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BISHOP TUTTLE SCHOOL

We believe in Bishop Tuttle School. We believe in it because it has recognized and preached, since its pioneer days, that social work and religious education are sister services.

But we believe in the school even more because it has kept alive the spirit of its pioneer days—the spirit of search into new realms of training, new meanings of skill in this art of helping people who are in trouble. Because we believe in social work, in the effort to push across frontiers of economic privation, to give people a chance to develop their personalities, to improve the environment where all of us live; because we have faith in the inspiring and directing benefits of religious education, we think Bishop Tuttle School has an important responsibility on St. Augustine's campus, in the capital of North Carolina, on the eastern seaboard between Atlanta and New York. For, in the long miles between those two cities, with so many virgin fields for service, here alone does a school dedicate itself exclusively to such professional training, offer two such lines of defense against unalleviated poverty, disease and despair.

Since 1925 Bishop Tuttle School has grown. Its graduates have taken key places in church work and missions, in community organization and in private and public welfare work. The school's curriculum recognized the needs of new areas opened to its graduates. The course of study broadened yearly as each year demanded more training, information and skills. This year has seen much activity. We have had contact with the Family Service Societies of Raleigh, Richmond, Durham and Winston-Salem. We have visited the Friends Association for Colored Children in Richmond, and the Chatham County Department of Public Welfare in Georgia. At the University of North Carolina and at William and Mary College, the field supervisors of social work reviewed our program of field training with interest and enthusiasm. Students have attended the Institute of Public Welfare at Chapel Hill, the General Convention of the Church at Cincinnati. Their work has received supervision in the Wake County Department of Public Welfare, the Family Service Society of Raleigh, and the Bishop Tuttle Community Center. They have worked in the Community Chest Drive.

All this branching out, all this inquiry into the social forces active in this section of the country has been an integral and necessary function of the school in its program of field work training. In December, senior students will begin a twelve week period of field work within accredited agencies, under careful supervision. They are to learn their job by doing—not paying heavily for their tuition by trial and error—but under supervisors, keenly interested in the training process. This will be another pioneer year for the school—the sending of students to fields as deeply south as Atlanta, Ga., and west to Winston-Salem. And because these students are

ALUMNI NEWS

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Dear Fellow Alumnus:

We had a very enthusiastic meeting last May on the occasion of our annual meeting. Start planning to attend our next meeting. You will enjoy the fine fellowship. Our Alma Mater is always at her best, and the thrill of seeing the graduates as they prepare to join the great army of loyal sons and daughters of St. Augustine's, will make your pilgrimage both enjoyable and profitable.

On January 13, 1938, St. Augustine's will celebrate its Seventieth Anniversary and plans are being made to celebrate the occasion. I am writing you this open letter to ask that in every city or hamlet, where there are two or three graduates from any department of the College, or where there are interested former students, that the anniversary be observed by getting together and forming a Chapter, which I hope will be the beginning of building up an association worthy of the name of St. Augustine's.

President Gould joins me in greeting, and I know that he will appreciate any suggestion or comment bearing on this anniversary.

With warm personal regards, I am
Sincerely yours,

EDSON E. BLACKMAN.

November 22, 1937.

Rev. John Candler Davis, '32, rector of St. Matthias' Church, Asheville, N. C., was married to Miss Ethel Marie Norris, in Petersburg, Va., September 21st.

Mr. Alfred J. Griffin, one of the most useful of the pioneer graduates of St. Augustine's, died in High Point, N. C., last June 30th. After his graduation in 1892 Mr. Griffin joined the faculty of St. Augustine's, and served as a teacher until 1897, when he resigned to become principal of the High Point Academy. From that time he gave his entire life to education in that city, and lived to see the Academy taken over as part of the public school system with one of his daughters carrying on the work he had so devotedly built up. He was married on the campus of St. Augustine's to Miss Ophelia Thompson, herself a graduate and teacher. The first child born in St. Agnes Hospital was their daughter Agnes, who has for some years been a practicing physician in New York City. She was one of the first of her race to be an interne in Bellevue Hospital. Several of the children of the Griffins attended St. Augustine's.

The institution was represented at the funeral services by Mr. J. W. Holmes, for many years a personal friend of Mr. Griffin.

George Harper, '37, was a member of the Institute Quintet which sang on the "Institute Night" program at the General Convention. Jackson Wheeler, a student at St. Augustine's, formerly at Voorhees, was also with the quintet.

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trained and eager to serve, because graduates have broken many paths in other states, we believe in them and in this training venture. It will be a meaningful one in their growth and thus in the growth and power of Bishop Tuttle School.

L. F. B.