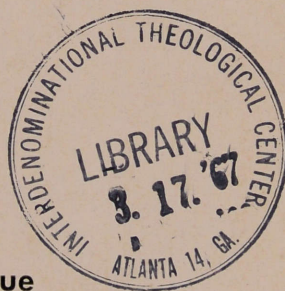
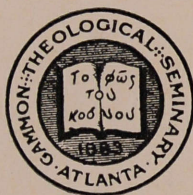


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# Campus News

Sunday, May 20, 1956, was the highlight of the Seminary's academic year. We observed our 71st Commencement Exercise. The Baccalaureate and Commencement Exercises were combined this year for the first time. The combined Baccalaureate and Commencement Exercises brought to the Seminary the largest audience that can be recalled in many years.

The Senior Class observed Senior Class Day on May 10 with an interesting program in the Chapel. Rev. David V. Joseph presided. The guest speaker was Dr. Jesse O. Thomas of Atlanta, Ga. Dr. Thomas is president and founder of the Atlanta Chapter of The Frontiers of America, Inc. He is Executive Director of the city-wide Registration Committee.

"What the Layman Expects of His Minister During This Period of Transition" was thoroughly discussed by Dr. Thomas. A question period followed which proved to be quite interesting and helpful.

At the close of the discussion, Rev. Joseph Bethea, Class President, presented the Senior Class Gift to President Richardson. Gifts were also presented to Prof. and Mrs. M. J. Wynn for their faithful, tireless work with the class. Prof. Wynn is Sponsor, and Mrs. Wynn is the organist for the Seminary. She assisted the Class all during their seminary years with musical programs. A much needed and long hoped for cool water fountain was given to the Seminary by the Class of 1956. The Class will be long remembered for this gift, which was dedicated on Class Day.

The Class officers are Rev. Joseph Bethea, President; Rev. Joe D. Grier, Vice-President; Rev. Trevor Jones, Secretary; Rev. David V. Joseph, Class Chaplain, and Rev. Samuel S. Tatem, Treasurer.

Class colors: Blue and White.

Class motto: *Gratia Dei Servatus*—"He is protected by the favor of God."

## IN MEMORIAM

Many persons will remember the late Mr. C. C. Branson who for twelve years served as Bursar at the Seminary. Because of failing health as well as age, Mr. Branson retired from his work in September last year.

It was our hope that he would have many years in which to enjoy the rest he had so well earned. This was not to be. On January 20, we received word that Mr. Branson had died. This was sad and shocking news. We shall long miss his faithful and kindly interest in the school and in the students.

## COMMENCEMENT GIFT

A magnificent contribution of \$100 came to Gammon unsolicited on June 8 from the Senior Class of the Duke Divinity School. Each year the seniors at Duke make a contribution to some deserving cause. Could anything be nobler than one group of students aiding another?

We are deeply grateful to the seniors Mr. Henry L. Heath, the advisor of the Senior Class, and to Dean James Cannon for their interest and helpfulness. Their gift is an inspiration.

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## "Ministerial Leadership"

(The Commencement Address delivered on May 20, 1956)

By DR. FREDERICK D. PATTERSON

Director, The Phelps-Stokes Fund and

President, The United Negro College Fund, New York City.

May 20, 1956

President Richardson, members of the graduating class, students, faculty, alumni, and friends of Gammon Theological Seminary. I thank you for the privilege of sharing in this your 71st Commencement. We have no professional need which is greater than our need for those properly prepared to give to society moral and spiritual guidance during these times of uncertainty and confusion. It is a pleasure also to be at this institution which is presided over by a person whom I regard as a warm personal friend and whose important labors in behalf of this institution I have watched with solid satisfaction.

This is a uniquely typical American scene—this graduation day, and I congratulate you for your part in it. Nowhere else in the world today is there such abundant evidence of the relationship between democratic freedom and educational experience. It is doubtless more than coincidence that the rapid strides taken by our nation in the effort to achieve the largest measure of expression to the individual citizen parallels the trend toward an ever higher level of education for the American people as a whole. The negative correlation of the relationship between education, prosperity, and human freedom is equally evident in the fact that those of our states which seem to attach the least importance to individual freedoms as the essence of democratic expression are the states which lag in education and economic well-being.

The locus of this graduation scene today is also the locus of the nation's most intensified economic and social ferment. It is the locus of confusion growing out of an assault on a pattern of human relations, which despite their cruelty and injustice to a large segment of the population, have become accepted as normal for the region. But in recent years we have come to know the truth of the hymn whose lines state "the laws of changeless justice bind oppressor with oppressed and sure as sin and suffering join they march to fate abreast." We have observed this truth as many measurements of the South's progress or lack of it, establish clearly the relationship between the contribution the individual is able to make and the friendliness or hostility of the environment in which he develops.

Court decisions have given important recognition to the fact that enforced segregation on the separate but equal theory has always attained separation but never equality. The unequal treatment which the Negro people have experienced in their every relationship has been both a denial of their rights and privileges as citizens and a source of impoverishment to the region. The relationships have come more clearly in focus as our nation has had to seek economic stability and well-being within and strength for its position of world leadership without. These vital concerns challenge the nation at a period when peoples everywhere are seeking independence, and emphasis is being placed on human dignity.



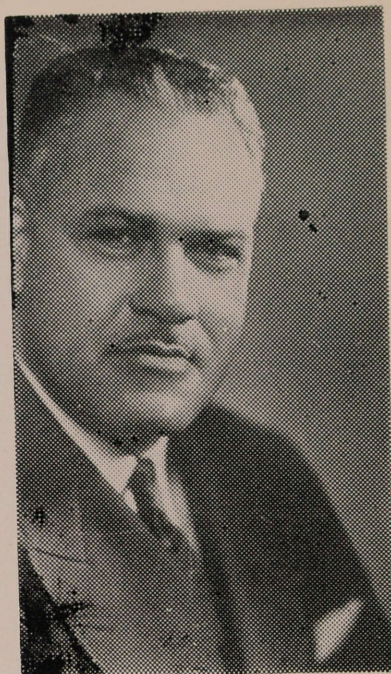
The problems which our nation must face and solve today have an urgency about them that makes time of the essence. This urgency is born of the fact that two world wars, a prodigious growth in the fields of science and technology, the increased mobility of mankind, and the knowledge that the problems of want and oppression can be solved have lifted the level of human aspiration to an all-time high.

It is a world with this combination of interrelated circumstances which faces you as you graduate today and invites you to a role of Christian leadership more challenging than has ever before faced the graduates of this institution.

Perhaps I can do no better with the remaining minutes at my disposal than to use them in mentioning a few of the competencies I think you will need in the years ahead if your leadership is to be effective. Because of the changes I have mentioned, the Negro people face a broad new era of opportunity. This they have worked, prayed, and longed for over the years and for which, because of their faith in God, they have never given up hope.

The achievement of the full gains which are potentially ours will not be easy, however, and this is true for at least two reasons. First, although the advantage to the general welfare of extending the full privileges of citizenship to Negro Americans is clear to many, it is not clear to all. A substantial number of those to whom it is not clear are located here in the South. Many of these are more concerned with the immediate and temporary advantage which comes to them from practices of exploitation. These persons are openly committed to use every means at their disposal to maintain the status quo in total disregard of the injury this may bring to the South and the nation. This attitude has recently been described as one of self destructive recalcitrance.

The second is the fact that even if all opposition to equality of treatment of Negro citizens under the law were suddenly to be removed the damage already done will long delay the time when full



Dr. F. D. Patterson

advantage can be taken of opportunities which permit full participation.

These then are the two major problems which must first be faced and a program developed and executed for their solution. We must foster those processes which will seek the elimination of external barriers, and we must work to remove, as rapidly as possible, the damage done by the unequal opportunity available under segregation. This inequality now forces the Negro to compete at a disadvantage in practically all areas of expression.

Efforts to eliminate segregation in education, for example, reveal the fact that the lack of inequality in segregation in education has been, if anything, more serious than its lack in quantity. Economic discrimination in employment opportunity explains the poverty of home environment and the low motivation which has made too many Negro children poor and uneager pupils; encouraging early drop outs, which in turn lead



to low level of employability. It is this chain whose links are made up of interrelated disabilities which must be broken if the newer opportunities are to be effectively embraced.

