

ALUMNI NEWS

Alumni Association Meeting

The Alumni Association of St. Augustine's College held its annual meeting on Tuesday of Commencement Week in the Cheshire Building. At the annual banquet after-dinner addresses were delivered by Rev. James K. Satterwhite, Rev. John W. Herritage, D.D., Rev. Juan B. Mancebo, Mr. George Skelly, president of the Student Council, Prof. A. E. Weatherford, Acting Dean R. L. Lynch, and Dean Emeritus Charles H. Boyer. Dr. Edson E. Blackman, president of the Alumni Association, presided.

Considerable interest prompted by the enthusiasm of Dr. Blackman was shown in the promotion of the Alumni Scholarship Loan Fund. Several pledges of twenty-five dollars made at the last meeting of the Association were paid, and the St. Augustine's Clubs of Raleigh, Charlotte, and Rocky Mount are especially commended for their fine work in behalf of the Scholarship Loan Fund.

The business session of the Association revealed renewed interest on the part of the members in the welfare of St. Augustine's College. Plans for the operation of the Student Loan Fund were adopted. The Rev. Juan C. Mancebo, of Cuba, was active in the meeting, after graduating nearly sixty years ago.

Officers elected for the ensuing year: Dr. E. E. Blackman, president; Rev. H. J. C. Bowden, vice-president; Rev. James K. Satterwhite, secretary; Mr. Cecil N. Coble, treasurer, and Mr. James A. Boyer, campus secretary.

The Association passed unanimously the following resolution presented by Mr. S. C. Bethea:

"That St. Augustine's College issue only 'A' certificates, and that adequate provision be made for students to do practice teaching who meet the State requirement of 'C' average."

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Rev. George M. Plaskett, '05, received the honorary degree of S.T.D. from the General Theological Seminary, New York, of which he is also a graduate, at this General's commencement, which occurred about the same time as St. Augustine's. To receive this signal honor Dr. Plaskett was forced to absent himself from our commencement and the meeting of the board of trustees. St. Augustine's was proud to excuse him for such an occasion, however. Dr. Plaskett was honored with the D.D. degree by Lincoln University in 1935.

John W. Herritage, Jr., '32, and W. Howard Henderson, '34, were graduated from Meharry Medical College in May, with the degree of doctor of medicine. Several other graduates and former students of St. Augustine's are enrolled in Meharry.

On March 28 Mr. and Mrs. John H. Clark celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary at their home in Wilson, N. C. Mr. and Mrs. Clark were married in 1888 in the old chapel of the Lyman Building (before the present chapel was erected) with the then principal, the Rev. Robert B. Sutton, officiating. They met in St. Augustine's during their student days. Mrs. Clark was Miss Ida Crenshaw. Their daughter, Mrs. Flora Clark Bethel, and Mr. Bethel, their son-in-law, are alumni. They are all faithful supporters of their alma mater, and visit several times each school year. Mr. and Mrs. Clark attended this year's Conference.

Edith M. Anderson, R.N., a 1937 graduate of St. Agnes, has been appointed superintendent of the new Good Shepherd Hospital in New Bern, N. C. Miss Anderson, who passed the state examining board with one of the highest averages, has been a member of the staff of St. Agnes Hospital.

Charles D. Keck, '35, engaged in the insurance business, has recently been transferred from Augusta, Ga., to Rocky Mount, N. C.

Announcement has been received of the marriage in August, 1935, of Clara M. Jackson, '34, to Basil A. Alston, H.S. '32. Mr. Alston is a graduate of Lincoln University.

Born to Mr. ('32) and Mrs. ('34) Leonidas Haywood, May 5, a daughter, Gloria. Mrs. Haywood was Miss Cornelia Sanders. Mr. Haywood is principal of a school in Palmyra, N. C.

Janice L. Albury, '34, was recently appointed executive worker at the Community House sponsored by the Central Methodist Episcopal Church, Jackson, Miss. The Community House will be headquarters for a child welfare clinic and health activities. Miss Albury was graduated from the Atlanta School of Social Work in 1937.

Maxine O. McDew, of the graduating class of the Bishop Tuttle School, was married in the Bishop Tuttle Chapel on Commencement Day to Jonathan Theodorice Stevens, of Savannah, Ga. Mrs. Stevens is also from Savannah.

Two outstanding alumni of St. Augustine's have passed to their reward since the last issue of the RECORD.

Rev. Lorenzo A. King, '14, died in Washington, D. C., February 4. While a student at St. Augustine's he was for several years in charge of the print shop and instructor of printing. He had served parishes in Virginia and the District of Columbia.

Rev. Henry S. McDuffey was one of the old guard who received all their training, both academic and theological, at St. Augustine's, and was ordained to the diaconate by Bishop Lyman in old St. Augustine's Church in 1883. He did pioneer pastoral work in several places in North Carolina, crowning his achievements in that state in the building of the beautiful St. Matthias' Church in Asheville. When he died in Philadelphia, May 1, he was ninety-two years old, having retired several years ago from the active ministry. He was at one time rector of St. Augustine's Church in Philadelphia, and at the time of his death was rector emeritus of the Church of St. John the Divine in that city.

When Vera M. Gang, '35 (also Bishop Tuttle School, '35), received the degree of master of science from Boston University at their June Commencement, the president of the university made the following citation: "Class officer, excellent student. Studly fellowship award, and a young woman of high character." Miss Gang also received the unusual honor of being appointed Y.W.C.A. camp counsellor for this summer. She was prepared for college at St. Philip's Junior College, San Antonio, Texas, of which our Miss Artemisia Bowden is president. At Boston University she was in the school of social work.

Her many friends and acquaintances among the alumni will regret to learn of the death on June 1 of Miss Georgia Spears, '15. She passed away in Buck Hill Falls, Pa., and was interred at her old home town, Concord, N. C. From 1915 to 1925 Miss Spears was on the staff of St. Augustine's as assistant matron. Miss Mary Elizabeth Johnston, Mrs. Althea Jones, and Mrs. Nina Miles went to Concord for the funeral services.

BACCALAUREATE SERMON IMPRESSIVE

The Rev. John A. Wright, rector of Christ Church, delivering the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class of St. Augustine's College here yesterday, built his sermon around the word "Nevertheless."

Referring to passages in the New Testament where the word appears, the Rev. Mr. Wright spoke of the proper spirit of prayer embodied in Christ's words, "Nevertheless, Thy will, not mine, be done," and of the spirit of challenge in the words of Jesus, "Nevertheless, let us go," even after it was learned that Lazarus was dead. He told the graduates they would face conditions calling for correction which would sometimes seem as hopeless to them as did the condition of the dead Lazarus to the Lord's disciples.

But these conditions should be a challenge to the faith and courage of those who have been equipped to cope with them, he said. His final words were those of the Apostle Paul, "Nevertheless, I am not ashamed." To follow the way of Christ will enable one to look back over his life and say he was not ashamed of the choices he made.

The baccalaureate service, with evening prayer, was conducted by the president, the Rev. Edgar H. Goold. The reading of the Psalm was led by the Rev. St. Julian A. Simpkins, of Pineville, S. C., and the second lesson was read by the Rev. James K. Satterwhite of La Grange, Ga., both alumni of the institution. Acting Dean R. L. Lynch read the first lesson. The college choir offered musical selections.

In presenting the Rev. Mr. Wright, President Goold spoke of the interest shown by Christ Church parish in St. Augustine's College since the founding of the latter in 1867.—From the Raleigh *News and Observer*, May 23.