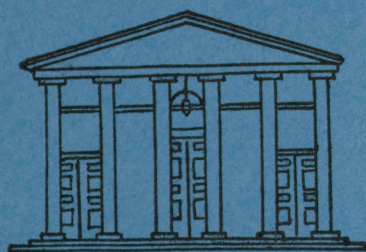
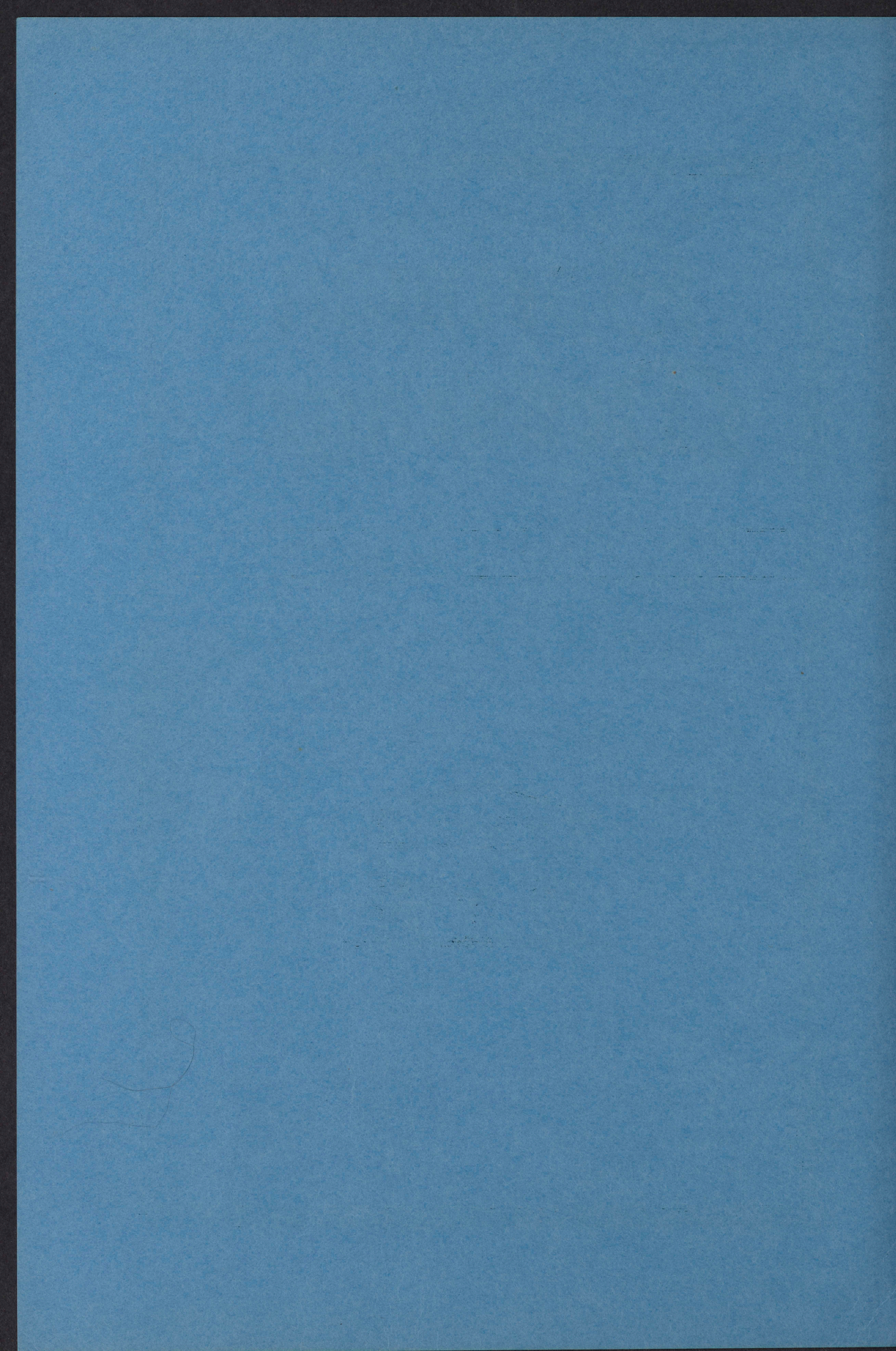


# Spelman Messenger

AUGUST 1946









# Spelman Messenger

PUBLISHED BY

**SPELMAN COLLEGE**

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

IN NOVEMBER, FEBRUARY, MAY, AUGUST

*Yearly subscription \$1.00, payable in advance and covering 4 numbers from date paid; single copies, 30 cents. Checks should be drawn to Spelman College and mailed to*

EDITOR, SPELMAN MESSENGER

Subscribers who wish to change the address to which the MESSENGER is sent should notify the Editor, giving both old and new addresses. Alumnae who would like to interest new subscribers in the MESSENGER may have a sample copy mailed free to any address.

Entered at the Post Office at Atlanta, Georgia, as second class matter. Acceptances for mailing at special rate of postage provided for in section 1103, Act of October 3, 1917.

## CONTENTS

FRONTISPIECE: 1946 SENIORS ON WAY TO SISTERS CHAPEL.....	2
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS .....	3
BACCALAUREATE SERMON .....	6
THE SPELMAN MOTHER AND FATHER—1946.....	8
SILHOUETTES .....	10
CAMPUS NOTES .....	14
CALENDAR .....	17
SUMMER SCHOOL CALENDAR .....	18
FACULTY NOTES .....	20
ALUMNAE NEWS .....	20
ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION NEWS .....	25
EXCERPTS FROM LETTERS FROM AND ABOUT ALUMNAE.....	26





1946 SENIORS ON THE WAY TO SISTERS CHAPEL



# Spelman Messenger

---

VOL. 62

AUGUST, 1946

No. 4

---

## Commencement Address

*Excerpts from the address delivered  
by Dr. Goodrich C. White, President of  
Emory University.*

The thoughts of this class turn backward over the years or forward to new opportunities, new tasks, new joys—the future beckons. Little of what the speaker says will be heard or long remembered. Yet, by all the laws of academic tradition, the speech must be made; and I want to speak some word that will help a little—be of some value.

Of one thing I am certain: It is the quality of our living with which we must be concerned—not the possessions we may accumulate, nor variety and extent of the activities; but rather what we are and aspire to make of ourselves. One very favorable quality in the personality of others which I have increasingly desired for myself is one that cannot be summed up in a single word; but it embraces poise, serenity, warmth, courage. It is invisible but its sum total in an individual makes that person good to know and to live

with in such turbulent days as these. Such men and women give to others, and others become sturdier because of their strength. The finest service we render to others we do not know that we are rendering. We hurt and hinder in ways in which we are not aware. The tension and unrest and dissatisfaction that some very good people can create around them is sometimes a tragic thing and the reason is that at the center of their lives there is none of the serenity and poise which others may feel and share as they touch them.

We must look to the foundation of our own lives, else when ill winds come the upper stories will crumble and fall. Only those who have poise and serenity and high courage at the center stand undismayed when disappointment and defeat come as they inevitably will. Fear and its twin, anxiety, are peculiarly characteristic of our civilization. They



are enemies to living at one's best.

However far we may go as a people with insurance, food, clothing, and jobs for everybody, uncertainties will remain. But there is a security of the inner life which outward circumstances cannot take away. It does not come easily. Like all good things it must be striven for. It cannot be sought directly, yet it is certain that it can be obtained. It is manifested in the lives of many men and women—some in humble station and some in great. Such men and women have, I think, never ceased to grow. So I say to you, "Keep on growing."

Your education is just beginning, and, if ten years from now you are not a bigger and better person with a wider range of interests and understanding and new depths of sympathy and insight, your education will have failed you, regardless of any outward evidences of success. Develop inner resources by reaching out for those things you want to become a part of yourself: greatness, truth, beauty—we will find them in the great books and great works of art in the past, in the world of nature around us, and in the men and women who embody them in their own lives.

