

## SIDE-LIGHTS ON THE HISTORY OF ST. AUGUSTINE'S

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### Uniforms

Uniforms for the girls were adopted early in the nineties, but the boys did not begin to wear their military uniforms until 1908. Drill and a modified form of military discipline for high school students were instituted. In 1912 Major A. J. Haywood, a veteran of the Spanish-American War, took charge of the battalion and the band, and served until 1915. The blue uniforms were displaced by khaki under the influence of the World War. The battalion and uniforms for both sexes were discontinued in 1932.

### The Clock Stops

The severity of the financial situation in the early days of his principalship is vividly stated in this little statement appearing in the *Record* of December, 1897.

"Even the old clock which has been ticking away for nearly ten years has stopped now. It cost nearly two dollars to repair it a few months ago. We do not feel able to keep it going. The life of the school is developing better than ever before. There is more of it. The school is full. But the clock is only one of many things that need money to keep them going."

### Immersion

The Chapel at St. Augustine's is equipped with both a font and a pool for the rite of baptism. The rubric on the subject in the Book of Common Prayer states concerning the baptism of an adult that the minister "shall dip him in the water, or pour water upon him." Several persons who have expressed a preference for it, have been baptized by immersion in the pool.

### Horse Frightened

Dr. Hunter was a man of restless energy. When he came to the school in 1888, there was no place on the

campus for him to stay. After a time, during which he lived downtown, the trustees appropriated a small sum to build him a house on the campus. Money was scarce, so Dr. Hunter, without any previous experience, undertook to paint the house himself in the summer vacation. One day while Dr. Hunter was painting outside Dr. Bennett Smedes, the rector of St. Mary's School, drove up to pay a formal call. According to Dr. Hunter he made such an appearance that Dr. Smedes' horse was frightened. Or so Dr. Smedes said.

### Refinement

"The air of refinement which prevails among the girls at St. Augustine's is so marked that when they go out into the city they are recognized not only by their 'blue' but also by their reserved, modest and lady-like bearing.

"The teachers who have them in charge when they are out shopping are never made to feel ashamed at their conduct; but are always proud of them and receive with pleasure the very favorable and well-deserved compliments from the proprietors and clerks of the different stores they visit."—*St. Augustine's Record*, February, 1910.

### Tobacco Barn

The campus of St. Augustine's is one of the beauty spots of Raleigh. Countless visitors have been impressed by the order and beauty of the grounds. Those who enjoy these pleasant surroundings should be grateful to Dr. Hunter, whose artistic sense, foresight and energy made them what they are. One of his last gifts to St. Augustine's was the services of a landscape gardener. In his report to the trustees in 1901 he said, "Our campus was once spoken of as a tobacco barn in the midst of a corn field. Now it is, I am sure, with its wealth of trees, more and