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## THE GRADUATING CLASSES

The number of graduates in all the classes was twenty-five, six receiving degree of Bachelor of Divinity, eight the Greek-English Diploma, four the English Diploma, one a Certificate from the Seminary, one Bible Training School Diploma, three Diplomas from the School of Missions, and one a Certificate from

the School of Missions. Three degrees were conferred on those having previously graduated with diplomas, having since finished their A. B. course which entitled them to this honor. One special award was granted in the School of Missions for post-graduate work.

The names of the men graduating in course with a brief statement of their school history, and where they are going in so far as we know follows—



*Those Receiving Degrees*

Fredrick B. Clay, A. B., Rust College, the son of a Methodist preacher recently deceased. Address Box 664, Holly Springs, Miss. He plans spending the summer vacation at home and anticipates entering Boston University to study for Master's Degree next fall.

John R. Guyton, George R. Smith College, A. B. Clark University, the son of a Methodist preacher, home DeSota, Mo., member of the Central Missouri Conference, M. E. Church.

Henry B. Jones, A. B., Claflin University, is married, pastor M. E. Church, Fairburn, Ga., Director of Young People's activities on the Griffin District, address, Fairburn, Ga.

Andrew Taylor Kelley, A. B., Wiley College, specializes in photographic art, future undetermined, present address Gammon Theological Seminary.

Cyrus W. Perry, A. B., Bennett College, expects to study further in Syracuse University and continue in educational work, having been a teacher before entering Gammon.

Walter N. Ross, A. B., Natchez College, his father being a District Superintendent in the Mississippi Conference. Bro. Ross has a position as circulating agent of a daily paper in Atlanta and anticipates entering Boston University next school year. Present address Gammon Theological Seminary.

*Those Receiving Greek-English Diploma*

Charles D. Gerald, graduated from Princess Anne Academy, Md., took high rank in studies in Gammon and has been appointed pastor at Keller, Virginia.

W. A. Harewood, native of West Ind'a, trained in the public schools of Brooklyn, New York, took high rank in Gammon, expects to attend State College, Orangeburg, S. C., next school year. Present address 349 Cumberland St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Julius P. Johnson, a minister of the Presbyterian Church, studied in Lincoln University with good credit before entering Gammon; is now pastor at Waltherboro, S. C., his address being 166 Wichman St. Bro. Johnson married the daughter of a prominent Methodist minister in North Carolina. They have one child.

George W. McCorkle received his early training in Biddle University, N. C. Is gifted as a reader and poet. He is now pastor of the St. Paul M. E. Church, Montgomery, Ala. His address is 250 S. Jackson St.

O'Connell Milbourne did full preparatory and some College work in Morgan College, Baltimore. He is now pastor of St. Luke M. E. Church, Cambridge, Md., his address being 411 Pine St.

Charles D. Mitchell received his early training in the public schools of Detroit, Mich., his home being 20507 Griggs Ave., Detroit. He did excellent work

in Gammon and married an Atlanta girl on the day of graduation. He says he expects to enter the University of Detroit this fall.

William L. Rawlings was trained in the public schools of Lynchburg, Va. He is married, has three children, promising lads. He is a member of the Atlanta Conference and pastor at Cedartown, Ga.

Hubbard M. White prepared for the Seminary in the public schools of Mason, Tenn. He did excellent work in Gammon, and expects to finish his college course beginning next fall. Present address Route 1, Box 33, Mason, Tenn.

*Those Receiving English Diplomas*

Fredrick D. Caldwell came to Gammon from Kestler Academy, N. C. Early in the week of graduation married a talented young woman who was Superintendent of the Sunday School at College Park, Ga. He becomes pastor at Kernersville, N. C.

Kelly A. Collins had his early training in West Louisville Grammar School. It is now his plan to enter N. Y. City College to study further before entering the regular ministry. His present address is 12 W. 137th St., New York City.

Robert E. Jones received his early training at Jacksonville, Fla., and on coming to Gammon also entered the High School in Clark University. It is his plan to continue his studies in some College. His address is 107 W. 131st St., N. Y. City.

Frederick D. Lee, trained in the public schools of Holland, Virginia. He is married and lives at 4918 Scoville Ave., Cleveland, Ohio. He expects to take work in his Conference.

There was graduated with Diploma from the Bible Training School, Roland Grant, who was trained at Princess Anne Academy. His address is 300 N. New Jersey Ave., Atlantic City, N. J. Bro. Grant did excellent work and will prove an excellent pastor.

A Certificate from the Seminary was granted Vernon V. Richardson who received his training in the public schools of Bishopville, S. C. He has returned to his home and may be addressed Route No. 4, Box No. 4, Bishopville, S. C.

## CLASS SONG

BY

CHARLES D. GERALD '28

The time has glided swiftly,  
 Since we assembled here;  
 Our hearts have been united,  
 Our friendship has been dear;  
 Some days have brought us sunshine,  
 Some days have brought us night,  
 The lesson that they taught us,  
 It won't be always bright.  
 The days of toil and struggle



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The days of bitter strife;  
Have helped to give us courage  
To stem the tide of life;  
We came, we saw, we conquered!  
We sing in glorious strains,  
Oh, how our minds have drunken  
Since to these hills we came.  
To you schoolmates and teachers,  
We do not say adieu;  
Our hearts shall throb with gladness  
As we shall think of you;  
When clouds and storms confront us,  
And all seems to go wrong,  
Our skies shall be made brighter  
With thoughts of O'Gammon.

### THE GAMMON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY DINNER

On Thursday, May 10, at 6 P. M., all the faculty, trustees, alumni, and old students of Gammon, available at the General Conference at Kansas City, gathered for a dinner together in the dining parlors of the Convention Hall. There were about 80 present. Professor W. J. King was the manager, and arrangements were quite perfectly made. Bishop W. P. Thirkield was Toastmaster, and an impromptu program was made one of great interest. The Gammon spirit ran high as the Bishop called on several of the "Old Boys" to speak. Both President Trever, and President Clapp were there, and each made a fine contribution to the program. The evening will be remembered as a feature of the General Conference events.

### POINTS

Watch your step.  
Keep your eye on the light.  
Carelessness precedes tragedy.  
All should walk carefully before God.  
Vacation is the danger period of the year.  
Sin as a servant will soon become a master.  
An aimless life wins no fruit for self or for the Kingdom.

Aimless preaching misses the mark and gets no game in the end.

Be sure of a well selected list of books for summer reading and study.

A heart warm with human interest will yield noble sentiments like sparks from an anvil.

A real man of God will radiate light and cheer like the sudden burst of sunshine on a cloudy day.

A well chosen library is to a real student what a fresh meadow is to a gazing herd of growing cattle.

Most students can sing better than they can read. There is more of the fine art in good reading than is generally supposed.

Hatred can never be overcome by hatred; but hatred is always overcome by the spirit of brotherhood and love.

It is not the first mile-post, but the last that tells the story of human interest and devotion. The home stretch tells who is victor in life's race.

School offers an accurate index to life's great book yet to be written; for here we set the pace for all later undertakings and determine its successes.

The program in Gammon seeks to develop the voice for widest range of interpretation, both in speaking and in singing. This is necessary for good work.

Our interest in every subject in our years of study indicate our abiding attitude to every question of importance to all human relations and Kingdom building.

Here at the Gammon School of Theology is every truth of life and doctrine considered in its value to society and the Church. Men and women are also prepared to teach them to others, thus extending its influence.

The School of Missions gathers the best in the Seminary and adjacent schools, and builds a schedule of work to which special subjects are added, making one of the best centers for special training afforded members of the colored group.





#### GRADUATES FROM THE SCHOOL OF MISSIONS

Mrs. Roxie A. Perry received a Diploma from the School of Missions, is an excellent musician and will prove a good helper to her husband, Cyrus W. Perry, who is mentioned in the degree class.

Miss Beatrice Brown received a Diploma from the School of Missions and expects to enter parish work or some form of social service work, but has in view a foreign field as soon as the way opens.

Miss Willia Brown took the full course for graduation as a Deaconess and will receive her appointment from the Deaconess Board of the Methodist Church.

Mrs. Catharine Rawlings received a Certificate from the School of Missions. She is the wife of William L. Rawlings of the Greek-English Diploma class and will prove in every way a strong helper.

The special award was granted to Mrs. Lula Crawford of the class of 1921 for persistent post-graduate work and success in the practical social service field in the City of Atlanta.

#### SCHOOL OF MISSIONS

D. D. MARTIN, *Director*

The School of Missions is sponsored by the Stewart Missionary Foundation for Africa, a department of Gammon Theological Seminary, having special charter which provides that it shall be maintained as a part of the Seminary. The majority of the trustees are from Gammon Theological Seminary and the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church, all the Seminary faculty being also on the faculty of the School of Missions. Its classes are open to both theological and lay students.

##### *Purpose*

The School of Missions is intended to prepare the minister for leadership in missionary work in this country, or as a missionary to the foreign field. It

aims to prepare all other students, men and women, for the specific field of Christian service to which they may be called, or assist in such preparation.

##### *Relation to Other Schools*

The School of Missions with selected courses from other departments of the Seminary, with designated classes in Clark University including Home Economics, in all its branches, in Thayer Home, provides generous equipment in training for parish helpers, social workers, Y. M. C. A. or Y. W. C. A. secretaries, and other forms of service. Graduates from this school have been accepted by the Womans Home Missionary Society as deaconesses, the entire deaconess training course being quite well covered by work here offered. Those desiring a nurse training course will find provision made for them in Atlanta, and in the Flint-Goodrich Hospital at New Orleans, La. The Atlanta School of Social Work will admit the students from this school, who can qualify, in the classes of that school; and an expert from that school conducts classes each year in the School of Missions.

