their honor. Perhaps the most significant achievement in this direction was in the naming of the new, attractive and well appointed Administration Building which was named in honor of the very progressive Superintendent Paul R. Brown and his most capable wife Josephine Stevens Brown.

The late Mr. Thad Tate, prominent citizen of Charlotte, who might well be considered the founder of the Morrison Training School, was honored in the naming of one of the buildings.

Others similarly honored were two other persons of color, names and notes concerning whose achievements will be given in our next issue, as the facts have not been accurately ascertained in time for this issue.

Commissioner Samuel E. Leonard who for all the years of his splendid administration has shown such remarkable interest in the two institutions for training

such a consciousness of helping someone else that your own load becomes lighter. Read Psalm 34:5 in this translation, changing from the declarative to the imperative: "O look unto Me, and ye shall beam with joy."

### *Turn From Self*

*This is the highest teaching,  
The hardest and the best—  
From self to keep still turning,  
And honor all the rest.*

*If one should break the letter,  
Yea, spirit of command,  
Think not that thou art better;  
Thou may'st not always stand!*

*We all are weak—but weaker  
Hold no one than thou art;  
Then, as thou growest meeker,  
Higher will go thy heart.*

—George MacDonald.

In "Poems with Power to Strengthen the Soul."

Negro girls and boys richly deserved the perpetuation of his memorable contribution to the development of these institutions in being honored by the "Leonard Building."

Mrs. Annie K. Bost, widely known throughout North Carolina as Mrs. W. T. Bost, Commissioner of Public Welfare, has the distinction of having her notable services to these institutions and to public welfare recognized in the Annie K. Bost Building.

Mr. D. S. Coltrane, distinguished North Carolina legislator, chairman of the Budget Commission and long-time friend of the cause represented in the development of these institutions, no less than the whole cause of education in the state, was honored by the Board in the naming of the Coltrane Building.

Appearing on the program were the Hon. C. A. Dillon, Chairman of the N. C. Board of Correction and Training; Mr. E. L. Hauser, Superintendent of Public Welfare, Cumberland County; Professor James T. Taylor of N. C. College at Durham; Dr. S. E. Duncan, State Supervisor of High Schools; Mr. John R. Larkins, Consultant of N. C. State Department of Public Welfare, who gave important facts concerning the honorees and the official naming of buildings; Dr. William J. Trent, Jr., of the United Negro College Fund of New York who presented the portrait of his grandfather, the late Mr. Thad Tate, to Commissioner S. E. Leonard to be placed in the Tate Building; and the distinguished guest speaker, Mr. W. J. Kennedy, Jr., President of the N. C. Mutual Life Insurance Company of Durham. Presentations were made by Miss Mae D. Holmes, Superintendent of the Girls' Training School at Kinston, and the beautiful closing prayer by Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown, President Emerita of Palmer Memorial Institute, Sedalia, and founder of the N. C. Federation. Mrs. Rose D. Aggrey, President of the Federation, presided.

Following this program there was a testimonial dinner in the new Dining Hall with numerous beautiful tributes, presentations, fine music and a most delicious dinner with one hundred fifty or more guests. These exercises were presided over by Dr. S. E. Duncan of the Advisory Board.

### HOW MUCH OUGHT I TO GIVE

*Give as you would if an angel  
Awaited your gift at the door;  
Give as you would if tomorrow  
Found you where giving was o'er;  
Give as you would to the Master  
If you met His loving look;  
Give as you would of your substance,  
If His hand your offering took.*

—Author Unknown