We must not get so absorbed in the exacting round of things that there is not time left for those things that make us strong and courageous

and better able to do and to serve. The men and women who possess this indefinable quality never seem to be in a hurry. By doing one thing at a time, the best job possible under the circumstances—that is the best contribution we can make. It is not complacency that I am urging, nor indifference to human need; for there must be a readiness to serve as good citizens of the community, the country, the world. The good citizen is first of all a good person. We cannot do everything—clear heads, steady hands and the courage that endures are needed if we are to serve effectively.

There is work to be done; there are wrongs to be righted; injuries to be corrected; the starving to be fed; a world to be remade. There is no escape from confusion and conflict. Perhaps a new world is suffering its birth pangs. This civilization may be hurtling to a suicidal extinction. These are times that call for courage, but it must be not alone the courage that dares, but the courage that endures—that enables us to trust God. If God's purposes are being worked out, then it is ours as individuals to do the best with our own lives and with those around us, working with serenity and calm courage. If the world as we know it is doomed to destruction by agencies created by man, what of it? Mankind will have failed again.



God will not be dead and God will not have failed. Courageous men and women will live day by day. A desperate pessimism and a foolish optimism are alike shallow. Neither can really see very far down the long corridors of the future. We need to fit ourselves for the tasks ahead by developing the inner resources of strength and courage. Trust God. Human striving for a meaning be-

yond the temporal and spacial world of our present experience rests on faith. Trust in Him and we need not fear. Live usefully, serenely, courageously. Ours to strive, to seek, to find and not to yield. Ours to grow that our lives may be richer and that we may have more to give to others. We will not try to hurry God. Our times are in His hands. Trust God. "See all, nor be afraid."



SPELMAN SENIOR SWITCHES HER TASSEL AS SHE TAKES HER DIPLOMA FROM PRESIDENT READ.  
DEAN JANE HOPE LYONS AND THE HEAD MARSHAL AT RIGHT.



## Baccalaureate Sermon

*The following is a condensation of the  
Baccalaureate Sermon delivered by Rev-  
erend Vernon L. Johns, Farmville, Va.*

The world needs a new essence. Not new laws, but new lives. Any culture in which men alter their environment without altering their inner lives is a civilization dressed but unwashed. To preserve the externals of their culture, men must bring its interior up to date. This they have never done. For ages we have been trying to solve our problems by improving our minds . . . it is not improving but recreating that is needed. "Ye must be born again" is no longer symbolic poetry; it is a prosaic realism. In the words of G. K. Chesterton, "Christianity has not been tried and found wanting. Christianity has been found difficult and not tried."

The Kingdom of God is still at hand and all that is needed for every imaginable comfort is present for us to use in unlimited quantity. All the material for building a decent and satisfying civilization is at hand. The material for the construction and the implements for the shaping of it. These are available only to the extent that we renew our minds; for our civilization cannot be preserved with our old familiar outlook. There must be a change within as revolutionary as the change

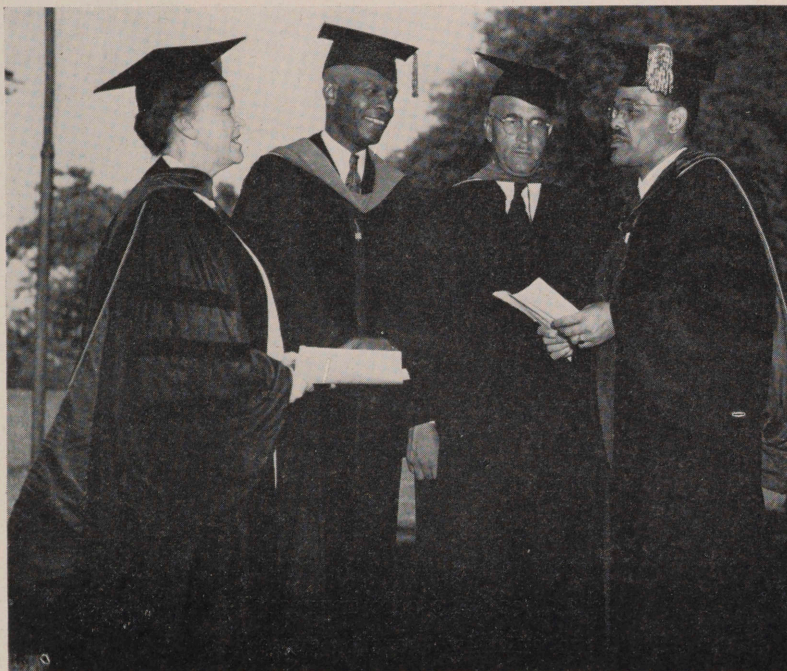
from the savage world to the modern world. It is not unreasonable that men should transform themselves as they transform their surroundings; and it is just and reasonable for civilized man to require that his conscience keep pace with science. In this new world of inescapable contacts and atomic power, if we do not change our minds, we shall indeed lose them. If the change seems too drastic, let us recall that it was a drastic change, involving the most heroic measures, that confronted our savage ancestors.

Today the old ways are no longer tenable. In answer to our dilemma, Jesus says, "I am the way." Jesus vetoed all violence; but the Christian nations have the largest armaments in history and diffuse most of the spirit which makes armament necessary. Jesus called all men to brotherhood and set the example, moving with ease and grace over all barriers of caste, race and creed. But it is certain that the Christian nations have furnished the modern world its worst examples of unbrotherliness. No other people on the globe have singled out as many groups with which they are unwilling to work, to play, to pray, to eat,



## SPELMAN MESSENGER

*Dr. Vernon Johns, third from the left, the baccalaureate speaker, with the presidents in the Atlanta University System: Left, Florence M. Read of Spelman College; Benjamin E. Mays of Morehouse College; and Rufus E. Clement of Atlanta University.*



to be sick in the same hospital with and to be buried with in the same graveyards as the leading Christian nations; and this constitutes an everlasting illustration of the ugly interior with which we nullify the external splendor and technical excellence of our modern world.

The call today is for the union of mankind in the kingdom of heaven under the fatherhood of God in a society in which a man shall wish, for every other man, the same chance at the good things of life which he would like to see his brother have. The citizens of such a civilization would possess the inner qualities which give perpetuity to its outward form. The world citizen of

that civilization whose outward form is matched by its interior strength and comeliness and sanity will possess an active ingredient of invincible kindness, universal in extent, lighted by a growing knowledge; and these virtues will be attended by unfailing courage as their sentinel and guardian.

In this graduating class may there be a redeeming number, who, in this generation, conferring with destiny, will join the youth rising here and yonder the world over; believing in the new order of things which ought to come, and working to bring in the new day. And with these citizens of a new civilization, may you march courageously into the future.



## The Spelman Mother and Father 1946

Friends at Spelman were most happy to join with friends in Atlanta in bringing felicitations to Mr. and Mrs. John Wesley Dobbs in the celebration of the fortieth anniversary of their marriage. A family reunion marked the observance of the significant date climaxed by a reception at the Masonic Temple.

The Dobbs' household has been notable for the fact that Mr. Dobbs has been the sole representative of masculinity therein, since the rest of the family consisted of Mrs. Dobbs and six daughters. At the reception all of these, as well as the husbands of the four daughters who have married, assisted their parents in greeting guests. The Reverend and Mrs. Maynard Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin A. Blackburn, Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Clement, Miss Mattiwilda and Miss June Dobbs in turn extended a welcome to callers. The ten grandchildren, four of whom are boys, were also present.

Spelman is honored in claiming all the daughters as her own as the following record of their scholastic attainments will show:

Irene Carolyn, B.A., Spelman, 1929, rank in scholarship, first, Di-

plome de Professeur de Francais a l'Etranger, l'Universite de Toulouse, 1933.

Willie Juliet, B.A., Spelman, 1931, rank in scholarship, first; M.A. Atlanta University, 1934.

Millicent Doris, B.A., Spelman, 1933; M. A. Columbia 1938.

Josephine Ophelia, B.A., Spelman, 1937; M.A., Columbia, 1938.

Mattiwilda, B.A., 1946, rank in scholarship, first.

June Selena, Spelman '48.

Both Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Jordan have served on the faculty at Spelman. Mrs. Jordan has also taught at Georgia State, Arkansas State, and Morris Brown Colleges. Mrs. Blackburn has completed her tenth year as chairman of the English Department at Jackson Teachers College and Mrs. Clement has taught at Georgia State and Morris Brown College.

