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AND YE SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH, AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE.--John viii:32.

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## STORY OF FINALS, WITH PERTINENT COMMENTS

By Prof. R. L. Douglass

With the graduating exercises at 10 o'clock, Wednesday, June 5th, Johnson C. Smith University completed its sixty-seventh year of academic existence. President H. L. McCrorey gave diplomas to fifty-five seniors finishing from the various departments, thirteen of whom were women students. Many of these graduates upon reaching home will enter upon the practical work of life, while others will go to graduate schools to continue their literary training or to gain a profession. Of those completing their courses of study, thirty received the degree of Bachelor of Arts, twenty-two the degree of Bachelor of Science, and three the Bachelor of Divinity degree. The Reverend Henry William McNair, President of Ingleside-Fee Academy, Burkeville, Va., was given the degree of Doctor of Divinity, and the degree of Doctor of Pedagogy was conferred upon Prof. James Ward Seabrook, President of the State Normal School, Fayetteville, N. C. Both of these gentlemen were members of the class of 1909.

The annual address was delivered by Dr. W. E. B. Dubois, head of the department of sociology in Atlanta University. It was a masterful discourse and in keeping with what might be expected from so eminent a scholar and educator. The address was considered under four separate heads: War, Property, Democracy and Liberty, each being discussed from a modern point of view. In this brief space comment would be quite inadequate. A veiled censure of the race for not being interested in these world problems was made when the speaker stated that in a certain Negro university the students were much louder in their protest against the sort of food they were served than they were in their protest against the threatening aspects of war. However, we failed to note any intemperate or rash remark and it was with some difficulty that we were enabled to identify the pious pedagogue of today with the militant editor of a few decades back.

The following is a list of the graduates:

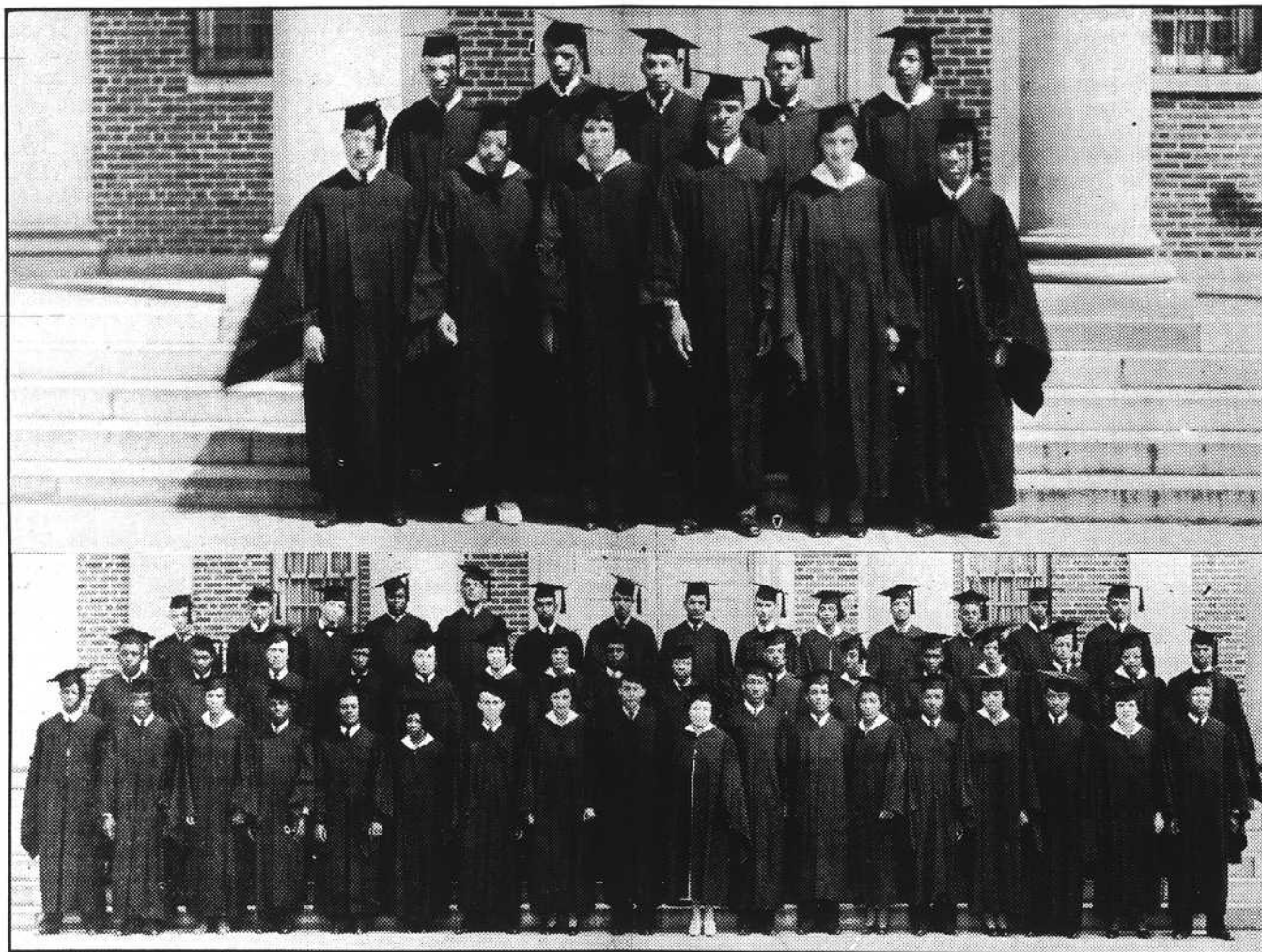
### College of Liberal Arts

Bachelor of Arts, Cum Laude: Adell Mae Beattie, Lumberton; Thomas Henry Bullock, Oxford; Thomas Elliott Humphrey, Charlotte; Otto Leroy Martin Pharr, Gastonia; Wilma Estelle Powell, Charlotte.

Bachelor of Arts: Ellen Elizabeth Adams, Charlotte; Richard Walter Anderson, Live Oak, Fla.; Booker Taliaferro Bennett, Faison; Harold Richard Boulware, Irmo, S. C.; Lenora Ernestine Byers, Charlotte; Thelma Beatrice Christmas, Hot Springs, Ark.; Clementine Hill Dawson, Charlotte; Ruth Elizabeth Ellis, Augusta, Ga.; Robert Campbell Johnson, Columbia, S. C.; Ulysses Eugene Kennedy, Columbia, S. C.; Alexander Leonard Lewis, Lumberton; T. Gladstone Long, Franklinton; Warren Julius Nelson, Jr., Mayesville, S. C.; Robert Elliott O'Daniel, Greensboro; Fannie Harris Partee, Charlotte; Theodore Montroville Pass, Shelby; Hattie Thanet Russell, Charlotte; Frances Howell Sampson, Charlotte; John Ardria Sanderfer, Greensboro; John Henry Smith, Winston-Salem; Russell L. Smith, Oxford; Mamie Lee Taylor, Cordele, Ga.; Charles Henry Turner, Charlotte; Lazarus Barnwell Washington, Charleston, S. C.; John Robert Wilson, Jr., Atlanta, Ga.

Bachelor of Science, Cum Laude: Israel Everette Glover, Oxford; Barnett John Wesley Grier, Charlotte; Herbert Lee

## COMMENCEMENT AT JOHNSON C. SMITH UNIVERSITY



1935 GRADUATES, COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

Top Group—Honor Graduates.—Front row, reading left to right: Herbert Lee Moseley, Baltimore, Md.; Thelma Beatrice Christmas, Hot Springs, Ark.; Hattie Thanet Russell, Charlotte, N. C.; Otto Leroy Martin Pharr, Gastonia, N. C.; Wilma Estelle Powell, Charlotte, N. C.; Thom as Henry Bullock, Oxford, N. C. Back Row., reading left to right: Barnett John Wesley Grier, Charlotte, N. C.; Israel Everette Glover, Oxford, N. C.; Morris Satterfield Young, Greensboro, N. C.; Thomas Elliott Humphrey, Charlotte; Adell Mae Beattie, Lumberton, N. C.

Bottom Group—The 1935 Graduating Class, College of Liberal Arts.

Moseley, Jr., Baltimore; Morris Satterfield Young, Greensboro.

Bachelor of Science: Charles Wesley Balknight, Jr., Concord; Gertrude McWilliams Blackman, Charlotte; Ralph Harbison Boulware, Irmo, S. C.; Benjamin Thomas Bullock, Raleigh; Shirley Robert Coekrum, Knoxville, Tenn.; Hubert Henry Creft, Jr., Monroe; Earl Meares Dudley, New Bern; Isaac Torrence Graham, Charlotte; Thomas Harrison Hooper, Jr., Winston-Salem; Elgy Sibley Johnson, Jacksonville, Fla.; Andrew James Mack, Raleigh; Mary Catherine Pharr, Charlotte; Frederick Ingram Quick, Sanford; Paul Nichols Robinson, Buffalo, N. Y.; Jacob Ayers Tillman, Mooresville; Ramon Elwood Tyson, Candor; Samuel Wall Whittington, Goldsboro; George Henry Young, Wake Forest.