Professor H. E. Archer, M. D., of Clark University, for two years has given a series of lectures on Hygiene and health, including Social Hygiene one hour per week the first semester. It is expected that such arrangement will continue the coming year. These lectures are open to all School of Mission students, and include instruction and demonstration in first aid and further care of sick and accident victims.

##### *The Certificate Course*

This is a short course intended primarily for the wives of Seminary students who may not have had thorough schooling before marriage, and who need such help as is here offered to be at their best in parish work. Those having had school advantages, and not having the time to finish a longer course find in this offered the essentials to meet their need, while giving part time to home duties or in pursuing other branches in Clark University.

##### *Diploma Course*

This course is open only to students of College grade, but a matriculant in this course, not having finished High School, may be able to finish their preparatory work in Clark University High School while pursuing studies in the School of Missions. The required work is 90 full semester hours for graduation. One half of this may be elected from the various schools under guidance of the Director of the School of Missions, adapting the course to the specific line of work for which the student is preparing.

Students in the School of Missions are cared for in Thayer Home, except those who are the wives of Gammon students, or are at home in Atlanta. Room and board can be secured in South Atlanta at reasonable rates to those of mature years who would prefer this arrangement to a place in Thayer Home. All cor-



respondence concerning these courses should be addressed to the Secretary of the Stewart Foundation, Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Georgia.

### COMMENCEMENT SUNDAY

A "Senior Breakfast" was given by President and Mrs. Trever at eight o'clock. Only the faculty and their families, and seniors with the families of married students were present. It was a quiet hour of preparation for a full day of interest.

The Union Sunday School was in session from nine to ten and was well attended. A report was made of the year's finances which indicated the school self-supporting while carrying two extension departments—one in the Carry Steele Orphanage and the other for the small children of the campus. Every first Sunday of the month the collection goes to Africa mission work.

The Annual Love Feast was a warm spiritual service. Everyone present gave testimony with a freshness and evidence of soul vigor that was most refreshing in these days of religious indifference. The service continued from ten until nearly twelve o'clock with steadily increasing interest.

At three o'clock p. m. occurred the Baccalaureate Service, preceded by academic procession. The heavy rains of morning and evening gave an intermission of sunshine for this service which was most beautiful and much appreciated. The service was held in Crogman Chapel which was well filled. Dr. and Mrs. Crogman were present to the joy of their many friends.

The faculty all shared in the service. The sermon was delivered by President Trever on the theme "The Preacher a Prophet." He announced at the opening that this was his valedictory. In the presentation of his theme he evinced vigor of mind and grip of memory that would well characterize one beginning so great a work, rather than one at the end of a quarter of a century of incessant work as a teacher and administrator.

The prophetic element in the ministry was stressed until every young minister present and the whole congregation felt the lure of the long reach of the Christian's faith and the assurance of ultimate triumph of the Gospel. It was made clear that whatever we see in the sweep of earth's conquest or of Heaven's glory, we must ever see Jesus. We have utterly failed and have only a false hope if we do not always keep him before us.

The sermon was most fitting and will be long remembered as Dr. Trever's last message as President of the School.

Sunday evening of Commencement week has been for more than thirty years given to the anniversary program of the Stewart Missionary Foundation for Africa. Since the organization of the School of Mis-

sions, a Class Day program for the senior class has been held in connection with the anniversary.

As is usual this feature of the Commencement week was one of the most pleasing. The four ladies graduating this year each took an impressive part and did themselves honor. The address was delivered by Dr. J. A. T. Foust of the Delaware Conference. He was at his best and reflected credit to the class in Gammon of '98 of which he was a member and the Decennial Reunion which he came to celebrate. Dr. Foust gave much from his rich experience in this country and in Africa and then spoke of the Negro as a missionary. He paid high tribute to Bishop Camphor of precious memory. He claimed no advantage to the Negro as a missionary to Africa over the white man, and felt it would be some generations yet before the race would get out of its youthful habits into the real work of saving Africa.

### GAMMON HYMN

*Tune, Webb*

We sing of thee, O Gammon;  
 Beneath the Southern sky!  
 Strong love for thee now stirs us,  
 O may it never die.  
 We honor, serve, and praise thee,  
 Thy name we will revere,  
 And glory give to Jesus  
 Whose call has brought us here.  
 We sing of thee, O Gammon!  
 We love this hallowed place.  
 It trains a noble army,  
 An army filled with grace.  
 Ye who would help the Master  
 Subdue the hosts of sin,  
 Come join this band of warriors  
 Who ever fight to win.  
 We sing of thee, O Gammon!  
 Thy work is not in vain.  
 Thou hast no carnal weapons  
 With which to cut in twain,  
 But truth and faith and courage  
 O'er sin shall e'er prevail.  
 Then work, work on for Jesus,  
 Thou surely canst not fail.  
 We sing of thee, O Gammon!  
 Till that illustrious day  
 When hosts of earth and heaven  
 Shall meet in glad array  
 Before the throne of Jesus  
 Where all His Church shall sing  
 Of Christ, the risen Savior  
 And everlasting King.

JULIUS C. JOHNSON, '16.



### THE GAMMON COMMENCEMENT

On Wednesday, April 25th, was held the 44th Commencement Day program of Gammon Theological Seminary. The graduating classes, with the faculty and other students, assembled in Thirkield Hall at 9:30 a. m., and organized an academic procession and were led by President Mordecai Johnson of Howard University and other distinguished guest in the march to Crogman Chapel of Clark University where they were greeted by a large audience.

The music for the event was furnished by the Clark University Chorus assisted by the Gammon Quartett, all under the direction of Professor Fredrick Hall. The scripture selections were read by Dr. J. W. E. Bowen and prayer was offered by President M. S. Davage of Clark University. A most inspiring and thought-provoking commencement address was delivered by President Johnson of Howard University on the subject "Completing the Reformation" or "The Intellectual Task of the Protestant Minister."

Degrees were conferred, diplomas and certificates awarded by President George H. Trever, who also announced the conferring of the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Divinity on the Rev. J. H. Lovell, Class 1907, pastor of Trinity M. E. Church, Houston, Texas, and who has enjoyed a successful educational and ministerial career, making this honor most fittingly and worthily bestowed. Assisted by members of the faculty, Dr. Trever as President of Gammon Theological Seminary had the high honor of conferring degree of Doctor of Divinity on President Mordecai Johnson who had demonstrated his eminent fitness in the address delivered just before the degree was conferred.

The graduating class of the School of Missions was called to the platform and received awards in keeping with the courses pursued, a special award being given to a member of the class of 1921 who had done some years of post-graduate work in the school.

There was much interest manifested in the announcement of prizes. All friends of Gammon are familiar with the Christological prize awarded to the member of the Senior Class writing the best paper upon some phase of Christological truth. The award this year was given to Fredrick D. Lee of Cleveland, Ohio. The Stewart Foundation prizes were announced and those winning came forward and the prizes were conferred. There were also two awards from a Greek Letter Society given on the basis of scholarship. The recipients of these honors were Virnal C. Hodges of the Middle Class and Cyrus W. Perry of the Senior Class. Another Greek Letter Society made two awards on the basis of general merit. The recipients of these were G. W. McCorkle of the Senior Class and A. W. Crump of the Junior Class.

On behalf of the faculty, students, alumni, and

friends, Professor R. N. Brooks, in very choice language, presented President and Mrs. Trever with seventy dollars in gold as a token of the high regard in which they are held by all. President Trever on behalf of himself and Mrs. Trever made very fitting reply in which he referred to the friendships here formed as being prized above all estimate, and giving assurance of their abiding interest in the school and its future development and graciously asked that loyal support be given to his successor and his companion in the work.

At the close of a most interesting program at the Chapel, the Commencement dinner was served at Bowen Hall to the graduates, students, faculty and their friends which terminated the events of the school year.

### THE ANNUAL ALUMNI BANQUET

Much of the interest of Commencement Week centered in the Annual Banquet held in the Bowen Refectory on Tuesday evening, April 24th. The special interest this year was that President and Mrs. Trever were the guest of honor, and the program was largely given in recognition of their years of service to the Seminary and regrets at their going from us.

There must have been a deep sense of satisfaction to them in the appreciation shown, both in personal word and in the general spirit of the occasion. In the program of toast the faculty was represented by Prof. John R. Van Pelt who spoke on the "Harvest of the Years." His remarks were most comprehensive and could hardly be framed with more fitting language. Each of the three classes of the Seminary was represented by a member selected who voiced the feeling of the class toward the outgoing President, and at the same time giving expression of their loyalty to the Seminary. The School of Missions was also represented and evidenced the high regard this department of our school life had for President and Mrs. Trever.