Mattiwilda will spend the winter in New York City in the study of voice and languages. An account of her senior recital was published in the May MESSENGER. June is a junior at Spelman.





SIX SPELMAN DAUGHTERS ALL ON HAND FOR CLASS DAY.

MR. AND MRS. DOBBS WITH CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN.





# Silhouettes

CLAUDIA WHITE HARRELD, '01

## LEILA

I never was nothing but a woman of peace,  
Lessen somebody meddled with my childun.  
When Cindy's boy, and him big as a house,  
Picked on my John, just half his size,  
I soon let him know here was one mother's son  
That it wasn't right healthy to tamper with.  
If he'd hung much longer around my gate,  
He'd 'a' had to leave in an amboran.  
Then Cindy she come a-blowing off,  
But I settled her hash in the wink of a eye.  
To be sure, she could buy and sell me twice,  
But bootlegging business don't always last.  
She fair riz and flew when I pernounced:  
"I was setting on this porch  
When you first moved in  
To the only decent place  
Where you ever lived;  
And I'll still be setting, rocking,  
When the truck rolls up  
To haul you back to the alley  
Where you come f'um."

## LILLIE

Won't you phone for me?  
I aint seen my husband  
Since tomorrow a week ago.  
I think he must be in the stockade.



He went out to look for work;  
Said a fellow had promised him  
Money for putting out whiskey for him,  
And I just know he must-a got drunk  
And got put up.  
Just ask for T. Stockton;  
His name is Toussaint,  
But he don't give 'em that,  
'Cause they don't never know how to spell it  
There at the station house.

\* \* \*

See, I knowed it!  
Ten days or seven dollars fine!  
Seems as if he'd a let me know—  
But then he knowed I couldn't a got him out.  
But I could 'a' took him something to eat  
And some cigarettes.  
The food out there is rotten,  
And in these hard times I know  
They don't give 'em enough of that.  
'Course, I know he don't treat me right—  
Not now;  
But he have did fine by me  
Once upon a time.  
Maybe when times get good again  
He'll get his sperrit back.  
I won't try to get him out—  
He's almost done made a week  
And it aint but ten days.  
Not but what I would if I had it.  
But I'll see what I find to cook,  
And take him that, and some cigarettes.  
I knowed he wouldn't a stayed away so long  
Just so;  
'Cause even when he gets drunk and mean  
He never fails to come back to me,  
Wheresonever I am.



## MRS. FRANCES

I get tired of having a crowd around me  
All the time,  
But it's the easiest way to earn  
A little to feed yourself and pay taxes.  
And the kind of folks that wants to rent  
Like that aint much to brag on.  
But I do make them keep the rooms clean,  
And when they fuss or do wrong,  
I give them a talking to,  
And, do you know, most times they thanks me;  
Or if they don't, they git out.  
So I feel that when they leave,  
After they've been here awhile  
They do know a little bit more  
About the right way to live  
Than they ever knew before.  
Me, I aint no common trash;  
If you go back to my home place,  
You can ask anyone who my father was  
And what he stood for in the town.  
There's a cemetery there today  
That's named for him.  
I just didn't do much  
When I married.  
My pa tried to stop me, of course,  
But you know how young people is—  
Know-alls.  
You can't tell them nothing  
Until it's too late to do any good.  
My man, he *was* sorter no-'count,  
But I did make him help to scuffle around  
And buy me a house  
'Fore he died.  
And I got a daughter teaching in Albama  
That's got a college degree.



## H E S T E R

Ma, you better go 'way and leave me 'lone,  
I'm a-going to whup this child  
If it's the last thing I do on earth.  
How the blank do you expect  
To bring any blank-blank child up right  
If you don't make it mind?  
Don't I know that?  
Course, I didn't mind you.  
Well, see where I is!  
Do you think I want her to be  
Like me?  
May God strike me dead  
If I don't take the skin off her back  
If she don't mind!

## B U N N Y

I thought she was going to fuss,  
Maybe ask about Squirrel,  
How she come to be stabbed at my door.  
Or ask what that woman was rowing about  
When she tried to get back the dollar  
Her husband give me.  
So I walked kinder slow.  
But, no, she just said that my hair was right pretty  
When it was combed,  
And why didn't I keep it that way  
All the time.  
It was none of her business, of course,  
And I started to tell her just that,  
But when I went home and combed it  
And looked in the glass,  
It looked fine, if I do say it,  
And so I comb it every morning now.



# Campus Notes

## COMMENCEMENT SEASON ACTIVITIES

The commencement season began in Howe Memorial Hall on May 30 with the installation of officers of student organizations for the next year. Directed by the YWCA, the retiring officers gave the torch of service to their successors during the candle-lighting ceremony.

On Friday a luncheon for the Community Council was given at Reynolds Cottage. From eight to ten o'clock Saturday evening, a joint reception for the graduating classes of Morehouse College, Spelman College and Atlanta University was given by the three presidents at the University Dormitory.

The Baccalaureate Sermon was followed by an informal reception at Reynolds Cottage to the seniors and their parents. Mr. Harreld gave an organ recital in Sisters Chapel on Sunday evening.

On Monday prizes and awards were presented at the morning chapel service. President Read, Dean Lyons and Acting Dean Curry entertained the seniors at luncheon in Morgan Hall. The Atlanta University Commencement Exercises were held at 5 p.m.

Class Day Exercises were held on the steps of Rockefeller Hall Tuesday afternoon. The alumnae banquet was held Tuesday evening.

The academic year closed with Spelman College Commencement Exercises in Sisters Chapel, Wednesday, June 5.

## COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

The Spelman College commencement exercises were held June 5 in Sisters Chapel. Dr. Goodrich Cook White, president of Emory University, delivered the address.

In her introductory remarks, President Florence M. Read pointed out that several factors made this commencement a noteworthy one: 1. One graduate, Mattiwilda Dobbs, was the fifth daughter of one family to be graduated from the College during her presidency. 2. Seven of the graduates had gone through school together since they entered kindergarten at Oglethorpe. 3. This was the first class to enter college after the United States entered World War II. 4. In June, 1928, on the occasion of her first commencement after becoming president of Spelman College, there were three deans from Emory University on the platform, one of them, the speaker, was at that time Dean of the Graduate School. Miss Read added that ever since that time it has been a source of satisfaction to know of the friendly attitude that exists across the city, that even our streetcar line connects with Emory.

Dr. White, who holds degrees from Emory, Columbia and the University of Chicago, is a well known scholar and teacher active in both general and national educational organizations. His influence as a liberal person is far-reaching—quietly and unobtrusively and most helpfully he has promoted the development of citizenship and opportunities for all people.

Forty-six received the degree of bachelor of arts: Alfred Brown Ables, Buena Vista,



Georgia; Charlotte Edwina Arnold, Detroit, Michigan; Maxine Baker, Los Angeles, California; Harriett Ruth Barker, Atlanta; Doris Hazel Beverly, Greensboro, Alabama; Freida Janice Boatwright, Glenwood, Georgia; Ethel Lee Boykin, Camden, Alabama; Catherine Montez Burney, Atlanta; Joyce Nixon Cooper, Atlanta; Gloria Swanson Crawford, Atlanta; Ruth Henrietta Davis, Athens, Georgia; Mattiwilda Dobbs, Atlanta; Annette Vister Evans, Atlanta; MacBelle Finch, Atlanta; Marjorie Elizabeth Franklin, Mobile, Alabama; Thelma Elise Freeman, Athens, Georgia; Geraldine Louise Gaines, Atlanta; Ida Belle Gartrell, Washington, Georgia; Bobbie Elizabeth Gaston, Atlanta; Eloise Toole Hopson, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Josephine Josette Jackson, Athens, Georgia; Frances Aurelia Johnson, Covington, Kentucky; Anita Emmie Lewis, Cleveland, Ohio; Harriett Clarice Luckie, Atlanta; Grace McKivey, Atlanta; Susie Maud Mays, Leslie, Georgia; Mavis Morgan, Atlanta; Claragene Parks, Atlanta; Mary Jeanne Parks, Atlanta; Nanna Elizabeth Patterson, Morgantown, West Virginia; Christine Wilhelmina Robinzine, Atlanta; Ernestine Sacia Ross, St. George, South Carolina; Blanche Louise Sellers, Atlanta; Muriel Forrestine Sherwood, Atlanta; Pauline Lucile Shields, Beatrice, Alabama; Naomi Selonia Smith, Atlanta; Mary Eloise Stephens, Atlanta; Mary Henry Tatum, West Point, Georgia; Edwardine Artelia Taylor, Oxford, North Carolina; Bernice Janette Warner, Atlanta; Jacquelyn Inez Warren, Atlanta; Lillian Watkins, Detroit, Michigan; Effie Jo Whatley, Columbus, Georgia; Eleanor Belle Williams, Newark, New Jersey; Ivey Copeland Williams, Valdosta, Georgia; and Clara Lenore Yates, Atlanta.

