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CHRISTMAS AT ST. AUGUSTINE'S—1931

Hark! What do we hear in the still of the night! The Christmas carolers singing "Holy Night, Silent Night," "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" and other carols, ushering in the birthday of the Christ, born so many years ago in Bethlehem. The Christmas spirit had been felt for weeks around the campus. Plans were made to make those less fortunate than ourselves happy at Christmas. Many toys were left in the office for the children of the community, to be distributed later by the young women of the Bishop Tuttle School. Each class in the school made gifts of money, designating where they wished it to go. This year the Community House seemed to be uppermost in the minds of the students. In spite of hard times a goodly sum was realized for this most worthy cause.

The day before Christmas, cheer was brought to those ill in the hospital. A service was held in the hospital chapel, and afterward those who were able gathered round a large holly tree beautifully decorated. Each patient was remembered with a gift. The annual presentation of the Nativity was given Christmas Eve and was most impressive.

Christmas morning all gathered in the chapel, appropriately decorated with poinsettias and pine boughs. We had a splendid service followed by Communion. During Christmas week a large magnolia tree sent forth lights of many colors. And so my first Christmas at St. Augustine's ends, one which to me was most significant in that the spirit of giving rather than receiving seemed to prevail.

E. M. C.

LIBRARY NOTES

Benson Library is the proud possessor of an incunabulum, the gift of Dr. A. B. Hunter. As the name implies, it is a book printed before 1500, and it is of special interest to us as it contains the writings of our St. Augustine. We hope to suitably display the book in the library. The library faced the college year with the problem of purchasing over 1,000 books before Spring in order to meet the college standard of 12,000 volumes. The Church Periodical Club agreed to purchase one hundred books selected by the librarian. This has been a great help. Due to

financial changes, we will need more help in order to achieve our goal. We hope friends of the college who read this will find it possible to help us. One or two books from each reader would accomplish much for us. The librarian is willing to correspond with anyone as to needed books and book prices.

P. A. S.

COLLEGE CONFERENCE

The North Carolina Negro College Conference held its annual meeting at Bennett College for Women, Greensboro, N. C., January 16, 1932.

Interesting and profitable discussions resulted from the several papers presented. They all centered around the economic condition of the times and its effect upon teachers' salaries, and the attendance of students.

It was generally considered the best and most helpful of the meetings which have been held by the Conference.

There were representatives from nearly all of the colleges of the State. St. Augustine's was represented by Mr. Arthur C. Chipkey, head of the Science Department and Dean Charles H. Boyer.

Among the officers chosen for the ensuing year was Dean Boyer, treasurer. Upon invitation, the Conference voted to meet at St. Augustine's in 1933.

C. H. B.

SAINT AGNES HOSPITAL

There seems but little to write of St. Agnes Hospital since all of our efforts are directed towards keeping open in order to minister to a people who have but little for food and nothing for hospitals or doctors. Without sufficient income to meet daily needs there can be no progress as all progress calls for added expenditure.

The bright spot in December was a visit to the hospital by Dr. Charles T. Mayo. His stay was a very brief one, but he found time to say a few words to the members of the Staff who met him here and to the Interns.

We are happy to know that the name of our Training School appears in the list of accredited schools as compiled by the National League of Nursing Education, and we hope to be able to meet future requirements so that it may remain there.

F. A. W.