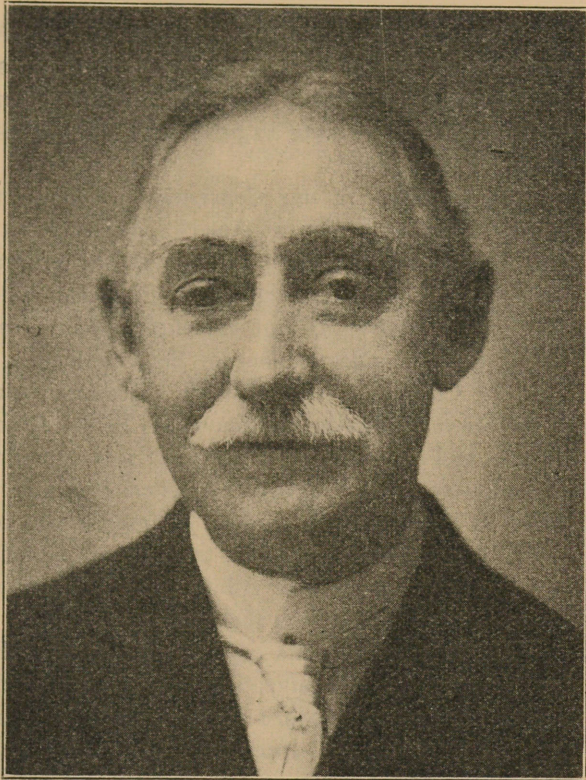
Dr. H. W. B. Wilson spoke for the Trustees in their relation to the President and Rev. N. J. Crolley of the Class of '07 spoke for the alumni. President M. S. Davage represented Clark University, and Miss Emma Bass, Thayer Home, Atlanta University, Spelman College, and Morehouse College gave fellowship greetings and a farewell to the retiring President. Rev. A. G. Cole, District Superintendent Holly Springs, Miss., spoke for the visiting friends and made a very fine contribution.

Professor W. J. King, Secretary of the faculty, read communications from a large number of friends, including trustees and alumni unable to be present. A most happy response was made by Mrs. Trever whose rare platform gifts and dramatic accomplishments were manifest to all who were present. She was followed by President Trever whose characteristic



type was somewhat softened by the currents of sentiment which permeated the entire evening.

Altogether it was one of the most successful and significant social events in the history of the Seminary, and gave honor where it was richly deserved.



REV. C. H. HAINES, D. D.

#### PROFESSOR CHARLES H. HAINES

Of the entire number who have served in the faculty of Gammon Theological Seminary, no one has excelled Dr. C. H. Haines in the graces that give charm to the class-room, ease and helpfulness to the social hour, and dignity to the chapel services. During the long period of his services in Gammon he made friends for the school, and since his going he has not forgotten us and always has a good word for Dear Old Gammon. He and Dr. Trever were close friends and it was at personal sacrifice to each that he vacated his chair and moved from our midst.

His many friends among our alumni will be glad to know that he is yet in fair health though having had some hospital experience. He is at home at College Station, Texas, to be with his daughter whose husband is on the faculty of the State College. His daughter Marie, so well known, continues her work in the fine arts and through her exhibits secures many friends and admirers. They have in mind making permanent settlement in Southern California the location toward which Dr. Trever is also looking.

Dr. Haines is a member of the Ohio Conference where he is well known, and continues his interest in Conference affairs and the work of the General Church. He was Librarian when in Gammon and

continues to be alert in that field as he is a lover of good books and keeps acquainted with the best. His messages are sought by many of the largest churches and he has served as pastor's supply in Florida and elsewhere during these years of retirement.

#### MISS HOOKS RETURNS TO AFRICA

Miss Hattie T. Hooks concludes her furlough and returns to her work in Liberia this summer. She has made a fine impression on the whole church, also on the Training School at Hartford, Conn., where she has been doing some graduate work in preparation for the African field.

The Adult Bible Class of St. Marks M. E. Church, New York City assumed her support during her first term of eight years in Liberia, and on March 4th of this year initiated a drive for \$2,000.00 or \$500.00 a year for the next five years of her work in Africa. The first unit of \$500.00 was made ready for June 1st. This is a large class of representative colored people in the City of New York and can make good in what they undertake. Miss Hooks recently spent a Sunday with them and was made welcome and greatly honored by the class and the Church. They are all proud to recognize her as their representative in the foreign field.

At this writing Miss Hooks is in attendance at the General Conference in Kansas City. Will also visit her Mother in Topeka, Kans., before leaving again for New York to sail some time in June or early in July. The prayers of the entire Church will follow this good woman and she will be constantly in the minds and hearts of her many friends at Gammon and Clark.

#### ROUND TABLE WITH THE AFRICAN STUDENTS

Sunday evening of the Missionary Convention was given to the African students for a conversation on matters of interest to Africans. An invitation was extended to all interested to come and a full house was the response. It was an interesting hour when sons of Africa spoke their minds and replied to many questions. A white student from Emory University added much to the interest by announcing his purpose to go to the Congo Country, and showing his interest by numerous questions which an outgoing missionary might be expected to ask.

Resolutions of appreciation were passed by the African students regarding their treatment and entertainment, and expressing their purpose and hope to come again next year. It was felt by our school people that the African Student's Union had added much to the Convention in many ways and there was extended an hearty invitation for the African students to hold their next session here, and in connection with the Mission Convention.



## THE TRUSTEE MEETINGS

Because of so many of the members of both the Gammon and the Stewart Boards being members or visitors at the General Conference the trustee meetings were held in Kansas City, Mo. The Stewart meeting was held on May 10, and the Gammon meeting on May 11. Both were well attended and a fine progressive spirit was manifest.

At the Stewart meeting Bishop Thirkield was elected president and D. D. Martin secretary of the board. Provision was made for necessary increase of helpers to make it possible for the General Secretary to carry on an increased number of hours in the lecture room and to continue the editorial, field, and extension work.

Provision was also made for taking part in any united drive with Gammon interests for increased endowment to be so divided between the two foundations as to maintain the parity on the present ratio.

A report from the Treasurer of the Stewart funds showed the finances carefully handled and sufficient surplus to meet any emergency on the present basis of expenditure. The report of the Secretary showed clearly how that twice the amount now realized was needed to meet all the demands in the School of Missions, the Department of Missions in Gammon, and in the field and editorial work. Remarks of interest were made by Bishops Jones and Clair also Bishop Thirkield. President Trever and President Clapp each spoke of the relation of the Stewart Foundation to Gammon with highest appreciation.

The Gammon Board of Trustees met in the Bishop's room at Convention Hall at 2 P. M. Friday May 11. An elaborate report was rendered by the outgoing president Dr. Geo. H. Trever. This was supplemented by a report from the new president Dr. Clapp with recommendations which were cordially received and plans entered into to carry out his high purpose in coming to the school. Among other things was the election of a new member of the faculty with a committee empowered to perfect the contract with the man selected. Resolutions were adopted confirming the plan of having classes in each department open only to college men and women as distinct from any sub-collegiate or under graduate group. It is anticipated that further additions to the faculty will be required to completely standardize the school to every need of a growing student body.

Resolutions of appreciation for the 24 years of service of President Trever as Professor and President were passed, and his case recommended to the Board of Education for special provision as a retired member of the Gammon faculty, while the Seminary did as much or more for him than for other retiring members of the faculty in the history of the school.

Preliminary steps were taken looking toward a financial drive to meet the growing needs of the school.

It was also provided that Gammon Hall and other of the older buildings should be renewed in keeping with present demands.

## ANNUAL MISSIONARY CONVENTION

The regular Annual Missionary Convention, sponsored by the senior classes of Clark University and Gammon Theological Seminary, was held March 22-25, and after we went to press with the last issue of the "Foundation."

On invitation of our Convention promoters the African Students Union of America met with us in joint session thus giving inspiration to the program and making realistic our approach to Africa. There were twelve native African students present, representing seven distinct sections of the Continent.

The Convention opened with a reception given by the Stewart Missionary Foundation to the African students and other guests of honor. It was one of the most pleasing social events of the school year and the largest in attendance. A program of interest was rendered, refreshments served and an hour for acquaintance profitably spent. The Adult Bible Class of the Union Sunday School was the host.

The African students held a special session Friday morning for reorganization and the transaction of such business as belonged to the Union. Mr. Eleazer, Secretary of the Interracial Commission, and other interested friends of the African work were present from the city. Students of Gammon and the School of Missions also became permanently interested in the African Students Union and pledged their support. It was decided after due deliberation to hold the meeting of 1929 in Atlanta, and to make the office of the Stewart Foundation for Africa a center of contact between African students in this country, at least until some other provision is made.

There were interesting sessions of the Convention held Friday afternoon and Saturday forenoon in which the Seniors of Gammon and Clark discussed freely African problems being enlightened on many phases of African life by the students here from the field. A feature of the Friday afternoon program was the welcome address by President Trever and a statement of his estimate of the work of the Stewart Foundation after nearly a quarter of a century of acquaintance with its purpose as applied to our school work here and elsewhere.

The Annual Prize contest in oratory and hymn-writing for Gammon Theological Seminary was held on Friday evening, and the contest in Clark University was held on Saturday evening. The orations and hymns were of the usual high order. The first prize in oratory in the Gammon contest was won by Mr. V. C. Hodges of Norfolk, Virginia. Mr. Hodges is a graduate of the Howard University Law School and



made a very strong presentation of his theme "The Philosophy of Missions." The first prize in oratory in Clark University was awarded to Mr. Edgar Daniels of the Sophomore Class who spoke on "The True Patriot—The American Negro."

Other productions were of high value. The second prize in oratory in Gammon was awarded to Rev. B. F. Lee of Texas, and the second prize in Clark in oratory was awarded to Miss Nancy Lotson. The prizes in hymn-writing were given to F. B. Clay and G. W. McCorkle in Gammon, and to Charles W. Aycock and Sadye Westbrooks in Clark.

The Sunday of the Missionary Convention was a crowded day of great interest. The union meeting of the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. at 8:00 a. m. was well attended and showed healthful interest in the cause of Missions. The Union Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. was inspired with a fine missionary program arranged and conducted by Professor Ida M. Henry of Clark University. The Missionary Sermon which we print in this issue was delivered at 11:00 a. m. and did great honor to the Convention, the cause of missions, and the Senior Class in Gammon of which the speaker was a member.