Eighteen received the degree of bachelor of science: Pauline Edna Allen, Atlanta; Margaret Elizabeth Anderson, Atlanta; Gussie Clara Davis, Ocilla, Georgia; Evelyn Frances Dorsey, Atlanta; Johnnie Clyde Hogg, LaGrange, Georgia; Henrietta Mari-

on Houston, Knoxville, Tennessee; Juanita Rae Hudson, Atlanta; Ruth Waddell Huling, Columbus, Georgia; Rosa Lee Jolley, Atlanta; Winifred Jones, Sarasota, Florida; Ella Beatrice Lett, Brewton, Alabama; Christine Geneva Robinson, Camilla, Georgia; Emma Elizabeth Robinson, Monroe, North Carolina; Alyce Beatrice Smith, Atlanta; Ollivette Eugenia Smith, Atlanta; Evelyn LaVerne Spann, Chattanooga, Tennessee; Anna Mary Taylor, Chattanooga, Tennessee; and Lola Marie Wood, Atlanta.

Reverend Raymond H. Palmer, minister of the Unitarian-Universalist Church, read the Scriptures; Reverend Monroe F. Swilley Jr., minister of the Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church, offered the prayer; and Reverend Martin Luther King, minister of Ebenezer Baptist Church, pronounced the benediction. Music provided by the Spelman College Glee Club under the direction of Willis Laurence James included "Sanctus" (Gounod) and "Now Thank We All Our God" (arranged by Mueller). The Spelman Quartet, under the direction of Sara Owsley Stivers, sang Gounod's "Ave Verum."

#### JOINT BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

June 2 marked the traditional joint Baccalaureate exercises for the graduating classes of Atlanta University, Morehouse College and Spelman College. The speaker for the occasion, Dr. Vernon L. Johns, distinguished clergyman and educator of Farmville, Virginia, was introduced by President Rufus E. Clement of Atlanta University. Reverend W. H. Borders of Wheat Street Baptist Church read the Scriptures. Reverend W. R. Cannon of Emory University offered prayer and Reverend R. B. Shorts of West Mitchell Street C.M.E. Church pronounced the benediction. Music was under the direction of Professor Kemper Harreld. The Atlanta-Morehouse-Spelman Chorus sang Rossini's *Inflammatus* and *Lost in the Night* by Christian-sen. The audience joined in the singing of the spiritual "Daniel Saw the Stone."



## AWARDS AND PRIZES

At the morning chapel service on June 3, President Read presented the prizes and awards of the year. Before the awards were made, however, the student body and faculty listened to the recordings made of the carols and jubilees sung by the Atlanta-Morehouse-Spelman Chorus on the Wings Over Jordan program broadcast by the Columbia Broadcasting Company earlier in the year. The soloists, MaeBelle Finch and Mattiwilda Dobbs, both of Atlanta and seniors, were applauded by the audience. The two twelve-inch records are now available for purchase.

Highest honors for scholarship over a period of four years went to Mattiwilda Dobbs, '46, who received the Seymour Finney Prize of \$15. The Arnett Scholarship, covering full tuition for one year, was awarded to Josie Mae Latimer, '47, of Atlanta, the junior with highest scholarship rank who fulfilled the requirements for scholarship plus character and the promise of wise use of educational opportunities. Recognition was given to seven seniors who would be graduated with honor: Mattiwilda Dobbs; Joyce Cooper, of Atlanta; Maxine Baker, Los Angeles, California; Charlotte Arnold, Detroit, Michigan; Johnnie Hogg, LaGrange, Georgia; Clara Yates, Atlanta; and Selonia Smith, Atlanta. The three juniors ranking highest in scholarship during three years at Spelman College were also given recognition, they were Josie Latimer; Miriam Harris, Atlanta; and Amanda Keith, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

The Lucy Upton Prize of \$12, endowed by the Spelman Graduate Club of Atlanta, to the junior standing highest in the college community in Christian character, leadership and scholarship, was granted to Helen Jenkins, '47, of New York City. In the Scripture contests, Ellen Barnett, '47, of Atlanta, won the Chamberlain Scripture Reading Prize of \$10; The Lucinda Hayes Scripture Recitation Prize of \$20 went to Rosalie K. Slack, '49, of Waycross, Georgia. The winner of the Eula L. Eagleson

Prize, to the senior student best representing the spirit of Spelman College, was Selonia Smith. In the Bird Identification Contest, two prizes, a two and one-year subscription to *Audubon Magazine*, were awarded to Sara Evelyn Rowe, '48, of Atlanta, and to Theodosia Washington, '48, of Waycross, Georgia, respectively. The Loyalty Fund Scholarship, covering full tuition for one year, given by the Spelman College Alumnae Association, went to Irene Moore, '48, of Pineville, Kentucky.

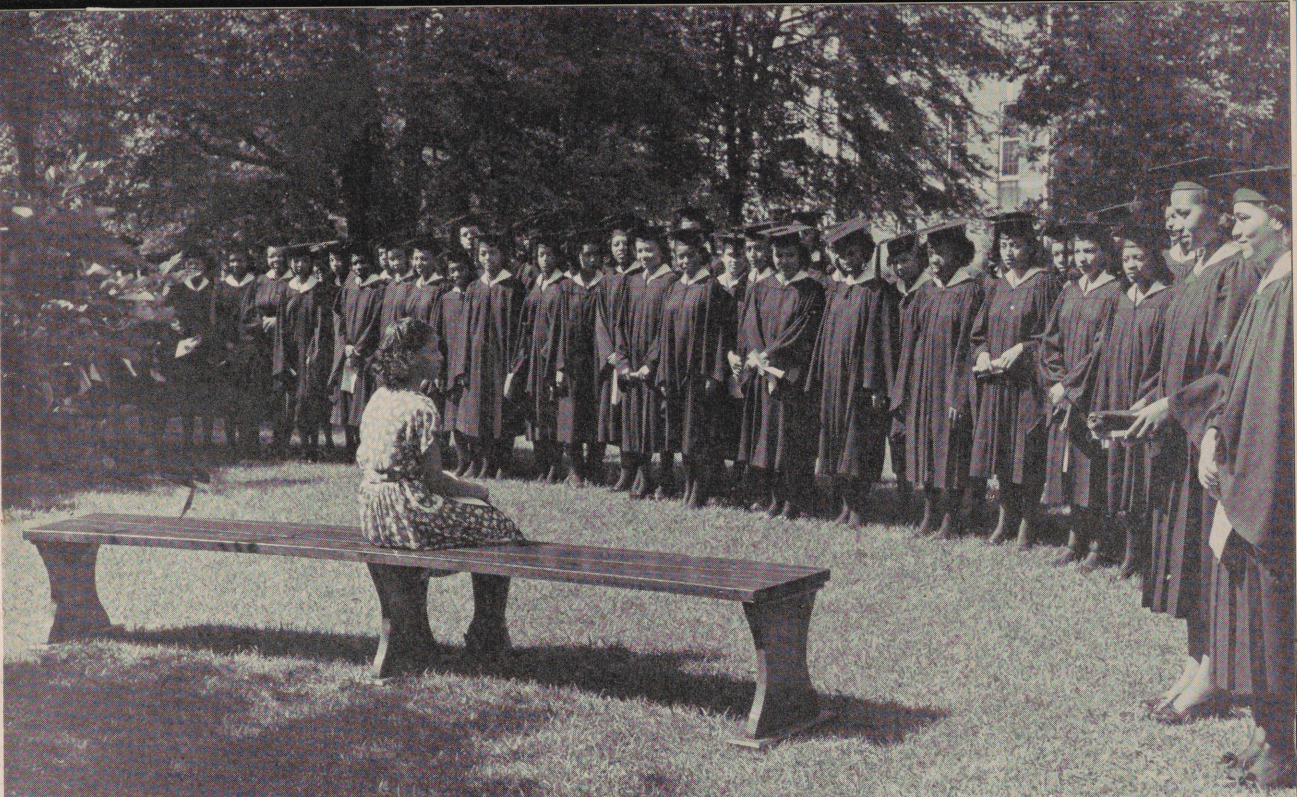
Six seniors were awarded the College "S" for performance, skill, and sportsmanship in athletics: Winifred Jones, Sarasota, Florida; Susie Mays, Leslie, Georgia; Mary Tatum, West Point, Georgia; Selonia Smith, Atlanta; Christine Robinson, Camilla, Georgia; and Doris Beverly, Greensboro, Alabama.

