

Role of Dickerson Seminary Dynamic in Community Life



A scene of the Dickerson Seminary library reading room, located in Faith Hall, Allen University. Recently, several hundred volumes were added through a grant from Bishop Frank M. Reid.

Rich Religious Ideal of Founders Stressed At Allen University School

by Wallace E. Crumlin
Dickerson Seminary, the institution for theological training of the Seventh Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, is located in Columbia, South Carolina. The Seminary is part of Allen University. The founding father stated as their general objectives the improvement of the moral, cultural and religious life of the Negro. These ideals, set forth by the founders of Allen University, have for many years attracted pastors and persons inclined toward the Christian ministry, to the University.

Allen University, in 1888, was offering a degree in three fields: Theology, Law and Classics. Before the establishment of the seminary under its own Dean, pastors came to Allen to study theology in addition to other subject matter. Those who did not qualify to study for a degree in theology were admitted to the Theological Preparatory Department, The Principal of this department was responsible for directing the students' study program until he was prepared for advanced work.

The Seminary, since its beginning has always had a flexible program for the purpose of meeting the needs of ministers. At the time, those pastors who found it impossible to become resident students were offered correspondence courses for a small fee of fifty cents a month. Students in the Correspondence School had to come to the University for examinations.

SELF HELP
The Seminary has always stressed initiative and hard work on the part of its students. This philosophy is reflected in the motto of the graduating class of 1917, "We will labor for Christ and the Church." Students who were willing to work and who possessed scholarship have always been able to acquire their Theological training at the Seminary. Much of the cost of training for B.D. students is covered by scholarships offered by the A.M.E. Church.

CHRISTIAN CHARACTER
The institution requires that persons preparing for the ministry be Christians. It has always been the purpose of the institution to help the student grow into richer experience of God. The graduating class of 1910 had as its motto: "The Mind of Christ." Students enrolled in the Seminary are encouraged to attend chapel daily, weekly prayer services and Sunday church services.

STUDENT ORGANIZATION
Dickerson Literary Society is the student organization of the Seminary. It is responsible for maintaining social solidarity among the students. Through sermons and prayer services, it adds to the spiritual fervor of the college community.

SOCIAL CONSCIOUSNESS
Dickerson is, and has been, an institution concerned with the many social problems in the community. The Seminary has sought to relate its study to the many social, political, and economic problems of the community. Recently was added the department of Social Ethics which offers special training in techniques of social change, as relates to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Community surveys are conducted by students.

LEADERSHIP
The emphasis of Dickerson is to equip men for the ministry. Many graduates of the Seminary are serving practically every area of the church. Some are successful pastors while others are serving large, urban churches.

SCHOLARSHIP
The newly erected Faith Hall houses the Seminary Library. Extensive bibliographies are prepared by the faculty, and students are encouraged to read widely. Materials on technical research have been put at the disposal of students.

ADMINISTRATION
The Rev. Frank Madison Reid, Bishop of the A. M. E. Church in South Carolina, is a strong advocate of a better ministry. Bishop Reid has been most cooperative and helpful in attending the Seminary. Dr. Stephen R. Higgins, president of Allen University, is himself an ordained minister of the A.M.E. church. President Higgins strongly believes in a Bible centered curriculum. An examination in the English Bible is required of all graduates.

For information relative to courses of study leading to the B.D. degree and the B.Th. degree, please contact Dean Henderson S. Davis, Dickerson Theological Seminary, Allen University, Columbia, South Carolina.

Challenged Of Tax Exemptions For Biased Hospitals Proposed

DALLAS, TEX. — Delegates to a workshop on ending race barriers in hospitals and health education held here last week discussed the possibility of using legal methods to challenge the tax exemption status of voluntary hospitals which bar Negroes as patients or staff members.

Other workshops held during the six-day convention dealt with the use of non-partisan political techniques to achieve NAACP goals, eliminating discrimination in employment, implementing the Supreme Court decision which held segregated public schools to be unconstitutional, conducting NAACP fund raising and membership campaigns, avenues to non-segregated public and private housing, cooperation between the Church and the NAACP, and planning programs for the Association's youth and college chapters.

The majority of such private hospitals would be unable to continue functioning should their tax exemption be revoked. The hospital and health workshop was held at the 45th annual convention of the NAACP, and attended by some 40 delegates from all sections of the U. S.

Dr. George S. Flemmings of Fort Worth, discussion leader, pointed out that in some localities hospitals are being established as "interacial" although they actually will be "Negro." Workshop participants were warned against supporting such efforts in their local communities because of the separate treatment of the "colored" and "white" patients to remove the "community."

Dr. Flemmings is a member of the NAACP board of directors and its National Health Committee.

Various workshop delegates reported progress in the removal of race barriers in Veterans Administration hospitals — including mental hospitals, in county medical societies, and in internships.

Dr. Montague Cobb, professor of anatomy at Howard University Medical School and chairman of the Association's National Health Committee, noted that the 1954 graduating classes of Howard and Meharry medical schools will serve their internships in 56 different hospitals. He contrasted this with the situation ten years ago when a Negro medical graduate had

DILLON NEWS

by Herbert Crawford
William Bethea, Sr., and son William, Jr., of Spartanburg, spent four days in Dillon last week with their cousin Eddie Wright and other relatives. William Bethea, Sr. is an accomplished violinist and soloist serving regularly on the choir in the Methodist church at Spartanburg. He is father of five sons and a daughter, all graduates of various colleges. Prior to his visit on last week, he had not been in Dillon in thirty years. He is the son of the late Rev. Adolphus Bethea.