The afternoon session was featured by addresses from other schools of the city, including the President of the State Student Volunteer Association, and an address by Mr. R. F. Lohr, native of Seirre Leone, West Africa, now on the faculty of Tuskegee Institute. The music was furnished under the direction of Professor Hall of Clark University. The Convention closed with this session.

#### THE FACULTY AND THE SUMMER VACATION

Ex-President George H. Trever, on taking final leave of Gammon, went to Kansas City to meet the Trustees to make his last report as President and Treasurer. From there he goes to Chicago and Wisconsin points, spending his summer in the North until the meeting of his Conference in September. His membership is in the Wisconsin Conference. He will accept the retired relation and go to Southern California where he and Mrs. Trever hope to locate happily for life's golden evening.

Professor and Secretary D. D. Martin, after meeting the Trustees of the Stewart Foundation in Kansas City, returns to his office at the Seminary for editorial and correspondence work for balance of May and June. He hopes to spend most of July and August with his family at their home in Albion, Michigan, and in their summer cottage at Eaton Rapids, Michigan. The Foundation office will be open all summer and he can be addressed there.

Professor W. J. King was a member of the General Conference, representing the Texas Conference of which he is a member. Returning from Kansas City

he plunges into summer school work for six weeks or more at Waveland, Miss., and elsewhere. He hopes for six weeks of rest before beginning the work of the next school year.

Professor John R. Van Pelt gave several weeks to the Gammon Library after the close of school and then went with Mrs. Van Pelt to visit their sons in Washington and Pennsylvania, and will later go to Boston, Mass., to remain in study and rest until September when they will return for the opening of the school year.

Professor Robert N. Brooks left immediately after commencement for Texas to fill engagements. From there he went to General Conference as a representative of the West Texas Conference. His summer will be spent at home on the campus, and in summer school and institute work.

President Franklin H. Clapp came to his new work early in April. After making a careful study of conditions at the school, he took up field work and visited nearly all of the colored school of the Methodist Episcopal Church and many others. He then went to Kansas City to meet the Trustees, returning to take complete charge in assuming the duties of President and Mrs. Trever. It is President Clapp's plan to remain in Atlanta through June, returning to his home at Madison, N. J., to meet Mrs. Clapp on her return from Jerusalem and Western Asia July 1st. They will both study in Columbia University July and August, coming to their home and work on the campus early in September.

#### DR. BOWEN AT ST. MARKS CHURCH NEW YORK

Immediately after the holidays, Dr. Bowen of our faculty assisted the Rev. J. W. Robinson the pastor of St. Marks Church, New York City, in a series of revival meetings in which there were a large number of conversions and the membership of the church greatly strengthened.

The "St. Marks Advocate" speaks of Dr. Bowen's service in the following language:

"During January our annual revival was conducted by Dr. J. W. E. Bowen, ex-President of Gammon Theological Seminary and proved to be one of the most if not the most successful we have witnessed since we became identified with the church.

The great, eloquent and scholarly Bowen met the people on the people's plane and they heard him gladly.

From beginning to end the services were largely attended and full of inspiration. At no time did the spiritual fervor seem to lessen but to the contrary it grew from day to day and from week to week.



### PRESIDENT EISELEN OF GARRETT VISITS GAMMON

With the coming of President Franklin H. Clapp to become acquainted with Gammon Theological Seminary and its work, President Fredrick C. Eiselen of Garrett Theological Seminary met Dr. Clapp here that they might study the situation together. Dr. M. J. Holmes also was with them. Three sessions were held with the faculty of Gammon and the whole course of study gone through and carefully studied in its relation to any peculiar needs of the group Gammon is seeking to serve, and a comparative study made with the courses offered in the other Theological Schools of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The findings in such studies were, for the most part, favorable to the courses in Gammon as they have been offered in recent years. In the next school year there will be a larger faculty and a larger number of electives which will make Gammon hardly second to any in advantages offered, and, according to Dr. Eiselen's statement, by far the best place for men and women who are to serve in the ministry, or as parish helpers, for the colored group.

Dr. Eiselen was an inspiration to the faculty here and to the student body. At the noon-day chapel period the Gammon students united with Clark University students in Crogman Chapel and listened to an inspiring address which Dr. Eiselen gave on the growing tendency of the age, or the so-called practical things of life. He stated that the emphasis had been placed on ability to do in labor, commerce, and religion. He then referred to the dangers involved in this perspective of things. First—the danger in perfecting smooth running machines at the cost of well rounded, and fully developed personalities, causing us to forget the ideas and ideals upon which eternal verities are grounded. Born a man—died a grocer; Born a man—died a physician; or possibly Born a man—died a preacher, might be said of many whose lives and personality are lost in the groove of the finely wrought commercial, social, or religious machinery. The second danger he mentioned was the feeling that it makes no difference what one believes. He declared that to have no well defined attitudes concerning vital things in life is fatal. It did make a difference what Isaiah believed concerning God. It did make a difference what Paul believed concerning Jesus Christ; or what Luther believed concerning salvation. It did make a difference to many of our forebears what Abraham Lincoln believed concerning human freedom.

His third point was that it makes a difference what a man does, and the motive which actuates the doing. If a man is called to the ministry of Jesus Christ, he cannot enter other pursuits and be in as high favor with God and man, and will not be at peace in his own life. Jesus said "I must do the works

of Him that sent me." We are all God's workmen and must satisfy as well as justify his claim on our lives.

Drs. Eiselen, Clapp and Holmes as special guest of honor, and all the faculty of Gammon Seminary and President and Mrs. Davage, were given a reception at the Stewart Foundation residence on Thursday evening, April 12th. Music furnished by the Gammon Quartett to the joy of all.

### LIFTING THE STANDARDS

To meet the highest needs of every student, the class room work in the Seminary will be so graded and defined as to separate the college and the sub-college groups, and in a few classes the college graduates from those not having completed their college work.

The School of Bible Training will be distinct from the Seminary classes, except in a few lecture courses or open forum classes adapted to the entire school. The standard requirement for admission in the School of Bible Training will be the completion of the grammar school work. Applicants of special promise may be admitted from the seventh grade.

The standard requirement for admission to the Seminary is graduation from an accredited High School, or a full college course; and only those having college degrees will be admitted to all the classes of the Seminary. Students not having finished High School will have opportunity of doing so in Clark University High School, and as soon as they finish High School will be transferred from the Bible Training School to the Seminary with as much credit as can be allowed for work done in the Bible Training School. Likewise college students not having graduated will be permitted to pursue studies in Clark University until they shall have finished the college course, at the same time doing the Seminary work leading to graduation with diploma or degree.

Students matriculating in the School of Missions will be divided on the same general basis and according to the same standards as those entering the other departments. A Certificate course in the School of Missions corresponds in preparation required and the grade of work offered with the school of Bible Training, and the Diploma course with that of the Regular Seminary courses.

In all our work we shall give every person a chance to make the most possible of their talents and whatever preparation they have had. We are convinced there must be a consistent grading of classes in the interest of all the students, though it means much extra work for the faculty and will require help by additions to the faculty to carry out the plan here outlined.



## BISHOP AND MRS. THIRKIELD HONORED

Bishop and Mrs. Wilbur P. Thirkield, of Chattanooga, for forty-five years active in religious and educational work among the colored people of the South, were the recipients of a remarkable ovation at a testimonial mass meeting which crowded the chapel of Bennett College, "We want the world to know that we appreciate our friends," said President David Jones in opening the meeting; and nobody could doubt it after listening to the program and observing the presentations with which it concluded.

High tributes to the work of Bishop and Mrs. Thirkield in the important stations they have filled were paid by Dr. Mordecai Johnson, President of Howard University, Washington; Dr. Willis J. King, of Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta; Bishop Robert E. Jones, of New Orleans; Mrs. W. H. C. Goode, of Sydney, Ohio; Rev. H. L. Ashe, of High Point, N. C.; and R. B. Eleazer, Educational Director of the Interracial Commission, Atlanta.

At the conclusion of these addresses, which were brief but most appreciative, a handsome silver loving cup was presented to the distinguished honorees by Rev. R. W. Winchester, of Lauringburg, N. C., as a token of affection from the North Carolina Conference of the M. E. Church, over which Bishop Thirkield has been presiding, and Bennett College for Women, of whose board of trust he is president. Dr. A. M. Rivera, of Greensboro, on behalf of many of the alumni of Howard University, then presented to Bishop Thirkield a handsome walrus bag and to Mrs. Thirkield a bouquet of glorious American beauty roses. More than two score of appreciative messages from distinguished national leaders were then handed to Bishop Thirkield, including the following autograph letter from President Calvin Coolidge:

"My dear Bishop Thirkield:

"Upon your retirement from the active ministry, it gives me great pleasure to join your many friends who are honoring you for your good works over a period of forty-five years. Your outstanding service in the church and in the educational field is worthy of all praise. May the future years be filled with peace and happiness.

"Very truly yours,

"CALVIN COOLIDGE"

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Born in Franklin, Ohio, Sept. 25, 1854, Wilbur P. Thirkield was educated in Ohio Wesleyan College and in Boston University, and was later given honorary doctorates by Emory College, Ohio Wesleyan and other institutions. In 1878 he entered the Methodist ministry, and three years later married Miss May Haven, of Malden, Mass., daughter of the famous Bishop Gilbert Haven, who was himself a pioneer in the work for Negroes. In 1883, the young minister

was called to head Gammon Theological Seminary, which was just being established in Atlanta for the training of colored preachers. For two years he constituted the entire faculty. Remaining with the institution as president for sixteen years, he developed it into a position of national importance, and left it with endowment and equipment valued at \$600,000. During this period he was very active also in the temperance reform and was honored alike by the people of both races. From 1900 to 1906 Dr. Thirkield served as general secretary of the Methodist Freedman's Aid and Southern Educational Society and was called from this position to the presidency of Howard University, in which capacity he served until 1912. He was elected bishop by the General Conference of that year and since that time has worked continuously in the South, with headquarters first in New Orleans and later in Chattanooga.

