

# Colored Boy Scout Is Cited For Heroism

## Frederick Douglass' Gold-Tipped Pen Presented To N. A. A. C. P.

## Tenth Cavalry Horses In Los Angeles National Horse Show

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# Allen University Celebrates Founders Day

UNIVERSITY  
FOUNDED 1871

## BREWER NORMAL AN ACCREDITED SCHOOL

Then Entitled Payne Institute  
And Located At Cokesbury  
South Carolina

## FARMERS' CONFERENCE A SUCCESS

HAD FIVE PRESIDENTS

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Bishop Dickerson Sees Need Of  
Central Location—School Moves  
To Columbia, Changes Name

AND I. SCHOOL FROM FIRE R. H. BLACKWELL FOR FAVOR

Founders Day was fittingly observed at Allen University, Monday, February 14th. The following address was delivered by Prof. H. W. Baumgardner, the principal speaker.

SITUATED IN GREENWOOD, S. C.

In the catalogue of Allen University will be found the following historical statement: "with a vision that Christian education and industrial training were among the imperative needs of the colored people of South Carolina, and believing the A. M. E. Church would be called upon to do a great part of that work, the Columbia District Conference in session in Newberry, South Carolina, July 29, 1870, resolved to undertake steps to this end, and to negotiate the purchase of one hundred and fifty acres of land at the historic village of Cokesbury, with the approval of the Presiding Bishop, Rt. Rev. John M. Brown, who appointed the following committee to proceed with the undertaking: Revs. Abraham Weston, W. D. Harris, Joseph Boston, Simon Miller and Scipio Blake. At the session of the Annual Conference of 1871, Rev. Simon Miller presented the purchase of one hundred and fifty acres of land, including school buildings entitled 'Payne Institute, at Cokesbury, South Carolina, which were vigorously opposed by Judge Wright and R. B. Elliott, but were finally adopted and became the property of the A. M. E. Church in South Carolina bearing the name of that illustrious Bishop Daniel A. Payne, the apostle of Negro education in the U. S. A.

OVER 700 IN ATTENDANCE IS NINETEEN YEARS OLD INHERITED FROM MOTHER

This institution thrived for a number of years made the following presidents: Porter, W. S. Crogman, W. S. Scarborough and J. W. Morris. The General Conference of 1880 assigned the Rt. Rev. W. F. Dickerson to the diocese, and although the school had prospered much, and the people of the community and adjacent counties had advanced greatly through the influence of this school, the far-sighted Bishop saw the wisdom of a central location for the benefit of the whole state, and the An. Conf. at Spartanburg moved to transfer its operations to Columbia, South Carolina and elected the following trustees: Rt. Rev. W. F. Dickerson, David Pickett, Bruce H. Williams, Silas H. Jefferson, Montgomery M. Mance, Felix H. Torrence, Paul W. Jefferson, Samuel Washington, A. Thomas Carr, W. M. Thomas and Hiram Young, who procured a charter and in the transfer named the institution Allen University located in the suburbs of Columbia, South Carolina the capital city of the state.

Teachers And Students Take Interest In Both Seating And Serving Assistant Scout Master And Commissioned Officer Of B. S. Of A.

Because Richard was the founder of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, and because Allen University operates under the auspices of that great Negro organization founded by Richard Allen, it is but fitting that we should pause and do reverent homage to his memory on this the day of his advent into this mundane territory.

Los Angeles, Calif. Feb.—At the annual roll call of honor at which 7000 boys and their 847 adult leaders met last week at the Polytechnic High school in celebration of the 17th anniversary of the founding of the Boy Scouts of America, Scout James H. Burras of Troop 148 was the only colored scout to receive a citation for outstanding deed, in Los Angeles.

For the material upon the life of Richard Allen which I am about to relate, I acknowledge my indebtedness to R. R. Wright, Jr., compiler of the Encyclopedia of African Methodist. Richard Allen was born Feb. 14, 1760, a slave of Benjamin Chew (Continued on Page Eight)

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Chaplain George A. Singleton, Professor of Social Science in Allen University, Alpha Phi Fraternity, Boston University Graduate Philosophical Club, Class of Bishops of 1908 Scholar, and working for the Ph. D. degree at the University of Chicago. Chaplain Singleton is offering himself to succeed Dr. R. R. Wright, Jr., as Editor of the Christian Recorder. He was on the program at the Bishops' Council which met in Jacksonville last week and delivered a stirring address on "The educational ideal of the African Methodist Episcopal Church." An article of his appears in the January number of the A. M. E. Review on "The Key to reality."

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