Mrs. Ethel McCallum of Brooklyn, New York, is at her home on W. Hampton Street for several months.

Miss Dora Blue Campbell of New York City was the house guest of her father, Willie Campbell on last week-end.

Mrs. Rachel McNeil of this city was funerals for the Christian Church on S. Fourth Avenue, after a long illness.

Willie Wall, and his family who lived in Greensboro, N. C. for several years at back home on Jackson Street. Mr. Wall has retired.

Mrs. Joe Stephens Hughes and son of New York City are vacationing with her sister, Mrs. H. L. Perry of this city.

Mrs. Helen Crawford has returned to her residence on Dargin Street, after undergoing an operation at the Marion Hospital. She is convalescing satisfactorily. Also, in St. Eugene Hospital of Dillon is Lee David McCrae of Hudson Street. He is quite ill.

Mrs. Albertine Williams and her mother, Mrs. Katie Saunders, are attending the Church of Christ Sunday School Convention at Florence.

Dr. Robert H. Girvin Opens Naturopathic Clinic Here

Dr. Robert H. Girvin who has practiced in the Philadelphia area for many years has opened a clinic and office for the general practice of Naturopathic Medicine at 2952 Two Notch Road in the Dentsville area of Columbia.

Dr. Girvin who is married has one 10 year old daughter. He is a graduate of the Graduate College of Naturopathy having graduated in 1934. Besides his four year course of studies at the Graduate College he served two years at the University of Pennsylvania doing post graduate work in Hematology and Preventative medicine.

Dr. Girvin who has been a lifelong resident of Pennsylvania is following the trend and making his home in the South.

Dr. Girvin's office and clinic will be opened as of Monday July 19th.

In conjunction with his practice in the Philadelphia area Dr. Girvin also was director of a state approved diagnostic laboratory.

Dr. Girvin has high hopes of making the Columbia area his permanent home henceforth.

Baptist Hold Banner Session At Rock Hill

By Luther Johnson, Jr.
The State Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Convention of South Carolina met last week at Friendship Jr. College in Rock Hill. Many pastors, Sunday School and BTU workers from over the state attended. Many interesting speakers were heard twice with the devotional messages based from the convention theme: "The Church Fostering Personal Christian Faith in the Home." Rev. R. T. Duncan of Pickens delivered the Introductory Sermon. The Key-note Address was delivered by Dr. Marshall Shepard of Philadelphia who spoke on "The Right of God."

Benedict, Morris, and Friendship colleges received liberal donations. The presidents from each of the colleges were heard.

Two special features heard were the Sunday School workshop by Dr. J. L. Corzine, Director of Sunday School Work of S. C. and the BTU Clinic by Rev. John L. White, Associational Missionary of York County.

Officers elected were: Rev. J. J. Abney, Florence, President; Dr. L. W. Long, Union, Vice President; Mrs. Willie F. Moore, Greenwood, Secretary; Rev. C. M. Johnson, Honea Path, Asst. Secretary; Rev. J. D. Rucker, Rock Hill, Corresponding Sec. and Dean of Methods; Prof. Charles McMillan, Bamberg, Treasurer. Rev. J. C. Dunbar and Prof. S. L. Finley were elected president and recording secretary emeritus, respectively.

Mt. Pleasant Helping Hand Club Entertains

Mt. Pleasant — The Helping Hand Club of Friendship A. M. E. Church entertained with an informal gathering to welcome new members of joining the group. Those welcomed were Mrs. Alma Brown, Mrs. Rebecca Davis, Mrs. Geneva Evans, Mrs. Annie Goodwin, Miss Marie Fordham and John H. Deas. Mrs. Miriam Moore Brown was welcomed as an honorary member, for the many services she has rendered to the club.

Plans for a sightseeing tour of Columbia on June 25 were discussed with the proceeds going toward the clubs project for the year. After a short meeting a delightful repast was enjoyed by all. We hope to continue working for the master through His help.

Club Reporter,
Mrs. Virginia Singleton

Teachers And The Supreme Court Pronouncement To Be Theme Of American Teachers Annual Confab

The theme for the 51st Annual Convention of the American Teachers Association is, "Teachers and the Supreme Court Pronouncement". More than one thousand delegates and visitors will take advantage of the pertinent presentation of guest speakers and discussion leaders on this most important Supreme Court Pronouncement.

The Tennessee Congress of Teachers is host to this Convention and they have scheduled all sessions for the campus of Tennessee A & I State University, Nashville.

The president of ATA is Gerard A. Anderson, principal of Mr. Anderson will preside over Wilson High School, Florence. This convention which will be in session July 25-28.

Mrs. Madge P. Harper, president of PEA recently announced that Dr. Frank A. DeCosta, Dean of the Graduate School, State A & M College, would serve as Director for ATA in South Carolina.

In order to send its many delegates who desire to attend ATA Conventions PEA began, in 1950-51, chartering a bus. This year a 37 passenger air-conditioned Trailways bus has been

The following is an incomplete list of delegates: Bright G. Keith, Charles E. Davis, I. C. Bracey, C. W. Fields, Alex Boykin, Boyd W. Tyler, D. C. Butler, J. S. Anderson, Mrs. Beulah Graham, Miss Emma D. Cooper, Mrs. Lelia A. Bradby, Mrs. B. B. Sherrod, Miss Bennie J. Geiger, Miss Nettie James, Mrs. M. Alice LaSaine, Mrs. A. J. Murray, Mrs. M. Brown, Mrs. O. R. Reuben, Mrs. Justine W. Washington, Mrs. Magnolia Lewis, Mrs. Rube B. Young and Mrs. Odessa Murray.

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