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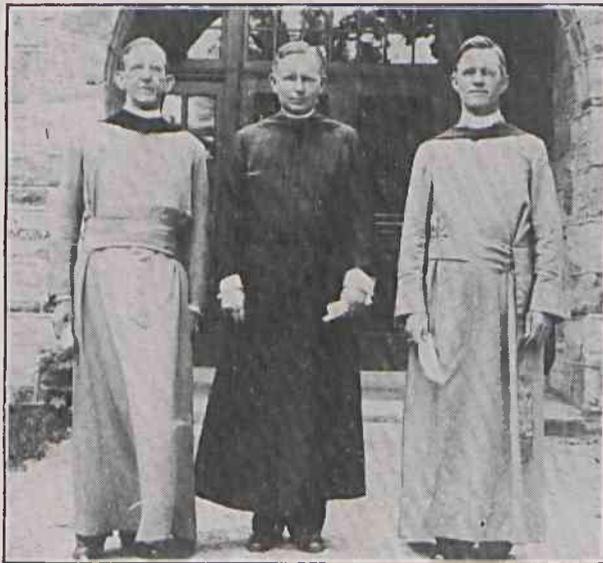
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### THE SIXTY-SEVENTH COMMENCEMENT

Three bishops of the Episcopal Church, more than a hundred alumni, and hundreds of visitors attended the 67th Commencement of St. Augustine's. Bishop Robert E. Gribbin, D.D., of the Diocese of Western North Carolina, delivered the commencement address, after an introduction by Bishop Penick, of the Diocese of North Carolina. Bishop Thomas C. Darst of Eastern Carolina said



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the benediction. Rev. Samuel W. Grice of New York, and Rev. George M. Plaskett, of Orange, trustees, also took part in the exercises.

Bishop Gribbin, in a simple but masterly address, called on the graduates to maintain the same balance in their life activities as was evidenced in the *curriculum* they had pursued. Playing on the second key word of his address, *diploma*, he urged the graduates to realize that they were representatives, accredited diplomats, who would be looked upon as ambassadors of the college, as testimony to the feasibility of higher education for Negroes, to the efficacy of education in religious institutions of learning. The responsibility resting on those who have been

given superior advantages by parents, state, and Church was emphasized when the Bishop pointed out that the original meaning of the word *alumnus* was, one educated at public expense for public service.

Dorothy Scott, of Savannah, Ga., represented the College Preparatory Department graduating class, and Lloyd H. Davis, of Cullowhee, N. C., the College Department graduates, with speeches. Edith E. Chisholm, of Charleston, S. C., spoke for the Bishop Tuttle School graduates. "The Emergency Kit in the Home," a striking demonstration, was presented by W. Lucille Zimmerman, of Anderson, S. C., and Ethel L. Wright, of Morganton, N. C., two of the graduates of St. Agnes Training School for Nurses. The Choral Club rendered several selections, including the spiritual, "No Hidin' Place."

The following prizes and awards were announced: The Dr. Milton A. Barber oratorical award of ten dollars for a student of the College, to James A. Johnson, of Hot Springs, Arkansas; Omega Psi Phi prize of ten dollars to the freshman best exemplifying the fraternity's principles, to Matthew W. Jones, of Spartanburg, S. C.; High School Declamation Contest Winners: Amanda Gates, of Coldwater, Michigan, and St. Julian Simpkins, Jr., of Pineville, S. C., a class banner each; Choral Club awards for faithful and outstanding performance, and for most improvement, to Marion Davis, of Raleigh, and Charles Johnson, of New Bern, N. C., respectively.

The degree of Bachelor of Arts was conferred upon 24 candidates, and the Bachelor of Science degree on six. Four graduates received the certificate from the Bishop Tuttle School, and nine nurses were graduated. Twelve graduates of the College Preparatory Department received certificates.

Rev. John H. Johnson, able young vicar of St. Martin's Church, New York, was the preacher at the Baccalaureate service.

"There are three things about St. Augustine's which particularly impress me," said Rev. John H. Johnson, vicar of St. Martin's Church, New York, who was the baccalaureate preacher at the local college's commencement exercises. "First, the growth in size and beauty of the plant. Nine years ago when I was last here it was not nearly so impressive. Another thing is the quality of the student body. It impresses me as being alert, responsive, and unusually courteous. Finally, the air of harmony among the members of the staff, both white and colored, is something I had heard of but never seen."—From the *Raleigh News and Observer*.