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LIBRARY NOTES

Church Periodical Club branches have sent books, pictures, and periodicals to the Library during this college year. We have been remembered by the Diocese of New York, Cambridge, Mass., Cohoes, N. Y., Greenfield, Mass., Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Calvary Church and St. Thomas's Church of New York City. We are especially grateful for the gift of \$14.18 from the Wellesley Conference of 1937 for it made possible the purchase of a few much needed books for recreational reading.

One of the most interesting of our Library projects came to a climax on January 13th when we put on exhibit, during our Anniversary celebration, the materials concerning the history of St. Augustine's which have been assembled during the last few years. Over 200 people viewed the exhibit, and older graduates found several reminders of their student life at St. Augustine's. The exhibit was arranged on tables and on charts, using both floors of the Library Building. There were pictures of graduation classes beginning about 1900—there were pictures of the Chapel with hanging lamps, stoves, and no transepts—and of the Lyman Building before it was enlarged. Pictures of students showed the different types of uniforms which had been worn and pictures of athletics on the campus included one of a football team of the 1890's. On one chart were displayed the pictures of the pageant and celebration of the 50th anniversary of the College. We were able to display the earliest picture available of the campus taken in 1889 and now appearing in the recently published history of St. Augustine's. In our glass display case were several valuable papers, including the carefully written sheets showing "receipts and disbursements of St. Augustine's Normal and Collegiate Institute from August, 1879, to August, 1880." Among publications, Vol. I, No. 1, of *The Augustian*, was shown. This was the first student publication and is dated May, 1899.

Now on permanent exhibition, but assembled particularly for this anniversary, are pictures of the bishops of North Carolina and others closely identified with the history of the institution. Pictures of the five heads of the College and of our first College Dean are now hung in the Library. Some mention should be made of the "Book of Remembrance," which was the gift of Dr. and Mrs. Hunter in 1921 and which is also in the Library. It was especially made for St. Augustine's College in Florence, Italy, and in it are placed the names of those who have given generously to the College and to St. Agnes Hospital.

The collection and classification of these historical materials has extended over some years, but not until now did we realize how vividly the early days could be seen through them.—P. A. S.

BY REASON OF STRENGTH

It has been 70 years since that time when a Northern man came to a Raleigh still close to the bitterness of war and defeat. He came to establish a school for the so recently freed Negroes who were still chained by ignorance. That man, the Rev. J. Brinton Smith, built in wisdom and strength and with the aid of good and wise North Carolina members of the Episcopal Church. Now St. Augustine's College stands in the appreciation of all thoughtful people in the community as one of the agencies which has served the city most in the three-score years and ten since its establishment.

Ministering in the trinitarian terms of church and school and hospital, St. Augustine's and its adjunct, St. Agnes', have helped the Negroes of Raleigh up from slavery, up from ignorance, up from the physical defects, diseases, and deficiencies which too often have been a part of the too prevalent ignorance and the hardly interrupted poverty in the lives of the colored people. But the school and hospital did not only serve the Negroes of Raleigh and the State; they served and are serving us all.

Time was perhaps when even those who came with only good in their hearts from the North to the South to minister to the Negroes were regarded in some wise as carpetbaggers still. We have learned differently with the years. Indeed, we have realized that we needed more such carpetbaggers and still need more. More and more welcome are all who come in warm-heartedness, to light darkness and ease pain, wherever they come from. Not origin but purpose is important. More and more, too, thoughtful white men and black men realize that anything that lifts either of them from ignorance, poverty, or disease lifts them both.

Such agencies of service as St. Augustine's are too rare in the South. Certainly 70 years of such service as it has rendered is a long period as we count time in America and as the Negro and white man in the South count time back to the milestone of slavery's end. St. Augustine's has grown through so many years by reason of strength and also by reason of goodness and by reason of sacrifice. It is old as men count. But it is young in the power to do good. Those who know its past will hope that it has been just a beginning and that its future may as much enrich a changing South in which wise, kind race relations should be the basis for a happier and more secure life for us all.—Editorial in the *Raleigh News and Observer*.

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who spoke of the "great development in Negro education during the 70 years of St. Augustine's life," and emphasized the need in colleges of "meeting the new need of social work." Dr. Newbold also brought congratulations from Clyde A. Erwin, superintendent of Public Instruction.

Dr. Robert P. Daniel, President of Shaw University, representing Shaw and other Negro colleges in the State, extended to the College "faith, hope, and love as we work together for the advancement of our race." The Rev. J. Alvin Russell, Principal of St. Paul School in Lawrenceville, Va., brought greetings from the schools of the American Church Institute for Negroes. Representatives of colleges located in Raleigh were present at the meeting last night.—From the *Raleigh News and Observer*, January 14.