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A group of Theological Alumni attending the observance of Theological Alumni Day at Shaw University, April 11.

First row, left to right in photo, are: M. W. Williams, Raleigh; Paul H. Johnson, Raleigh; O. L. Sherrill, Wilmington; Claud R. Trotter, Raleigh, and C. E. Griffin, Norfolk, Va. Second row: J. Jasper Freeman, Norfolk, Va.; H. L. Mitchell, Gatesville; W. B. Westbrook, Henderson; Matthew Neil, Atlantic City, N. J., and Otis Dunn, Wake Forest. Third row: W. T. Farror, Franklinton; James R. Humphrey, Washington; Leon C. Riddick, Raleigh; Talmadge Watkins, Fayetteville, and Alonzo Coley, Kittrell.

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## President's Message to Alumni and Friends

Office of the President.

Dear Alumni and Friends:

This Commencement will close our eightieth academic year. We are pleased that we had the largest enrollment in the history of the school and that we are able also to continue the extensive renovation activities.

Naturally all of you are interested in the New Development Program Campaign. Our subscriptions have now reached 100,000. We trust that all of the alumni and friends will make generous contributions to this drive to raise money for the proposed two new buildings. Your subscriptions may be paid in installments over the thirty-month period of the campaign.

The United Negro College Campaign is progressing nicely also. We urge all of you to support this drive in your community.

You are invited to attend the Baccalaureate Service on Sunday, May 27, at 3:00 p.m., the Alumni Meeting on May 28, at 10:00 a.m., and the Commencement Exercise on May 28, at 3:00 p.m.

Appreciating your loyal support, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Robert P. Daniel, President.

## Events of Commencement

Friday, May 25—8:00 p.m.....Class Night Exercises  
 Saturday, May 26—8:00 p.m.....Senior-Alumni Dinner  
 Sunday, May 27—3:00 p.m.....Baccalaureate Service

Speaker: Dr. D. W. Hoggard, Pastor, Mt. Carmel  
 Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

Sunday, May 27—5:00 p.m., Reception in honor of the Graduating  
 Class by President and Mrs. Robert P. Daniel

Monday, May 28—10:00 a.m., Annual Meeting of the Shaw  
 University Alumni Association

Monday, May 28—3:30 p.m.....Commencement Exercises  
 Speaker: Dr. Ambrose Caliver, Senior Specialist,  
 United States Office of Education, Washington, D. C.

## To Alumni of a Great School

(Office of Public Relations and Alumni Headquarters)

### SHAW UNIVERSITY NEW DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

(One Million Dollars Needed)

**30 Months Goal—\$250,000**

Dear Brothers and Sisters of a Great School:

Every LOYAL ALUMNUS IS URGED to join one of the SHAW SHARE CLUBS.

Names and amounts of each member of the clubs will be perpetuated on a BRONZE TABLET placed at the entrance of the NEW ADMINISTRATION BUILDING telling student generations for the next 100 years what part you had in making possible facilities for their education.

Join the club which will best honor your memory through a real sacrificial gift covering earnings for the next 30 months.

#### SHAW SHARE CLUBS

\$ 4.00 a month for 30 months.....	\$ 120 Club
8.00 a month for 30 months.....	240 Club
12.00 a month for 30 months.....	360 Club
17.00 a month for 30 months.....	500 Club
34.00 a month for 30 months.....	1,000 Club
167.00 a month for 30 months.....	5,000 Club

The annual meeting of the Alumni will be held in Greenleaf Auditorium May 28, at 10:00 a.m. Mail your subscriptions to the Campaign Office at Shaw in time for it to arrive and be reported at our annual meeting.

Because of Government restrictions on traveling for large gatherings, we did not plan a regular Alumni Day as was formerly agreed upon.

But send us your subscription with as much cash payment as you can, or write the Campaign Office for information.

Fraternally yours,

G. E. Cheek, President  
and Director of Public Relations.



## Early Life at Shaw Related by First Women Students

Note: At the request of the director of publicity several of the first women to attend Shaw have prepared for the BULLETIN "briefs" on life at Shaw during the pioneer days. We express our warm appreciation to "Mother" Leonora T. Jackson for her assistance in arranging this feature.