You who graduate leave this institution with the equipment which permits you to assume roles of leadership. The important and traditional place which the church holds in the life of the Negro people continues to confer upon those in the ministry a heavy mantle of responsibility. But I believe the minister's leadership to be effective must be in tune with the times which now are different from the isolated and completely dominant influence which the church held in the past. Many potent forces are at work in the life of the community today which touch the lives of the people in a most vital way.

Some of these forces and changes recently listed in a church study of five counties in Alabama are as follows: population shifts from rural to urban areas, re-organization of public school units, mechanization of agriculture, changes in the size of farms and agricultural practices, improved transportation and communication and the availability of an increased number of services of agencies created to meet the needs of farm people. These changes are leaving far too many churches for the few people who use them, and increasing evidence points to the church's waning influence and the minister's lack of concern with the problems of the community.

The ultimate influence these forces will have depends on the extent to which they can be unified and blended into a smoothly functioning whole dedicated to the general welfare and the attainment of the good life for all. The wise, able, and unselfish minister can be a leading power for good in cementing this relationship. To accomplish this he must be fully aware of all of the forces at work; have a competent knowledge of their goals and processes and seek to have these activities complement rather than compete with each other wherever possible. He should strive to have his church serve as the meeting place where these forces may be brought together. In this way he will use his Christian leadership in a manner to make of it an effective in-

fluence for good in the community as a whole.

Eli Ginsberg, in his recently issued book on the Negro potential, says that the realization of this potential requires that the Negro people bestir themselves to take full advantage of the increasing opportunities that will become available. He says equality cannot be bestowed; it must be earned. Booker T. Washington expressed the same idea fifty years ago by saying that freedom is a conquest and never a bequest. This suggests that at the community level and in the smallest church as well as in the school and in the home, the duties and opportunities of responsible citizenship must be taught. Here again is the opportunity for the minister to offer a constructive and purposeful leadership.

The great need is for religious expression which depends less on a pointless emotionalism and seeks instead a thoughtful and reasoned commitment to moral and spiritual values. Religious emphasis of this character will provide the solid base for teaching the new duties and responsibilities which must devolve upon the home, the school and the community. The kind of social maturity required of the Negro people as they seek a larger, and more fully integrated life calls for high standards of personal conduct; emphasis upon home ownership; personal and family savings; registration and voting and willingness to share responsibility for worthy causes associated with the progress of the Negro people and in behalf of the general welfare. Those who expect to share fully the benefits of democracy must underwrite their claims with evidence of their willingness to share democracy's responsibilities at all levels. When John D. Rockefeller, who finally became one of the world's richest men, was a boy his mother taught him to work, to save, and to give.

There is far too little commitment on the part of Negroes to make the financial sacrifices necessary to provide the vigorous support needed for the present civil effort and far too little willingness to support our private schools and colleges on whose strength we must lean so heavily for the leadership of the future.

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# Doctor of Divinity Degree for 1956

**John Josephus Hicks** graduate of the Class of 1941, Gammon Theological Seminary is proud to recognize your remarkable achievements since your graduation, both in personal development and in high human service. You have pastored faithfully and progressively the churches to which you have been assigned. You have worked with vigor and practical effectiveness for the civic and social advancement of your people. You instituted a community center for your people in North Carolina; you led in establishing credit unions in churches in the towns where you pastored; you have been an active worker in civic welfare programs, serving at one time on the Governor's Commission on Employment in the State of California. You have played a leading part in the Y.M.C.A., the Boy Scouts of America and similar movements in your communities.

Yet in the midst of all this, you have found time to advance your own professional training, earning the degree of Master of Sacred Theology, and then doing further graduate study toward higher degrees.

For these and other reasons, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Board of Trustees of Gammon Theological Seminary, and upon recommendation of the faculty, I have the honor to confer upon you the degree of Doctor of Divinity with all of the rights and privileges thereto belonging.

HARRY V. RICHARDSON

*President*

May 20, 1956



# The Alumni Citations for 1956

*The honorees were presented by Dr. Evan M. Hurley, Vice President of the Alumni Association, to President Harry V. Richardson who delivered the citations.*

**James Furman Demery** graduate in the Class of 1907, preacher, pastor, and devoted worker for the spreading of the gospel and the advancement of the Church, we are pleased to give this recognition to your long and faithful ministry which stands as an inspiration and example to us all.

In your years, you have served with equal care and devotion both larger and the smaller congregations. You have been faithful in performing all duties assigned to your hands. Under your ministry, parsonages were built; church buildings were erected or improved; funds were raised and, what is greatest of all, under your guidance, like a faithful shepherd, hundreds of souls were brought into the Christian fold.

For twelve of your forty-seven years in the ministry, you served as a District Superintendent, giving larger leadership to the pastors and people under your care.

You shared fully in all activities that made for your own professional advancement as well as that of your fellow ministers. You have done this with modesty and Christian humility.

This is the ministry, the consecrated, Christian ministry at its best.

Therefore, upon recommendation of the Alumni Association of Gammon Theological Seminary and by vote of the Board of Trustees, I have the honor to present to you this citation.

HARRY V. RICHARDSON  
*President*

May 20, 1956

**John Wesley Manning** graduate of the Class of 1907, your Alma Mater is pleased to recognize your long and faithful ministry.

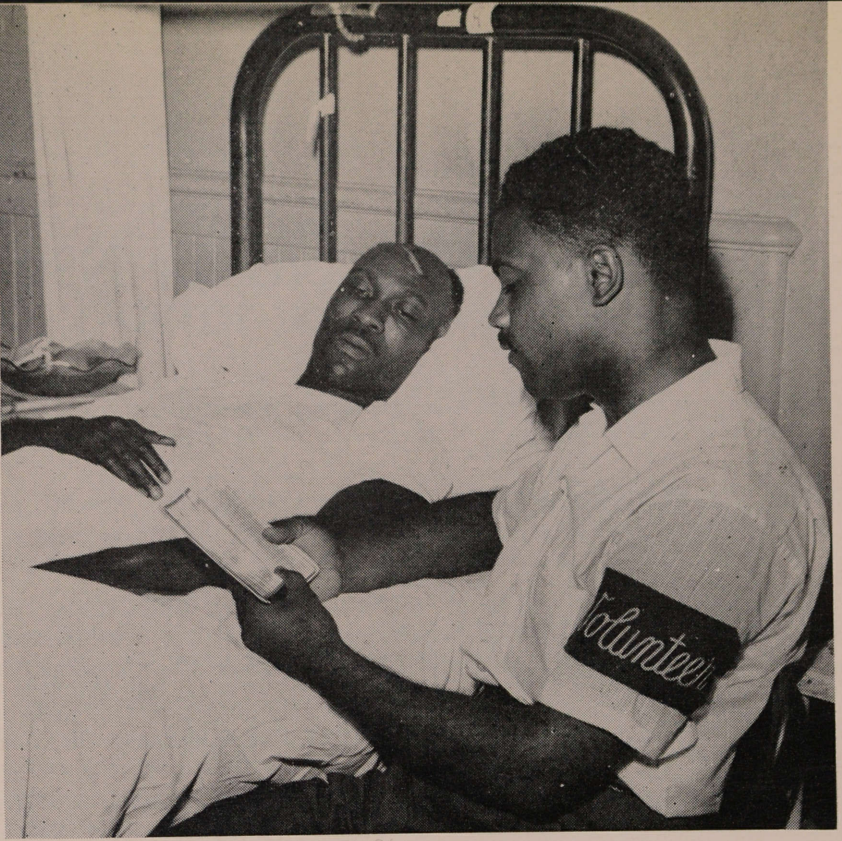
Early called to preach, you prepared yourself to carry out the call by securing through sacrificial labors, first an excellent academic training and then your theological training at Gammon. You served faithfully as a pastor, and for two terms as a District Superintendent. In recognition of your labors and abilities, you were chosen Treasurer of your Conference, and you were sent as a representative to the General Conference of your Church.

Now, forty-nine years after graduation, upon recommendation of the Alumni Association and by vote of the Board of Trustees of Gammon Theological Seminary, I have the honor to present to you this citation.

