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Hampton
SUGGESTIONS

FOR

SPECIAL GIFTS

AND

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The Work of Hampton

HAMPTON INSTITUTE, situated in Virginia two miles from Fort Monroe, was founded by General Samuel Chapman Armstrong in 1868 for the practical education of Negro, and later of Indian youth. It began with two teachers and fifteen students in a plantation house and army barracks at Hampton.

From this humble beginning, Hampton Institute has gradually developed into an industrial village with about 1800 students (900 boarders, 500 in the Whittier Training School and 400 in the Summer School), over 200 teachers and other workers, 142 buildings, and 1000 acres of land.

It trains the hand, as well as the head and heart, to fit these young

people for intelligent, industrious, Christian citizenship.

It has an Academic-Normal Department for the training of teachers, a Trade School, teaching 13 trades, an Agricultural School, and a Domestic Science School.

Its students go out as teachers, farmers, skilled mechanics, homemakers, and leaders in their communities. Many of its graduates have been tremendous forces in the struggle to advance their people. The founder of Tuskegee, Dr. Booker T. Washington, and his successor, Dr. Robert R. Moton, received their training at Hampton.

It was greatly to the advantage of Hampton, that for nearly fifty years the school had but two principals—General Samuel C. Armstrong, the Founder, and Dr. Hollis B. Frissell,

for fourteen years Chaplain of Hampton, when he succeeded General Armstrong as Principal, at his death in 1893. Under their inspiring leadership, Hampton has sent 10,000 young men and women back to their communities, equipped, in addition to an academic education, with industrial and agricultural training, and imbued with an earnest desire to be of service to their race.

Rev. James E. Gregg, D. D., of Pittsfield, Mass., succeeded Dr. Frisell, who died August 5, 1917.

Mr. Taft has said, "Hampton is the solution of the Negro problem."

It is solving it by the increasing number of industrial and agricultural schools which are being established through its efforts and influence, by the introduction of modern methods of farming among the Negroes through

its extension work, by the stimulation of race pride, and by the type of education which trains its students to become intelligent, industrious, Christian citizens.

It is neither a Government nor a denominational school. It must depend largely upon voluntary contributions for its support. Every student is responsible for the expense of books, clothes, and board. He can partly meet this expense by work at the school. The tuition of the students is provided by scholarships given by friends of Hampton.

To meet all the expenses of the school, it is necessary to raise each year \$135,000 from voluntary contributions.

“The people who are aiding Hampton Institute are doing a really great work for their country.”—*Woodrow Wilson*, President of the United States

“If any man is looking for a sure way to benefit the Negro race, let him send money to Hampton Institute. He will surely get there a large return in beneficence.” — *Charles W. Eliot*, ex-President of Harvard University.

Hampton needs substantial gifts, legacies, and endowments to carry its work forward and to insure its permanency.

We ask your gifts, either during life or by will, for one of the purposes specified below. If no restriction is placed upon a gift, it will be expended for current needs or held for endowment as shall seem best to the Trustees. Endowments are safely invested and only the income expended.

When desired the giver may direct that the gift or the income therefrom be used for some special purpose as a memorial or otherwise.

The following are suggested as some of the purposes which may be properly specified:—

SPECIFIED GIFTS

For the general purposes of the school

For the Endowment Fund of the school

*For the endowment of one or more
scholarships*

An endowed scholarship is \$2500.

For the Permanent Improvement Fund

This fund has been drawn upon in the past to provide for urgent needs as they arise, such as additional buildings, extension of steam trenches, installation of a cold-storage plant, etc. More dwelling houses for the workers and their families are always needed.

*For the endowment of the salaries of
one or more teachers*

The salaries of the teachers range from \$800 up, of which \$300 is in board. An endowment for this purpose should be a sum sufficient to produce, at 4 per cent, the desired salary.

For the Retirement Fund

Salaries at Hampton have always been small. Many of its workers have spent from twenty to thirty years, and more, in its service. The demands made upon this fund in the future are likely to increase. It has been necessary to draw on current funds to satisfy present needs. We would emphasize the importance of an enlarged Retirement Fund to meet this obligation.

For Extension Work

Hampton's mission is to spread sound ideas of agriculture, teaching, home-making, and sanitation, to assist communities in securing "better homes, better health, better farms, and better schools." Money is needed in order to support its efforts to maintain and further this work. A larger fund would enable Hampton to put more farm-demonstration agents and supervising teachers in the field; to provide more teachers of canning for the communities of the South and thus reach more homes; and to aid more teachers with helpful reading.

Gifts by will should be in the form prescribed by law. The corporate title to be used, is: "The Trustees of the Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute, Hampton, Virginia."

FORM OF BEQUEST

I give and bequeath to the Trustees of the Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute, Hampton, Virginia, the sum of dollars to be used for the purposes of the Institute. (If desired, mention some specific purpose.)

All inquiries and communications with any member of the Investment Committee or with the Principal concerning possible legacies will be treated as strictly confidential.