## CLASS DAY ACTIVITIES

Tuesday of Commencement Week, Class Day, signifies the approach of the culmination of four years of hard work and pleasant companionship.

Assembled on the sunny summer campus, the class and its many friends heard the class poem (written by Selonia Smith) delivered by Johnnie Hogg. The class colors and emblem were passed by Catherine Burney to the president of the juniors to be given in the fall to their sister freshmen, and the senior cap was presented to the president of the incoming senior class. The Ivy Oration was delivered by Mattiwilda Dobbs, the student with the highest rank in her class. Following the procession of alumnae and seniors, led by Spelman granddaughters, through the alumnae arch, the senior bench was rededicated to the use of seniors only in a speech by Charlotte Arnold, addressed to Diana Mattison, president of the incoming senior class. She sat upon the bench in symbol of possession. (See picture on opposite page.) Then Susie Mays and Catherine Burney planted the symbolic ivy. The seniors ended the day by attending the alumnae banquet in Morgan Hall.





THE SENIOR BENCH IS TURNED OVER TO THE INCOMING SENIOR PRESIDENT.

## Calendar

### *June 2*

Baccalaureate Service for the Graduating Classes of Atlanta University, Atlanta University School of Social Work, Morehouse College and Spelman College was held in Sisters Chapel. Dr. Vernon Johns of Farmville, Virginia, was the speaker.

Organ recital in Sisters Chapel.

### *June 3*

The presentation of prizes and awards for the year was made by President Read at the last chapel service of the year. The service was climaxed by the playing of records made of the Atlanta-Morehouse-Spelman Chorus.

Luncheon for Seniors.

The Atlanta University Commencement Exercises. The speaker was Bishop John Moore Walker.

### *June 4*

The annual class day exercises were held on the steps of Rockefeller Hall, followed by the Alumnae Procession and the planting of the ivy.

The meeting of the Spelman College Alumnae Association was held in Howe Memorial Hall.

The annual Alumnae dinner, honoring the graduating class, was a fitting close to the class day activities.

The Morehouse College Commencement Exercises. President John W. Davis of West Virginia State College was the speaker.

### *June 5*

Spelman College Commencement Exercises. The address was delivered by Dr. Goodrich Cook White, President of Emory University.



## SUMMER SCHOOL CALENDAR

*June 11*

The first assembly of the Summer School was held in Sisters Chapel. The speaker was President Rufus E. Clement, of Atlanta University.

*June 18*

A panel featuring Mr. Frank McAllister, director of the Georgia Workers Education Service, and Dr. Ira DeA. Reid, chairman of the department of Sociology at Atlanta University, was presented at the Summer School assembly. The subject of the discussion was: "Is the South That Bad?"

*June 25*

Summer School assembly in Sisters Chapel. The speaker was Mr. Kendall Weisiger, President of the Board of Trustees of Morehouse College.

*June 27, 28, 29*

The opening performance of the Summer Theatre, in Howe Memorial Hall. The play: "Decision" by Edward Chodorov.

*July 2*

Summer School Assembly in Sisters Chapel. The speaker was Alexander Miller, regional director of the Anti-Defamation League, and the subject, "The Ku Klux Klan in Georgia."

*July 4, 5, 6*

"Mr. Pim Passes By," by A. A. Milne, was presented by the Summer Theater.

*July 9*

Summer School Assembly in Sisters Chapel. Dr. Rushton Coulborn, chairman of the department of history at Atlanta University, spoke on the subject, "The Atomic Era—Another Ice Age."

*July 16*

Summer School Assembly in Sisters Chapel. Ralph McGill, editor of the Atlanta Constitution, discussed politics in Georgia.

*July 18, 19, 20*

"The Old Maid," Pulitzer prize play written by Zoe Akins, was the final offering of the season by the Summer Theater.

*July 25*

Summer School Assembly in Sisters Chapel. Rev. William Holmes Borders, pastor of Wheat Street Baptist Church, gave an address on the subject, "Are the Old Goods Obsolete?"

*July 29*

Henry Joyner and Daisy Vivian, Ben Greet players, presented excerpts from *Macbeth* in Howe Memorial Hall.

*August 1*

The Annual Concert by the music students of the Summer School took place in Sisters Chapel.

*August 8*

The first Atlanta University Summer Convocation of the graduate schools was held in Sisters Chapel. Sixty-three received advanced degrees. The speaker was President Rufus E. Clement.

## SUMMER SCHOOL

This year the Summer School inaugurated a new program by offering a continuous nine week session. This plan makes it possible for a graduate student to complete three-fourths of a semester's work in one summer—and for one well prepared to complete the requirements for a master's degree in three summers. There is a corresponding reduction of time necessary to earn a bachelor's degree. Several workshops were carried on during the session.

Special entertainment during the session included three productions by the University Players under the direction of Dr. Anne M. Cooke, visiting professor of dramatics from Howard University, assisted by Arthur Clifton Lamb, Director of Dramatics at Johnson C. Smith University and W. Frances Perkins of the Spelman College department of dramatics.





## TWO SPELMAN GRADUATES PLAY LEADING ROLES IN "THE OLD MAID"

JENNIE STRICKLAND PARTIE, '42, AS CHARLOTTE AND

MILLICENT DOBBS JORDAN, '33, AS DELIA

The first play, "Decision" by Edward Chodorov, was a serious drama attacking the threat of fascism in the United States. Leading roles were played by A. C. Lamb, as Superintendent Riggs of the High School; Miriam Harris, School Clerk; Helen Barnett, as Harriet the teacher; Clarence Brown, as Tommy Riggs; and William Warner, as Masters. Others in the cast were Vernon White, Wendell Collins, Marvin Collier, Jay Jackson, Nora Spotts, Charles Crenshaw, James Herndon, Frederick Lights, Ethel Gordon, Rebecca Guyton, Paul Green and Solomon Johnson.

A comedy by A. A. Milne, "Mr. Pim Passes By," was the second production. The title role was played by Wendell Collins, supported by Jennie Strickland Partee, as Olivia; W. Frances Perkins, as Dinah; Nora Spotts, as Lady Marden; Charles Crenshaw, as George Marden; Alexander Hall, as Brian Strange; and Rebecca Guyton as Anne.

Zoe Akins' "The Old Maid," an emotional drama of mother love, was the concluding play of the season. Leading roles were played by Millicent Dobbs Jordan, Jennie Strickland Partee, in the title role; Eleanor Bell, Arthur Lamb, Ella Mae Gaines, Wendell Collins, Clarence Brown, Virginia Turner, Solomon Johnson, Alexander Hall, Hattie Marie Parks, W. Frances Perkins, and Marva Hemphill.

The annual Summer School Concert by the music department was presented at 8 p. m. Thursday, August 1, in Sisters Chapel under the direction of Professor Kemper Harreld. The mixed chorus of thirtyfive voices, the Summer School orchestra of 40 pieces and five soloists: Mattiwilda Dobbs, soprano; Luritz Creque, violinist; Daniel Crute, trombonist; Edna Whittaker and Virginia Turner, pianists, all contributed to make this concert one of the highlights of the summer's entertainment.