HARRY V. RICHARDSON  
*President*

May 20, 1956





Mr. Clarence Ferguson, a Junior at Gammon, helps to meet the spiritual and physical needs of patients at Grady Hospital.





# Gammon Students Pursue a New Approach To Pastoral Care

By LESTER R. BELLWOOD

Young ministers at Gammon Theological Seminary are pleased with the results they are achieving as they pursue the so-called "new approach to Pastoral Care." The method is actually very old, for students simply follow the example of Jesus, going among the patients on the wards of Grady Memorial Hospital ministering to their physical needs and at the same time discovering that spiritual needs automatically emerge.

The Clinical Training program originated under the guidance of Professor Edwin E. Krapf, Professor of Practical studies during the academic year of 1954 and 1955. This year the Pastoral Counseling and Clinical Training courses have been combined under the direction of the author of this article, Professor of New Testament and Director of Counseling at Gammon. The clinical portion of the course is maintained in co-operation with Grady Memorial Hospital under the supervision of Miss Francis Hammett, Director of Nursing. The course is aimed at the following objectives:

- (1) to gain a greater appreciation of the hospital as a health agency;
- (2) to learn ways whereby the minister may be most helpful to the patient and his family as well as the community at large;
- (3) to develop simple skills in caring for patients;
- (4) to assist in rendering physical as well as spiritual aid to patients and their families.

Students are given two hours a week of didactic training by the Director of Counseling in which they learn the dynamics and techniques of Pastoral Care. They learn the value of client-centered therapy as well as other methods in such areas as ministering to the sick; ministering to the pre-operative and post-operative patient as well as to the acutely and chronically ill; ministering to tiny children; ministering to the aged; ministering to the alcoholic; ministering to the

dying and to the bereaved. Methods of approaching all of these areas of pastoral care are extensively examined at the same time that the students are meeting the same problems on the wards, thus permitting them to have practical experience under guidance in the actual clinical situation before they leave the seminary.

An additional one hour lecture is given each week to the students at Grady Memorial Hospital by a registered nurse at which time a series of demonstrations are presented for the purpose of enabling the students to perform the following duties on the wards:

- (1) answer the patient's signal to ascertain his needs;
- (2) assist in arranging the patient's unit by transferring patient units within the ward, by assembling special equipment for post-operative units, or by making empty beds;
- (3) prepare patients for meals, serve trays, and feed helpless patients;
- (4) pass fresh drinking water;
- (5) give and remove bedpans and urinals;
- (6) collect urine specimens;
- (7) assist in giving evening care;
- (8) assist with moving patients in bed, in wheelchair and from the bed to a stretcher;
- (9) assist with special comfort and safety measures;

The students render spiritual aid at the request of the patient only.

Following the demonstration lecture the students go directly to the wards to which they are assigned for their clinical training experience. They wear light wash trousers and a light sport shirt (with a bow tie if they so desire). The only other apparel is an arm band with the word "VOLUNTEER" engraved upon it and a badge pinned on the lapel with the title "REVEREND" preceding the name.

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## CLINICAL TRAINING—cont'd.

As the students enter the wards they are immediately confronted with many dynamic situations. One of them remarked, "When I approach the ward I stop and make a quick survey of the entire room, looking for things that need to be done. I see empty water pitchers that need to be filled; I see patients in traction waiting for someone to move them or give them physical assistance; I see the drawn face of another who needs encouragement to help him bear the pain he must endure; I see empty beds that must be made; I see someone patiently waiting to be lifted into a wheelchair; I see relatives nervously watching and waiting for a loved one to regain consciousness from an anesthesia; I see another patient's face break into a smile as he recognizes me from the previous week, and I feel a new surge of energy that enables me to accomplish the task before me."

It is not uncommon to see a young minister holding the hand of a patient while a doctor performs minor surgery or dresses a wound. Many of the doctors have found that they can depend upon the student minister for this service.

On one occasion a doctor came on the ward and stopped abruptly as he saw a student minister calmly conversing with a patient. He immediately called the student over to him and made the following remark: "What did you do to that patient? Before you came he hadn't said a word during the entire week he had been here! Will you please follow-up this patient; we need you badly! You have no idea how I appreciate what you have done."

One may frequently see a young minister accompanying a patient to surgery, giving him a sense of security knowing that someone cares and will be waiting with his family. Another student may be seen reading a small pocket-sized Bible or offering a prayer at the request of a patient. Still another may be thinking with a patient who chooses to share his

problems and fears with a minister. The common remark from a patient is, "Thank you, Reverend; you have helped me so much."

The pediatric ward is by no means neglected. At least two students are assigned to the children's ward each week, and it is a usual scene to see a young minister with a child on his lap helping him color a picture or showing him how to enjoy himself with his toys. Another may be feeding a tiny child who is helpless from severe burns. Again, one may be seen comforting a child who is frightened and screaming at the top of his voice. A minute later he may be holding a thermometer while a child's temperature is being taken. The aim is to help the child gain a basic trust in the universe, thus enabling him to make a satisfactory adjustment to the hospital situation. One day as the instructor walked on this particular ward a nurse made the remark to him, "I just can't get over it—since those ministers came on the ward it is the first time that it has been quiet all day! They really are performing a real service."

One of the doctors remarked to a student on the ward, "You know you fellows can do something we can't do! We certainly can see a change in the patients."

Another doctor was surprised when he found that a student had helped a patient think through his decision to have a leg amputated. The previous day the patient was not willing to undergo the operation, but after counseling with the student he was ready and willing when the doctor returned the following day.

The student does not superimpose his own theology upon the patient nor is he judgmental. He starts with the physical needs of the patient, and if he requests spiritual help, the most important issue is how the patient feels about his problem. By learning to care for the physical needs of the patient the student discovers that he is better prepared to meet

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SCENE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.

Left to right: Dr. H. V. Richardson, Dr. F. D. Patterson, Bishop J. W. E. Bowen.



# *The President's*

## TO THE ALUMNI AND FRIENDS OF GAMMON:

If you could have been here at Commencement time, I am sure you would have been very proud. First of all, the graduating class was one of the largest in the Seminary's entire history, and the number who received the Bachelor of Divinity degree was actually the largest ever. To turn out a large number of well trained graduates is the surest sign that "business is good."

In addition to the B.D. degrees, we also conferred our second Master of Sacred Theology degree. The recipient was Rev. John H. Williams, '50, who now serves as Dean of the School of Religion in Butler College, Tyler,, Texas. Mr. Williams' thesis is a careful study of the churches of Tyler to determine the adequacy of their physical resources for their needed programs.

This year we tried the experiment of combining the Baccalaureate and Commencement exercises into one service on Sunday afternoon. Many professional schools are now doing this. The experiment was highly successful. The attendance was the largest we have seen. The Chapel was crowded to overflowing, with many sitting and standing in the halls. A large number who cannot leave their work to attend the graduating exercises on Monday were grateful for the chance to attend on Sunday afternoon.

This year, too, we held the President's Reception to graduates and guests out of doors on the lawn between the Administration Building and the Men's Dormitory. This made a beautiful setting. As you know, Gammon has been known for its attractive grounds. The weather was perfect; the ladies were lovely in their afternoon splendor; the hundreds who attended the reception stayed long after for fellowship and just to enjoy the restful rustic beauty of the campus. Several of the "old-timers" who were present told me that this was like the Gammon of former years.

The Alumni Association did not hold its annual meeting at Commencement this year largely because of the many Church



# Newsletter

meetings that were being held this spring. Acting President E. M. Hurley has stated that the annual meeting will be held at the Seminary on Founder's Day which is Tuesday, December 4. Please put this date on your calendar, and make plans now to attend. We have long needed to make Founder's Day a bigger event in the school year.

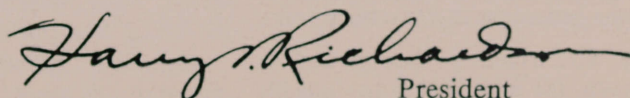
I have often mentioned the part Prof. J. H. Graham of our faculty has played in building up our present enrollment. On top of his many duties, he has recently completed a detailed study of Gammon's recruiting program and the ministerial needs of the Central Jurisdiction. The study is now being published and will shortly be available for wide distribution.