Though relieved of official responsibility, Bishop Thirkield is still remarkably youthful and vigorous and looks forward to many years of activity, particularly in the service of Gammon Seminary and Bennett College, two institutions which are very dear to him.

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 GRAND PRIZES IN ORATORY AND  
HYMN-WRITING

The Stewart Missionary Foundation for Africa holds a contest each year in all the colored schools under the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church in prose writing in the form of orations and essays, also in poetry and hymn-writing. Two prizes in each are given to each school and in addition the honor for excelling in all the schools is called the Grand Prize which, in addition to the regular prize, consist in the announcement of the honors at the Stewart Anniversary in Gammon and publishing the names of the winners in the "Foundation" and in the Southwestern Christian Advocate.

The Grand Prizes awarded for the school year 1927-28 are as follows:—

This prize in schools of college grade for oratory is awarded to Mr. Edgar Daniels of Clark University. The oratorical prize for schools of preparatory or high school grade was awarded to Miss Lucile Williams of New Orleans University High School.

This prize in schools of college grade for hymn-writing was awarded to Miss Mayme Goins Dwinn of the Teacher's College, Morristown, Tenn. The hymn-writing prize in preparatory or high school grade was awarded to Annie Consuello Spelman of Princess Anne Academy, Princess Anne, Maryland.

The prize winners in Gammon Theological Seminary do not share in the Grand Prize honors.



## ALUMNI NOTES

Rev. M. C. Pulliam, '09, is serving his second year on the Ripley charge Mississippi Conference with increased success. He always makes things go.

Rev. D. E. McNair, '12 is now the pastor at Crawford, Miss. He has a fine Conference record.

Rev. J. M. Marsh, '98, is at Amory, Miss. His last year's report showed World Service money all raised and a heavy debt lifted from the church.

Rev. J. W. Byrd, '99, has the unusual record of serving eight consecutive years in one church at Brookville, Miss., with a constantly improved program of constructive work.

Rev. E. R. Miller, D. D., '99, is still energetic and prosecuting a strong program at Wesley Memorial, Greenwood, Miss.

Rev. C. V. Hefner, '15, is making an excellent District Superintendent. He is now serving his second year on the Durant District, Mississippi.

Rev. F. P. Leonard, '21, has just completed a fine new church at Indianola, Miss., which is a credit to his engineering skill.

Rev. J. C. Nevils, '04, is in high repute as a preacher and makes a splendid record as a pastor. He lives in Aberdeen, Miss.

Rev. S. L. Harrison, '19, writes that he received two good things at Gammon. One was Theology and the other a good wife whom he found while here. Both have contributed to his success and he is now in his third year at Hickory, Miss. He was honored in preaching the closing sermon of the Conference session at Jackson.

Rev. J. H. Lovell, '07, is the successful pastor of Trinity M. E. Church, Houston, Tex. In recognition of his success, both in educational and pastoral work, and of his fine record as a student and other qualities contributing to high usefulness, he was granted the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Divinity by the faculty and Trustees of Gammon Seminary. The degree was conferred at the recent commencement.

Rev. L. P. Whitten, '25, with his good wife, is happy in the work at Kingsport, Tenn., where they are developing a strong interest in every phase of church life.

Rev. F. W. Williams, '20, is now District Superintendent on the Tuscaloosa District. The year is starting off well and the District will be happy under his leadership.

Rev. Frank H. Rodgers, D. D., '97, of Jackson, Miss., writes enthusiastically of the "Foundation" and his interest in Gammon Theological Seminary.

Rev. N. J. Currinton, '25, is now pastor of St. Joseph Church, Jacksonville, Fla. This is the church where the Boylan Home School attend giving Bro. Currinton a splendid chance to impress young life. He is well fitted for this responsibility.

Rev. F. D. Woolford, '09, is now pastor at Sweet Springs, Mo. He is an evangelist of strength and note in his conference and has a fine record as a builder of new churches and in beautifying church property. He says he will be at the reunion of his class in 1929.

Rev. J. G. Nash, '22, is now pastor of the M. E. Church in Dayton, Tenn. He reports a good church and a fine school. Bro. Nash was the Commencement speaker.

Rev. N. A. Bridges, '15, pastor at Griffin, Ga., is also secretary of the Atlanta Conference and has just issued the minutes of the late session in magazine form. It is a very creditable piece of work. Bro. Bridges is having a good pastorate at Griffin.

Rev. and Mrs. D. D. Starks, '19, arrived by steamer in New York April 18th last. They are now with friends in Ohio. They were in attendance at General Conference in Kansas City in May.

Rev. J. A. T. Foust, D. D., '98, of Orange, N. J., who was for some time missionary at Cape Palmas, Liberia, delivered the address at the anniversary of the Stewart Missionary Foundation on Sunday evening of Commencement week. He spoke on the "Negro as a Missionary to Africa." His address was unique and illuminating.

Rev. T. R. Albert, '27, is bereaved in the death of his Mother, concerning whom he writes as follows: "My Mother died April 14th. I am now both fatherless and motherless. Mother struggled hard and sacrificed to get me through school. I was hoping to have her with me, but God saw fit to take her home. She said she prayed to see me finish in Gammon and enter the Christian ministry. Her prayers were answered and she took her flight to be with God. She always rejoiced that she was the wife and also the mother of Methodist preachers."

Rev. F. G. Campbell, '15, until recently pastor at Hudson, N. Y., received a prize of \$100.00 in gold for work in connection with the daily paper of that city. Has resigned his pastorate and is taking post-graduate work in Garrett Biblical Institute. Mrs. Campbell remains in New York City during his time of his work at Evanston, Ill. Bro. Campbell was at one time assistant to the Secretary of the Stewart Foundation and later an assistant to the Secretary for the Board of Temperance and Public Morals, Washington, D. C., and has been successful as a pastor in several important churches.

Rev. A. G. Cole, '18, Superintendent of Holly Springs District, Miss., came to the reunion of his class and spoke at the alumni banquet and gave us a sample of the singing we had 16-18 at the Love Feast Sunday morning. He made a fine impression and is doing excellent work on his district though he greatly prefers the pastorate.

Rev. R. A. Grant, D. D., '11, of Jacksonville, Florida, was present at the Commencement enroute to



the General Conference of the A. M. E. Church where it is expected by many of his friends he will be elected and consecrated Bishop. He was elected.

Rev. H. E. Burns, '03, one of the Atlanta City pastors, was elected President of the Alumni Association of the Seminary, and will be glad to correspond with all members of the Association during this year. His address is 992 Smith St., S. W., Atlanta, Georgia.

Rev. N. J. Crolley, '07, Superintendent of Gainesville District, Atlanta Conference, acted as President of the Alumni meeting and left soon after for the General Conference in Kansas City of which he is a member.

Bishop R. E. Jones, '97, reported to the Alumni meeting that the collections on the Alumni lectureship during the past year had equalled \$1200.00 making a total now in hand something over \$4,000.00, the goal to which he is aiming being the grand total of \$5,000.00.

Rev. W. S. Chinn, D. D., '96 has been the President of the Alumni Association for two years and has done splendid work, especially in assisting Bishop Jones in collecting the Alumni Lectureship funds. He was a member of the General Conference and because of this was unable to be in attendance at the Annual meeting this year.

Rev. C. R. A. Banks, '26, was in attendance at the Alumni Banquet and the Commencement program, being in Atlanta enroute to his new charge at Cedar Keys, Florida. Bro. Banks and his good wife have had a good term at Farmington, Mo. Were recently transferred to Florida for health and family reasons.

Rev. D. M. Pleasants, '20, of Johnstown, Pa., was married to Miss Addie Bell Green of that city on September 20, 1927. They have been at home since May 1, 1928, at Strasburg, Virginia, where he is the the Methodist pastor.

Rev. H. W. A. Mitchell, '24, is now pastor at Centerville, La. He reports going over the top with World Service which has been characteristic of his work since leaving the Seminary. He says that he is working hard to hold up Gammon's good name and we feel certain he will do it.

Rev. John. R. Guyton, '28, has been appointed pastor in Fort Madison, Iowa. He began his work the first Sunday in May. Bro. Guyton was President of his class, did excellent work in school, and will make a success on his charge.

Mrs. Letha Jones, '27 School of Missions and Mr. J. T. Henderson of McKeesport, Pa., are announced to be married at Charlotte, N. C., in the home of Mrs. Jones, June 4th, 1928. Mr. Henderson is an expert accountant and bookkeeper. Mrs. Jones before coming to Gammon was a business woman at

Shamrock, a suburb of Charlotte, where she still has considerable investment. They will reside in McKeesport, Pa.

Rev. J. M. Cox, '86, President Emeritus of Philander Smith College, was the Acting President while President Taylor was in attendance at General Conference, to which he was a delegate. It was for Dr. Cox, he knows the work so perfectly, and the school were happy with him in the chair again.

Miss Hattie T. Hooks, '18, School of Missions, is required to go to the hospital for surgical operation before returning to Africa. Which will delay her going, at least until September.

Rev. J. M. Hayden, '17, was returned to the Saulters M. E. Church, Terre Haute, Ind., for another year at the recent session of the Lexington Conference. He is taking studies in the Teachers College of that city for his Master's Degree.

