

Twenty-sixth Annual
Garnett - Nabrit Lectures



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theme:

“The Will of God In
Theological Perspective”

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President

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Coordinator

GREETING FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Alumni and Friends of the American Baptist College of A.B.T. Seminary:

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the Twenty-sixth Annual Session of the Garnett-Nabrit Lecture Series. We look forward to your coming to your campus each year. For many of you it is like a reunion as you reminisce on the experiences you shared here on the "HOLY HILL." Many of you have returned year after year, and we are grateful for your faithfulness. But whether you come regularly or irregularly, it doesn't really matter at this time, for we are extremely happy to have you here at this session.

We have two great men to lead our Lecture Series this year, Dr. Carter is a great preacher and lecturer, and I am sure that he will inspire and challenge us with his lectures. Dr. Patterson is a preacher with a wide range of experiences. His sermons will certainly warm our hearts. It is my anticipation that we shall have a clearer perspective of the "WILL OF GOD" in our lives after this series. The Alumni have made a good choice in Reverend Brockman for the Banquet Speaker. He is informative, inspirational and challenging.

Once again, I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to Reverend Samuel Hale, Jr. the Coordinator of the Lecture Series. To the students, staff, and faculty, thank you for your diligent work in making this Lecture Series a success.

FOCUS

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the WILL OF MY FATHER which is in heaven.

Matt. 7: 21

This passage of scripture seems to suggest that entrance into the Kingdom of Heaven is dependent upon ones adherence to the WILL OF GOD. If this be the case, then it behooves us all to inquire diligently as to the WILL OF GOD in our personal lives.


This year's theme THE WILL OF GOD IN THEOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE provides us an opportunity to search deeply into this often misunderstood biblical concept.

We will seek in the Lecture Series to explore this concept by addressing the following topics:


- I. INTERPRETING THE WILL OF GOD
- II. THE WILL OF GOD AND NATURAL EVIL
- III. THE WILL OF GOD AND PHYSICAL SUFFERING
- IV. THE WILL OF GOD AND PROGRESSIVE REVELATION

The LECTURES, SERMONS, FORUM SESSIONS AND DIALOGUE SESSIONS will be focused in this direction. Your sharing and insight should help us gain additional illumination.

LEST WE FORGET



GARNETT, JAMES HENRY -- Clergyman, Educator b. Carter Plant-Gordon County, Georgia 1847; s. James K. and Levina (Carter Garnett); m. Ida Lee Drake, August 15, 1888; two children, Ida D. and James Malcom; educ. Oberlin (A.B. 1887) Morman Park, Illinois Theological Course (B.D. 1886); Selma University (D.D. 1891); Arkansas Baptist College (LL.D. 1926); President, Arkansas Baptist College, Little Rock, Arkansas 1886-87; President and Co-founder, Gaudalupe College, Sequin, Texas, 1887-91; President State University (Simmons University) Louisville, Kentucky 1891-95; President Houston College, Houston, Texas 1894-99; Chairman of Languages (Greek and Latin) Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Missouri for nine years; In business in Gary, Ind. (real estate and insurance) until 1922; Dean of Theology and Chaplain of Kansas Industrial and Educational Institute Topeka, Kansas, 1922-25; Teacher of Systematic Theology and New Testament Greek, American Baptist Theological Seminary 1924-38; Dean of Seminary October 28, 1927-39; Acting President, April 8, 1930 - April 12, 1932. Although Dr. Garnett was never honored with the elective office of President, it is to his credit and honor that the American Baptist Theological Seminary stands as a beaconlight today, for it was through his efforts that many of the problems of administration were solved. His memory is retained through the annual Garnett-Nabrit lecture series each year.



