

RECORD NOTES

The formal opening of the College occurred on Thursday, Sept. 25th, although students had been arriving and registering for several days previous. The opening service was held in the Chapel. Bishop Cheshire, who has been President of the Board of Trustees since 1893 greeted the students, calling their attention to the increased advantages offered them at the "New" St. Augustine's. Addresses were also made by Rev. Harvey Cox, and the Rev. Thomas Clarkson, both of Raleigh; and the Rev. Sanford Rotter of Virginia. Several friends of the College, who usually attend the opening service were absent attending the General Convention in Denver.



The enrollment in the College Department this year is 181, classified as follows: Seniors, 17; Juniors, 28; Sophomores, 50; Freshmen, 86. The enrollment in this department shows an increase of about 25 over that of last year. The total enrollment of the Institution will be somewhat larger than last year.

At the first staff meeting, which is attended by teachers and officers of all departments, new members were introduced and made brief addresses. The new members include Miss Thedora Boyd, a graduate and Master of Arts of Radcliffe College, who is to teach French; Miss Estelle Grayson, a graduate of the Library School of Hampton, who is to assist in the Library; Miss Elsie M. Cook, a former worker at Tongaloo College and Talladega College, who will act as Secretary and Registrar; Mr. S. S. Woods, a graduate of Friends' College, Wichita, Kansas, who is to be a teaching fellow in Science, and Miss Marie Gary, who graduated last year from the St. Agnes Training School for Nurses and is returning to be a member of the Hospital Staff.

Miss Bertha Richards, Dean of the Bishop Tuttle School, also made a talk on her trip to the General Convention at Denver.



The annual session of the Colored Convocation of the Diocese of North Carolina was held at St. Titus Church, Durham, October 11-12. Dean Boyer of the College, and Mrs. Bromley in charge of the welfare work at the Bishop Tuttle School were among the speakers. The Rev. Mr. Goold, Mr. Chippey, and Mr. Lynch of the St. Augustine's faculty were also present. Numerous graduates and former students of St. Augustine's were in attendance.



The New Benson Library made some interesting statements in the regular State report in June. Our circulation for the eight months was 6,960 books; 1,400 books were added during the year;

80 periodicals were regularly received. The number of volumes in the library November 15, 1931, is 11,300 as compared to 9,400 in September, 1930. We hope to have 12,000 by spring. We are grateful for some Rosenwald aid and the promise of aid from the Church Periodical Club but there is still great expense being borne by the College and we do hope for gifts.

We are very glad to welcome Miss Estelle Grayson as assistant-librarian. Miss Grayson has her A.B. Degree from Simmons College, Kentucky, and she is a graduate of the Library School of Hampton.
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A silver cup has been anonymously donated to be awarded to the student participating in athletics who maintains the highest average in scholarship for the school year 1931-1932.



New courses added to the college curriculum this term include Shakespearean Drama; Negro Problems, Urban and Rural; Introduction to Business and Finance, and the History and Appreciation of Music.



Armistice Day was observed with brief but appropriate exercises in the Chapel. Several of the students, under the direction of Mr. Caldwell, rendered appropriate musical and literary selections.

On the Sunday before Armistice Day the Rev. Mr. Goold preached on the subject of Peace and read the section about World Peace in the report of the Committee of Twenty-one appointed by the recent General Convention. Special devotions in connection with the observance of the day as one of Prayer and Penitence were also used.



Dr. George Foster Peabody, for many years a friend and helper of St. Augustine's has recently sent for distribution to our College students copies of the remarkable address delivered last summer to the graduates of St. Lawrence University by Mr. Owen D. Young. In sending the copies of the address, Dr. Peabody wrote:

"This address impresses me as one of the most important utterances of our generation. In view of my long time activity in educational efforts, I requested permission to print some thousands of copies for special circulation among the members of faculties and student bodies of schools and colleges with which I have special responsibility. May I, therefore, venture to suggest to the recipients that a careful study of these pages will prove of great benefit. I count myself highly privileged to send abroad these words of wisdom so effectively condensed. I believe this to be an invaluable gift to every earnest reader."