#### A BUSINESS CONCEPT FOR THE FAMILY

*From Address by Prof. S. S. Huebner*

From an economic standpoint, the home should be organized and operated in accordance with business principles. It should be safeguarded against financial impairment or bankruptcy through the loss of the source of the current earning capacity. From an economic standpoint, the family is a business partnership, and the principles now so generally applied to the organization of business enterprises are equally applicable to the family relationship.

Every family needs to be budgeted just like any other business enterprise. An examination of numerous family budgets shows that insurance and savings are almost invariably set under separate items. For the overwhelming mass of families these two items ought to be combined under the one heading of life insurance, since it represents a judicious combination of protection with saving and investment. For the great majority of families—the 98 per cent—life insurance should be the only method of saving and investment during the formative years of pecuniary development. It enables the family head to avoid the dangers that are so apt to defeat his resolution to save on the one hand, and his effort to keep safely invested that which he may have succeeded in saving.

A well ordered family budget should recognize the use of the sinking fund method with respect to future financial obligations which depend upon the continued life of the family head. With respect to such obligations, mention should be made especially of the adequate education of the children, the creation of an emergency fund against the contingency of the unemployment or serious illness of the family head during the working period of life, and the accumulation of an adequate fund for old age support.



### THE ANNUAL ALUMNI MEETING AND THE DECENIAL REUNIONS

Because of the approaching General Conferences of the denominations most interested in Gammon, there was not a very large attendance of the alumni this year,; though the banquet in the evening of alumni day was much larger than expected. The class reunions did not materialize in class form, though many of the classes involved were present at the meeting also at the banquet. All seemed happy with the fine appearance of the Seminary Buildings and grounds, the condition of the school, and in the renewal of old time acquaintances.

The Decennial Reunion of the next Commencement week, May 20-21, 1929, include the following classes:—

#### 1889

Jordan D. Chavis, D. D.; Charles N. Grandison, D. D.; John C. Hibbler, D. D., 1318 First East St., Vicksburg, Miss.; Jeddediah D. Jenkins; John P. Morris, D. D., 901 E. Washington St., Greensboro N. C.; John L. Wilson, D. D., 306 N. Warren St., Mobile, Ala.

#### 1899

John W. Byrd, Brookville, Miss.; George A. Deslandes, 235 Blue Bonnet St., San Antonio, Texas; Charles W. Fulp; William H. Gillian, Holly Springs, Miss.; Ellis R. Miller, D. D., 211 W. Gibbs St., Greenwood, Miss.; Henry M. White, 161 McDonough Road, Atlanta, Ga.

#### 1909

Benjamin F. Armstrong; George W. Coleman, Brookhaven, Miss.; Elias C. W. Cox; William H. Ervin, Cotton Plant, Ark.; Shedrach A. Funches, Darlington, S. C.; Henry P. Gordon, 232 Hermon St., Nashville, Tenn.; David Gray, 1419 Jonesboro Road, Atlanta, Ga.; William Hailey; E. Adolph Haynes, 736 Watter St., Clarksburg, W. Va.; William S. Hight, 2116 Blackford St., Pulaski, Va.; Edward J. Jackson, D. D., 812 Main St., Palatka, Fla.; James E. C. Jenkins, Dunbar St., Greenville, S. C.; Sidney E. Jones, North Fort Worth, Tex.; Samuel M. McCollom, Box 192, Camden, S. C.; Albert J. McNeal; Mason C. Pilliam, Ripley, Miss.; Mortimer F. Strong, Center Point, Ark.; John W. Terrell, Wellesville, Mo.; Elkin O. Woolfolk, 912 Natches St., Beaumont, Texas; Howard W. Williams, Oswego, S. C.; Phillip P. Wright, 606 S. Jackson St. Montgomery, Ala.

#### 1919

Robert R. Bailey, Box 176, Fairfield, Texas; James A. Bowren, Rockville, Md.; John C. Brower, 1113 State St., Little Rock, Ark.; Elijah T. Byrd; Jesse B. Epperson, Box 153 Boynton, Fla.; Stephen Fowler, R. F. D. No. 5, West Anderson, S. C.; Frank H. Grant, St. Stephens, S. C.; John W. Groves, Jr., William J. Gupple, Florence, S. C.; Lennie W.

Harley, Navasota, Tex.; Samuel L. Harrison, Hickory, Miss.; Amos P. Jenkins; Bossie P. Jordan, Croome, Md.; Lucius E. Jordan, 412 N. Upper St., Lexington, Ky.; John W. Langford, R. F. D. No. 1, Ijamsville, Md.; Frank L. Lawton, Route 3, Box 68, Anderson, S. C.; Saul A. Lucas, 2250 E. 80th St., Cleveland, Ohio; Argalious E. Martin, Box 15, McDaniel, Md.; Abraham P. Middleton, Middletown, Md.; Perry E. Mingo, Lamar, S. C.; Gentle G. Morgan, 152 W. Chestnut St., Akron, Ohio; Lewis M. Sharp, Van Lear, Ky.; Joseph Stemley, Jr., 1508 S. St., N. W., Washington, D. C.; Walter O. Thomas, Sweet Home, Ark.; James E. Watters, 1817 Plum St., Philadelphia, Pa.; Eugene Williams, P. O. Box 71 Sykesville, Md.

With the above names we have given the post office address in so far as we have them. We shall be glad if any member of the classes would advise us regarding post offices unknown to this office.

There should be more made of these reunion events. If the member of each class who was the President thereof when they left the school would take the responsibility of leadership in securing attendance and arranging a program, it could be made an event of very large interest to the class members, also to the Seminary.

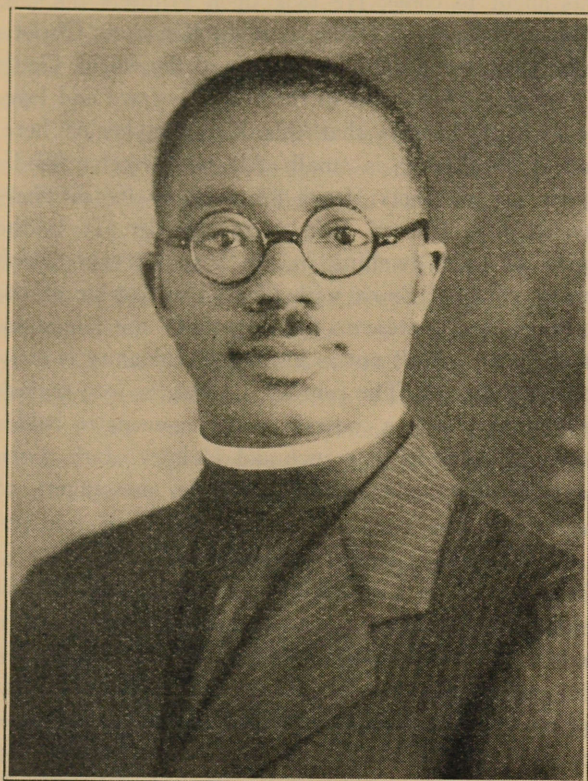
At the recent Annual meeting an executive committee consisting of Prof. R. N. Brooks, Rev. N. A. Bridges, and Dr. H. W. B. Wilson was elected to have in charge all matters relating to the alumni Annual meeting and the reunions. The Editor of the "Foundation" was made ex-officio member with view of using the Foundation office and paper as a medium for promoting interest in these gatherings. This office would be glad to hear from any of the brothers at any time.

### ALUMNI IN THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

In our short stay at the General Conference we shook hands with the following:—E. M. Jones and J. P. Wragg, Cl. 88; J. P. Morris, Cl. 89; J. S. Todd, Cl. 90; C. L. Johnson, Cl. 91; J. H. McAllester, Cl. 92; J. F. Page, Cl. 93; J. W. Thomas, Cl. 95; W. S. Chinn, Cl. 96; Bishop R. E. Jones, Cl. 97; J. A. Simpson, Cl. 98; G. T. Saxton, Cl. 00; N. D. Shambourger and R. W. Winchester, Cl. 01; E. H. Forest, Cl. 02; Hugh L. Ashe and L. H. King, Cl. 03; C. K. Brown and D. H. Morgan, Cl. 04; N. W. Green and A. P. Shaw, Cl. 06; N. J. Crolly and A. R. Howard, Cl. 07; M. T. J. Howard, Cl. 13; B. F. Neal and G. S. Sawyer, Cl. 16; F. W. Williams, Cl. 20; C. C. Clark, Cl. 21; J. C. Calvin and T. B. Echols, Cl. 22; Chas. T. Wardah, Cl. 24.

There were others who were members or visitors that we did not meet, making in all a fine representation from the alumni.





REV. W. A. JENNINGS, D. D.

## A GAMMON GRADUATE AT WORK

A letter from Rev. W. A. Jennings, pastor of St. Paul A. M. E. Church, St. Augustine, Florida, is of such encouraging character and so typical of many letters received that we are giving it to our readers much as written.

Dear Dr. Martin:—

I have been thinking of Gammon that is doing so much in preparing men and women for greater service. I left the Seminary in 1922 and read the "FOUNDATION" which keeps me fresh in the life of Gammon. I often find myself in thought in the class rooms and the prayermeetings. It is always inspiring.

Here is my record since going to the field. 1922-24 Green Cove Springs, Fla., found 80 members, left 210; converts 89; raised for all purposes \$5,788.00. 1924-25 St. James A. M. E. Church, Jacksonville, Fla.; members found 205; number left 356; number of converts 110; raised for all purposes \$9,123.00. 1925 St. Paul A. M. E. Church St. Augustine, Fla.; number members found 300; present membership 628; converts 250; raised for all purposes in three years \$29,128.00.