NABRIT, JAMES MADISON -- Clergyman, Educator b. September 17, 1877, Atlanta, Georgia. s. J. Clarke and Margaret (Knox Petty) Nabrit; m. August G. West, May 5, 1899; eight children, James J. Jr., Samuel M., Ann, Gertrude, Henry, Lois, Margaret, Cecelia; educ. Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga. A.B., D.D.; Virginia Union Seminary Richmond, Virginia (M.A.) Morris College (D.D.) Chicago, Illinois; Pastor, St. James Church, Forsyth, Georgia 1902-07; Bethesda Church Americus, Georgia, 1907-12; Springfield Baptist Church, Augusta, Georgia, 1912-21; Mount Olive Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia 1921-36; Teacher, Central College 1899-1907; Americus, Institute 1907-12; Walker Institute 1915-20; Trustee Morehouse and Atlanta Universities, Atlanta, Georgia; General Secretary of the National Baptist Convention, Inc. 1931-1946; President of Georgia Baptist Convention: Elected president of American Baptist Theological Seminary April 23, 1936. Six months after accepting this position he suffered a severe back injury which left him a half invalid, nevertheless the school experienced its greatest encouragement and the ground work for this institution was laid during his administration Dr. Nabrit resigned in order to resume the pastorate in Atlanta, Georgia. He died there in 1947.

Ruth Marie Powell, LIGHTS AND SHADOWS, 1964.

HISTORY OF THE GARNETT-NABRIT LECTURES

"...they...expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly."
--Acts 18:26B

Even in the midst of learning situations, there come moments when that which is learned need be enhanced, enriched and enlightened. This concept seemingly was in the mind of Dr. J. C. Miles as he, under the leadership of Dr. J. M. Nabrit, the President of the American Baptist Theological Seminary, directed the first Missionary Conference in March, 1937. An Annual Conference on Pastoral Problems was planned and held in November, 1937, which was closed with a celebration of Founder's Day. The conferences were combined at least by 1943 and continued each year until 1957.

In 1949 the conception of the Garnett-Nabrit lectures was realized.

At the Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association held, June 3, 1949, a committee (J. T. Moore, B. E. Callier, J. T. Ridley, W. N. Daniel, Charles Williams and William H. Donaldson) reported that they had polled the alumni throughout the country and received the majority of votes in favor of a Garnett-Nabrit Lectureship. This Lectureship was created and named for Drs. J. H. Garnett and J. M. Nabrit. Dr. Garnett had served as Dean of the Institution and was acting President at several interims. In 1936 he was elected President-Emeritus and was retired in 1940. The other personality was Dr. Nabrit, the Secretary of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., who served as President of the Seminary from 1936 to 1944.¹

It was not until 1957 that the birth of the Garnett-Nabrit Lectures was actualized. For in the April 30 - May 1, 1957 meeting of the Board of Trustees the vote was made to change the name of the Annual Ministers and Missionary Conference to the Garnett-Nabrit lectures in honor of the Former Dean, Dr. J. H. Garnett and Dr. J. M. Nabrit, the fourth President of the Seminary. The first Lecture Series was held April 30-May 1, 1958, under the co-directionship of Professor Joseph M. Conley, Director to Seminary Extension, and Dr. Maynard P. Turner, President. In 1964, the Alumni Association strengthened the Lecture Series by initiating an Alumni Banquet. Each year an Alumnus is chosen by the Alumni Association to deliver the Banquet Address. These Lecture Series have been blessed with the priceless contributions of the speakers listed on the next page.

