

A Cry of Black Children

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The Church's Response

# The American Church Institute for Negroes

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**T**HERE are to-day in this land a million-and-a-half black children without the opportunity for training to right living. Hampton, Tuskegee, and all the good schools in existence can reach only a fraction of this number. The Institute is the Church's attempt to do her share of this urgent work. It collects and distributes gifts and supervises the three schools under its charge. At present there are seven, important schools under the auspices of the Church, but they are ill supported and ill equipped; and as a beginning the Institute is trying to bring three of these schools up to a standard which will command the confidence and support of the Church. The boys and girls who come to our schools should have as good training as they can get anywhere.

"I allus tot dem 'Piscopals carried der 'ligion on der backs. Now I knows dey carries it in deir hearts," said an old colored woman who saw our school work at St. Augustine's, Raleigh, North Carolina.

"Reading Colonel Old's beautiful comment the other day on your Epiphany services caused me to think, as I frequently do, of the old school and of the great service it is and has been to a struggling people, and of course to humanity at large. This thought is intensified by the consciousness of debt which I myself owe to her personally," writes a graduate of St. Augustine's who for some years was the principal of the Slater School and is now the educational secretary for one of the largest Negro denominations.

"All I am, have, or ever can be, I owe to St. Paul's," write more than one of the graduates of

that institution; and many of those who write in this way are men and women whose lives are redemptive forces among the Negroes.

A boy is at St. Paul's now who is earning his own tuition and helping two sisters through school. This he is doing by cleaning the drains. Negro boys and girls are hungry for opportunity. Give them a chance.

Religion in education means patience and love until the social and political problem can work itself out. The morally trained and property-acquiring Negro never disturbs social order.

We are now training about eight hundred boys and girls. To do this as it should be done the Institute must have \$100,000 a year. The smallest gift will help; much can be efficiently used.

Seventy-five dollars gives a pupil one year's

training. Five hundred dollars takes the average boy or girl through school.

Donors .....	\$	10 annually.
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Life Donors .....	200	at one time.
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**Form of Bequest.**

*I give and bequeath to the American Church  
Institute for Negroes, incorporated under the laws  
of Virginia, the sum of*

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*to be applied, as  
the Trustees shall direct, to the education of Negro  
youth.*

