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SEVENTY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY MARKED

January 13, the date on which in 1868 the first session of St. Augustine's School began, was fittingly observed this year. At the morning chapel service the President in a short address stated that St. Augustine's was built on a spiritual foundation, and that throughout its history has received the continued support of the Church. The belief of Church people in the value of Christian education was responsible for the beginning of the institution, and its future depends on the justification of that faith, he declared.

The celebration was continued at one o'clock in the afternoon, when students, staff and a few alumni and friends gathered in the dining room of the Cheshire Building at a luncheon in honor of the seventy-first birthday of St. Augustine's. The special feature of the luncheon was the fifteen-minute broadcast through Radio Station WPTF of part of the program. The broadcast was direct from the dining room. President Goold and Dr. Edson E. Blackman, President of the Alumni Association, shared the speaking time. Their addresses are printed in another part of this issue of the RECORD. During the broadcast the college quartet, consisting of A. L. Howze, of Mississippi, David Harper and Jackson Wheeler, of Georgia, and Atwell Stewart, of New York, sang "The Blue and the White," the College Hymn, and the College Song. The quartet was assisted in the College Hymn by Mrs. Katharine Lewis Henderson, Bishop Tuttle '33. Prof. Charles E. Berry accompanied these and other musical numbers by Paul Powell and Madeline Weaver.

Brief remarks were made by Miss Louise Latham, '22; Dr. Thomas Haywood, '12, of the alumni; Francis Johnson, '39, president of the student council, and Christopher Hunt, president of the senior class. Acting Dean Reginald L. Lynch spoke a few words on the subject of curriculum expansion.

It was an impressive and inspiring observance of a significant date in our history. Expressions of satisfaction have been heard from those who attended, and several graduates have written to say that they were more than pleased with their Alma Mater's message sent through the air.

SIDELIGHTS ON ANNIVERSARY DAY

A large number of day students attended the Anniversary Day luncheon. Special efforts on the part of the administration and student organizations to integrate the "city students" more fully into the life of the institution are bearing fruit.

Fergus M. Fulford, '37, a student at Bishop Payne Divinity School, Petersburg, Va., in a letter to President Goold, said in part: "I experienced today a peculiar pleasure as I listened to the fifteen-minute program commemorating the seventy-first anniversary of St. Augustine's as it was broadcast from Station WPTF. As you said, it made me realize more than ever that, even as an alumnus, I am still a member of the great happy family life so characteristic of St. Augustine's. . . . My wishes and prayers, now and always, are with you and the school."

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HISTORY RECEIVES RECOGNITION

The seventy-first anniversary also marked the first anniversary of the publication of the *History of St. Augustine's, 1867-1937*. Although the circulation of the History among the Alumni has to date been rather small, it has received considerable recognition. It has been mentioned briefly in the Journal of Negro history, in Prof. Archibald Henderson's annual review of literature produced in North Carolina, in the *Spirit of Missions*, and in the *Raleigh News and Observer*. Longer reviews have appeared in *The Churchman*, the *American Church Monthly*, *Opportunity Magazine*, *The Witness*, the *North Carolina Churchman* and the *Church Historical Magazine*. The Library of Congress has issued printed filing cards for it, and several public libraries in different parts of the country have ordered copies of the History.

The Churchman's review, written by the Rev. Wilbur Larremore Caswell, calls it "a complete picture of one phase of the education of the American Negro." The *News and Observer* said that "all of St. Augustine's friends will delight in the details included," and characterizes it as "painstakingly careful." Dr. Frank Horne, in *Opportunity*, says it is "a noteworthy contribution."

(Copies of the History are still available at one dollar each, and may be obtained by ordering direct from the College.)

LIBRARY NOTES

Growth in certain specialized fields is the trend in college libraries today. Instead of duplicating valuable materials, each library tries to build up its book collection in certain selected fields and, through inter-library loans, the combined resources of these libraries is at the disposal of those wishing to do advanced work.

In the case of our Benson Library, we have deliberately acquired more technical books in certain fields than in others, selecting the subjects as to general interest and a fortunately good basic collection. This has been particularly true of our Negro collection for we possessed for a nucleus certain valuable out-of-print materials, and we are naturally interested in it. The importance of our present collection of Negro books was evident when our library was chosen as the one in this section to send an author list of our holdings in Negro literature to Howard University Library last summer. Through a WPA grant, the library at Howard University planned to assemble a so-called union catalog which would list the holdings in Negro literature of certain libraries in different localities. Through this arrangement, students desiring to do research work will not need to go to Washington to use the library there, but they they will be directed to the library nearest them having the materials wanted. Our duplicate cards are already part of this union catalog which should be most useful to those interested in the subject.

We hope we may continue to grow from these beginnings, but we shall need the help of interested friends of the College.

—P. A. S.