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Dean Boyer was part of St. Augustine's. It is not often that a man is connected with a single institution from the time he finishes college until his death more than forty-five years later. In these days of mobility it is even uncommon for one to have one's residence at the same address for forty-five years.

But there have been other professors who have served long years in one college or university. Dean Boyer did much more than that. For the forty years Dean Boyer served in the classroom he was the actual teacher of the great major-

ity of those who became the alumni of St. Augustine's, as well as of many others who did not graduate. To those whom he did not teach in those days, he was well known nonetheless, for his work was never confined to teaching. At various times during his career he was coach and director of athletics, principal of the academic department, dean of the junior college, and finally first dean of the college. He was active in every part of the institution's life. No one who attended St. Augustine's from 1896 to 1936 was unacquainted with him. Even the children in the grade school saw him and heard him in chapel. He was there always.

His contribution to the academic life of St. Augustine's was inestimable. Coming from Yale at a time when a Negro graduate of that famed institution was hardly less than a seven days' wonder, his scholastic prestige was great. His scholarship and his scholastic ideals were fortunately proportionate to the position he held in the regard of the students and the people. His standards involved uncompromising honesty and thoroughness in class work. He was kind but firm, and insisted on thoroughness. Of the old classical school, he believed in the cultural and disciplinary values of rigid instruction in the ancient languages and mathematics. Whoever passed his courses knew something of the subject.