Am now beginning my fourth year at St. Paul with determination to do more than in any previous year of my ministry. We have a great program which helps not only our church but our group in the city, and reaches beyond our group, for during the winter season large numbers of white people attend our

church. We cannot accomodate the crowds in the auditorium, but make special provision elsewhere. A flourishing Junior Church, with a consecrated youth of eighteen years as pastor, is doing good work. He will come to Gammon as soon as he has finished college. We have just installed a new pipe organ at a cost of \$4,000.00.

Gammon helped me to obtain this one truth—that I received my training, not to be seen of men, but to present Christ to the world, and I have kept His words ever before me "I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." I am, with His help, giving my best to this end and He is really blessing my efforts and crowning the work with success.

Mrs. Jennings is gifted with a voice for singing. We have together consecrated ourselves to the cause of soul-winning and accept no praise for what has been done for without Him we can do nothing. We believe in the real old time revival meeting. I do the preaching and she does the singing, two services a day for ten days in each special revival period. We are in the midst of such a revival at this writing. Pray for us.

## TO HONOR DAVID LIVINGSTONE

One of the few immortal names that was not born to die is the name of David Livingstone. Everything that is being done should be done to keep fresh in the memory of an all-too-selfish generation the initiative, the courage, the devotion and the Christ-like service of this man who gave his life for Christ and Africa.

Some prominent Scottish men are bringing honor to themselves by serving on a memorial committee that is to acquire the birthplace of David Livingstone and make it a shrine and a center of missionary education and inspiration. This home is at Blantyre, on the banks of the Clyde, not far from Glasgow. Near the home there still stands the school where David received his early training and the cotton mill where, at the age of ten, he did some hard work.

From the house, which is to be restored and made the repository of the personal relics of Livingstone, he left for Africa on the morning of November 17, 1840. He had heard tall, magnetic Robert Moffat say: "There is a vast plain to the north (in Africa) where I have sometimes seen, in the morning sun, the smoke of a thousand villages where no missionary has ever been." To this challenge Livingstone replied: "I will go at once to Africa." And he did. In Africa he found danger, hardship and finally death. But he found his lifework and immortal renown. His last written message still has power to stir the heart:

"All I can add in my solitude is, may heaven's rich blessing come down on every one, American, English, or Turk, who will help to heal this open sore of the world."



## ANNUAL MISSIONARY SERMON

*Preached by Charles D. Gerald of the Senior Class of Gammon Seminary at the Annual Student Missionary Convention in Crogman Chapel, March 25, 1928—Condensed by the Editor.*

Text:—St John 20:21. "Jesus therefore said unto them again, peace be unto you: as the Father hath sent me, even so send I you."

Christ was conscious of the fact that He was here on a unique mission. He fully realized God's redemptive plan, its scope, the means necessary for its consummation. He chose a few disciples to be with Him as His companions, friends, and helpers. Our text naturally divides itself into "The Mission of Christ" and the "Mission of the Disciples."

Long before the creation of this world, God was planning a more perfect revelation of Himself. God had given some revelation of Himself before Christ came. He spoke to the Fathers through the prophets, though fragmentary and imperfect both as to revelation and interpretation, but He must come nearer. Human nature rejects the abstract and remote, but craves the tangible and concrete. God, then, to perfect this revelation incarnated the Son of God—God in the flesh. John calls Him "The Word." The Eternal thought within Himself until His thoughts were projected into "The Word"—The Biblical historic Christ. He is the Word, the living Christ.

In the Old Testament God is in close relation with man; walking in the garden, talking with Moses face to face—Jacob sees a stairway and at the top stood Jehovah. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, the glory of the only begotten of the Father, a knowledge of God expressed in terms of humanity. God was manifested in Him. "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father." In the feeling of Christ toward men, God is manifested in His feelings toward us. The object of the incarnation was to show us how God feels toward us. How God would act, how speak, how feel was the revelation men craved. The problem was once and forever solved in the person of Christ. He represents God's love, God's power, God's righteousness, God's justice and the only way of salvation. He loves for our good; He hates for our good.

Because Jesus was a ransom price, God can consistently pardon every soul that believes in Jesus. Christ is Savior and Redeemer. Christ is "the Gospel." He is "good news" of Salvation. Christ brought the truth about God. He taught as one having authority. He was the truth of God. He knew the way to Heaven for He had been there; He knew God for He was God.

Isaiah saw the Kingdom of God as a Kingdom that was to be a reality. The Hebrews understood this to be a Kingdom of the Jews. Even the disciples did not understand the nature of His Kingdom; so that when Jesus intimated that through Him the Kingdom

was about to come, He took upon Himself the task of making known the nature of the Kingdom. Christ's great objective is the spiritual rule of the world. God's Kingdom is God's rule in the heart by grace and love.

Christ declares that this Kingdom begins here, and its beginning is small. All who receive God's Spirit are members. Jesus promises to its members eternal life. Eternal Life means quality. It is the Spirit of God dwelling in the heart forever which means union of Spirit with God. The parable of the mustard seed represents the growth of the Kingdom. It is working itself out in history. Christianity is making rapid strides. The continued advances into regions beyond have been a constant encouragement to bolder hopes. Nations in ignorance and idolatry, dark continents pathless and unknown to the messengers of peace, have been added to the Kingdom.

Christ's means and methods were congruous to the Kingdom. It was a Kingdom of grace and love—love which reaches upward and outward. Napoleon in exile reviewed the mighty Kingdoms, and remarked that powers established by force of arms had each disappeared. Said he, "one Kingdom is founded upon love;" that is the Kingdom of God, the everlasting and enduring Kingdom. Of its reign there shall be no end. The great principle is to recognize God as Father and man as brother. There is nothing like the religion of Christ to bring about a new and better social order. The religions of Mohammed, Confucius, or Buddah separate men and cannot bring them into one common brotherhood. The Kingdom of God is one Brotherhood.

Christ demonstrated all His divine claim by the resurrection of the body. Not until the resurrection did He remove the barrier that had confined Himself and His disciples to the people of Isarel. His disciples became sharers of the great truth taught, and, being imbued with the sense of their commission and the power from on high, were qualified as witnesses. They were plain men who could receive the impress of facts, and show by their lives how much they believed. Each was to witness to the resurrection of Jesus. He must know the facts, for a witness is one who tells what he knows. The disciples, being backed by the authority and Spirit of Christ, could stand before their enemies and tell them this same Jesus whom they crucified, God had raised from the dead.

One morning Paul got up a new man. Something revealing had broken out inside. Paul calls it the "Gospel" that came to me by the revelation of Jesus Christ. We see this new zealot of the Cross going far and near preaching the crucified and risen Lord. The Gospel brings a personal religion, requires a personal faith, imposes a personal duty and responsibility. Christ's cross, scorched with His sufferings, stained with His blood, is the summons to every disciple to go forth and preach the Gospel. The Church must return and sit



at the feet of Jesus, hear and accept anew the divine commission to save the world. William Carey felt that divine urge which started the fire of Modern Missions.

The disciples are to carry out Christ's mission to establish His Kingdom in the hearts of men. They are God's fellow-workers. God could have chosen a different plan, but He counted on us a cooperative element. Since God has chosen this plan He has no other. He has no feet to walk but our feet; no hands to work but our hands. The Church is God's organized army led by Christ to conquer the world. It is the Church that has marched, overturning wickedness and sin, building new thought and system, and setting new standards of righteousness. It has been assailed and fought but, led on by Christ, has steadily marched on fulfilling her mission.

The Church needs no "Monroe Doctrine." Its mission is to make conquest of every nation and tribe on the globe. It is to make a better man and a better world in which he might live. How noble a task to which we are called, to work with Christ on His program and have a part in helping to save this world. God sent Christ—Christ sends us. With our hand in His hand some day He shall consummate His work with a redeemed humanity.

#### LIBERIA NO LONGER A LAUGHING-STOCK

The day has passed for ever when Liberia could be called a laughing stock. In such words Bishop Campbell of the American Episcopal church mission in Liberia expressed his confidence in his parish, which he has left for furlough in the states, taking London on his way. The little country of Liberia is waking up fast. Modernity has come to it in the lightning of its streets and the building of its roads, as well as in the radio station and the rubber plantations, where a fine trade school has been started. Liberia in fact is now placed on a sound economic basis. Mr. Sibley, the educational advisor of the government, works in close cooperation with the missions. The bishop knows well that celebrated African evangelist, William Wade Harris. "I last saw the Prophet Harris in July," he said, "I can't say his age, but he is evidently now a very old man. Physically he is active, but mentally he is now becoming a little childish. He is perfectly genuine, however, as I can testify from a long experience. He lives in a small native hut in poverty, and I always try to give him some help when we meet for he needs it. He still wears his prophet's garb." This is the man who has won nearly a hundred thousand Africans to the Christian faith, and had waited for five or six years for further instruction, before Mr. Platt arrived. A strange episode in the story of the church of these days!

—Edward Shillito, In Christian Century.

#### BISHOP JOHNSON AND THE NATIVE

"Touching the work committed to our charge in Africa, we have much cause for rejoicing. Notwithstanding the necessity for re-trenchment that we have faced during the quadrennium, and the consequent reduction, in places, of our missionary staff, the work of God has gone on among us. Indeed there have been some glorious achievements. We had hoped to increase the number of mission stations until we should be able to touch hands clear across the continent, but long distances still separate us in Angola and the Congo. Nevertheless advancement has been made, and the distances have been shortened during the quadrennium.

In our task we seek to touch every phase of native life with Christianising influence.

