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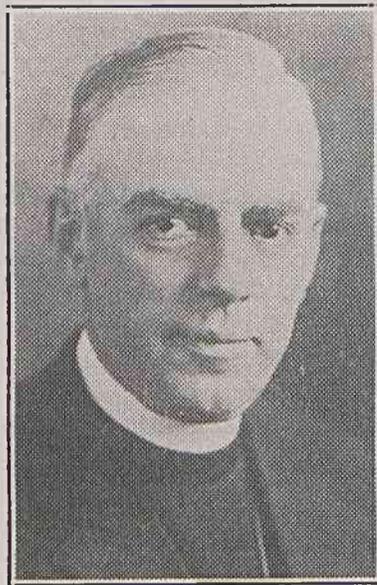
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THE SIXTY-EIGHTH COMMENCEMENT

In deliberate and impressive style Rt. Rev. Philip Cook, D.D., Bishop of Delaware and President of the National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church, addressed the graduates and a large audience at the 68th Annual Commencement Exercises of St. Augustine's College, May 29th.



RT. REV. PHILIP COOK, D.D.
Commencement Speaker

Bishop Cook had as the theme of his address the three principal motivating forces of life: "The wage, the work, and the master." Vocational opportunity and a fair wage for those who are willing to work must be assured to guarantee the economic independence due all those who merit it by their willingness and ability to work. "No job is so exalted that the question of the wage should not enter in," he said. "No one who must be a beggar can command the respect of the community." An adjustment of wage to job is necessary to bring about justice in our twisted economic system, he added.

But the wage is not the only motive, nor the chief one, the Bishop asserted. Quoting Ruskin, he showed that the work itself should be a more important driving force than the compensation.

There is some work, like teaching, the ministry, medicine, and social service, where it is recognized that the joy of the work is higher compensation than any wage. Bishop Cook warned the graduates that those who put the fee before the job would better stay out of such vocations.

The highest motive, Bishop Cook concluded, is loyalty to the master. Pointing out how great leaders of men like Washington could inspire loyalty, he closed with the tribute of H. G. Wells to the historical character, Jesus. Jesus, said Wells, who is not a Christian, must be ranked as the greatest character of all the ages, because he stands unique in the power to inspire loyalty and devotion, century after century. Devotion to the Master, Jesus Christ, is the greatest possible motivating force in the life of the individual and the world, the speaker said in conclusion.

Degrees and diplomas were conferred by President Edgar H. Goold. Prizes were awarded as follows: DuBignon Declamation Contest Banner, to John S. Simpkins, of the junior college preparatory class; Lewis Declamation Contest Banner, to Irene S. Pope, of the senior college preparatory class; Dr. Milton A. Barber Oratorical Prize of ten dollars, to Mary Clifton, of the college junior class; Beta Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Award of ten dollars to the freshman best exemplifying the fraternity ideals, to Rufus Parrish, Jr.; Special Dramatic Prize, to Fernando Oger, of the graduating class; Choral Club prizes: most improvement, to Wilma Levister; outstanding performances, to Matthew Jones. Special prize offered by Rev. D. Leroy Ferguson for the student in freshman English showing the most improvement during the year, to Dorothy J. Bullock. Special prize offered by Dr. Edward Bowden, for excellence in the natural sciences, to John Perry.

Rev. Robert W. Patton, D.D., director of the American Church Institute for Negroes, patron organization for Negro Episcopal schools, was present on the platform. Mrs. A. B. Hunter, widow of the late honorary president, and herself former head of St. Agnes Hospital, was in the audience. The benediction was said by the Rt. Rev. Thomas C. Darst, D.D., Bishop of East Carolina. The president of the Board of Trustees, Rt. Rev. Edwin A. Penick, D.D., Bishop of North Carolina, introduced the speaker, Bishop Cook, who was his guest during the latter's visit here.

The graduating class donated to the institution, through the Alumni Association, a sum of money to begin a student loan fund. The presentation was made at the commencement exercises by Dr. Edson E. Blackman, '13, president of the Alumni Association.