## Faculty Notes

Mrs. Ophelia Clemmons has announced the marriage of her daughter Lucy Lee to Mr. J. Howard Grigsby on August 1, 1946, at Louisville, Kentucky.

Miss Grace Curry, former secretary to the registrar, is studying at the University of Kansas this year.

A book of poetry, "Powerful Long Ladder," by Owen Dodson, has recently been published by Farrar, Strauss and Company in New York City. Mr. Dodson was formerly in the department of speech and dramatics.

Miss Eugenia V. Dunn, a former teacher of Biology, was married to Mr. Christian on June 1, 1946, at Tallahassee, Florida.

Miss Stella Mather, who taught mathematics and English at Spelman College a few years ago, writes that she is working with the Social Security Agency in Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver H. Poole (Georgia Cowen) announce the birth of a son, William Streeter, on April 9. Mrs. Poole instituted the reading clinic at Spelman.

Mrs. Bonnie-Jean Clelland Williams, formerly assistant treasurer, is now resid-

ing in Cleveland, Ohio, where her husband is doing post graduate study at Western Reserve University?

Mrs. Mary I. Williams Simons, who served on the Spelman faculty from 1889-1906, with the exception of three years, is now living in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

The following members of the Spelman College faculty taught in the Atlanta University Summer School: Dr. Barnett Smith, Biology; W. Frances Perkins, Dramatics; Miss Lucille Baker, Mr. B. F. Bullock, Dr. Oran W. Eagleson, Mr. J. L. Whiting in Education; Miss Victoria Johnson, Miss Coragreene Johnstone and Mr. Henry Thomas in English; Miss Helen Rice, Home Economics; Mr. Kemper Harreld, Mr. Willis James and Mrs. Sara Owsley Stivers, Music; and Miss Virginia Curry, Spanish.

Three former members of the Spelman faculty also taught in the summer school, namely: Dr. Anne Cooke in the department of Speech and Dramatics; Mrs. Lisle Arduser Norman, Home Economics; and Mrs. Olga Williams Taylor in the Nursery School.

## Alumnae News

TPC '08

While President Read was in Cleveland in May, she and the Spelman alumnae of that city were entertained by Mrs. Lottie Bailey Lawson. The occasion was a most pleasant one both for Miss Read, who was happy to greet former students of her own and earlier days, and for the Spelmanites, who welcomed the opportunity to chat with their president and to have news of the present-day Spelman.

NT '10

One of the delighted visitors to the campus at commencement time was Blanche Baugh, R.N., who has not returned to her old home for a number of years. Miss Baugh has done notable work as a public health nurse in her adopted city, Chicago.

HS '12

Mrs. Gertrude Fisher Anderson, former



president of the Spelman Alumnae Association, was welcomed to the campus during the commencement season. As noted in a previous issue. Mrs. Anderson recently received the award as Business Woman of the Year from the Birmingham Negro Business League. Her older son, the Reverend Benjamin J. Anderson, and his wife, the former Clara L. Gaillard, '40, will soon leave America for Japan, to which country they have been appointed missionaries.

C '13

Mrs. Josephine Junius Harris, remembered for her lovely voice of student days, came down for commencement to witness the graduation of her son from Morehouse College. She is employed in the Veterans Bureau in New York City.

HS '19

Mrs. Annie Carlton Spencer had two reasons for her trip to Atlanta from her home in Chester, Pennsylvania, in June. It gave her opportunity to revisit the scenes of her own school days and to be present at the class-day exercises of her daughter, Portia Annice.

HS '27

Mrs. Clara Johnson of Atlanta has announced the marriage of her daughter, Nell Clarence Taylor, to Attorney Thomas J. Henry on June 14.

C '27

Camilla L. Howard of the department of foreign languages at Virginia State College devoted a part of her vacation to further study of Spanish at the University of Mexico.

C '29

Thelma B. Brown, recently a lieutenant in the WAC, has returned to civilian life,

to the teaching field, and to a former sphere of activity. During the coming school year she will fill the position of Jeanes supervisor in Brooks County with headquarters at Quitman, Georgia.

C' 31

Mary Louise Bennett is teaching at the Schofield School in Aiken, South Carolina.

Mrs. Mary DuBose Willis took a new teaching position in the high school of Festus, Missouri, in 1945-46. During the school year she wrote to Miss Read: "I often think of you and Spelman College and pray for your success. I try hard to hold up the banner of my Alma Mater as I work in the community from day to day. — Believe me when I say that your talks in chapel and in your office are helping me in living and getting along with parents and patrons." Mrs. Willis was a commencement visitor.

Mrs. Florence Morrison Hogan was promoted during the summer to the principalship of Gray Street School in the public school system of Atlanta. Mrs. Hogan was for a number of years a teacher at Gray Street.

C '33

On the music faculty for the summer session of Atlanta University is Carol Blanton, for several years head of the piano department and for one year acting head of the music department of Dillard University. On June 29 Miss Blanton was presented in piano recital in Sisters Chapel. For the coming college year she has transferred her services from Dillard to the music faculty of Hampton Institute.

Another member of the Atlanta University summer faculty is Mrs. Maenelle Dixon Dempsey, consultant, Georgia Negro elementary schools, State Department of Education.

Margarette S. Singleton, teacher in South Georgia, was able to reach the campus in time for commencement.



Mrs. Sammye Fuller Coan has been transferred as principal from the Wesley Avenue Elementary School of the public school system of Atlanta to the E. P. Johnson Elementary School.

C '35

An American Red Cross picture published in the Atlanta Daily World of June 1 shows Billie Reed in the office of the American Red Cross Pasay Club in Manila. A letter from Juanita Samuels, '43, states that she and Miss Reed live next door to each other.

C '36

Mrs. Mattie Hardy Collins was unable to attend her tenth class reunion in June, but wrote later: "No matter where I am or what I do, my fondest hopes and best wishes are for Spelman. I dearly love her and all the fine things she stands for."

C '37

Mrs. William A. Chapman has announced the marriage on June 23rd of her daughter, Wilhelmina Louise, to Lieutenant Carl Walter Rhetta. The rites were performed at Allen A.M.E. Church in Philadelphia.

Mr. Samuel Tanner Stafford, former director of the Community Hospital in Norfolk, Virginia, was called to the headship of the Flint-Goodrich Hospital in New Orleans and assumed his new duties in June. Mrs. Stafford (Frances Johnson) with her very young son, Charles Tanner, spent three weeks in Atlanta before going to New Orleans to set up housekeeping in her new home.

After attaining her majority while on terminal leave, Major Sarah Murphy has been discharged from active service with the WAC. While on active duty, Major Murphy was stationed in Des Moines, at Camp Atterbury, Indiana, then as recruiting officer in Cleveland and Columbus, Ohio.

Mrs. Ruby Dhye will teach in the Thomaston, Georgia, high school for the year 1946-47.

Marie I. Hill has been appointed principal of Wesley Avenue Elementary School, Atlanta, succeeding Mrs. Sammye Fuller Coan, '33.

C '38

Patricia McWhorter, who has been stationed at Tuskegee Air Base, Alabama, where her post was designated as Special Service Librarian, has received another appointment by the Government, and left the States in August to serve in a similar capacity in Japan.

C '39

Mrs. Francis G. Johnson (Grace E. Days) moved during the summer from Little Rock, Arkansas, to Columbia, South Carolina, where her husband has recently been appointed as rector of the St. Luke Episcopal Church. Mrs. Johnson will teach music this year at Benedict College.

Margaret Creagh spent a part of her vacation in study in preparation for another year of teaching in her home town, Waycross, Georgia.

C '40

The first Spelman graduate to be sent to any other country than Africa as a missionary will be Mrs. Clara Louise Gailard Anderson, who expects to sail with her husband, the Reverend Benjamin J. Anderson, within a few months for Japan. At present they are studying in preparation for work in this entirely new field. The Japanese language is, of course, among the subjects studied. Doubtless Mrs. Anderson's specialized knowledge as a hospital technician will be extremely useful.