Mr. Graham shows with statistical accuracy that we are losing more ministers than we take in. In 1954, he says, "for every *three* members admitted into the traveling connection, *eight* terminated their Conference relationship." How long can we last losing more than two times as many pastors as we take in? With prophet-like judgment Mr. Graham warns: "Neglect may be one way to deal with the problem of the Central Jurisdiction." As one who loves his Church, does this mean anything to you?

We are having a busy summer. The Area Pastors School was one of the best in program and in effectiveness. We are looking forward to the largest Summer School for Rural and City Pastors, August 13-24. We anticipate another heavy enrollment in September. We will say more of these things later.

We hope you are spending a pleasant and a progressive summer.

Yours in Christian fellowship,

  
President



# Here We Are...

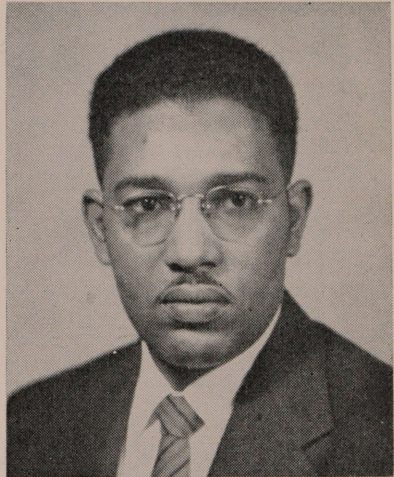
(The second in a series of articles on outstanding alumni of the Seminary)

W. T. Handy, Jr., a graduate of the class of '51, and who received the S.T.M. degree in '52 from the Boston University School of Theology, is rapidly rising to a place of high distinction in the ministry.

In July, 1952, Mr. Handy was appointed to the Newman Methodist Church in Alexandria, Louisiana, where he serves at present. Upon his arrival in Alexandria, he found the church located in the down town section of the city in a totally inadequate one-room building. Having sensed the need of a new church and a new location, Mr. Handy went to work to accomplish his aim. It was unanimously decided that the church should be relocated to another community where the people were. Mr. Handy through tireless efforts soon saw his work was not in vain.

Under the leadership of Mr. Handy, new property was purchased at a price of \$25,000.00, and a new parsonage and edifice erected on the spot. The total indebtedness was approximately \$120,000.00. According to Mr. Handy in a recent statement, the present indebtedness now stands at \$19,000.00. The entirely new plant is a beautiful brick structure, and has a seating capacity of over 400 persons. Also included in the new church is a kitchen, a fellowship hall, church office, pastor's study, and 10 other rooms for church school activities. The new parsonage is a brick veneer structure with three bedrooms and two bathrooms.

Since Mr. Handy's appointment to this church, the membership has steadily increased, and at present the roll has



Rev. W. T. Handy, Jr.

over 270 members. He is a very distinguished figure in the civic and social affairs of the community. The major portion of his time is spent ministering to the needs of his parish, and participation in community activities. Twice each week, Mr. Handy renders spiritual guidance to death cell inmates at the prison. He also gives much of his time to the juvenile delinquent homes through special visits for observation and recommendations.

Mr. Handy is a member of the Executive Council of the N.A.A.C.P., a member of the local high school lay committee, and the Union Masonic Board.

Gammon Theological Seminary is proud of this son who is bringing distinction to himself and to his Alma Mater.



## Alumni Notes

The Annual Meeting of the General Alumni Association was not held at Commencement time this year because of the quadrennial activities and the heavy schedules of many alumni. Many alumni, however, from out of the city attended the combined Baccalaureate and Commencement Exercises on Sunday, May 20. Commencement events are indicated elsewhere in this issue of THE FOUNDATION.

The Commencement Address was delivered by Dr. Frederick D. Patterson, Director of the Phelps-Stokes Fund and President of the United Negro College Fund, Inc. Dr. Patterson's address is included in this issue.

After the address the Bachelor of Divinity degree was conferred upon 17 graduates. Dr. Evan M. Hurley, vice president of the General Alumni Association, participated in the activities. He presented to President Richardson the two outstanding alumni who were given Alumni Citations for the long and distinguished services to their Church and the communities in which they had lived and worked. They were The Reverends James Furman Demery and John Wesley Manning, both of the Class of 1907.

Dr. John Josephus Hicks, B.D. '41, was presented to President Richardson by Dr. Ellis H. Richards, the registrar, for the Doctor of Divinity degree.

The Reverend John Henry Williams, B.D., '50, and Dean of the School of Religion, Butler College, Tyler, Texas, was the second person in the history of the Seminary to receive the Master of Sacred Theology degree, given to students who made outstanding records at the Seminary.

Following these events, Dr. Hurley inducted the graduates of the Class of 1956 into the General Alumni Association.

The President's Reception was held on the beautiful, spacious lawn between Thirkield and Gammon Halls. Many alumni, faculty, students and friends enjoyed a pleasant evening.

All alumni are asked now to begin planning to attend the Founder's Day

Exercises which will be held during the fall. You will be kept informed of the special program for this occasion.

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Pres. M. Lafayette Harris, B.D., '29, President of Philander Smith College, Little Rock, Ark., was named by the Council of Bishops of the Methodist Church to represent the denomination at the General Conference of the A.M.E. Church which met in Miami, Fla., May 17, 1956.

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Rev. Matthew D. McCollom, B.D., '50; S.T.M., '55, Pastor of the Trinity Methodist Church in Orangeburg, S. C., was guest lecturer on the campus in May.

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Dr. John Joseph Hicks, B.D., '41, Pastor of the Union Memorial Methodist Church in St. Louis, Missouri, was awarded the Doctor of Divinity degree from Gammon Theological Seminary at the combined Baccalaureate and Commencement Services on May 20, 1956.

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Rev. John W. Manning, Diploma '07, Abingdon, Va., was honored by the General Alumni Association with the Alumni Citation from the Seminary for 1956.

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Rev. James F. Demery, Diploma '07, a retired minister and former district superintendent of the Methodist Church, the Georgia Conference, was also awarded the Alumni Citation for 1956.

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Rev. Milton L. Upton, B.D., '56, has been appointed pastor of the Rush Memorial Congregational Church, in Atlanta, Ga.

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Rev. L. Scott Allen, B.D., '42, Pastor of the Central Methodist Church in Atlanta, Ga., was a ministerial delegate to the General Conference of the Methodist Church which convened in Minneapolis, Minn., on April 25, 1956. Rev. Allen is spending much of the summer in study at Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill.

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Rev. Milton Brooks, B.D., '56, was the recipient of the Frank W. Clelland



award. Mr. Brooks is engaged in the field of social work at the Carrie Steele-Pitts Home in Atlanta.

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Rev. Jonathan Jackson, B.D., '56, Pastor of the Warren Memorial Methodist Church, LaGrange, Ga., was given the Smith-Taylor Award from the Seminary. Rev. Jackson was also ordained an Elder in the Methodist Church by Bishop J. W. E. Bowen at the last session of the Georgia Annual Conference.

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Rev. John Henry Williams, B.D., '50, was awarded the Master of Sacred Theology degree from the Seminary at the combined Baccalaureate and Commencement Services on May 20, 1956. Rev. Williams is Dean of the School of Religion, Butler College, Tyler, Tex.

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Rev. A. S. Dickerson, B.D., '42, superintendent of the Atlanta-South District of the Georgia Conference was a delegate to the General Conference of the Methodist Church held in Minneapolis, Minn.

Rev. Dickerson is studying this summer at Boston University.

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Rev. E. W. McMillan, B.D., '33, Pastor of Warren Memorial Methodist Church, Atlanta, served as host to the Georgia Annual Conference May 22-27, 1956.

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Rev. B. L. Davis of Louisville, Ky., B.D., '40, was awarded the Master's degree from Atlanta University in June, 1956. Rev. Davis' thesis was entitled: "Counseling Practices of Ministers." He is the former pastor of Liberty Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga., and now is pastor of the Historic Calvary Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky. While in Atlanta, Rev. Davis took time out from his busy schedule to visit the Seminary and to talk informally with President Richardson.

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Rev. James I. Dixon, B.D., '38, visited the campus on August 1, 1956. He is pastoring the Simpson Methodist Church, Indianapolis, Ind. Many friends with whom Rev. Dixon studied while in the Seminary were happy to see him. The

Seminary family was, indeed, pleased to have Rev. Dixon visit the campus.