### School of Theology

Bachelor of Divinity: Howard Washington Givens, A. B., Keysville, Ga.; Joseph James Jordan, A. B., Rock Hill, S. C.; Joseph David Taylor, B. S., Darien, Ga.

Each member of the class was given a copy of the book, "The Duke Endowment, Established by James B. Duke," and also a Bible each from a fund set aside for that specific purpose by Mrs. Johnson C. Smith, the institution's benefactress.

The Old Testament History prize, offered by Dr. S. A. Downer, was awarded to David S. Pogue; the Hebrew prize, given by Dr. P. W. Russell, was presented to William T. Nelson. The Science prize in the College of Liberal Arts, given by Dr. B. R. Smith, was awarded to I. E. Glover, and the oratorical contest for the medal offered by the Alumni was won by Miss Ollie Johnson, the first woman student to receive that honor.

Copies of the Book of Common Worship, the Manual of Presbyterian Law, and the New Hymnal were presented to each member of the Theological graduating class by the Board of Christian Education.

President McCrorey announced that a new dormitory for the women students of the univer-

sity was being planned for the campus and said that he hoped it would be completed by the fall of 1936 in readiness for occupancy by the co-eds of the institution.

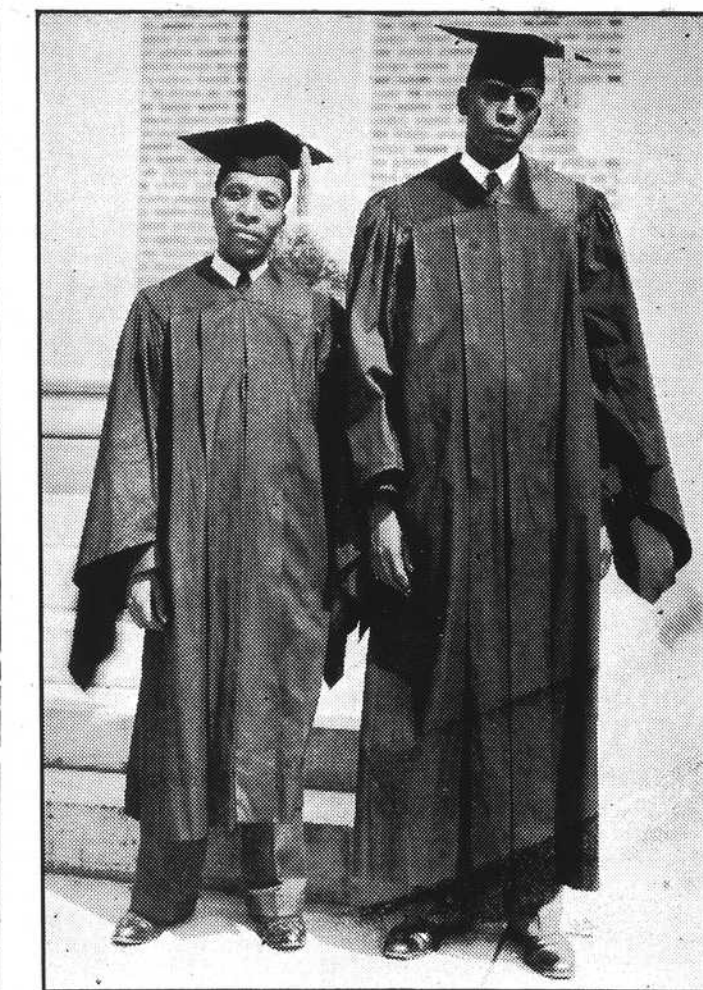
The weather was ideal and the largest number ever known to attend a commencement was present. The seating capacity of the University church was wholly inadequate to accommodate the visitors. Perhaps in the future we may be compelled to hold the exercises out of doors where more comfortable seating arrangements will be possible.

The Board of Trustees held their annual meeting at 10 o'clock Monday. In addition to the usual routine of business a successor to the late Dr. George S. Leeper was elected—Mr. William M. Aldridge, of Pittsburgh, Pa. We noted the presence of Dr. R. P. Wyche, Captain John Edgar Smith, Col. L. P. Berry, Professors J. Ward Seabrook and C. A. Johnson, all of whom are members of the Board and graduates of the institution.