Mr. and Mrs. James Daniel Neal (Dorothy Nell Eberhardt) announce the birth of a son, James Daniel Neal, Jr., on June 25.



## C '41

From Beverly Washington in New York City: "My work with the Visiting Nurses Service of New York has been even more interesting this year than formerly. My new responsibilities, in addition to my work in the district, include health supervision of two nursery schools and teaching of mothers' classes."

Gladys Beverly, now living in New York City, was a Commencement visitor.

## C '42

In a simple but beautiful ceremony on May 19 Rosemma Marie Burney was married to Mr. Leonard Leroy Wallace of Corpus Christi, Texas. The ceremony took place at the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. William Burney of Atlanta.

Elizabeth Lipford has been appointed clinical instructor and supervisor in the School of Nursing at Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tennessee. She writes that "a great attempt is being made here to bring the public and personal aspects of health into the basic nursing course. The matters of education for health, effectual utilization of official and non-official agencies for health promotion, and health teaching incidental to the daily care of patients are being emphasized. I am delighted with the idea because of the long-term viewpoint it involves."

An announcement has come to the college of the marriage on June 30 in Toledo, Ohio, of Dorothy Stalnaker to Mr. Bernard Wilbur Stone.

## C '43

Hazel Carolyn Davis was married to Mr. Leo Lionel Oxley on Sunday, June 30, 1946, in Englewood, New Jersey.

Edith Rose Harper became the bride of Mr. Edward Campbell King, June 15, 1946, at Aiken, South Carolina. The couple will reside in New York City.

Jane Elaine is the name given to the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Smith (Lavada Johnson) who arrived on July 27.

## C '44

Mable Emmanuel became the bride of Mr. Alexander Hawkins on July 3, 1946, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The marriage of Mary Frances Martin to Mr. Percy James Clark II has been announced by her parents, the Reverend and Mrs. John A. Martin. The ceremony took place on July 27 in Bristol, Virginia, and the wedding reception was held on August 10 in Oberlin, Ohio.

Della Bannister, a worker for the Government in Washington, was able to come to Atlanta for a visit in time to attend the Commencement exercises.

## C '45

Catherine Acklin found her first experience as a teacher in Menifee, Arkansas, a pleasant one. During the summer she spent five weeks in study at the Arkansas State College, and for the coming school year she will teach in the English department of the senior high school.

Eleanor Bryson became the bride of Mr. Frederick D. Jackson, Jr., on August 16 in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson are now residing in Atlanta, Georgia.

## C '46

Geraldine Louise Gaines was the first of her class to be married after graduation. She was married to Lt. George Arnold Lynch on June 15 at the Wheat Street Baptist Church.

Anita Emma Lewis was married to Thomas H. Massey in Cleveland, Ohio, on July 11. At home, 707 West Fair Street, Apt. 305.

Mary J. Parks will teach at the E. R. Carter School during the coming year.

Blanche L. Sellers will enroll in September in the School of Medicine, Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tennessee.

Lola Marie Wood and Mr. Lee Morgan Young were united in marriage at Provident Baptist Church in Atlanta on June 28. The couple will reside in Atlanta.



Clara Lenore Yates, as a member of the World Student Christian Federation, was a delegate to the International Student Service Conference held July 22-29 at Girton College, Cambridge University, Cambridge, England.

During August, Miss Yates is one of the fifty delegates selected by the United Student Christian Council to attend the World Student Christian Federation which meets in Geneva, Switzerland. The Geneva meeting is sponsored and promoted by national and international organizations with which the United Student Christian Council is affiliated. Representatives from forty countries will be in attendance. Before returning to this country, Miss Yates will visit a number of strategic relief centers and attend regional conferences in other European countries.

Miss Yates recently was appointed one of the travelling secretaries for 1946-47 for the World Student Service Fund. In this capacity she will visit many colleges and universities in the United States, North as well as South, in the interest of students throughout the world.

She is a native of Atlanta and an honor graduate of Spelman, where she was an officer and staff member of the *Campus Mirror* (student publication), a member of the Inter-Collegiate Christian Council, the Atlanta - Morehouse - Spelman Chorus, the Y. W. C. A. Cabinet and the University Players.

#### EX-STUDENTS

Johnnie Christine Brittain and Robert Nathaniel Hough were united in marriage at St. Paul Episcopal Church on Saturday, June 29, in Atlanta. The reception following the wedding was held at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Brittain.

Mrs. Dorothy Days Hankins, who lived on Spelman campus during all of her high school days and was graduated with the 1931 class of the Atlanta University Laboratory School, a former Florida girl, now

lives in Philadelphia and is employed in the office of the *Philadelphia Tribune*.

Mrs. Marian Herd Sampson is living in Oahu, Hawaii, where her husband, Lt. Samuel Sampson, is stationed.

Mrs. Estelle Bailey Webster, president of the Detroit Spelman Club, has sent to the college the sad information that Mrs. Frances Johnson Mayberry, an active member of the club, passed away on June 29. Sympathy is extended to the club and to relatives of Mrs. Mayberry.

#### SPELMAN GRADUATES WHO RECEIVED DEGREES FROM ATLANTA UNIVERSITY IN JUNE AND AUGUST, 1946

##### *Arts and Sciences — Master of Arts*

Frances Mason Franklin '39  
English  
Inez Gay Johnson '35  
Mathematics  
Harriet Elizabeth Williams '39  
Mathematics

##### *School of Education — Master of Arts* Florence Morrison Hogan '31

##### *Master of Education*

Rubye B. Dooley '41  
Lillian Dixon Edwards '37  
Eldora Hayes '38  
Anne Elizabeth Wright '36  
Lola McCollum Jenkins '37  
Helen Andrews Martin '36  
Annie Louise Motley '36

##### *Master of Social Work*

Mable Leola Emmanuel '44  
Bobbie Latimer '44  
Charlotte Bernice Linder '44  
Carolyn Y. Taylor '44  
Madrid Boyd Turner '44  
Louise Delphine Johnson '43

##### *Bachelor of Library Service*

Gwendolyne L. Holland '40  
Theodosia F. Mason '40



## Alumnae Association News

The Association under the presidency of Mrs. Julia Pate Borders began with a flying start during the Commencement Season of 1946. Prior to the regular meeting scheduled for June 4, the Executive Committee had met and drawn up several recommendations to be presented at the general meeting of the Association. All of the recommendations proposed were adopted by the general body.

The Alumnae Dinner held in Morgan Hall was a gala affair. Mrs. Hannah Reddick spoke for the class which was graduated from Spelman College fifty years ago. Representing the class of forty years ago was a letter from Mrs. Mamie Granderson Dansby, of Jackson, Mississippi. Mrs. Ludie Andrews, '06, and Mrs. Virginia Brown Akridge, '16, spoke from their respective classes, while Mrs. Cornelia Wallace Gadsen brought greetings from the class of '36 and presented Miss Read with a cash gift of \$166.00 to be added to the Gymnasium Fund.

To Mrs. Jane Hope Lyons, who retired as Dean of Women, the Alumnae presented a beautiful travel clock as a token of affection and appreciation. Mrs. Margaret Nabrit Curry, newly appointed Dean of Women, expressed the sentiments of the Alumnae and presented the gift to Mrs. Lyons on behalf of the Association. Mrs. Lyons received the token with characteristic graciousness. At this point, President Florence M. Read lauded Mrs. Lyons for the devoted and unselfish service she had rendered as Dean of Women.

Since there are Spelman graduates doing herculean tasks everywhere with the greatest efficiency, the Association thought that some sort of concrete recognition ought to be given to them certifying that fact. Therefore, it was decided to issue "Certifi-

cates of Merit" to nine persons who had done meritorious work. The Certificates, signed by Mrs. Borders, President of the Alumnae Association, Mrs. Pauline Nelson, Secretary, and President Florence M. Read, were awarded to Mesdames Ludie Andrews, Victoria Maddox Simmons, Selena Sloan Butler, Rosalie Matthews Wright, Ida Griffin Brittain, Sadie Harris Powell, Betty Newberry Brown and Miss J. Louise Fowler. Spelman Clubs everywhere are asked to submit names for the three awards to be made each year by the Association.