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Reverend C. S. Stinson, B.D., '46, superintendent of the Atlanta North District of the Georgia Conference, was a ministerial delegate to the Jurisdictional Conference of the Methodist Church held in New Orleans, La. Rev. Stinson is continuing his studies at Garrett Biblical Institute this summer.

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Once again Gammon is honored through the high distinction that has come to one of its graduates. On June 17, Dr. Prince Albert Taylor, Jr., graduate of the Class of 1931, was elected to the episcopacy of The Methodist Church.

Bishop Taylor's Alma Mater is proud of this distinguished son. We pray that he may have many years of rich service to the Church and to his fellowmen.

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Rev. Haskell H. Murray, B.D., '56, was given a special award for achievement by the Seminary. Rev. Murray is the assistant organist of the Liberty Baptist Church in Atlanta, Ga.

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Rev. James Calvin Peters, B.D., '56, received the James S. and Emma E. Todd award from the Seminary. Rev. Peters has served in the Georgia Annual Conference as a pastor of the Atlanta-South District.

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Rev. Calvin Lawton, B.D., '55, Pastor of the Forsyth Charge of the Georgia Conference has also been assigned to the new pastoral work in Macon, Georgia. Mr. Lawton was ordained an Elder in the Methodist Church by Bishop J. W. E. Bowen at the last session of the Georgia Annual Conference.

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Rev. Robert L. Johnson, B.D., '55, has accepted the position of pastor of the First African Baptist Church, Brunswick, Georgia.

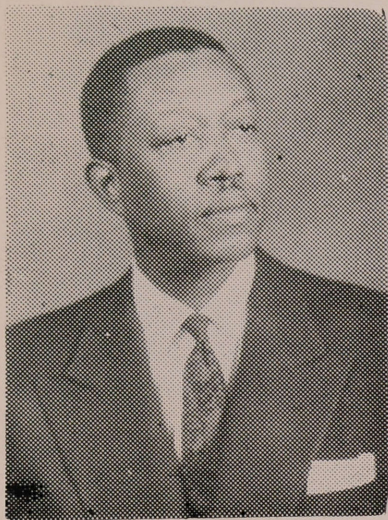
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The next issue of THE FOUNDATION will include information about our many alumni who have attended institutions of higher learning, institutes, workshops, and Summer Schools for Pastors. We are interested in receiving more news from our alumni.



# Alumni Honored at Commencement

## DOCTOR OF DIVINITY



JOHN JOSEPHUS HICKS

B.A., Paine College, 1938

B.D., Gammon Theological Seminary,  
1941

S.T.M., University of Southern  
California, 1944

D.D., Reed College of Religion, 1954  
St. Louis, Missouri

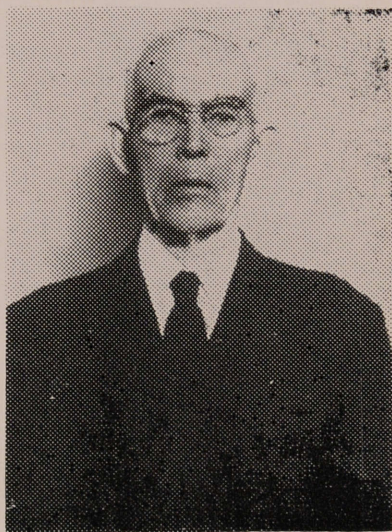
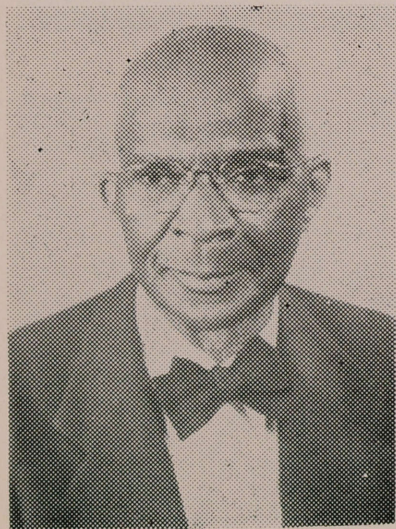
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## ALUMNI CITATIONS

JAMES FURMAN DEMERY

Diploma, 1907  
Atlanta, Georgia

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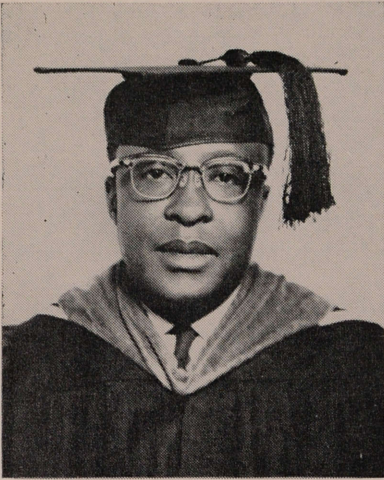
JOHN WESLEY MANNING

Diploma, 1907  
Abingdon, Virginia

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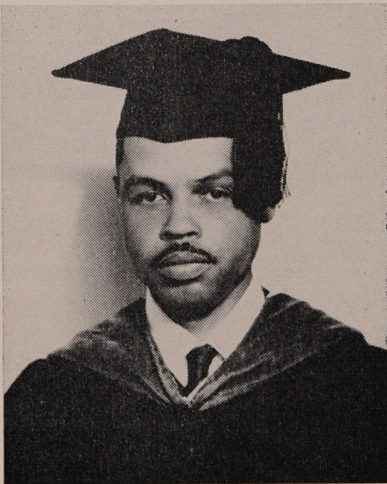
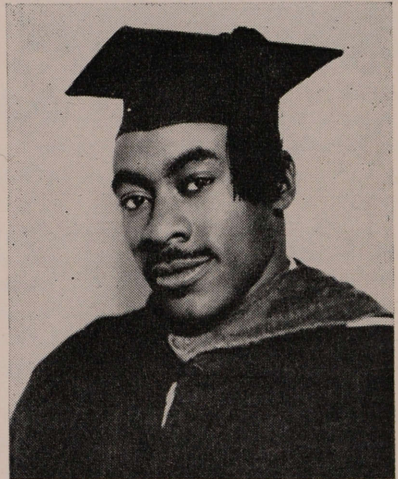


## Graduates of 1956



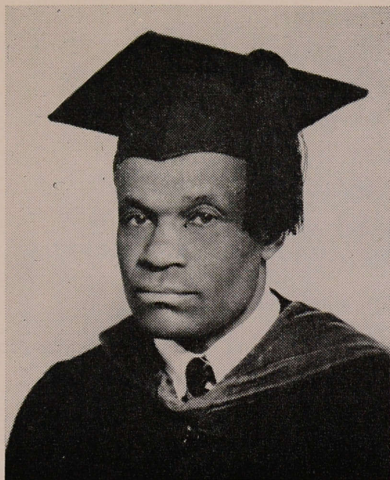
JAMES DAVID ASHFORD  
A.B., Rust College, 1951  
Pastor, St. Johns Methodist Church,  
Leakesville, North Carolina

JOSEPH BENJAMIN BETHEA  
A.B., Claflin College, 1953  
Pastor, The Methodist Church,  
Ninety Six, South Carolina

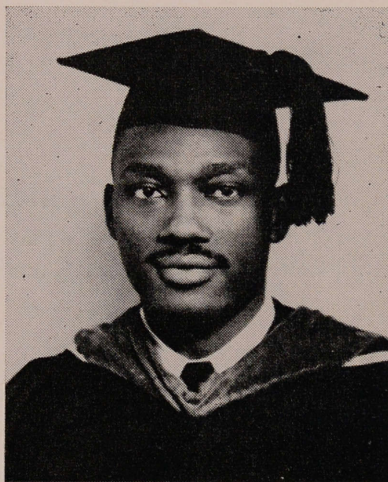


JOHN DE LEON BOONE, JR.  
A.B., Claflin College, 1950  
Pastor, Jedburg Methodist Church,  
St. Stephen, South Carolina

