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ST. AUGUSTINE'S PROGRESS PRAISED ON 70TH BIRTHDAY

New goals were set for St. Augustine's College yesterday as the educational institution for Negroes celebrated the 70th anniversary of its opening session.

Concluding a full day's program, Dr. E. George Payne, assistant dean of the school of education in New York University, last night said Negro schools "must continue to provide education for higher professions because, if the Negro is not equipped, he'll never be called upon to fill professional positions."

The educational meeting in Taylor Hall last night, presided over by President Edgar H. Goold, concluded a program which commenced yesterday morning with an address by Bishop Edwin A. Penick, president of the college board of trustees.

Speaking of the "Church College in American History," and relating his talk especially to Negro education, Dr. Payne said the purposes of education and religion are related—"both are to develop a personality into an integrated individual."

"There is no necessary confusion between religion and education and religion and science," he said. "It is only when science, or knowledge, or wealth and the like run counter to higher religious purposes and individuals in groups seek to integrate their personalities in terms of material ends, that both education and religion lose their vitality and usefulness so far as human welfare is concerned."

Pointing out that there has been a decline in recent years in the percentage of students in church colleges, Dr. Payne commended the Negro church colleges which "carry out a highly religious purpose, a zeal to undo the disadvantages involved in 250 years of slavery."

"St. Augustine's was one of the first and most outstanding of these institutions," he continued. "It began at the very beginning of Negro education and has held during all this period the highest ideals of both religion and education."

Continuing to emphasize the need for full and well-rounded education for Negroes in order that the race may overcome its social disadvantages, Dr. Payne declared that "any difference in educability of a class or race is found in its background of culture or in the opportunity for education. There is no noticeable difference in the native intelligence of the races."

"We must continue to be optimistic of eradicating injustices practiced against the Negro race and be ready to meet these situations," he said. "A nation cannot exist with any minority group that does not have every opportunity that any other group has."

"The future of the Church College will depend upon its ability to emphasize the whole experience of life and inspire students in the attainment of the higher spiritual values of life," he concluded, as he praised the efforts of the St. Augustine faculty in attempting to achieve the ideals of the Church School.

Dr. Payne, who was introduced by President Goold, was preceded on last night's program by Dr. N. C. Newbold, director of the division of Negro Education,

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BISHOP PENICK ADDRESSES THANKS-GIVING SERVICE

(From the Baltimore *Afro-American*, Jan. 22)

A hope that the small college of today will continue to exist and grow because it can resist the secularizing influences of modern educational trends, was expressed by the Rt. Rev. Edwin A. Penick, Bishop of North Carolina and president of the board of trustees, as St. Augustine's College opened its seventieth anniversary observance here on Thursday morning.

Speaking before faculty, students, and alumni of this oldest Protestant Episcopal institution in the South, and the oldest school of the denomination with full college rating, at the thanksgiving in the college chapel, Bishop Penick sounded the keynote of rejoicing which marked the one-day program.

"We are here to rejoice," the prelate declared, "for three principal reasons: first, for St. Augustine's rich tradition; second, for its rigid discipline, and third, for its Christian spirit."

"It is in the small college like St. Augustine's that we can have the full impact of teacher upon student. Smaller classes make it possible for the student to get not only the accumulated knowledge handed down to him through a long line of scholars, but they make it possible for the student to get the undiffused character of the professor."

"The influence of the Christian spirit of St. Augustine's brings to mind George Washington's farewell address in which he said: 'Religion without knowledge is weak and knowledge without religion is dangerous.'"

Bishop Penick, successor to the late Bishop Joseph B. Cheshire, commended the College for its academic discipline—for its steadfast refusal to make things easy for its students. We progress as we suffer, he pointed out, adding that, paradoxical as it may seem, freedom comes only to those who live within the law.

"When will we learn," he queried, "that our privations are our benedictions?"

LAUDS BISHOP DELANY

Tribute was paid by Bishop Penick to the late Bishop H. B. Delany who labored so zealously in St. Augustine's behalf. He expressed gratitude for such a disciple and pointed out that the true successor of any man is one who appreciates and interprets him.

Such has been the case, he said, with the five presidents which have served the institution since its founding and with those who have labored with them.

Having related the story of the lighthouse keeper's widow who dedicated her life to the task of keeping the lights trimmed and burning, the speaker challenged his listeners not to forget their Christian heritage and to "mind the light" of education as did the widow.

"Send Out Thy Light" was then sung by the vested College choir, conducted by Prof. Russell F. Houston.

The Rev. John Heritage, former president of the St. Augustine's College Alumni Association and rector of St. Michael's P.E. Church, Charlotte, made brief remarks in which he related how numerous graduates of the college, in widely separated sections of the country, are dedicating their lives to their alma mater's tradition of community service.—By *Afro-American* Staff Correspondent.