—O. L. H.

### SPECIAL INTRODUCTION

By (MISS) LEONORA T. JACKSON

The campaign to secure funds to enlarge the physical plant of Shaw University by erecting more buildings is proof of the continued growth of the institution under the present regime.

The number of students this session far exceeds the enrollment of previous years, which necessitates the use of Shaw Hall for young women.

The absence of young men, created by the response to their Country's call made it possible to convert, for the time being, their quarters into a dormitory for young women.

After victory is declared, the matriculation of many young men, coming again to their homes, is expected, coupled with the return of young women now in attendance, plus new entrants.

Thus the foreseen imperative need of immediate enlargement and increased facilities for the accommodation of students, not only demand attention but earnest, constructive action.

Action in securing money! Money to be expended for material! Material to be constructed into buildings!

Administrative building. Buildings for students' dormitories and other necessary buildings for the development of a greater Shaw University.

In this effort the vision of the founder, the lamented Dr. Henry Martin Tupper, is materialized.

However, each building erected on the campus is a monument to the memory of the executive officer who steers the wheel of administration and bears the weight of responsibility during the period of reconstruction. He who attempts to start a school, build a church, construct a building on a private school campus, is a servant of the people. To succeed he must know how to approach all persons, to win their confidence, that they may be in accord with his purpose, and gain their cooperation and aid in its establishment. He overcomes the many difficulties confronting him, by tact in dealing with varied personalities, based upon his clear insight of human nature.

He must have a firm faith in God; faith in himself—his ability to perform the duties and obligations of his office; faith in the possibilities of mankind. Such an individual is the fifth President of Shaw University; and the second Negro to occupy that position—the Rev. Dr. Robert Prentiss Daniel. He succeeded the Rev. Dr. William Stuart Nelson, who canceled his Sabbatical leave from Howard University and accepted the position of first Negro President of Shaw University.

Dr. Nelson labored strenuously for five years. His position as President of Shaw University was not easy. Being the first Negro to fill the position, required superior education. All eyes were focused upon him. One of the friendly white organizations withdrew its help; stood aloof, viewing askant his movements. Even some of the alumni, former students also some friends of Shaw stood apace and turned a scrutinizing eye toward the "New Negro President." This Christian gentleman—dignified and conscientious leader, assumed his duties courageously and performed them satisfactorily—thus paving the way for his successors.





“MOTHER” JACKSON

Mrs. Nelson was not only his help mate in the home, but also in the affairs of the school. She was a charming hostess on all the social functions of the institution.

Dr. Nelson's resignation was sorrowfully accepted. The alumni presented him a beautiful gold watch. His secretary worked with him in his new field. Some of the alumni went to New Orleans to witness his inauguration as President of Dillard University. He is now Dean of Religion at Howard University and is frequently invited as guest speaker on special occasions at Shaw.

The Reverend Dr. J. L. Peacock, the third and last white President of Shaw University, was a Baptist Minister, interested in the development of Shaw and the advancement of the students. After leaving Shaw, he became pastor of one of the white churches in Tarboro, N. C.

The Rev. Dr. M. L. Meserve, successor of the founder, Dr. Henry Martin Tupper, had varied interest in the students and institution. He was respected by students and faculty as well as by friends.



Every organization, the home, the church, the school, in fact, all institutions, religious, social or political, are based upon some sort or kind of foundation either firm or weak; good or bad; pure or sordid; determined by the ideals or principles of the originator or founder. Dr. Henry Martin Tupper, founder of Shaw University, practiced daily his ideals, thus showing by his life his principles—the foundation of Shaw University.