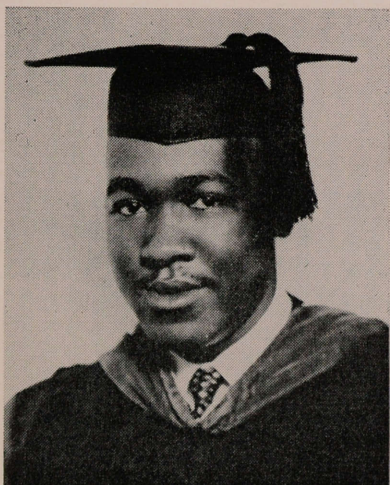




WILLIAM MILTON BROOKS  
A.B., Morris Brown College, 1949  
M.S.W., Atlanta University, 1951  
Group Worker; Carrie Steele Pitts Home

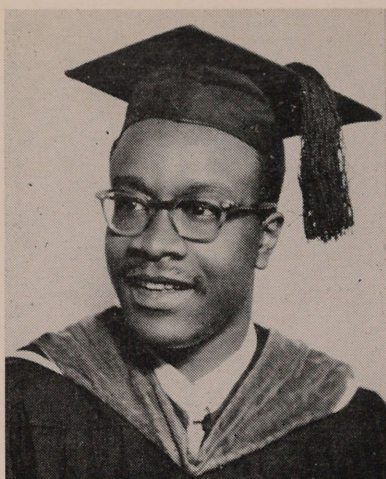


HENRY CARROL CLAY, JR.  
A.B., Rust College, 1952  
Pastor, St. Marks Methodist Church,  
Gulfport, Mississippi

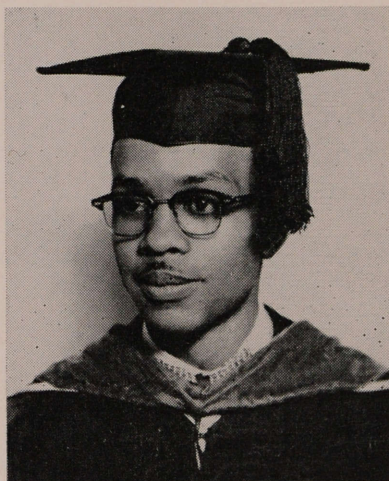


JOE DELL GRIER, JR.  
A.B., Morris Brown College, 1954  
Pastor, The Methodist Church,  
Hogansville, Georgia

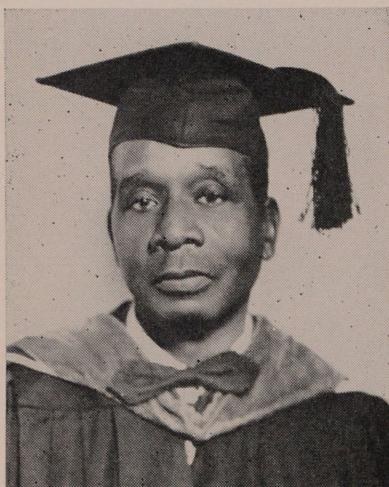




JONATHAN JACKSON  
A.B., Clark College, 1953  
Pastor, Warren Temple Methodist  
Church,  
La Grange, Georgia



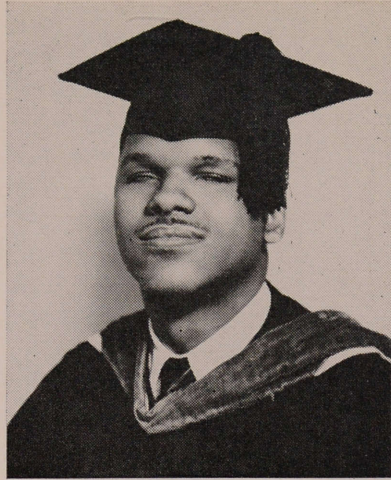
TREVOR CURTIS JONES  
B.S., Rust College, 1950  
Pastor, The Methodist Church,  
Preston, Maryland



DAVID VELO JOSEPH  
B.S., Tuskegee Institute, 1934  
M.Ed., Tuskegee Institute, 1951  
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

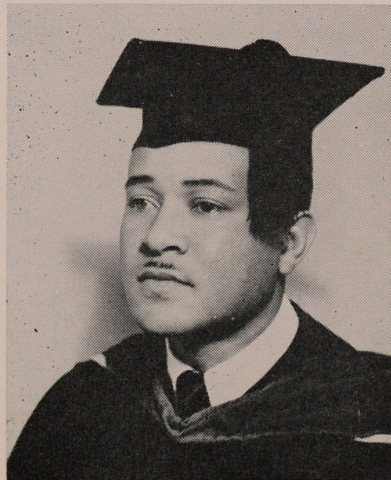


HASKELL HARVEY MURRAY  
A.B., Benedict College, 1953  
Group Worker: Liberty Baptist Church,  
Atlanta, Georgia

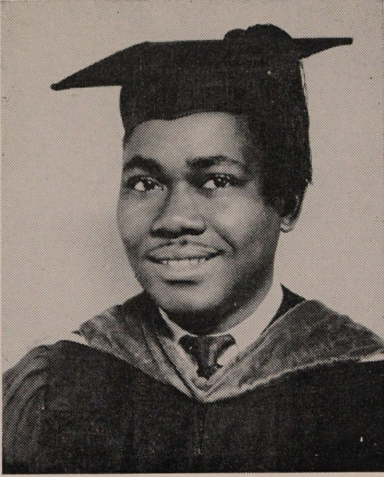


ERNEST WILBUR NEWMAN  
A.B., Claflin College, 1948  
Pastor, St. Joseph Methodist Church,  
Jacksonville, Florida

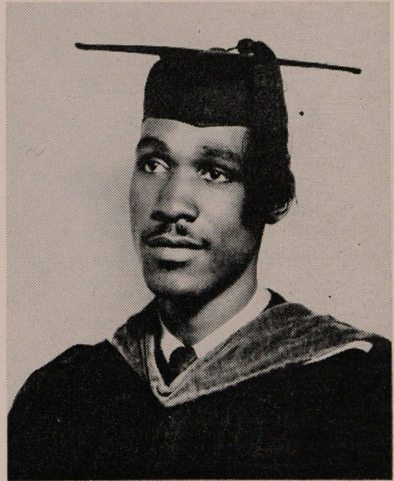
JAMES CALVIN PETERS  
A.B., Rust College, 1950  
Pastor, St. James Methodist Church,  
Columbus, Mississippi







ISRAEL LUCAS RUCKER  
A.B., Rust College, 1950  
Pastor., Asbury Methodist Church,  
Holly Springs, Mississippi



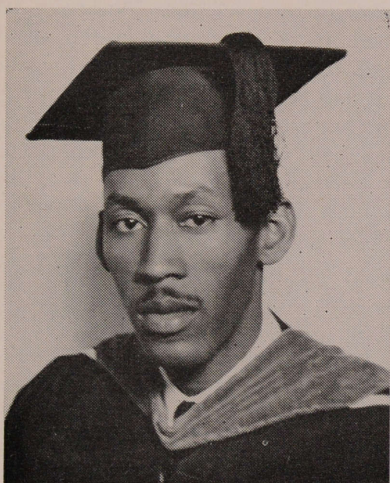
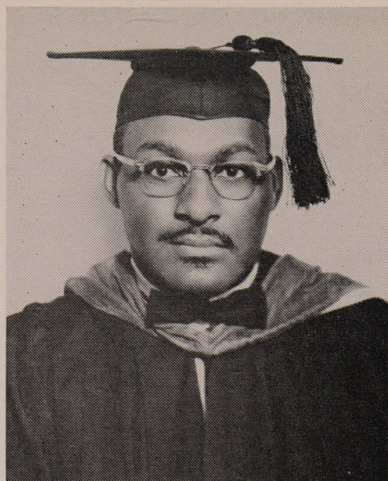
JULIUS LEE SCIPIO  
A.B., Claflin College, 1949  
Howard University, School of  
Religion, 1951  
Pastor, The Methodist Church,  
Pickens, South Carolina



SAMUEL STANLEY TATEM  
A.B., Tennessee A. and I. State  
University, 1953  
Iliff School of Theology, 1953-54  
Pastor, Rust Chapel and Wesley Chapel,  
Oxford, Georgia  
Group Worker, Carrie Steele Pitts Home,  
Atlanta, Georgia



