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ST. AGNES HOSPITAL

The Church paper, *The Witness*, in the issue for January 28th carries an article about St. Agnes written by Mrs. Worrall, the Superintendent. It is one of a series of articles about Church hospitals which the *Witness* has been featuring for several weeks. We print below some extracts from what Mrs. Worrall wrote:

St. Agnes Hospital was founded in 1896 and owes its inception to Mrs. Sarah B. Hunter, the wife of the then principal of St. Augustine's School. It now is proud of the fact that it is a part of St. Augustine's College and therefore its Training School for Nurses, one of the schools fostered by the Church Institute for Negroes, whose sympathetic aid has helped it to its rating as "Class A" school.

The hospital, started in a small way because Mrs. Hunter saw the need for colored nurses to care for their own people as well as for hospitalization for these people, demonstrated clearly its usefulness. It soon outgrew its quarters and in 1908 the present building was opened. It is built of native stone, quarried on the grounds and it is said that the late Bishop Delany was very proud of having laid the first stone.

It is, today much the same as when first built, although a fire in 1926 made it possible to do some remodeling, notably the roof which changes the contour of the main building. It now has an annex built in 1924 as a memorial to Dr. Mary L. Glenton who had been the superintendent for some years before her death in 1923.

The present buildings have room for one hundred patients, for the most part charity cases.

The low prices paid for cotton and tobacco have made it almost impossible for the patients to pay for hospitalization and where once two-thirds, at least, of our patients were paying their way, today less than one-third pay anything.

In spite of our poverty we have managed so far to keep open and no one needing care has been turned from the door because of our lack of funds.

We try to believe that we are no worse off than many other hospitals, better off than some, for we do have the Woman's Auxiliary to look to for linen and surgical dressings.

No article about St. Agnes' Hospital would be complete without mention of our Library. It is housed in a room on the second floor of the New Benson Library, St. Augustine's College and is directly under the supervision of Miss Snodgrass, the Librarian. It, too, owes its existence to the women of the Church, for it is largely the gift of the Church Periodical Club.

Here, every day, you will find nurses studying, for its more than five hundred volumes and its seventeen medical and hospital journals are for their use as much as for the use of the internes and the medical staff.

Having presented our work what is our need? Easily answered by one who knows—a more adequate endowment!—\$5,000.00 will endow a bed, \$2,000.00 will endow a day. Would you not like to give now or in your will in memory of some loved one, either one of these? You will be helping not only to keep alive a memory, but to bring help to succor to those who, probably, are the most needy of our citizens.

THE BISHOP TUTTLE SCHOOL

The Tuttle School has had a most satisfactory board meeting. To have Bishop Creighton, Rev. C. R. Barnes, Miss Lindley, Mrs. Allison, Mrs. Bickett and Miss Claudia Hunter think it was worth the time it took—Mrs. Allison was here four days—set the school in a new light. It was a great help to have the chance to talk over problems with such wise and understanding friends, who had authority too to answer questions and make decisions. They were encouraging, but they look to us for far higher standards in scholarship and ideals.

Beside the inspiration they brought we have had other speakers, Rabbi Frank gave us a lecture on the Prophets with special emphasis on Deutero-Isaiah and it made a thrilling close to our Old Testament study and led us from the old Judean days into the world strain of these difficult days of our own. Coming from St. Mary's School Mrs. Fletcher gave us a summary of New Testament approach and the Rev. Mr. Fletcher reviewed for us the developments through the Christian centuries that lead up to today's difficulties with a stirring picture of the loss of leadership the Church has suffered and must regain. Dr. Hunter talked to us of the Reformation in England, and Mr. Goold made clear the great influence in evangelism and philosophy of the eighteenth century. It has been a rich experience.

Now we are settling down to steady work—and to a search for work for the members of this senior class who will graduate in May.

B. R.