Turn to the early days of the school and examine the pattern used by the young women students of long ago, presented by the following:

Mrs. Saluda Bieglow Hunt, Ringgold, Va.  
 Mrs. Cora Person Long, Franklinton, N. C.  
 Mrs. Amelia Bunn Moore, Clarkton, N. C.  
 Mrs. Sarah Polk Raynn Martin, Tuskegee, Ala.  
 Miss Mary A. Burwell, Raleigh, N. C.  
 Mrs. Kathryn Levister, Raleigh, N. C.  
 Miss Mary A. Baker, Raleigh, N. C.  
 Mrs. Leonora Christmas Ransom, Warrenton, N. C.

About one-third of Estey and one-third Shaw had been completed January, 1876.

Rather usable, instead of completed, only one-third of each building (Estey and Shaw as they now stand) existed at that time.

The first floor of Estey consisted of three classrooms and the matron's apartment.

There were no modern facilities. The rooms were cold—only two stoves were on each hall.

The basement was used for the young women's laundry, having only one stove.

The light of kerosene oil lamps produced eye strain thus causing the study period, from seven to ten, at night to be very uncomfortable.

Breakfast was served at seven o'clock. Pancakes, the size of a plate, molasses and tea composed the breakfast menu. The food was cooked in that part of Shaw basement called "College Inn" until the erection of Greenleaf Chapel and dining.

Before Greenleaf was erected, commencement exercises were held in the First Church. No guest speaker was invited. The students who could speak in public were required to write essays and orations for the exercises. (The writer of this column spent six years at Shaw; two years in High School and four years in college. We spoke on the commencement program four times.

Scrubbing was the penalty placed on young women students for slight infractions. One morning the matron came to inspect our room before breakfast as usual. One of the girls had failed to put on her collar. The matron said: "You are not ready for breakfast. Where is your collar? You will scrub the first hall (assigning a certain section) an hour immediately after school."

That girl was always complete in her dress and had her room in order henceforth.

The rooms used in Shaw by the Directress of women was the chapel, prior to the erection of Greenleaf Hall.

The students assembled there for chapel services and prayer meeting on Wednesday nights. Dr. Tupper was with them and conducted the meeting. He would say, "Have faith in God, young women; have faith in God, young men." As the roll was called, each student would answer and recite a Bible verse.

—(MRS.) CORA PERSON LONG.

(Miss) LEONORA T. JACKSON.



From my earliest knowledge we have always had a good Sunday School at Shaw.

Under the leadership of Miss Pettigrew the girls were active in missionary work in the city.

On Sunday afternoon groups of girls were sent from Estey to different parts of the city where they would meet and instruct Children's Bands or afternoon Sunday School.

They reported the proceedings of the meetings every Monday in the "Home with Miss Pettigrew."

The young women and young men left school a part of the session to teach in order to defray their expenses.

—(MISS) MARY A. BURWELL,  
201 Idlewild Ave.,  
Raleigh, N. C.

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In January, 1883, I entered Estey Seminary, Shaw University. The girls had to attend all religious services unless prevented by illness. They were not permitted to leave the campus without permission.

Prayer meeting was held every Sunday evening and Wednesday night.

I attended Shaw part of three sessions, having been called away to teach school.

I have taught in Wake, Columbus and Sampson counties, also in Bladen.

—(MRS.) AMELIA BUNN MORE,  
Route 2, Box 323,  
Clarkton, N. C.

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In 1885 I attended Shaw. Too much cannot be said of Shaw activities in those days.

In the days of President H. M. Tupper, there were great and wonderful teachers. They were Christians.

The girls of Shaw were given religious training.

They were trained in Social Purity and Missionary Work; often visiting the sick and needy in the city.

I feel that I owe the most of my success in life to the years I spent at Shaw.

—(MRS.) KATHRYN WALDEN LEVISTER,  
117 W. Cabarrus St.,  
Raleigh, N. C.

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I entered Shaw University, January, 1895. Continued through the fall and spring terms of 1897-98.

Extra curricula activities for young women during this period were limited, mostly to domestic and home guidance. Plain sewing, dress making, home care, Y.W.C.A., Y.M.C.A., and missionary training were mainly stressed. Sports and games were few, mostly tennis and croquet. Football was in its infancy.

Many of the young women spent only a few months in school during the term because of financial conditions. Such students came out and taught school in rural sections for three or four months (this was usually the length of rural school term) then returned to their studies at Shaw. Of course this was quite a handicap to such students.