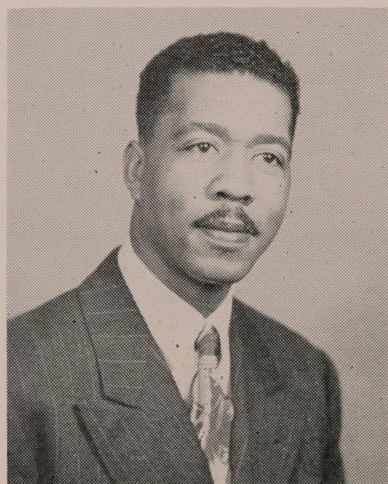
THEODORE TRAMMELL  
A.B., Rust College, 1952  
Pastor, Haven Methodist Church,  
Clarksdale, Mississippi



MILTON LEON UPTON  
A.B., Knoxville College, 1950  
Pastor, Rush Congregational Church,  
Atlanta, Georgia  
Group Worker, Carrie Steele Pitts Home,  
Atlanta, Georgia

## MASTER OF SACRED THEOLOGY

JOHN HENRY WILLIAMS  
A.B., Tillotson College, 1936  
B.D., Gammon Theological Seminary,  
1950  
Dean, School of Religion,  
Butler College,  
Tyler, Texas





## COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

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One of the best arguments for sharing in the fruits of democracy is a well balanced program of living which reveals a thoughtful regard for basic values. This is what is meant by social maturity. It contrasts with the immaturity of superficial and meaningless striving. I believe the minister has an opportunity and a responsibility to use his leadership to guide and encourage the community in all aspects of balanced living. I would add as a part of this the solemn duty of keeping ever before Negro youth the necessity for sound educational preparation that will enable them to take advantage of the new and expanding areas of opportunity. The great Pasteur stated that fortune favors those who are prepared.

The Negro minister must also use his role as a leader in religious thought to help create a climate of opinion favorable to the changes which will bring the privileges of full citizenship to all members of the community. The next few years are likely to bring a period of heightened tension in the South. Many of those who oppose integration will spread vicious propaganda against the Negro. This, if left uncounteracted will, as it is now doing, create hostility among those who are uninformed. Enlightened ministers must know the correct answers and seek every opportunity to inform the community of the truth of the aspirations of the Negro people. He must be able to reveal how the achievement of these aspirations will be a contribution to the common good.

Facts exist in abundance which show the cost of ill health (mental or physical), crime, delinquency and lack of educational opportunity. A recent publication of the Department of Defense showing the relationship between low educational expenditure per Negro child and rejections for military duty is a dramatic portrayal of the price a nation pays for the educational neglect of a significant segment of its citizens. When any group of the population is ill prepared to carry

out an important state or national duty the burden must fall on those who are able. Thus a double penalty occurs.

The well prepared minister today must be conscious of the world changes which are transpiring. These changes are related to the strength of the nation and the welfare of all of its citizens. These changes explain the large opportunity open to those who are prepared and explain why well prepared Negro Americans may receive a measure of preference in staffing posts for foreign service. The necessity for closing the gap between the way this country treats its largest minority group and the democratic ideals it professes explains much of the rapid advance in race relations. Necessity has brought about integration in the armed services since 1951. Just a short time before it had been predicted that from fifty to one hundred years would be required to complete this change. All concerned must be made to understand that time is running out and no longer is any nation free to take its own good time in working out important human relationships. The role of the minister as an interpreter of these relationships can indeed be an important one. During this period of hysteria the deeper moral and spiritual values are being passed over and hatreds are being generated by groundless fears. We need, in a most important way, the guidance of those professionally prepared to speak the wise and comforting word and to guide us in seeking Divine guidance in efforts to resolve human differences. Both races need to be encouraged to lose neither patience nor faith, while every effort is exercised to have those who are wrong see the right. Shailer Mathews, the late dean of the Bishop Payne Divinity School of the Univ. of Chicago, often said everything would be all right in this world if it weren't for just folks. I think what the world needs today is to see that all of us, regardless of race, creed, or color are just folks—folks with basically the same needs, hopes and aspirations; and, next, to understand that the meeting of these needs for others

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enhances rather than impairs our ability to satisfy these needs for ourselves.

I hope that in suggesting these areas of competence I have not conveyed to you the idea that I think the basic role of Christian leadership is unimportant. What I have attempted to state is my belief that the role of Christian leadership is all pervading of every area of life and living. No person, it seems to me, is better able than the minister of stressing the Christian ethic in dealing with the day-to-day relationships of which life is made.

Nor would I have you overlook the important need which man has for guidance in the immediate and personal problems of life during this period of changing times and involved human relationships. I am convinced that our growth in material processions and in civic and social advantages have not been accompanied by a lessening of the strain of life. This may be due to the development of disorganizing relationships as a result of changes during the present century which have come more rapidly than we have been able to digest them. Whatever the reason, man stands in no less need of sound religiously oriented guidance. As we move from unquestioned acceptance of moral preachments to a reasoned opinion about standards of conduct in an environment which threatens the unity and stability of family life, our serious need is for an orientation in enduring values which will motivate man's striving for the good life. To offer this guidance you will need to lean heavily on your knowledge of the behavioral sciences. And these must be applied with the strength and quality of emphasis possible only to those with the deepest religious conviction. In these several opportunities lie the great challenge which is yours today. In the meeting of this challenge, may you be Divinely inspired and Divinely blessed.

## CAMPUS NEWS



Dr. Ellis H. Richards

Professor Ellis H. Richards, head of the Department of Theological Studies, has been granted the Ph.D. degree. It was granted on June 4 by Drew University. The title of Dr. Richards' dissertation was *Kantian Ethics and the Pauline Doctrine of the Holy Spirit*. Congratulations to Dr. Richards. He plans to return to the Seminary on September 1 to resume his work in the Department of Theological Studies.

Miss Mattie N. Daye, dietitian at the Seminary for eight years, will retire at the close of the summer session. Miss Day has given long and faithful service to the Seminary, and she will long be remembered for her graciousness and delicious meals prepared for the many visiting alumni and friends during the years.

In recognition of Miss Daye's faithful service to the Seminary, a citation was awarded to her at the Commencement Exercises in May.





Sheikh Muhamand Bah Jat Al-Bitar of Damask, Syria, leading Mohammedan educator and theologian, visits Gammon in the interest of promoting greater understanding between Moslims and Christians. Shown with the Sheikh are Swazi Quiblawi, interpreter; Pres. Harry V. Richardson, and Rev. Norman Rates, of Spelman College who accompanied the visitors.



## CAMPUS NEWS

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Two visitors of international importance were guests at the Seminary on April 16 and 17. Dr. Takuo Matsumoto, president of the Hiroshima Girls School, who survived the atomic bombing of his city, spoke to the students and faculty in the Chapel on Tuesday, April 17. Dr. Matsumoto was the guest of President and Mrs. Richardson whom he met when they were in Japan on an evangelistic mission the summer of 1954.

The second guest was Mr. S. B. Tewarson, president of the Junior College in India. He is in the midst of the sweeping social changes now taking place in India. He spoke to the faculty at the President's home April 16 on the present developments in his country.

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President Richardson was chosen by the Council of Bishops of the Methodist Church to represent that Church at the General Conference of the A.M.E.Zion Church, which met in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, May 2-16, 1956.

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Dr. Helen F. Topping, a member of the Clark College faculty, was guest speaker in Chapel on Tuesday, May 3. Dr. Topping is a teacher and missionary in the far East. For many years she was closely associated with Toyohika Kagawa, the world renowned Japanese Christian leader. She also taught in the Philippines where she is professor of education. Dr. Topping possesses a vast collection of materials on F. W. Parker, the American educator, and Kagawa.

After the Chapel Service, Dr. Topping visited classes and led discussions with students.

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Mr. Hubert A. Jernigan of Pine Lake, Georgia, has given to the Seminary through Dr. Ellis H. Richards, a set of most beautiful drawings on "The Lord is My Shepherd" (The Twenty-Third Psalm) by the artist, Ernest Norling. The set contains nineteen drawings and also a copy of "The Story of Ernest Norling's Illustrations of the 23rd Psalm." The Seminary is deeply grateful for this gift by Mr. Jernigan.

## VISITORS

The Seminary was host to many guests during the past quarter. Among the friends and alumni who stopped in to greet us are:

Bishop Newell S. Booth, B.P. 522, Elizabethville, Congo Belge, Africa.

