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100 Years of Christian Fellowship

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On last Tuesday, the Young Men's Christian Association was one hundred years old. On June 6, 1844, George Williams, a young business man, founded the Y. M. C. A. Young Williams called together a group of 12 dry goods clerks to organize a society for "The improvement of the spiritual condition of young men engaged in the drapery and other trades, by the introduction of religious services among them."

They gathered in the small bedroom of 22-year-old George Williams, who called the meeting. Devoted to the Christian way of life, Williams was appalled by the conditions facing young men of London. With vice everywhere, dissipation and ungodliness among the shopmen of London, young Williams and his friends set out to conquer these evils. This was a fertile soil for such a movement that had behind it the driving force of young men, the spiritual power of Christ, and the comradeship of union in a common cause. Their association grew in strength and numbers and finally the work required a full-time paid executive, or "missionary," as he was called.

Queen Victoria knighted the Y. M. C. A.'s founder in 1894 for his distinguished service to humanity. He died in 1905 at the age of 84 and was interred in St. Paul's Cathedral, where he lies nearby Britain's greatest heroes, Lord Nelson and the Duke of Wellington.

The first association work for Negroes was started in 1853 in Washington, D. C., by Anthony Bowen. Today, seventy-one associations, plus hundreds of other Y. M. C. A.'s serve Negroes in this country. In 1888 William A. Hunton was appointed first full-time paid executive and in 1890 became National Colored Work Secretary. In 1911 Julius Rosenwald announced conditional gifts in national campaign for Negro Y. M. C. A.'s which resulted in his providing a total of \$675,000 in \$25,000 units for twenty-seven buildings. Among the many highlights of the Y. M. C. A. are the following: 1885, oldest organized camp for boys established; Camp Dudley, N. Y.; 1909, Father and Son movement established; 1914, Father and Son movement established; 1897, Basketball invented at Springfield Y. M. C. A. College by James Naismith;

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Methodist Conference Opens Session At Bennett

More Than 1000 Delegates and Visitors Hear Opening Address



Dr. F. D. Bluford Aids War Effort

In order to accelerate the program of study at A. and T. College so that students may more rapidly qualify for civil service positions created by the war, President F. D. Bluford, today declared in an interview with The Future Outlook, "Intensive courses in business, community service, the social

sciences, nursery school education and other fields which will fit students to meet the urgent needs of our government are being offered in the 48th annual summer school session at A. and T. College which began Thursday."

Dr. Bluford extended a cordial welcome to both new and old students.

Approximately 1,000 persons, including 125 elected delegates, fraternal representatives of other communions, connectional representatives from the general organizations of the Methodist church of which the jurisdiction is a part, and local Methodists, white and colored, gathered in the Anne Merner Pfeiffer chapel of Bennett College Thursday night for the first evening session of the central jurisdictional conference, which opened a four-day session here Thursday at 10 a. m.

The evening session featured an address by Bishop Lorenzo H. King, of the Atlanta area, and brief messages by two fraternal delegates from Liberia, Prof. Thomas E. Ward and Charles E. Cooper, both of Monrovia, the only two overseas representatives of Methodism present.

One of the most important functions of the jurisdictional conference took place Friday morning when delegates heard Bishop Alexander P. Shaw read the Episcopal address, the document which will largely guide the body in its acts of deliberations.

Friday night's session featured "Women and Youth Night," Mr. J. W. E. Bowen, of New Orleans, president of the Louisiana conference Woman's Society, presiding. Programmed for addresses were Mrs. Lillian V. Warrick, speaking for the

woman's section, and President Karl E. Downs, of Samuel Houston College, Austin, Texas, for youth. Rev. John A. Green, of Nashville, Tenn., youth secretary in the local church division of the board of education, presided over the youth section program.

Organizational routine followed the service of holy communion Thursday morning. Administering the communion were Bishops R. E. Jones, Alexander P. Shaw and Lorenzo H. King of the central jurisdiction, and Bishop C. O. Russell, of the Colored Methodist Episcopal church.

Dr. Haywood Re-elected

Dr. J. W. Haywood, president of Morristown college, at Morristown, Tenn., was re-elected secretary. He named the following assistants: L. W. Lynn, Gadsden, Ala.; Mrs. P. D. Johnson, Marshall, Tex.; W. Scott Chinn, New Orleans; J. S. Henry, Waco, Tex.; C. E. Queen, Washington; Mrs. M. M. Drake, Nashville, Tenn.; C. A. Barrett, Asheboro, and L. H. Lightner, Denver, Colorado. President David D. Jones of Bennett College, was re-elected treasurer.

The conference ordered telegrams of appreciation sent to Mrs. Henry Pfeiffer, New York philanthropist, whose generosity has made Bennett college one of the south's outstanding

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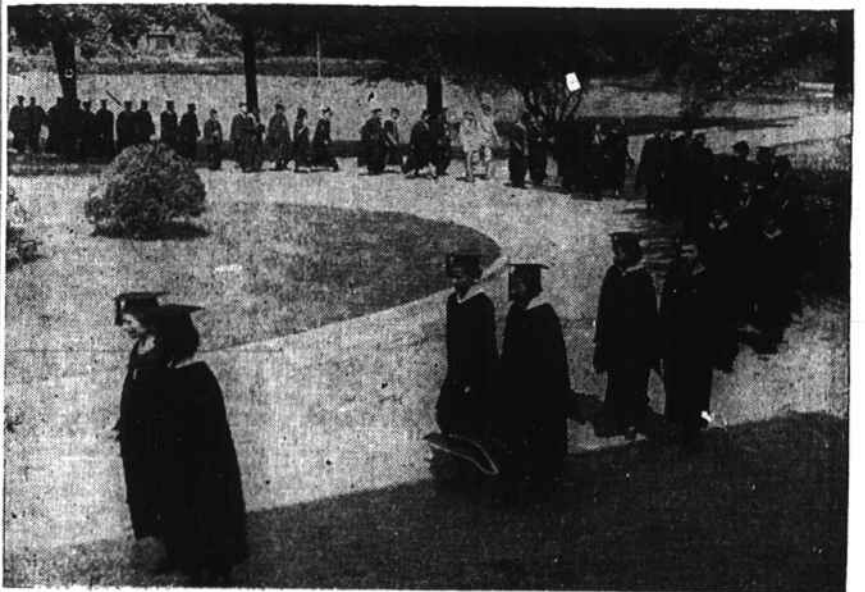
A. and T. College Holds 46th Annual Commencement

During the 46th annual commencement program Monday in Harrison auditorium at A. and T. College, forty-six seniors received the bachelor of science degree, three the master of science degree, sixteen were awarded certificates in secretarial science, and two received certificates in shoemaking. Dr. Elbert Russell, dean emeritus of Duke University School of Religion, was commencement speaker.

"There is a dire need today," stated Dr. Russell, "for truth in international relationships and politics. Democracy is founded upon the importance of truth and can only thrive on truth honestly founded." Dr. Russell spoke from the subject, "Truth and Democracy."

Candidates for the bachelor of science degrees were presented by Dean Gibbs, McLaughlin and Martena of the

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A. & T. College Graduation Processional