Estey Hall had no modern improvements at that time. The buildings were lighted by kerosene lamps which were taken to the basement of the president's home at the ringing of the five o'clock bell every afternoon. There

were no toilet facilities, only out of doors toilets. Water was gotten from a pump at the old medical dormitory, the dining hall or the missionary training school. The buildings were heated by coal stoves one on each end of the halls.

—(MRS.) LEONORA RAMSON.

When I was fourteen years of age I went to Estey Seminary for girls now known as Shaw University. My father worked for fifty cents a day and my mother worked for twenty-five cents to pay my schooling at this school. My parents prayed night and morning for my success. Dr. Tupper was president. We went to Prayer Meeting each Wednesday night. We had socials once a month—on the last Friday in each a month. The school physician was Dr. John Spafford. The matrons were Miss Miller, Miss Pettigrew and one Miss Murry. The music teacher was one Miss Ada Hall from Boston, Mass.

Services were held each Sunday at 11 o'clock and Sunday School at 3:00 o'clock.

—(MRS.) MARY A. BAKER.

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I worked my way through school at Shaw University. I cleaned classrooms, halls, stairways, closets, etc.

Whenever there was time I played croquet with my classmates and loved to sit on one of the lions near entrance to the grounds. There I sometimes studied or just played. My classmates, Mary Burwell, Fannie Bridges and Lizzie Tupper, daughter of Dr. Tupper.

I was the only girl in my class, and the men, C. S. Brown for one, teased me a lot, but I was salutatorian of my class just the same.

—(MRS.) SARAH POLK RAYNER MARTIN,  
Tuskegee, Ala., Class of '86.

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I entered Shaw in the year 1875 in October. I was there until 1879—4 years. When we reached Shaw, there was no room available. Estey Seminary Building was being built but the carpenters had stopped work on it. They had to send out and get a carpenter to put a door on one of its rooms for us to stay all night. So my sister Mary (now dead) and I were the first girls to say all night in Estey Seminary.

There was no running water, or bathrooms. We used basins and pitchers and cold water from a pump in the yard. We used an open pit outdoor toilet, teachers, pupils and all using the same pit. We could get hot water sometimes by going down to the basement laundry and heating it—no bathtubs.

There were no electric lights—we took our kerosene lamps over to the president's house to be filled with oil when they ran low.

Everybody had to go to chapel every morning—to prayer meeting Wednesday and church on Sunday.

My husband, Nat L. Hunt, graduated from Shaw University in 1880.

—MRS. SALUDA BIGELON HUNT.

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## Progress Reported in the Shaw University New Development Program

The Shaw University New Development Program has now secured eleven hundred subscriptions from the Negroes of Raleigh amounting to \$65,000; three hundred subscriptions from the Negroes of Durham amounting to \$20,000; from eight hundred White friends of Raleigh amounting to \$25,000. From all these groups there will be further subscriptions.

The fourteen most centrally located cities in the State will be used as the center of operation, each in their area of the State. Mr. Cooper and Mr. Cheek have scheduled visits to these areas and directed campaigns in them over the next six months. By having a well arranged itinerary the work can be done most economically as to time and expense. As you will realize, there needs to be the most careful presentation of the Program wherever possible before subscriptions are asked. The more prospects see the bigness of the need, the more they will measure up to it. Friends of Shaw who live in places in the State which may not have formal campaigns are urged to write us regarding their subscriptions or leadership of possible campaigns.

There will be a mailing campaign to many places away from North Carolina where we can not expect to have a campaign.

There may be cities outside of the State where a local campaign would be justified, and we will be glad to assist in such.

What a testimony to the worth of Shaw has been the wonderful gifts from its closest neighbors, the Negroes of Raleigh. And what sacrifices those subscriptions represent.

What a testimony to their faith in Shaw has been the \$6,000 subscribed by the Shaw Staff.

