

CONFERENCE GREAT SUCCESS

Representatives of dioceses and parishes from Pennsylvania to Florida attended the 28th annual St. Augustine's Conference for Church Workers, held on the campus of St. Augustine's College May 31st through June 4th. With an enlarged faculty, several special features, and a registration of 110 (largest in many years), this year's conference proved to be one of the most successful ever held.

Daily courses were conducted in such subjects as, Youth and Our Society, Religious Education, Use of Dramatics in the Church, Use of Music in the Church, Functions of the Woman's Auxiliary, and Personal Religion, in addition to intensive courses for Sunday School teachers. Special lectures were given by Bishop Edwin A. Penick, Lawrence A. Oxley of the U. S. Department of Labor and Stephen E. Burroughs, chairman of the Finance Committee of the Diocese of North Carolina. Among other special features were included, a lecture, "Ministering to the Sick," by Rev. Jean Andre Yache, rector of St. Andrew's Church, Greensboro, North Carolina; an organ recital by Prof. R. F. Houston, director of music, St. Augustine's; an address by Rev. Cyril E. Bentley, associate director of the American Church Institute for Negroes, and a play by members of the college dramatic club.

The conference faculty included, in addition to those already mentioned: Rev. James K. Satterwhite, rector of St. Elizabeth's Church, La Grange, Ga., parish problems; Miss Esther V. Brown, National Field Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary; Miss Louise McKinney, of the Bishop Tuttle School; Mrs. William J. Gordon, president of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese of North Carolina; Mrs. Julia B. Delany, director of Dramatics, St. Augustine's; Miss Roberta Lassiter, social worker, Fort Valley (Georgia) Normal and Industrial School; Miss Maude Cutler, of the Department of Religious Education, Diocese of North Carolina, and Miss Ruth L. Stephenson, of the Bishop Tuttle School. Rev. Alfred S. Lawrence, rector of the Chapel of the Cross, Chapel Hill, N. C., usually a member of the conference faculty, was prevented by illness from offering his usual courses.

This annual conference, which has for its purpose "to train and stimulate worthy and capable leaders for the work of the Church, with emphasis on religious education, missions, social service and a flexible program for young people," is made possible by the coöperation of the American Church Institute for Negroes and St. Augustine's College. The Institute, of which Rev. Robert W. Patton, D.D., is director, was represented by Rev. Cyril E. Bentley, associate director, and Dr. Wallace A. Battle, field secretary.

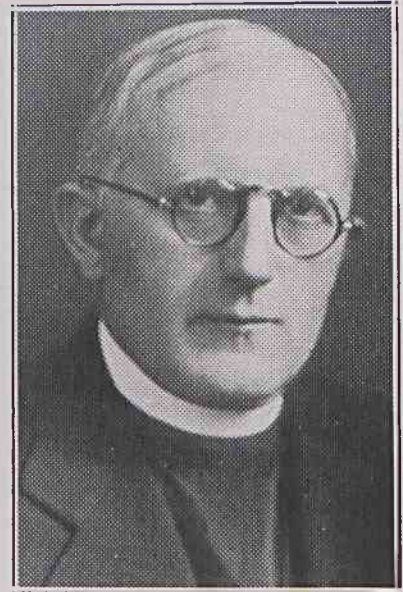
Administrative officers of the conference are: Rev. Edgar H. Goold, president of St. Augustine's, chairman; Dean Bertha Richards, of the Bishop Tuttle School, treasurer; Prof. Arthur P. Chippey, of St. Augustine's, executive secretary, and Ven. E. L. Baskervill, D.D., Archdeacon of the Diocese of South Carolina, chaplain. Because of illness, Archdeacon Baskervill was unable to attend, and his functions were performed by Rev. R. I. Johnson, of New Bern, N. C., and Rev. J. Clyde Perry, of Brunswick, Ga.

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San Antonio, the state, and the nation at large paid fitting tribute to President Artemisia Bowden—in recognition of her thirty-five years of faithful and loyal service at St. Philip's Junior College. Prominent educators throughout the nation sent messages of felicitation in recognition of the anniversary. One of the most touching came from the Rev. Edgar H. Goold, president of St. Augustine's College. Among other things, he said, "It gives us great pleasure here at St. Augustine's College, your alma mater, to take this feeble but sincere means of joining in the public tribute being paid to you. . . . We regret that distance prevents the actual presence of a large delegation to speak for us at this occasion in which we feel great, but, we believe, justifiable pride. You stand in the very first rank of our graduates in exemplifying and living the ideals and precepts of St. Augustine's College."—Adapted from accounts in the San Antonio Register.

Miss Bowden was graduated from our normal department in 1900, and from the college department in 1935. Rev. Henry J. C. Bowden, '21, a brother, was guest speaker at the Founder's Day exercises at St. Philip's.



Rev. G. Warfield Hobbs, D.D.

SEVENTIETH YEAR ENDS

The seventieth annual commencement of St. Augustine's College culminated on Wednesday, May 26th, with the awarding of degrees, diplomas and certificates of graduation to fifty-three members of the senior classes of the college department, the Bishop Tuttle School for religious and social workers, St. Agnes Hospital Training School for Nurses, and the two-year college preparatory department.

An unusually striking and inspiring address was made by the commencement speaker, the Rev. G. Warfield Hobbs, D.D., Editor of the *Spirit of Missions* and Secretary of the Department of Publicity for the National Council of the Episcopal Church. Dr. Hobbs congratulated the Rev. Edgar H. Goold, president of the college, on the completion of twenty-five years of service at St. Augustine's, and commended the excellence of his administration as president, during which administration the institution has made such great progress.

Speaking to each group of graduates in turn, Dr. Hobbs vividly pointed out the type of service open to them, and the high privilege accorded to them as leaders of the race, as college graduates, teachers, social workers and nurses. He expressed the hope that the graduates had gained a "plus" beyond mere knowledge, from their years of contact with an institution operated under the auspices of the Church.

Dr. Hobbs decried alarmist and pessimistic attitudes so prevalent today, and characterized most of the apprehensions in the minds of graduates as to their possibilities of success as "bugaboos." The greatest adversary to be conquered, he said, was self, and the chief enemy and obstacle was within the individual.

Dr. Hobbs was presented by the Rt. Rev. Edwin A. Penick, D.D., bishop of North Carolina and president of the Board of Trustees of St. Augustine's. Prayers were said by the Rev. Samuel W. Grice, of New York City, and the final benediction was pronounced by the Rt. Rev. Thomas C. Darst, D.D., bishop of East Carolina, both members of the Board. Degrees and diplomas were conferred by President Goold, on the candidates presented by Acting Dean R. L. Lynch, acting as head of the college and also principal of the college preparatory department; Dean Bertha Richards of the Bishop Tuttle School, and Miss Lucile Zimmerman, representing Mrs. Frances A. Worrall, superintendent of St. Agnes Hospital.

The baccalaureate sermon was delivered May 23d by the Rev. F. Ricksford Meyers, M.A., S.T.B., of St. Luke's Chapel, New York City. The Rev. Mr. Meyers is a St. Augustine's graduate of the class of 1921, and was formerly a member of the faculty of St. Augustine's.