Miss Anita Harris, Office of Missionary Personnel of the Board of Missions, The Methodist Church, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, New York

Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Miller, 804 Madison, St. Palatka, Fla.

Mr. Camilo Cortez A. Carreras, 1473-A, Concedcion, Chile, S.A.

Mrs. Robert L. Brown, 321 Robin Hood Rd., N.E., Atlanta, Ga.

Rev. R. G. Lawrence, 753 Goff Ave., N.E., Orangeburg, S.C.

Rev. M. D. McCollom, 191 Boulevard, N.E., Orangeburg, S.C.

Rev. Howard W. Hinson, Claflin College, Orangeburg, S.C.

Rev. J. Harold Jones, Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn.

Dr. James S. Thomas, Board of Education of the Methodist Church, Nashville, Tenn.

Rev. Edward K. Knettlar, 2724 Brown St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Rev. Brantley Knight, Atlanta, Ga.

Mrs. Mary Falk, Zion College, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Mr. Ralph A. Ward, 22 Hennessy Road, Hong Kong, China

Mr. Lonnie Turnipseed, Emory University, Ga.

Mrs. Elsie Jackson Hardiman, 57 West 65th Street, Chicago 21, Ill.

Dr. D. Ekundayo Boye-Johnson, Senior Medical Officer of Health, c/o Medical Dept., Freetown, Sierra Leone, British West Africa.

Mrs. Boye-Johnson accompanied Dr. Boye-Johnson

Rev. J. I. Dixon, 1142 Congress Street, Indianapolis, Indiana



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### THE SMITH-TAYLOR AWARD

Dr. Roy L. Smith and Bishop Prince A. Taylor, Jr., jointly, provide an annual prize for the member of the graduating class who has shown the most progress in written English during his seminary years and who gives promise of ability in the field of religious journalism. Jonathan Jackson of Atlanta, Ga., received this award.

### THE FRANK W. CLELLAND AWARD

The Frank W. Clelland Award, established by the Reverend W. T. Handy, Jr., pastor of Newnan Methodist Church, Alexandria, La., in appreciation of the personal and academic help he received from Dr. Frank W. Clelland, was given to William Milton Brooks, of Atlanta, Ga., for "highest ability shown in the fields of New Testament and Homiletics."

### A SPECIAL AWARD

In recognition of his high scholarship and well-rounded personality, Haskell Harvey Murray of Harleyville, S. C., a member of the class of 1956, received a special award given by two friends of the Seminary. In spite of Mr. Murray's total blindness, he finished fourth in his class. He was active in many organizations both in the city and on the campus. Mr. Murray plays both the organ and piano.

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emergency situations where accidents or tragedy occur. He is not only prepared to give the much needed spiritual assistance, but he is equally prepared to minister to the most urgent physical needs as a normal part of his activities.

Many students are finding that this approach not only produces surprising results, but they come away from the hospital greatly helped themselves.

## ANNUAL AWARDS

### THE JAMES S. AND EMMA E. TODD AWARD

James Calvin Peters, 1956, of Wiggins, Miss., was the recipient of the James S. and Emma E. Todd Award, established by Mrs. Mary J. Todd McKenzie of Jacksonville, Florida, in honor of her parents, the Reverend and Mrs. James S. Todd. The income from this fund is awarded annually "to the senior who has consistently manifested sterling Christian character, and who has shown most evidence of growth in the development of the gifts and graces essential to the Christian ministry."

### THE NATIONAL METHODIST SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Two National Methodist Scholarship Awards are made available in each Methodist theological seminary. They provide a cash stipend of \$500 each. Candidates for the awards are nominated by the faculty or an appropriate administrative committee in each seminary, but the final selection rests with the General Board of Education. The recipients are chosen from the Junior Class, and they must give unusual promise of usefulness and must have demonstrated outstanding leadership ability.

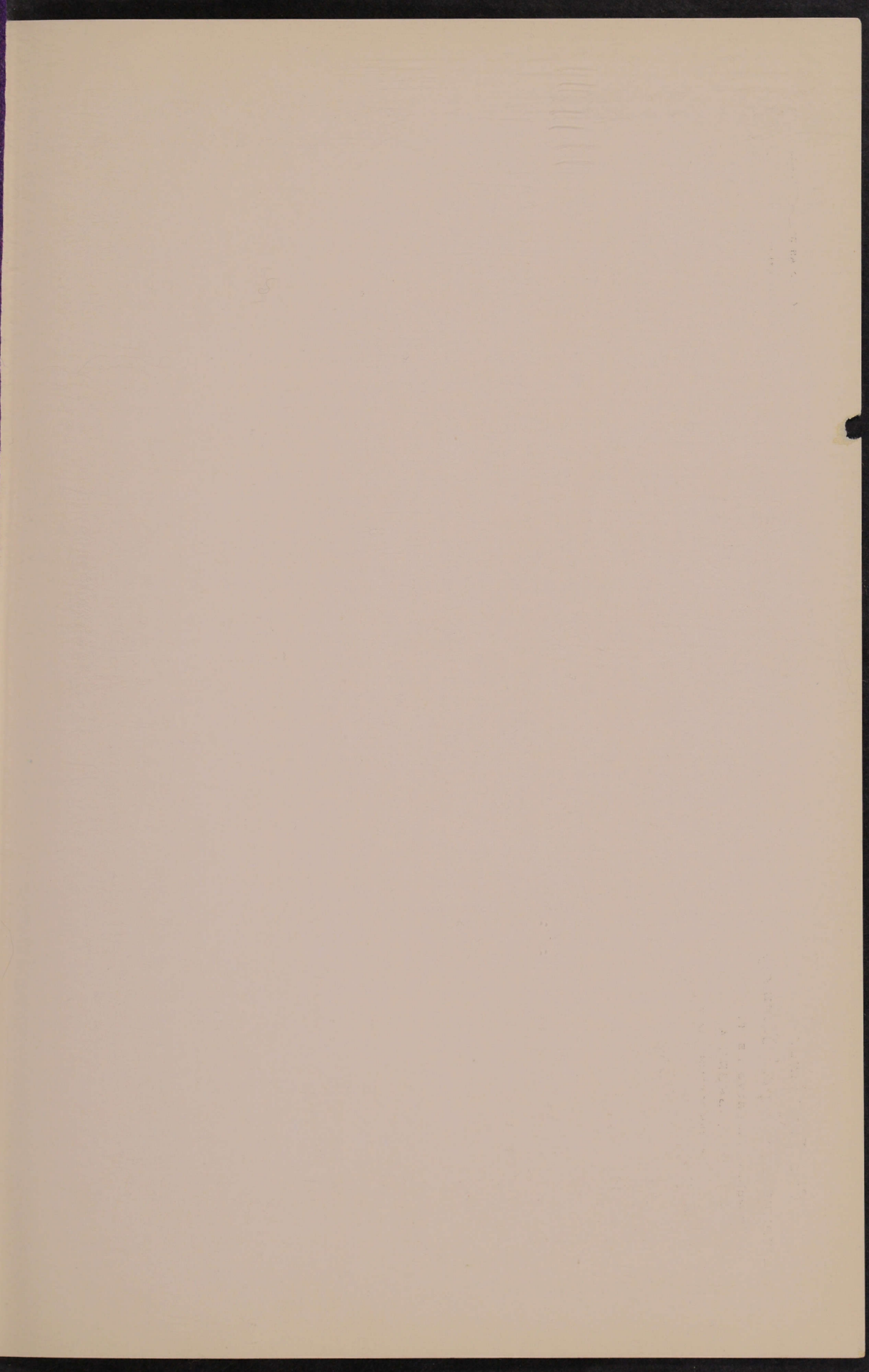
Awards also include a two-week travel seminar, during which the students visit the general boards and agencies of the Methodist Church.

Mr. Walter Willis, Jr., of Sylacauga, Ala., received the National Methodist Scholarship Award for the academic year 1955-56.

### THE GAMMON FACULTY AWARD

To encourage interest in scholarly endeavors, the faculty members of the Seminary have established an annual award to the member of the graduating class who has the highest scholastic average. Henry Carrol Clay, Jr., of Canton, Miss., received the award this year.







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