While the campaigns with the Negroes of those two cities indicate the reverence with which those groups regard Shaw as a mother of Colleges, and the mother of Christian education in the State, something unique is occurring among our white friends in Raleigh.

This campaign is making history in regard to cooperation of white friends in the city of a Negro College. And it is being done with remarkable harmony and good-will. That is because of the high regard Shaw has earned in its community, and to the high type of the citizenship of this capital city.

The reason for asking for subscriptions payable in 30 months is that only by such giving, representing giving from 30 months earnings, can the large need of Shaw be met.

While the name of every subscriber, regardless of amount of the gift, will be entered in the Book of Memory at Shaw, it is the



Club Plan of giving which is making possible the large program of development. There are clubs being formed, of subscribers who subscribe \$120, and those subscribing \$240, and so on up to the \$5,000 Club, but as yet, no one has joined the \$5,000 Club in this campaign. It is noteworthy of remembrance that the only Negro giver of as much as \$5,000 to Shaw was the last Dr. A. M. Moore of Durham. This gift was made several years ago. He set a grand example. We wonder who there is who will be both able and willing to follow that example in this campaign.

The following have already joined the \$1,000 Club:

Dr. J. B. Davis  
 Dr. Lemuel T. Delaney  
 Mr. C. A. Marriott  
 Dr. and Mrs. Lewyn E. McCauley  
 Dr. J. N. Mills  
 Mr. C. C. Spaulding  
 Lincoln Theatre—Mr. W. S. Lockhart.

Besides that, there are several white Raleigh friends who have joined the \$1,000 club, and one firm, The Durham Life Insurance Company of Raleigh, has given \$2,500.

But while the campaign must have plenty of large subscriptions to reach its large objectives of \$250,000 in this campaign, and eventually the total of the amount indicated as required by the Survey \$1,000,000, it is nevertheless true that we are taught that God judges giving by what we have to give. What we are urging all along the line is, among both poor and rich, that they give to this cause of Christian education according to their means. If all will do that, what a victory will be had for Shaw!

Our Shaw army slogan or war cry in this notable, urgent, and timely campaign could be many things; but we all can say, **MAKE ROOM AT SHAW FOR THE THREE HUNDRED RETURNING VETERANS** for whom there is now no room.

If you are out there somewhere and think the Shaw Campaign may not reach you soon enough or at all, please be free to mail in your best subscription at once, and if later you should want to increase it, you can. Also, the Campaign Office would like all data on alumni, possible friends for Shaw, Negro or White, with correct addresses, just as soon as you can mail it in. We are building up our Prospect Lists.

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## Durham Teacher Makes Appeal for Support in Shaw Campaign

1508 East Pettigrew Street  
East Durham, North Carolina  
February 28, 1945.

My Dear Friend:

History records that a Northern Civil War white soldier returned to the South with a few hundred dollars saved from his meager army pay and founded what is now known as Shaw University. Since that distant day, Shaw has been a beacon light in Negro Christian Education.

I am neither a Shawite nor a Baptist, but I am a Negro, a World War I soldier and an educator who believes in church schools, for the reason that from our church schools have emerged not a few of our race leaders. Dr. Shepard, founder of the North Carolina College for Negroes, is a notable living example, so it naturally follows that whether we are Baptist, Shawites or what not, many of us have benefited directly or indirectly, and are still the recipients of the noble spirit of that Yankee missionary soldier and the illimitable courage and sacrifice of Dr. Shepard.

The Sponsoring Committee for the Shaw \$250,000 Development Campaign, with former Governor J. M. Broughton, as Honorary General Chairman, and General Chairman C. C. Spaulding, are calling upon Negroes specifically to make monetary sacrifices for Shaw University.

In its infancy, Shaw with its white presidents was largely supported by white philanthropy. When Negro leadership asserted its manhood and clamored for a Negro president, the burden of financial support naturally began to fall more largely upon the shoulders of Negroes. To this end, the Sponsoring Committee has arranged an extension of over 30 months for payments and is urging all persons to subscribe as much per month as they possibly can.

Yours for Racial Uplift,

Frank Geo. Sowell.