It was the consensus of opinion among those present at the dinner that it was a most enjoyable affair and that the tasty and wholesome menu served by Miss Minnie Felton, '38, and her staff was among the best ever served.

---

The Spelman Alumnae Association is cooperating with Spelman College in an effort to issue as soon as possible an Alumnae Directory.

In order to assure as great accuracy as can be achieved, each alumna, whether graduate of any department or ex-student, is earnestly requested to send in to the alumnae office the latest information concerning herself. If married, give full name of husband, your permanent address, temporary address, if any, and present position. Give date of graduation or years in school in the case of ex-students.

Authentic information concerning other alumnae of whom you know will be welcomed, especially if there has been a recent change of name or address.

The last directory was published in the spring of 1931.



### EXCERPTS FROM LETTERS FROM AND ABOUT ALUMNAE

*(Letters received from alumnae during the last months have included so many items of interest to others that we decided to publish excerpts from some of them.—EDITOR.)*

August 7, 1946.

It will be of interest to you to know that three Spelman graduates played a very important part in the Program of the National Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers in annual session at the same place (at the meeting of the *American Teachers Association* at Durham, N. C.).

Mrs. H. R. Butler, HS '87, of Atlanta, was signally honored as the first national president; and Mrs. Mamie Blocker (nee White), '90, as the second national president. Miss Cora B. Finley, '31, of Atlanta, was honored as the principal of the school in which the first Negro Parent-Teacher organization was conceived. These recognitions took place at the annual dinner session on July 23.

J. T. Brooks,  
Regional Vice-President,  
American Teachers Association.

---

April 7, 1946.

I was very glad to receive the usual contribution from Spelman as a Thanksgiving donation, it seems to have increased this year, which is very gratifying. I wish also to thank you all for your kind remembrances of me and the work here in various other ways.

The Spelman Reading Room (in Brewerville, Liberia) does not, by far, measure up to my idea of a reading room, especially of a Spelman Reading Room, but I hope that with the present nice little gift of a Hundred Dollars, I shall be able to put it in better shape. I hope to get books and subscribe to papers and magazines which

will add to the interest and also make improvements which will greatly add to the attractiveness of the place. It was difficult to get books and reading matter during the war which would interest our children and stimulate them to read; for while war news and current events might interest our boys and girls at home they would have no attraction for the majority of the children here. It is not the easiest thing to teach our children here the importance of reading, but I hope while I am in America to get books and papers which may serve to stimulate them.

The *Campus Mirror* and *Spelman Messenger* are very interesting to the girls and boys of the High School and even to the intermediate departments; but something very light and easy is necessary for beginners and the primary department.

The Liberians are awaking to a keen sense of their opportunities for development as never before. Many are going abroad for study and even the natives are pouring into the schools and clamoring for education with a zeal that is most gratifying and even alarming; and yet there are thousands who have not even come in contact with civilization . . . the hinterland is hardly touched . . .

Kindly extend my hearty thanks and appreciation to the school for her very loyal support given me in so many ways during the years I have tried to represent her in Liberia.

Minnie C. Lyon,  
Lott Carey Mission,  
Brewerville, Liberia.

---

April 17, 1946.

Your letter dated February 15, 1946, together with the gift of One Hundred Dollars from the students and faculty of Spelman arrived safely April 10, 1946, for which I am thanking you very much. . . . We always appreciate the gifts that come from my Alma Mater, year after



year, whether it be little or much because all of it helps our work to go forward. You have already helped us to buy many doses of medicines and other things of great importance in this work; and I really thank you with all my heart.

Yes, our work is still growing rapidly in every way. This year all dormitories are filled to capacity with boys and girls. The English students who gather and study in "Spelman Hall" have been so many that our building has grown too small for them. Dr. Malekebu and I are putting up another small one to serve until some day in the future we shall be able to remodel "Spelman Hall."

Please do not forget to send me the Commencement numbers 1944-45-46 of the *Campus Mirror* as well as the *Messengers* and any other interesting literature.

Flora E. Z. Malekebu,  
Providence Industrial Mission,  
Chiradzulu,  
Nyasaland, East Africa.

---

April 9, 1946.

Spelman wrought a good work in my life. Her high ideals have been the guiding star of my life. I have been an anxious student ever since I entered Spelman in 1893, and I have spent my life earnestly striving to inspire youth and age to be true to themselves and to God.

May Spelman girls of this and the coming generations glorify their lives by taking a firm stand for righteousness and truth.

Minnie Lee Thomas-Brown, HS '97,  
Southern Branch P. O.,  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

---

March 10, 1946.

This is the time of year when Spelman's friends, ex-students, and alumnae all over the world reflect upon "Dear Old Spelman." Being a great distance from home

does not dull my memory because on every hand I am reminded of her. Listening to the weekly programs of the Manila Symphony in the Rex Theatre in Chinatown, I thought anew of Sisters Chapel and the many concerts I had heard there. The Rex Theatre was partially destroyed by bombings; it is far from being air-conditioned; the seats are not what one could possibly call comfortable; but it had one thing in common with Sisters Chapel—fine music. I can look at the calmness of the Manila Bay full of sunken ships and visualize the peace that prevails over the campus. We like to say of our founders and those who followed them that they were brave, strong, and full of determination, their eyes upon a better tomorrow; this can also be said of the Filipino people in spite of their long suffering. Perhaps it is because all these things are true that I do not feel "many miles" from home, and why my newly acquired friends do not seem strange and foreign to me.

Juanita Samuels, '43,  
American Red Cross,  
APO 75, c/o Postmaster,  
San Francisco, California.

---

April 9, 1946.

Your letter of February 15 reached us a few days ago, also the receipt showing the one hundred dollars (\$100.00) sent to us. The money had been happily received ere the letter reached us. Just a simple, plain, sincere "Thank you" is the only way we can express our gratitude to you and the entire Spelman Community. May the Lord prosper you all, and may He continue to inspire men and women to have such hearts filled with love for humanity as you all have.

Ora M. Horton,  
Community Heights,  
Monrovia, Liberia,  
West Coast Africa.



April 18, 1946.

Two terms have gone by and my third and last will begin in less than a week's time. They have all been very happy ones.

For the past eleven days I have been spending a part of my Easter vacation in Edinburgh where my husband is taking a course designed for candidates for the examination leading to the membership of the Royal College of Physicians—the highest medical diploma awarded in this country.

One of my great joys since my visit to the country has been the receiving of copies of the *Campus Mirror* and the *Spelman Messenger*. Many thanks for them.

My Latin lecturer, a Mr. Meldrim, knew very well Dr. Newell, who he said, used to live with his wife and him whenever she visited England. Through her they heard about Spelman.

Anatol Reeves Rodgers,  
Cockburn Hotel,  
Edinburgh, Scotland.

April 8, 1946.

I am proud of Spelman and am always interested in the worthwhile things which our students are doing. I was particularly interested in the two broadcasts made by the chorus. I was on Virginia State Campus during the first broadcast and at Hampton during the second. At each place I announced to all those around that the Atlanta University Chorus would sing that morning and that they should listen, if

they wanted a real treat. And I was not disappointed because the singing was superb. I am glad that our schools are doing things of that type. We have something to be proud of and we should let other people know what we have.

Camilla Howard,  
Virginia State College,  
Ettrick, Virginia.

April 9, 1946.

For the memory of Spelman both fall and spring I am ever grateful. The courses I studied there I might have taken anywhere else . . . spring sunlight through the stained windows of Sisters Chapel, the beauty of the trees on the center plaza of the campus I might have missed anywhere else.

Dovey Johnson-Roundtree,  
National Council for a  
Permanent FEPC,  
Washington, D. C.

(Mrs. Roundtree is planning to study in California.)

The following excerpt is taken from a letter from a graduate who was recently appointed Dean of Women:

"I have enjoyed my year as dean of women very much. . . . My respect for administrators has greatly increased, and I have discovered that it is easier to say what an administrator should be than it is to be one."

Send in your order for an Album of two records (five numbers) of the Atlanta-Morehouse-Spelman Chorus, five dollars plus postage.