The status of the native has been much under discussion in all our fields of labor. In some places there is a growing tendency for his repression. The Churches seem to be alone, and even they are not unanimous, in according to the native the status of a responsible man. The Color Bar has been drawn by legislative enactment in the Union. Racial Prejudices are rife, and sometimes very bitter, although most of the Churches have bravely put themselves on record against racial discriminations. I most earnestly plead that there may be no race discrimination in our Church. Already we have welcomed into the itinerant ministry a number of native brethren. Missionaries may decrease; the native must increase. In this connection I am happy to say that there is increasing provision for the training of our native leaders."

#### HAMPTON GRADUATE IN LIBERIA

A Hampton graduate, who has been building up a mission school in Liberia, Miss Sarah C. Williamson, '21, gave a delightful account of her work and her life to the student body on Sunday evening, March 11. After leaving Hampton, Miss Williamson attended Rochester University and in 1924 sailed to Africa. She took over the abandoned Suehn Industrial School and has built it up to an enrollment of 95 pupils with instruction through the seventh grade. Miss Williamson speaks of her school as a "Hampton in Africa" and is planning its future on that principle. She has unlimited enthusiasm for her work and a faith that knows no such thing as defeat.

#### STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship not only embraces money, but time, talents, influences and life. Money is the easiest thing to give. The question about money is not how much of my money shall I give to the Lord, but how much of the Lord's money, temporarily in my possession, should I keep for myself? I am the custodian, not the owner. Likewise as a steward of time or talents or life, how much should I use in pleasure or recreation, or business, or self-seeking? It is all His.—ANON.



## AFRICA AND EDUCATION

Africa is not the "Great Dark Continent," but the "Continent of Great Misunderstandings." The popular presentation of Africa has been too frequently in the form of journalistic accounts of "Darkest Africa." What a difference between the news stories of a Stanley, and the interpretations of a Livingstone! Stanley, a vigorous administrator, a rushing explorer, compelled to satisfy the demands of a reading world by dramatic accounts of a wild country and a savage people. Livingstone, an observing scientist, a patient explorer, a missionary, eager to know the country and the people. How different would be the present conceptions of Africa if the continent had been more largely interpreted to the world by the sympathetic Livingstone rather than by the brilliant and journalistic Stanley. African travelers seem still to be controlled by the desire to exploit the thrills of wild life on the "Last Frontier" rather than to describe the realities of economic resources, the inspiring scenery, and the human possibilities.

The persistence and prevalence of the consequent misunderstandings not only in America, but also in Europe, have retarded and often defeated efforts for the development of Africa. So long as the present misconceptions continue, it is not strange that education in Africa should be regarded as futile, and a "Report on Education in Africa" should be deemed of little importance. A correct appreciation of Africa and the Africans is emphatically essential not only to the success of educational and religious endeavors, but also to the maintenance and extension of governmental and commercial organizations.

Of the many misconceptions that still tend to limit the investment of capital in African industry and agriculture, to hamper the efforts of colonial governments, and discourage the support of missions, there are four of such importance as to require consideration in any effort to evaluate the educational possibilities. The first of these misunderstandings relate to the wealth of resources and natural scenery; the second is concerned with the healthfulness of the continent and the promising possibilities of sanitary improvement; the third has to do with the improvability of the African people; the fourth with European and American influences. Every colony offers convincing evidences of the injustice of current misconceptions on these important matters.

—From Education in Africa.

## "THE NEGRO GOES TO COLLEGE"

Under the above caption Dr. J. H. Dillard discusses the problems of Negro education in a recent issue of the *World's Work*. What he said may be summarized in the following: White America can not afford to be indifferent to the changed relation of the Negro to American life. Our fathers sent the

freedmen to school. It is our duty to help their grand children to a higher education. The early conception of school life was associated with the little red school house; from such a back ground in training were the first colleges for the Negro built. Then there came a new conception of training as was expressed by General Armstrong in the founding of Hampton Institute, and later by Booker T. Washington in founding Tuskegee Institute. These schools were to teach the Negro how to work and to instill in him a sense of the dignity of labor.

Experience has shown that as commendable as the motives were in the founding of these schools, and as has been the support given them, they do not go far enough. There must be some one trained to teach the student in an industrial school, if he is to become an educated workman. This calls for the normal schools, of which many have been provided. Then came the question, who shall teach in the normal schools, and where shall they be trained? It is easy to see that there is no stopping place. The Negro must go to college if he is qualified to teach the members of his own race to be teachers even in the industrial field.

Who shall be qualified to fill the college, and where shall they be trained? The only answer is that the post-graduate and professional schools must be open to the Negro. If he is to serve the race in being a college professor he must also be admitted to the professions, which means that professional schools must be provided. There is an increasing demand for schools of the highest type in every field, and the college, university, and professional schools alone can answer this demand, the time is now here when in the South provision must be made for the Negro race in every phase of educational development. The Negro youth of to-day deserves the best in educational advancement, and it is best for all races to see that he is thus provided.

## LIBERIAN MISSIONARIES

Rev. W. B. Williams, District Superintendent of Kru Coast District, and Mrs. Maud W. Williams Principal of School at Nana Kru, are among the faithful workers on the West Coast of Africa, and reflect honor to the Church and the cause of Christ on the "Dark Continent."

They have just published a resume of their work and struggles for 1927 which can be had for the asking from the Mission Rooms, 150 Fifth Ave., New York City.

Below we give one of the six special instances named in the years struggle in behalf of a great people.

Seven years ago I paid a farewell visit to Borroho on my way through the Coast ere returning to the States on furlough. Two young chiefs knelt in the sand, grasped my ankles with their hands and supplicated for a preacher and a teacher for the thous-



ands in that tribe living in darkness—Two years ago we appointed one of our graduate married students to take care of the Borroh work—This year, soon after Annual Conference, I walked into Borroh Town and said to the chiefs: "I want you to give me £75, or \$360, to help me build an iron church for you. Will you do it?"

"Yes, we will," they said.

"Can I order the building material now and charge it to your town people?"

"Go and order the material and send the bill to us and we will pay for it in rice and palm kernels."

So I ordered the material. The kernels must be sought for in the forest, or bush, as it is called here; then carried to the town, dried, cracked—each nut cracked separately between two stones. And as a bag weighing 160 pounds contains 243,360 kernels, and the cash value is \$5 a bag, it is some work that is required of the people to pay for their half of the church. If the Borroh people raise their money in palm kernels alone, it will take 17,521,920 palm kernels for the half church. So the Borroh church will be truly a "Seventeen Million Palm Kernel Edifice," the kernels cracked, one by one, by hand. The shells are hard like Brazil nuts. Would you do all this hard work to build your church in the U. S. A.?

#### KRU COAST CONFERENCE

One of the features of the Sixth Kru Coast District Conference convened in the Calvert-Webb Memorial Church, Neroh, Liberia, was the dedication of three Kru churches on Sunday November 6th, 1927, with ordained native ministers officiating.

To the building of two of these iron and cement churches, the Calvert-Webb Memorial in Neroh and the Plymouth Memorial in Sobu, the Kru people donated manual labor and food for the carpenters and helpers during the entire time of construction.

But to the building of the third church, the Asbury Methodist Episcopal in Nana Kru, the Kru people gave in cash \$350.00, half the entire cost. Asbury was the pioneer in raising funds among its own people to build their church, and that spirit of self-help has gone through the Kru Coast District with excellent result.

Another feature of the Conference was the report from the band of tithers. This band comprises practically all the salaried native workers, their tithes being turned into a central fund lodged in the hands of the District Conference Treasurer and administered by majority vote of the tithers. Since its inception in 1924, \$532.00 has been paid in, of which \$480.00 has been granted towards the building expenses of the churches at Niffo, Dewh and Sobobo.

Six native local preachers were recommended by the Conference Committee to the ensuing Annual

Conference for ordination as Local Deacons. Three of these men are still in training at the Nana Kru Mission School. All six have proved their ability in pastoral work for many years.

Worthy of note, too, was the efficiency shown by that gathering of 63 native delegates in carrying through the business details of the Conference. The spirit animating them was the spirit of loyalty, devotion and self-sacrifice. One of the delegates was 25 miles distant when Conference convened, cutting a canoe in the Sinoe bush. He walked all night in pouring rain that he might be present and receive his license as Local Preacher.

The Sixth Kru Coast District Conference demonstrated the fact that along all lines Kru Methodism is moving steadily upward on solid foundations for the future of the native church.

MRS. W. B. WILLIAMS

#### GAMMON AND THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

Twenty-nine of the forty-five ministerial delegates among the colored members of the Methodist General Conference at Kansas City are Gammon graduates. It is also interesting to note that they are in conspicuous evidence in the General Conferences of other Methodist bodies more distinctly colored.

This indicates that Gammon Theological Seminary is having a large share in training the leadership of the race in its religious and church life. There is no other approach to the uplift work so effective and abiding. The part this School of the Prophets is taking in this greatest work should commend it to the prayer life and a more liberal support in the church with which it is providentially related, and to all lovers of Kingdom building in every race of whatever church or creed.

#### WIVES AND TAXES IN AFRICA

Every man and boy, or even widow with a separate hut, in this part of Africa is supposed to begin paying hut tax as soon as he is sixteen years old. This is about seven and a half dollars per year. He does not think he gets his money's worth from the government and he is not interested in what the government is seeking to accomplish in this territory. In this both he and the government may be either right or wrong, but the fact remains that it is a pretty difficult task to get the tax from the people. They *don't want* to pay it.

But when a young man gets ready to take a wife he puts down enough gold pounds for the bride-price to pay his hut tax for ten years and then often enough more gold pounds to buy clothes and a to pay his tax for five or ten years more. He does it gladly. He *wants to*. He is interested in that particular enterprise and he thinks he gets his money's worth.

—Missionary Advocate.



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