Note: Mr. Sowell is a teacher at the East End School, Durham, North Carolina, and a member of the Pentacostal Church.



## CAPTAIN GOVAN RETURNS TO STATES AFTER 70 FLYING MISSIONS



**CAPT. CLAUDE "RAM" GOVAN**

*Captain Claude "Ram" Govan of the class of '39, has returned to the States after making 70 flying missions over Nazi territories.*

*Known to old Shaw-ites as the "Ram," Govan served as flight officer with the 332nd Pursuit Squadron in Italy. In recognition of his fifteen months of meritorious achievement in aerial flying against the enemy, he was awarded the distinguished flying cross and the air medal with 6 clusters.*

*Captain Govan is now stationed at Tuskegee Army Air Field as instructor in flying. Enroute to his new assignment, he visited the campus.*

*Govan will long be remembered at Shaw and throughout the Negro college circles for his versatility in "tugging the pigskin."*

## Alumni Notes

The Rev. J. L. Tilley, former dean of the School of Religion, is reported to be making an enviable record as president of Florida Normal and Industrial Institute at St. Augustine.

Reginald S. Hayes of the class of '27, has been appointed principal of the Woodland Avenue School in Winston-Salem. Hayes is scheduled to receive the M.A. degree from Columbia University this summer.

The Rev. William M. Lake of the class of '40, was recently elected president of the Southern Provincial Council of Congregational-Christian Churches. Lake holds pastorates in Graham and Burlington.

Sgt. Gertruse Holden of the class of '38, has returned to the states after two years of foreign duties in the European theater of war.

Officers of the newly organized alumni club in the Northeastern section of North Carolina are Mrs. G. P. Wiley, president; Mrs. E. D. Devane, vice president; Miss E. E. Sapp, secretary; Miss C. M. Anthony, assistant secretary; M. Davis, treasurer, and Miss D. G. Hammonds, publicity manager.

Dr. John W. Paisley, Jr., of the class of '27, is practicing medi-



**Reported Missing in Action****LT. JOHN H. CHAVIS****LT. FRED L. BREWER**

Reports have been confirmed that Lts. John Chavis of Raleigh, and Fred L. Brewer of Charlotte, are missing in action. Both were pilots with the 332nd Fighter Pursuit Squadron stationed in Italy.

Members of the class of '42, both were listed in the 1941-42 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*.

Chavis was president of his class throughout his matriculation at Shaw and was a member of the track team of 1940-41. His wife is the former Judiette Cocheyse Brewington of Burgaw, and member of the class of '44.

Brewer, recipient of the Air Medal and one Oak-leaf Cluster for meritorious achievement in aerial flying over Germany, was editor of the *Shaw Journal* and *Bear* during his junior and senior years at Shaw. He was student representative at the National Intercollegiate Christian Council at Lake Geneva, Wis., in '41, and was a delegate to the National Conference of Negro Youth in 1942.

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cine in North Wilkesboro. Before going to his present station, Dr. Paisley served as resident physician at the Reynolds Memorial Hospital in Winston-Salem.

Miss Beatrice Ruth Martin of the class of '40, has been appointed assistant in the Registrar's office.



Miss Marguerite Rogers and Mrs. Ophelia Durham Haggley of the class of '39, are instructors in the Atkins High School of Winston-Salem. Mrs. Bessie Harrod Allen of the class of '42, is instructor in the Fourteenth Street School, and David Lash of the class of '41, is instructor in the Carver High School.

John W. Paisley, Sr., of the class of 1900, retired school administrator of Winston-Salem, is writing a history of the First Baptist Church of the city.

Miss Faye Sandifer of the class of '43, is stationed with the Red Cross in India.

Mrs. Mary Lorrits Shanks of the class of '40, is teacher in the Jordan-Sellar's High School of Burlington.

Miss Louise Spearman of the class of '39, has been appointed director of the Nursery School at Shaw University.

Dr. Paul Steart Green of the class of '39, recently received the M.D. degree from the Howard University School of Medicine.

Miss Willie Blanche Baker of the class of '42, has been appointed office secretary of the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention, Washington, D. C.

