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THE SEVENTY-SECOND SESSION

The seventy-second academic year of St. Augustine's was officially inaugurated on September 22, with opening services in the college chapel, conducted by the president, the Rev. Edgar H. Goold. The principal address was delivered by the Rt. Rev. Edwin A. Penick, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina, and president of the board of trustees of the institution. Among the thoughts impressively presented by Bishop Penick was that the great majority of high school graduates were not privileged to attend college. Those who were fortunate enough to have such an advantage should approach the opportunity with seriousness and humility, he declared.

The Rev. J. McDowell Dick, rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh, and a member of the trustee board, spoke a word of greeting. The Rev. John A. Wright, rector of Christ Church, Raleigh, was present, with the Rev. Louis Haskell and the Rev. Charles U. Harris, Jr., young clergymen of the diocese. Mrs. Mary M. Christmas, one of the neighbors of the College, who attended St. Augustine's in the 1870's, was another welcome visitor.

New members of the staff are Charles E. Berry, Mus. M., a graduate of Fisk University and Illinois Wesleyan University, who came as director of music, and Miss Almira J. Kennedy, B.A., one of our own graduates, who is assistant to the dean of women and teacher of English in the Preparatory Department.

The enrollment of freshmen and other new students exceeded 100, and the total enrollment for the session, which will not be complete until the beginning of the second semester, may exceed that of last year. More than half the states of the Union are represented in the student body.

During the summer extensive improvements were made in the buildings and grounds. Alterations made possible by a gift of the National Woman's Auxiliary have helped to modernize the Thomas Building, which was erected in 1913 largely by contributions from that same organization. The Thomas Building is now reserved for the housing of freshman girls. Renovations, including new furniture in many rooms, have been made also in the Lyman Building. The Lyman Building, which is today the men's dormitory, is the second oldest building on the campus. Built in 1883, it formerly housed nearly all the offices and classrooms, in addition to being the living quarters of the men students.

The athletic field was enlarged and improved, and many other minor repairs have added to the appearance of the campus.

A TRUE STORY

Ria Dora Ellis, who had just completed her Freshman year, was chosen to be one of the representatives of St. Augustine's to the annual King's Mountain Student Conference sponsored by the national Young Men's Christian Association and Young Women's Christian Association and held at King's Mountain, N. C., in June. After the conference Miss Ellis started for her home in Great Falls, Montana. She finally reached home, but not without mishap, as she was a passenger on the train which was wrecked by the cloudburst and subsequent washout which occurred at Custer Creek, Montana, late last June. She was fortunate enough to escape with her life, while many others died; but she was severely injured, and lost all her belongings.

To a member of the faculty she wrote in September: "I have recovered very well from the wreck . . . I think the thing that has hurt me most is that I can't return to St. Augustine's this year." She goes on to explain that not only her injuries, but the loss of all her belongings, militated against her returning from such a great distance. She has enrolled in a local business college, but writes, "I think I shall like it well enough, but I find it rather hard after seeing and being in 'St. Aug.' last year." She promised to send Prof. Chippey a bull snake for his laboratory.

Another letter was received from Miss Ellis by the Dean of Women, in which she expressed to the institution her appreciation for having been sent as a delegate to King's Mountain, and in which was enclosed five dollars, "To help in a small way some other student to enjoy a King's Mountain Conference."

ST. AGNES HOSPITAL

It is gratifying to note the number of St. Agnes graduates who have recently been employed. Miss M. E. Gore, '38, is at present employed as nurse in charge of the medical ward at Reynolds Memorial Hospital in Winston-Salem, N. C., and the Misses Ethel Wright and Laura Chambers, '34, are employed in the same place.

Miss Marie Lee and Miss Louise Wise, '38, are at the Mercy Hospital in Wilson, N. C. Miss Dorothy Omohundro, '37, is at Whitaker Memorial, Norfolk, Va. Miss Marie Gary, '31, is an instructor in Lincoln Hospital, Durham, N. C. Miss Johnnie Head, '36, is now public health nurse in Winston-Salem, and Mrs. Buena Vista Dudley, '23, is engaged in similar work in Coates, S. C.

Miss Edith Steele, '29, superintendent of nurses at Lincoln Hospital, in Durham, N. C., spent the summer at Columbia University doing special work in nursing education. Miss F. L. Stenson, '32, is on the staff of Harlem Hospital in New York City, and is also studying at New York University. Miss Sammie Rice, '38, is at Burrell Memorial Hospital in Roanoke, Va.

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