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THE BISHOP TUTTLE SCHOOL

For what kind of work is the Bishop Tuttle School training? Its thirty-eight graduates are doing many different kinds of work according to the opportunities that have offered. There is that in the small southern town such as the place where we have a church building but no resident Negro priest. The work has the oversight of the white clergyman of the town and has been developed by a Negro layman and physician. Our graduate has taken hold of all the problems—the Sunday School, its teachers, attendance, curriculum—the young people, their recreation and interests—the Woman's Auxiliary and its opportunities and educational features and relations to "281." She finds and prepares candidates for Baptism and has demonstrated that her special field is not "raising money." She works with the leaders of the other churches of the town and they are finding that there are possibilities of cooperation. She secured a small shanty opposite the Church, had it cleaned and whitewashed, cleaned up the yard, laid out a tennis court, collected some books and magazines, and behold a "Community Center."

We have another graduate in a small mid-west city where a Church and parochial school are being run with absolutely no equipment, a leaking roof, one stove around which they huddle, no supply of books or blackboards or materials of any kind. Another has just gone to work under a County Supervisor of Public Welfare. She is to begin with trying to bring children to school, which will mean attacking every problem of the rural section—not only the need for food and clothes but also the behavior and habits that are tied up with the whole question of children running wild. Remember this worker as she tries to do this for the State in the same way that she would do it for the Church.

These are examples of some of the work, a far cry from other positions in public welfare in such cities as Newark, Washington, Louisville, St. Louis, agencies that are the last word in efficient management, and different again from the work with girls in the Church Mission of Help, and from that in the five State homes, in New Jersey, and Delaware, and Maryland, and Virginia, and North Carolina, from court work, and County Work and Traveller's Aid. They are in South

Carolina under Archdeacon Baskervill and carrying the training and experience into hospital work, school work and parish work. Eight have served the Associated Charities in Washington for varying lengths of time, and six the St. Louis Provident Association.

With the quality of this work in mind and because girls with these possibilities deserve the best preparation they can be given, it is now a graduate school, the entrance requirement a degree from a standard college. In exceptional cases only is less than this accepted and then only when there is also definite experience or training in some recognized social or religious agency.

What are they being trained for? We do not know, but we watch them and study them and pray that the two years here in the school may indeed prepare them for the work that will be given them to do.

B. R.

SAINT AGNES HOSPITAL

There seems little to record that is new about St. Agnes Hospital since struggles to economize more and more in the use of supplies, and to limit purchases to absolute necessities are the same things that most institutions are doing.

Our library—so much the gift of the C. P. C.—has assumed the proportions of a real library and next to our home is perhaps the thing in which we take most pride. It is here, surrounded by reference books, that the nurses spend their study hours.

Our resident physician, Dr. W. F. Clark, completed his fourth year September first, and much to our gratification has opened an office in Raleigh. This made it possible for him to receive a staff appointment as assistant orthopedist, and for him to continue some special pathological work for the hospital, that is very essential if we would keep our standing in the National Association.

I have been collecting new spellings of "Agnes" of which perhaps the most common are "Agness" and "Agnest" and one, on a recent letter one of the more uncommon. "Aginiel." The Post Office Department always knows us, apparently, for no matter how weird the spelling or whether we figure as a "Hoptice" or a "Horse Pittle" the letters reach us even though Raleigh may be left off or have become "Rawl" or "Rali Jeh."

On the Quiet Day of Prayer, the Hospital Chapel was constantly occupied as all of the nurses and even an intern took periods for prayer. One nurse asked for an early morning assignment as on Armistice Day her family had always said prayers, fasting. I think all felt it a privilege to join with the world in such an observance of the day.

F. A. W.