

thunderstorm. The exhibit of posters, books, etc., in Clarke Hall, the headquarters of the Conference, was very good and offered many helpful suggestions to the ministers. An account of the meetings may be found on another page.

#### FARMERS' CONFERENCE

**T**HE annual Farmers' Conference on June 25 and 26 brought to Hampton 164 farmers, a very good number considering that farmers generally in this section are facing a serious situation due to prolonged rains. At the opening meeting the first day the reports of the delegates from each county brought out the fact that many constructive improvements had been made by the various local farmers' clubs, including the introduction of pure-bred poultry and pigs, the construction of open-front poultry houses, and co-operative efforts in buying supplies. At Shellbanks Farm the delegates divided their attention between the pure-bred pigs, the dairy cows, the underdrained land, and lunch. More and more the delegates who visit the Farmers' Conference are returning each year, as shown by the fact that when observing the results of the use of tile underdrains on one of the fields, twenty farmers said they had been on that same field four years ago when the tile was being laid. One of the most impressive messages of the Conference was the fine address of Dr. Warren H. Wilson at a union meeting in Ogden Hall, mentioned elsewhere in this issue. Mr. J. B. Pierce and his corps of county and home-demonstration agents are to be complimented upon the excellent way in which their farmers and farm women organize to send delegates year after year to the Hampton Conference.

#### AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL

**T**HE situation on the Institute farms, like that on all farms of

the Peninsula, is very serious due to the excess of rain during May and June. The rain-gauge record kept at the Horticultural Department indicates that just three times the normal average monthly rainfall fell during May. This was followed by considerable over the average in June. The result is that many of the crops usually planted by July 1 could not be put into the ground on time, and many planted could not be worked to clear them of weeds. It is fortunate that thirty acres of Shellbanks Farm are underdrained with tile. These acres were in good condition when the rest of the land could not be plowed.

**A** NEW Creamery for receiving, pasteurizing, bottling, and distributing the daily milk supply is now being installed in the building formerly used as a blacksmith shop. This new creamery building will contain a full line of up-to-date equipment for handling milk and will also contain a room which will be used as a classroom and laboratory for the dairy classes of the Agricultural School. This change, in addition to allowing an opportunity for modernizing the dairy equipment, places the Creamery nearer the milk supply and also releases a room in the Agricultural Department which will be converted into a chemical laboratory for the college classes. Work is being done on this room this summer; it will accommodate forty-eight students working at the laboratory tables, with opportunity for expansion. The first- and second-year classes will use this room in the fall. At the same time the room formerly known as the chemical laboratory, which has until now served for both chemistry and biological work, will be remodeled and fully equipped for the college biology classes, which will be under the direction of Dr. T. W. Turner of Howard University, who has recently joined the Hampton Institute staff.

**T**HE School of Agriculture, represented by Mr. Doggett, instructor in rural sociology, has again co-operated with the Virginia Extension Service and the Division of Farm Population Studies of the U. S. Department of Agriculture to carry on a joint study of some Negro farming communities. The studies this year will be along somewhat more extended lines than those of last year and will be made in Nansemond, Greenville, and Carolina Counties. The work is already under way, and preliminary meetings have been held in each county to explain the nature of the studies and to secure the co-operation of the local farmers. Mr. Doggett and four students of the sociology class spent the week of May 19 in Whaleysville, Nansemond County, under the guidance of county agent D. C. Jones (Agriculture B.S. '23), and other community leaders, getting complete data from all farms of their operations and living conditions. Mr. Doggett, with the members of the farm-management class, spent the week of June 9 in Carolina County.

The results of these studies, when the work is completed, will be published in a bulletin. Besides the conclusions to be summarized later in the bulletin, the benefits to the students who assist in securing the data are considerable. One young man, after returning from a week's work among the farmers of one county, remarked: "Every student ought to be required to do this before he graduates. It would have been worth while to me even if I had had to pay all my own expenses. I never knew before just what real conditions are among my people."

#### HAMPTON WORKERS

**O**N June 19, at the graduation exercises of Wilberforce University, Wilberforce, Ohio, Dr. Gregg delivered the Commencement address on "Education as Self-Development." At the same time the University con-

ferred upon him the honorary degree of LL.D.

**T**HE director of physical training, Mr. C. H. Williams, is this summer studying at the Y. M. C. A. College, Springfield, Mass., where he will finish the work for a B.S. degree.

**O**N June 18, Dr. Faville, instructor in veterinary hygiene, gave at a local farmers' conference in Ruthville, Charles City County, a demonstration of inoculating hogs to prevent cholera.

**T**HE instructor in chemistry, Mr. Skofield, is at Harvard this summer attending the Graduate School of Education.

**A** NEW member on the staff of the Agricultural School is Mr. Bunner, formerly of the Academy, who takes the place of Mr. Irvine. Mr. Bunner is a graduate of the Agricultural College at Guelph, Ontario, where he specialized in horticulture. He has charge of the growing of fruits and vegetables on the Whipple Farm, and will teach the courses in vegetable and fruit growing in the college course of the Agricultural School.

#### VISITORS

**A**MONG the visitors to Hampton during June and July, not mentioned elsewhere, were Miss Ethel Robarts, of Empangeni Rail, Durban, Zululand, South Africa; Miss Charlotte Thorn, principal of Calhoun School, Alabama; Miss Mary Lane, Talladega College, Alabama, formerly assistant librarian at Hampton Institute; President R. S. Grossley, of the Colored State College at Dover, Del.; Mr. S. L. Smith, field agent for the Rosenwald Fund, with his wife and daughter; and Mr. B. C. Caldwell, and Mr. W. T. B. Williams, field agents for the Jeanes and Slater Funds.

Mr. Jackson Davis, Virginia, and Mr. Leo M. Favrot, of Louisiana,

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**Y**ESTERDAY is yours no longer; to-  
morrow may never be yours ; but  
today is yours, and in the living present  
you may stretch forward to the things  
that are before.

—Dean Farrar

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**What it is** An undenominational industrial school founded in 1868 by Samuel Chapman Armstrong for Negro youth. Indians admitted in 1878

**Object** To train teachers and industrial leaders

**Equipment** Land, about 1001 acres; buildings, 140

**Organization** Collegiate and Secondary Divisions. The Collegiate Division includes the Teachers College (made up of the School of Agriculture, School of Education, and School of Home Economics); the School of Business; and the Trade School Builders' Course. The Secondary Division includes the Academy and the Trade School.

**Enrollment** Including practice and summer schools and classes for teachers in service, 2251

**Results** Graduates, 2622; ex-students, over 8800

Outgrowths: Tuskegee, Calhoun, Mt. Meigs, and many smaller schools for Negroes

**Needs** \$160,000 annually above regular income  
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Any contribution, however small, will be gratefully received and may be sent to F. K. ROGERS, Treasurer, Hampton, Virginia.

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## EDITORIALS

**The Y. M. C. A. in South Africa** Last September at Johannesburg there took place something unprecedented in South African history. Forty men, from among African chiefs, ministers, teachers, farmers, and the Y. M. C. A. movement, met for three days with the same number of Europeans, including the archbishop, president, and moderators of the religious denominations, business, educational, and professional men representing the white population of the country. Those who have been there long enough know something of the nature of the feeling and the force of tradition on anything touching the relationship of Africa to Europe. At the opening session of this conference these sat like people waiting for the curtain to rise upon the enactment of some extrarodinary drama. White and black, in a spirit of fairness and moderation, and with an earnest desire to make a well-founded basis upon which to build for the future, spoke their minds on vital questions relating to land, religion, segregation, social improvement, education, and politics.