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THE TRUE GROWTH OF OUR COLLEGE

One name that will ever stand out in our lives is St. Augustine's, our alma mater, whom we pause to honor on her seventy-fifth anniversary.

The seed for the college was planted during a critical time in our history, when the effects of Civil War were sweeping the nation. It was then the St. Augustine's School, destined to become one of the leading institutions of higher learning for Negro youth, was founded. The college has recently been given an "A" rating by the Southern Association of Negro Colleges—an honor that we are proud of, because it marks a very important step in that intellectual growth for which she is ever striving.

Not only has there been true intellectual growth in her seventy-five years of existence, but true spiritual growth as well. St. Augustine's was founded and named under Christian

influence. This fact has remained characteristic of her through the years. It was true in the yester-years and it is true today. Her foundation is firm, and we who have sought her for knowledge have not sought in vain.

Our thanks are due the sincere interest of our benefactors who have contributed to the growth of the college. As long as there is a St. Augustine's the names of Hunter, Delaney and others will live, for they have put their very lives into helping St. Augustine's grow materially, intellectually, and spiritually.

For seventy-five years St. Augustine's has triumphed, but she has not reached the end of her growth, and we who have known and loved her will help to keep her beacon light high. It will extend beyond the campus and the community to all the world.

THE PEN STAFF heartily welcomes all campus visitors to the Seventy-fifth Anniversary Celebration. It is indeed an honor to have

the Rt. Reverend Henry St. George Tucker, and Dr. Ambrose Caliver present to share in the celebration.