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BISHOP TUTTLE SCHOOL

The Tuttle School students as far as possible continue their training during the summer months by some kind of activity intended to increase their knowledge and strengthen their techniques for dealing with people. This summer two of the students worked on a sugar plantation in Florida. There they had a chance to work with individuals and groups under conditions vastly different from those met in ordinary communities. Their experience proved their ability to handle novel situations and showed what intelligent direction could accomplish in this particular situation. Their success paved the way for the permanent employment of another Tuttle School graduate. Another of the students worked in the Tuttle Community Center which has a well organized program of summer activities. One worked in the office of the Urban League in St. Louis interviewing unemployed persons and assigning them to positions relative to their abilities and training. Still another spent a probationary period at St. Agnes Hospital where the benefits were mutual. This same student attended the Wellesley Conference of Church Workers; the classes and various activities will increase her usefulness as a well-trained church worker.

In accordance with a plan instituted last year for providing varied and well supervised field work two of the senior students have gone to Winston-Salem for training in family case work and recreation and one has gone to Philadelphia to study the Church' organization for Religious Education and Social Work. These two cities offer well organized agencies both secular and religious where the students will have opportunity to test, through practical experience, the theory learned in the class room. The supervised field work will be graded so as to increase in intensity and difficulty according to the personal development of the students.

The field work placements of the juniors are all local. Two are working under the supervision of the Raleigh Recreation Commission. Two are working at the Bishop Tuttle Center and one is organizing and directing play activities for the children at St. Agnes Hospital. All will help with the Well Baby Clinic which is conducted jointly by the Hospital and the Tuttle School.

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ALUMNI NEWS

William Augustine Perry, '02

William Augustine Perry, educator and religious leader, passed away in Columbia, S. C., September 26. Best known to many as composer of the words and music of St. Augustine's alma mater song, *The Blue and White*, and the *College Hymn*, Mr. Perry had a distinguished career both as a student and as an educator. While an undergraduate at Yale University, from which he was graduated after completing the collegiate course at St. Augustine's, he was awarded the *Courant* prize in English composition. For several years he served as principal of St. Athanasius' School, in Brunswick, Ga., and later assumed the principalship of the Waverly School in Columbia. At the time of his death he was lay reader in charge of St. Luke's Church of that city, president of the Palmetto State Parent-Teacher Association, and instructor at Allen University.

Interment was at Tarboro, N. C., the birthplace of Mr. Perry, where his father, the Rev. John W. Perry, '84, labored for many years of his life. The institution was represented at the service by Dean-emeritus Charles H. Boyer and Superintendent J. W. Holmes.

Samuel H. Vass

The Rev. Samuel H. Vass, D.D., '83, died in Raleigh, September 29. He returned to this city a few years ago after retirement from an active life in the service of the American Baptist Publication Society and the National Baptist Convention, Inc. For many years he was secretary of religious education for the latter body, also serving it as vice-president. He was a member of the International Council of Religious Education, and the author of several books on religious education. It was mentioned at the funeral services that Dr. Vass had risen to eminence in the Baptist Church, while two other members of his class at St. Augustine's became prominent as workers in the Methodist Church (Dr. Simon G. Atkins) and the Episcopal Church (Rev. Henry S. McDuffey), respectively. Mrs. Nannie J. Delany is the only surviving member of the class.

Marriages

The RECORD notes the following marriages among alumni since the last issue:

Wilma C. Levister, '36, to James Lassiter, in Rocky Mount, N. C., July 16. Mrs. Lassiter continues her work as teacher of English in the John Chavis High School in Cherryville, N. C.

Adele J. Dent, '35, to Karl C. Johnson, a former student, in Denver, Colo., August 23. The Johnsons are residing in Denver.

James W. Mask, Jr., '35, to Frances Louise Sampson, in La Porte, Indiana, August 25. The Masks are at the Morrison Training School, Hoffman, N. C., where Mr. Mask is a member of the faculty.

Eldora A. Stevens, '34, is to be married on November 23 to Mr. Joseph Mack Greene in Savannah, Ga.

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