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## ST. AUGUSTINE'S REPRESENTED AT INAUGURATIONS

The Rev. Robert J. Johnson, '06, rector of St. Mary's Church, Hot Springs, Ark., represented St. Augustine's College at the ceremonies marking the induction of Dr. M. L. Harris as president of Philander Smith College, Little Rock, Ark.

Mr. Johnson writes, "The exercises were very impressive and were enjoyed by a large audience. It was a pleasure to serve as a representative of St. Augustine's College."

The Rev. George F. Bragg, Jr., D.D., rector of St. James' Church, Baltimore, and venerable scholar and Church historian, was personal representative for President Goold at the recent inauguration of Dr. Dwight O. W. Holmes as president of Morgan College. Dr. Bragg in remarks addressed to Dr. Holmes said, in part:

"Because of the inability of the Rev. Edgar H. Goold, president of St. Augustine's College, to lend his personal presence on this historic occasion, the delightful privilege and honor have fallen upon me.

"Morgan College, as well as St. Augustine's College, came into existence . . . in 1867. Both were inspired through the spirit of Christian benevolence to minister to the greatest need of a group of people just physically emancipated but groping in intellectual and spiritual darkness."

Dr. Bragg went on to comment on the fact that Bishop Atkinson, one of the founders of St. Augustine's, was for many years rector of a church in Baltimore, and there had contact with St. James' Church at the time when it was the only church in the South with a Negro rector and vestry. This contact, he said, gave the man who was to be the Bishop of North Carolina during the years of the War and the Reconstruction "the vision and inspiration for the opportunity opened to him" in that position.

## TO OBSERVE ANNIVERSARY

St. Augustine's opened its sessions on January 13, 1868, although the corporate life of the institution is dated from the granting of the charter July 19, 1867. This school year being the seventieth anniversary of the opening of St. Augustine's a celebration is being planned for the thirteenth of January, "Anniversary Day." Arrangements are not complete, but it has been definitely decided to have this date set aside for activities on the campus which will emphasize the illustrious past of the institution and the promise of the future. A history of St. Augustine's is now in process of publication and should be ready for the many friends who will wish to purchase a copy before Anniversary Day. A *History of St. Augustine's—1867-1937* will be a complete chronicle of the first seventy years of the life of the institution, and will represent the first effort to give the entire story of St. Augustine's.

A special message to the alumni from Dr. Blackman relative to the observance of Anniversary Day will be found in the Alumni News of this issue of the RECORD.

## OUR ENROLLMENT

The opening this year was marked by a larger enrollment within the first few days of the term than ever before, although in recent years the tendency of the students to register promptly has been continually growing. One of the largest freshman classes in recent years was admitted, the total being ninety-three. The total enrollment of the institution is about 300. The roster of the student body reveals that St. Augustine's continues to spread her influence over an ever widening territory. This year in the college, the high school, St. Agnes Training School and Bishop Tuttle School the following states and foreign countries are represented:

Alabama, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia and the District of Columbia; Cuba, The Bahamas, Trinidad and the Virgin Islands. A little more than half of the students come from places outside of North Carolina, and of those from beyond the State about half are from northern states and foreign countries.

## AT THE OPENING

The seventy-first opening exercises brought a visit and an inspiring address from the Chairman of our Board of Trustees, Bishop Edwin A. Penick. Also bringing greetings were, the Rev. J. McDowell Dick, another trustee, and rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd of this city; the Rev. Harvey Cox, formerly of Raleigh, and now rector of the Church of the Messiah, Mayodan, and Rev. Othello D. Stanley, '27, rector of St. Titus' Church, Durham. Mr. Stanley, whose avocation, partly learned while a student here, is fine woodworking, presented a hymn board for the Chapel.

Dr. Edson E. Blackman, president of the Alumni Association and an alumni trustee, sent the following telegram from Charlotte: "Kindly convey to the students and faculty the greetings of the Alumni Association, with the hope that the year just started will be the best in the history of our Alma Mater."

## CANON BELL VISITS

St. Augustine's enjoyed in October an extended visit from the Rev. Bernard Iddings Bell, D.D., Honorary Canon of St. John's Cathedral in Providence, R. I., and former warden of St. Stephen's College. Dr. Bell, internationally distinguished as preacher, writer and educator, delivered a series of lectures here, and conducted a meditation for the entire student body. He showed an intense interest in the academic and other phases of the work of the institution, and made many personal contacts with students and members of the staff during his stay of nearly a week. The presence of Dr. Bell was helpful and stimulating intellectually and spiritually. Echoes of his visit will be heard for a long time to come. We hope that we impressed him somewhat as favorably as he impressed us.