

RECORD NOTES

A regional meeting of Alumni and friends of the Bishop Payne Divinity School, of Petersburg, Virginia, was held at St. Augustine's on February 25th, under the auspices of the American Church Institute for Negroes. At the meeting resolutions were adopted advocating the removal of the Institution to Raleigh, so that it may be near St. Augustine's College and enjoy affiliation with it.

Plans were also made for raising money toward the building and equipment program of the School.

Since that time the Trustees of the Bishop Payne Divinity School have voted that the removal of the School to Raleigh is desirable and plans are being matured with this end in view.

Mrs. Mabel C. Latham, Matron and Dean of Women, recently attended a very helpful conference of Advisors of College women held at Talladega College in Alabama. This meeting was sponsored by the National Negro Association of College Women.

A group of St. Augustine's students under the direction of Mrs. Julia Delany presented a short play, "Ridin' the Goat," at the Annual Festival of the Carolina Dramatic Association held at the University of North Carolina, the latter part of March. The St. Augustine's Players were enthusiastically applauded and have received numerous favorable criticisms on their performance, including commendation from Mr. Frederick Koch, director of the Carolina Playmakers, and Mr. N. C. Newbold, State Director of Negro Education.

St. Augustine's will this year graduate its first four-year college Class, with appropriate degrees, at Commencement, May 27th.

The Alumni Association is urging graduates and former students to attend the Commencement exercises and celebrate a Home Coming in recognition of the event.

The Choral Club, under the direction of Mr. Caldwell, rendered a beautiful Musical of Easter music on the afternoon of the First Sunday after Easter. The College Chapel was crowded with students and friends from Raleigh.

Beautiful palms for the College Chapel were sent us for the Palm Sunday service by Mr. J. C. DuBignon, of Brunswick, Ga., a former student, and by Mr. John T. Clark, of Tampa, Fla., the father of one of our present students.

Clergy who have recently given sermons or addresses in the College Chapel include the Rev. Bravid W. Harris, rector of Grace Church, Norfolk, Virginia; the Rev. Eugene Henderson, rector of St. Titus Church, Durham, N. C.; the Rev. Jacob Jones, rector of All Saints Church, Warrenton, N. C., and our Honorary President, the Rev. Dr. A. B. Hunter.

Captain B. Frank Mountford of the Church Army has also visited the campus and talked to the students in the Chapel and at the Bishop Tuttle School.

One of the most loyal former students of St. Augustine's, Mrs. Polly King, widow of the late Rev. James E. King, died in Wilmington, N. C., on April 6th. Her loss is mourned by many friends throughout the State.

The St. Augustine's Conference for Clergy and other Church workers will be held the first week in June. Full information can be secured from the Executive Secretary, Mr. Arthur P. Chippey, St. Augustine's College.

The March issue of the North Carolina Teachers' Record, published by the North Carolina Negro Teachers' Association, contains an article on the teaching of General Science in Secondary Schools by Professor Chippey, the head of the St. Augustine's College Science Department.

THE BISHOP TUTTLE SCHOOL

There is a Woman's Auxiliary branch in the Tuttle School with six members, and every member is an officer, so that we cover the work of the Auxiliary by activity in each department. Aside from that the regular work of the school brings us in touch with the various phases, for the problems with which the girls are working in their training are those with which the Auxiliary deals. Religious education, social service, missions, the United Thank Offering—they are the very foundation stones on which we build.

The end of the year is in sight now, and excitement runs high as positions for the seniors are secured, and summer work for the juniors is arranged. Prospects are bright for them all and the emphasis this year is stronger for Church work than it has been before. The field work is coming to a triumphant close with a Mother and Daughter Banquet to which every Negro club and organization in Raleigh will contribute something. We are almost ready to move over the hundred and thirty children, members of the various clubs, now raging through this house, to the beautiful little Community House that Mrs. Hunter has provided for us just around the corner. It means the greatest expansion of our usefulness and will afford many valuable opportunities. The class in handicrafts has some truly lovely pottery to show, and is working now on rugs.

Meanwhile regular class work goes on, with outside speakers and interesting guests and an occasional party. Gardening has revived and the enthusiastic interest and cooperation of some of the seniors have greatly stimulated our landscape hopes.

I was utterly dismayed, before coming to St. Augustine's, by Deaconess Carter's saying that I should have to learn to ask for money, and have been congratulating myself through the years because I have had so little of it to do. But when a grandchild appears, courage rises, and now I am eager to ask for help for the new activities at the Community House. It must be furnished and run, I know well that we have good friends who will be interested to share in one or the other of those aspects of the work. We need equipment for every kind of club. We need furniture for a living room, a large enclosed piazza, a reading room, a kitchen. There are two bed rooms. Can't you see the possibilities?

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