Miss Elizabeth Bryan Malone and Mrs. Jistine K. Davis of the class of '44, are teachers in the Spaulding High School at Spring Hope.

James Wallace Hicks and Miss Ruth Elizabeth Wimberly of the class of '44, are students in the Atlanta University School of Social Work.

Miss Helen Brewington of the class of '40, is teacher in the Baltimore public school system.

Lawrence Bryant of the class of '40, was ordained a Gospel minister, April 29, in Greensboro.

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## Annual Theological Day

"There is something in man which will not allow the human spirit to be crushed," declared Dr. J. H. Jackson, pastor of the Mount Olivet Baptist Church of Chicago, in the principal address of the observance, Wednesday, April 4, of Theological Alumni Day at Shaw University.

"The human spirit refuses to be crushed," said Dr. Jackson. "You cannot make a slave of it. Anyone who attempts to crush the human spirit, creates a revolt."

Dr. Jackson was presented by President Daniel of Shaw. The scripture was read by the Rev. Leon C. Riddick of Raleigh. The Rev. Otis Dunn of Wake Forest gave the invocation. Greetings were extended by Dr. P. A. Bishop, president of the General Baptist State Convention. The Rev. O. L. Sherrill, president of



## ALUMNI WRITES POEMS AFTER ATTENDING ALUMNI DRIVE

Dear Mr. Cheek:

I was inspired to write the poem "Spirit of Shaw" after I had attended the Alumni Banquet in the spring of 1942.

The Shaw dining hall was the scene of the banquet. Shaw graduates through the years occupied tables on one side, while members of the graduating class were on the other. At a table in the center running cross wise sat the President, Trustees, Faculty members, and the Toastmaster. The Spirit of Shaw was beautifully represented by a glowing light encased in a white upright box shaped design with a brilliant red "S" that grew brighter and brighter as the evening grew on. This representation was so impressive to me that I thought of it all the way back to Goldsboro, and before retiring that night I wrote the Poem.

### O, SPIRIT OF SHAW

Thou art a spirit, O, dear Shaw U!  
That stirs my soul all through and through  
Thou art a spark of Heaven Divine  
That glows within this heart of mine.

O, Spirit of Shaw! You're abroad tonight  
I see you traveling on wings of light  
I feel your rays of truth, sublime  
Streaming down through Etherial Clime.

O' Spirit of Shaw! in many a place  
I see the beauty of your face  
Smiling in glory and Celestial light  
Beneath the brow of each Shawite.

O, Spirit of Shaw, send out thy light  
To a world of war and strife tonight  
Breathe thou a prayer for Eternal love  
And Peace of Christ who reigns above.

—By Mayme Williams Carney,  
Class of "27."

## Annual Theological Day

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the Association, presided. Special music was rendered by the University Choir under the direction of Miss Mildred Thornhill.

The Rev. Matthew Neil, pastor of the Union Baptist Church of Atlantic City, N. J., preached the Annual Alumni sermon. The Rev. Neil was presented by Dr. J. Jasper Freeman of Norfolk, Va.

Officers of the Association elected during the meeting are: O. L. Sherrill, Wilmington, president; J. E. McGrier, Warrenton, vice president; Claude R. Trotter, Raleigh, recording secretary; and Paul H. Johnson, Raleigh, executive secretary.

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## Religious Institutes to Be Sponsored By Shaw During June

The Annual Ministers' Institute and Women's Leadership Training Conference conducted simultaneously each spring at Shaw University will be held June 11-15, it was announced this week by President Robert P. Daniel.

Cooperating with the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Convention, Shaw's department of religious promotion and extension will offer courses of study dealing with subjects of special interest to pastors and mission workers. Special features will include addresses and platform talks by specialists in various phases of religious work, and discussions and open forums on topics of vital interest.

Dean William R. Strassner of the School of Religion, will direct the Ministers' Institute. The Women's Leadership Training Conference will be under the supervision of Mrs. Martha J. Brown, field-worker of the Woman's State Convention. President Daniel will be general director.

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