### COMMENCEMENT COMMENT

The baccalaureate services were held in the University church. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Louis S. Evans, D. D., pastor of the Third Presbyterian church of Pittsburgh. The fact that he is pastor of the church of which Mrs. Johnson C. Smith was a member lent an additional interest to his presence. He gave the graduates some wholesome advice such as will be helpful as they go through life. He told them that notwithstanding all their knowledge, be it great or small, whether on land or sea the enlightened conscience points to God as truly as the magnetic needle points to the pole.

The finals were brilliantly begun with a presentation of Shakespeare's immortal drama, "Othello." The scenery and costumes were costly and beautiful and the acting superb. The success of the play must be attributed to the patient endeavors of the director, Prof. F. W.



1935 GRADUATES, SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Bachelors of Divinity, reading left to right: Howard Washington Givens, A. B., Keyesville, Ga.; and Joseph James Jordan, A. B., Rock Hill, S. C.

Bond, assisted by Mrs. H. L. McCrorey, dramatic adviser.

Rev. B. C. Robeson, class of 1911, of Paterson, N. J., was the guest speaker at the President's reception to graduates and Alumni. Somewhat out of the usual order he took a text and said he would preach a sermon, and while he did not say very much about the Lord in this sermon, he did make a mighty fine talk which was immensely enjoyed by all present. The Rev. Mr. Robeson talked about dreams and dreamers and took occasion to pay a beautiful tribute to President McCrorey for his magnificent achieve-

ments during his administration. Those who had the direct charge of arranging the Alumni Re-union have every reason to feel highly gratified at the success attained, for the Alumni came from all sections, representing all periods. There were but few classes that had no member present. Beginning with Wyche, Rattley and Berry of the seventies on down to the present time, graduates were here.

The Junior Prize Contest in which six members of the Junior class competed for a gold

medal offered by the Alumni, maintained the lead in popular interest and enthusiasm. This year there were five young men and one young woman student in the contest. The speeches were well prepared and above the average in delivery. Miss Ollie Johnson, in the estimation of the judges, walked off with the prize and when their decision was announced it was roundly applauded, showing that the award met with popular favor. Miss Johnson came to us from Big Stone Gap, Va., by way of one of our affiliated schools.

As we sat and listened to Mr. Robeson's address we could not help but think of the big debt of gratitude other religious denominations owe to Smith for the large number of well prepared men this school has given them, such as Petty and Robeson of the Methodists; Talley and Allen of the Baptists; Logan, Perry and Avery of the Episcopalians, and others too numerous to name.

The business sessions of the Alumni Association had an unusually large attendance. This is exceedingly gratifying, since it indicates a growing interest in the progress and welfare of the institution. Their proceedings were of a constructive nature. They voted to cooperate with the administration in the drive for funds to build a Girls' Dormitory. The South Carolina group pledged \$500, and other State groups will, no doubt, make like pledges. At the President's reception the Charlotte Chapter presented Dr. McCrorey with a check for \$247 to be applied to the building fund.

We were favored with the presence of two distinguished visitors on the campus Sunday, who were accorded a place in the line of march to the baccalaureate services: Dr. Roman, of Montreal, Canada, and the Rev. Dr. Wm. Lloyd Imes, of New York City. These gentlemen were enroute to Atlanta University where Dr. Imes was scheduled to deliver the commencement address; from thence they were to proceed to Nashville where Dr. Roman was to perform a like service for Fisk. Both are Alumni of the latter institution.

Graduates returning after long intervals become intensely reminiscent and make comparison between conditions now and as they were in their day and generation. Thus it was with Dr. J. E. Rattley, of Washington, when called upon for a brief talk at the President's reception. He has the happy faculty of saying a lot in a very interesting manner, interspersing his remarks with wit and humor that keep his audience in a jolly good mood, and who are sorry when he sits down. Dr. Rattley is of the class of '77, and says he is 81 years old though he does not look it. By being careful about his diet he expects to live to be an old man some day.

The music is always a pleasing feature of the commencement exercises and this year's renditions were no exception. The department deserves credit for its excellency.

### NEW TYPE OF TRAINING FOR THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS

In order to provide students for the ministry with opportunities to obtain first hand experience in dealing with the infirmities of mankind, the Council for the Clinical Training of Theological Students, whose board of governors is made up of physicians, psychiatrists and clergymen, is supervising the canonical training of theological students in twelve centers.