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ST. AUGUSTINE'S OBSERVES ANNIVERSARY

At a dinner attended by almost the whole student body and staff, St. Augustine's College observed the seventy-second anniversary of its opening January 13.

Mrs. Ophelia T. Griffin, '91, who with her husband, the late Alfred J. Griffin, '92, taught at St. Augustine's during the closing years of the last century, was the principal speaker of the occasion, reviewing some of the high lights of the history of the institution, with special emphasis on the period in which she was present as student and teacher. Mrs. Griffin was honored last year at the meeting of the state Negro Teachers Association's annual meeting as a pioneer in home economics training in the state, and by the citizens of High Point, N. C., on the occasion of her retirement from the faculty of the local high school, which was formerly the High Point Normal and Industrial School.

Other speakers included J. W. Holmes, superintendent of buildings and grounds, who is veteran of the staff which he joined in 1904; Mrs. Bertha A. Leake, Raleigh public school teacher, representing the local alumni association; Cecil D. Halliburton of the college faculty, and Joseph A. Bennett, president of the senior class. A musical program under the direction of Prof. Charles E. Berry, included numbers by the men's quartet, the women's sextet, and a solo by Eula Davis, '43. Rev. Edgar H. Goold, president of the college, presided. Bishop Edward T. Demby, of Cleveland, Ohio, was an honor guest.

St. Augustine's was chartered by representatives of the Episcopal Church as a "normal school and collegiate institute" in 1867, and began classes January 13, 1868. The first college degrees were granted in 1931.—From the *Raleigh News and Observer*, January 14.

JOINT COMMISSION MET HERE

A meeting of the Joint Commission on Negro Work, a special body authorized by the last General Convention to advise with the National Council on the nationwide work of the Church among Negroes, was held at the Bishop Tuttle School on January 10. Members attending were: Rt. Rev. George Craig Stewart, D.D., Bishop of Chicago; Rt. Rev. William Scarlett, D.D., Bishop of Missouri; Rt. Rev. Edwin A. Penick, D.D., Bishop of North Carolina; Rt. Rev. Edward Thomas Demby, D.D., of Cleveland, Ohio; Ven. Bravid W. Harris, of Norfolk, Va.; Rev. Edmund H. Oxley, D.D., of Cincinnati, Ohio; Rev. George M. Plaskett, D.D., of Newark, N. J.; Warren Kearny, D.C.L., of New Orleans, La., and Lieut. Lawrence A. Oxley, of Washington, D. C.

Students and staff had the privilege of hearing Bishop Stewart, Dr. Plaskett, and Lieut. Oxley in chapel addresses during their visit. Bishop Demby remained over Sunday to speak at the morning chapel services.

Of the nine members present, two, the Rev. George M. Plaskett, D.D., of Orange, N. J., and the Ven.

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BISHOP DEMBY PAYS VISIT

Bishop Edward Thomas Demby, one of the two living Negro bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church, was guest on the campus for four days, remaining after the meeting of the Joint Commission on Negro Work, at the insistence of President Goold, to give the chapel address at the Sunday morning service on January 14. He was a guest at the Anniversary Banquet on January 13.

In a letter to President Goold, expressing "appreciation for the kindness and hospitality," he writes:

"I do not regret remaining over to be the guest speaker—the pleasure was all mine. I am all the better for remaining; the stay was most profitable to me in a number of ways. I enjoyed every number of the program of the 72nd anniversary of the institution, the basketball games, and was delighted with the tangible evidences of the industrial and economic advancement of the colored people of Raleigh; but above all with the character of the work that is being done, not only in the college, but in the Bishop Tuttle Training School, the Nurse Training School and the hospital, as well as on the farm; all under your general supervision. You have done and are doing a most outstanding piece of educational work."

Bishop Demby was consecrated suffragan bishop of Arkansas and the Province of the Southwest in 1918. He served in that area and later in Tennessee. Since his resignation last year he has made his home in Cleveland, Ohio. He continues to serve the Church, however, being especially interested and active in promoting the Church's growing work among college students. In recent months he has visited several Negro colleges in various parts of the country. This was his first extended visit to St. Augustine's, though he has been here before, notably when he took part in the consecration of Bishop Henry Beard Delany in our chapel just a few weeks after his own elevation.

FROM SAINT AGNES HOSPITAL

A hospital is one place that can always be counted upon for activity and variety of interest. Nor does that activity always mean that it is in terms of human suffering. Saint Agnes Hospital for the year of 1939 contributed its share in humanitarianism. It helped increase the population by 188 births, of which were three sets of twins.

One of the supervisors on the nursing staff, Miss Katie Thompson, class of 1936, is away on a three months' leave of absence for study in Surgical Nursing at Cook County Hospital, Chicago. Miss Agnes Middleton, Director of the Nursing Training School, is taking over Miss Thompson's duties during the latter's absence.

In September a social service department was added to the hospital. Its services include the gathering of social data on the patients, group work with the children and occupational therapy with the adults. Through

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