

## NOTES ON THE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Dr. Edson E. Blackman, president of the Alumni Association and member of the Board of Trustees, had his own car disabled in an accident the day before the celebration, but he arrived on time, along with Dr. Herritage, in a rented car.

One of the unique features of the celebration was the presence at all the events of Mr. William H. Leath, of Windsor, North Carolina, who was a student at St. Augustine's during the first two sessions. Mr. Leath taught in the public schools in the eastern part of North Carolina until just a few years ago and only two years ago gave up his position as teacher of adult education classes. He is in his eighty-fifth year. Mr. Leath furnished valuable information for the first chapter of the History, and was able to recall the names of more than twenty of his schoolmates of 1868 and 1869. An excellent picture of him, made by the staff photographer, appeared in the *Afro-American* of January 22d.

Mrs. Roxanna Lewter Rich, '06, who on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary read an essay on the History of St. Augustine's, was one of the many alumni visitors. Among the graduates and former students living in North Carolina, who attended one or more of the events of the day were, Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Black, of Rocky Mount; Mr. and Mrs. John Clark, and Mr and Mrs. Wilton Bethel, of Wilson; Rev. John C. Davis, of Asheville; Rev. Frederick Edwards, of Oxford; Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Finch, of Littleton; Cornelius J. Jones, of Littleton; Rev. Othello D. Stanley, of Durham, in addition to those mentioned in other parts of this issue and several local alumni. Also present were Rev. Odell Harris, warden of the Bishop Payne Divinity School, at Petersburg, Virginia, and Charles Johnson and George Harper, graduates of last year at St. Augustine's, now students in the divinity school.

The *News and Observer*, the *Raleigh Times* and the *Carolina Tribune*, Raleigh's newspapers, each published a complimentary section featuring articles and pictures and congratulations from individuals and business firms on the occasion of our "seventieth birthday." The *Baltimore Afro-American*, one of the best of the Negro weekly newspapers with a circulation of 160,000 sent a staff writer and photographer to "cover" the anniversary. A two-page section in the January 22d issue of the *Afro-American* shows how well they carried out the assignment.

Mrs. A. B. Hunter, widow of the late beloved principal Dr. Hunter, and herself founder and former superintendent of St. Agnes Hospital, thought it best because of her advanced years not to attend the celebration, but she was keenly interested in the whole affair, and expressed her best wishes for the success of the day. Miss Eliza J. Baker, a retired staff member who also makes her home in Raleigh, attended some of the events.

Mr. W. M. Whitehead, dean of men at St. Paul School, accompanied the Rev. J. Alvin Russell, principal of St. Paul School. The latter presented greetings from the schools of the American Church Institute, including St. Paul.

A large number of letters and telegrams of congratulation and good wishes came to President Goold before and during the celebration. One cablegram from a graduate in the Virgin Islands arrived during the banquet. These messages of felicitation and good will added greatly to the significance of the occasion.

The following telegram, addressed to President Goold, was sent by Dr. Robert W. Patton, Director of the American Church Institute for Negroes:

"Please express to all sincere disappointment that although I had planned to be with you today an emergency arose which prevents my coming. God bless Saint Augustine's College, its faculty and students."

## AROUND THE CAMPUS

Among the recent guest preachers occupying the pulpit at the Sunday services have been the Rev. Millard F. Newman, rector of St. Monica's Chapel, Washington, D. C., and the Rev. George M. Plaskett, D.D., rector of Epiphany Chapel, East Orange, N. J.

Miss Lula Burton director of social work training at the Bishop Tuttle School, was the special speaker on Social Service Sunday. Bishop Bartlett, of Idaho, and the Rev. John D. Gass, D.D., of the Church of the Incarnation, New York City, have appeared in short chapel talks.

The Oleander Quartet of New York City rendered an enjoyable musical program on the evening of January 22d.

Mrs. Arthur P. Chippey and Miss Bertha Richards attended the diocesan meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary held at Rocky Mount in January. St. Augustine's chapter of the Laymen's League was represented at the annual diocesan meeting held in Burlington in December, by a delegation of five staff members.

The Choral Club presented the Christmas cantata, "The Child Jesus," on the Sunday before Christmas. Other musical numbers from Bach, Handel and Praetorius were included in the program, which was very well received.

Christmas as usual was a happy occasion on the campus. It was observed as a religious festival, first of all. The Nativity Scene, the activities of several groups in bringing Christmas cheer to the less fortunate of the neighborhood, the annual visit of the carolers to the County Home, and a new feature this year, the visit of the Junior Woman's Auxiliary and carol singers to the State Prison, all added to the true significance of Christmas. The choral Communion service on Christmas morning was attended by almost all the campus family. In addition to this side of the observance of Christmas, there was ample provision for the enjoyment of fun and frolic associated with the joyous season.

## ALUMNI NEWS

Miss Edith M. Anderson, R.N., was among the twenty-nine out of 286 nurses taking the last North Carolina State Board examination to achieve an average of over ninety. This group are awarded the "gold star." Miss Anderson is now a member of the staff of St. Agnes Hospital, of which she is a 1937 graduate.

Rev. Lewis A. Baskervill, H. S. '27, has succeeded his father, the late Archdeacon E. L. Baskervill, as rector of Calvary Church, Charleston, South Carolina, and is also assisting in the work of the Archdeaconry as executive secretary. The Rev. Charles A. Harrison is Acting Archdeacon. In the same diocese another recent graduate of St. Augustine's, Rev. William Turner, '34, is in charge of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Sumter. Rev. Stephen B. Mackey, '27, is in charge of Epiphany Mission, Summerville.

St. Augustine's College lost one of her successful clerical alumni in the death of the Rev. J. H. Hudson, rector of St. Augustine's Church, Philadelphia. The Rev. Mr. Hudson was of the class of 1910.

## THE HISTORY ON SALE

A *History of St. Augustine's College, 1867-1937*, by Cecil D. Halliburton, of the college faculty, has been published, and is now on sale at \$1.00 a copy. A complete survey of the seventy years of the career of St. Augustine's the volume contains about 100 pages of text and two cuts; the first a picture of St. Augustine's as it appeared about 1897, and the other an airplane view of the campus made a few months ago. The volume is printed in clear type on excellent paper, and the printing job leaves nothing to be desired. The history has received warm praise from Mrs. Hunter, Mrs. Delany, Bishop Penick, Dr. Blackman, and several others who have read it, including Mr. A. B. Andrews, authority on Church history. Alumni and friends may secure a copy by sending in a dollar to the Treasurer, St. Augustine's College.