¹Ruth Marie Powell, LIGHTS AND SHADOWS (Nashville: 1964), pp. 64,65

GARNETT-NABRIT LECTURE SPEAKERS

<u>SERIES</u>	<u>LECTURER</u>	<u>PREACHER</u>	<u>BANQUET SPEAKER</u>
1958	Dr. Henlee H. Barnett Dr. Clyde T. Francisco Dr. W. Kendrick Groebel Dr. I. H. Henderson, Jr. Dr. Robert E. Penn Dr. E. A. McDowell Dr. Wayne E. Oates Dr. Garland K. Offutt Dr. William H. Morton Dr. John W. Williams Rev. V. A. Edwards Dr. Foy Valentine Dr. Edwin T. Johnston Dr. Melvin H. Watson Dr. John J. Owens Dr. H. Clayton Waddell Dr. John M. Ellison Dr. Samuel Southard Dr. Kyle Haselden Dr. Dale Moody Dr. Vicitor T. Glass Dr. Clarence Jordan Mrs. James W. Salley ('56)	Rev. William J. Harvey, III Rev. J. Royster Powell Rev. Ceasar A. W. Clark Rev. I. S. Powell Rev. M. H. Ribbins ('45) Rev. L. Juan Burt Dr. T. J. Jemison Dr. P. E. Henderson Dr. T. E. Huntley Dr. D. C. Washington Dr. William R. Haney Dr. H. C. Nabrit Dr. Roland O. Hudson Dr. Sandy F. Ray Dr. Thomas Kilgore Dr. Edward A. Freeman Dr. Carlyle Marney Dr. James B. Cayce Dr. Gene E. Bartlett Dr. Benjamin E. Mays Dr. Odie M. Hoover ('49) Dr. Sandy F. Ray Dr. Fredrick G. Sampson Dr. Manuel L. Scott Rev. Raymond F. Harvey	Rev. Enoch Jones ('57) Rev. W. O. Wells ('57) Rev. William K. Richardson ('58) Dr. G. Calvin McCutcheon ('50) Dr. A. G. Kendrick ('41) Rev. Bernard LaFayette, Jr. ('69) Rev. John Lewis ('61) Rev. C. T. Vivian ('60) Dr. Harcourt W. Brown ('38) Dr. Odie M. Hoover ('49) Rev. Solomon Gort ('62) Rev. Nigel L. McPherson ('58) Rev. Wilbur N. Daniel ('49) Rev. Walter B. Rouse ('48) Dr. Stanley S. Hodges ('48) Rev. Riggins R. Earl ('66) Rev. John F. Cunningham ('65)
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1973	Dr. Wayne E. Oates		
1974	Dr. George D. Kelsey		
1975	Dr. Carl H. Marbury		
1976	Dr. Samuel D. Proctor		
1977	Dr. Bobby Joe Saucer		

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GARNETT-NABRIT LECTURE SPEAKERS

<u>SERIES</u>	<u>LECTURER</u>	<u>PREACHER</u>	<u>BANQUET SPEAKER</u>
1978	Dr. Roger L. Fredrikson	Dr. Artis Grant Kendrick ('41)	Mrs. Sarah R. Townsend ('57)
1979	Dr. Floyd Massey	Dr. C. A. W. Clark	Rev. John H. Rouse ('62)
1980	Dr. Samuel B. McKinney	Dr. Robert H. Wilson	Dr. Julius R. Scruggs ('65)
1981	Dr. Harvey G. Cox	Dr. Edward V. Hill	Rev. Earl M. Brown ('55)
1982	Dr. Charles W. Butler	Dr. Cameron M. Alexander	Dr. Granville Smith ('72)
1983	Dr. Mack King Carter	Dr. Albert Louis Patterson	Rev. Nathaniel J. Brockman ('57)

GARNETT-NABRIT LECTURES

ORDER OF EVENTS

MONDAY, MARCH 21, 1983

7:30 P.M. PRE-LECTURE MUSICAL.....AMERICAN BAPTIST COLLEGE
CHOIR

TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 1983

9:00 A.M. REGISTRATION

10:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Dr. Odell McGlothian, Sr., Worship Leader
Rev. Marvin Fields, Worship Assistant

Meditation in Music
Call to Worship
Invocation

Hymn of Praise

Observations

Special Music.....AMERICAN BAPTIST COLLEGE CHOIR

Presentation of Preacher

Scripture

SERMON.....DR. A. LOUIS PATTERSON

Hymn of Commitment

Benediction

12:00 NOON LUNCH

1:30 P.M. LECTURE I - "INTERPRETING THE WILL OF GOD"

Dr. Nehemiah E. Douglas ('58), Presiding

Hymn

Prayer

Observations

Presentation of Lecturer

LECTURE.....DR. MACK KING CARTER

2:30 P.M. FORUM SESSION I

Conveners.....DR. RICHARD D. LUCAS
PROF. ROSS MCLAREN

3:30 P.M. NATIONAL ABT
ALUMNI MEETING

5:00 P.M. DINNER

7:30 P.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Dr. James A. Campbell, Worship Leader
Rev. Frederick G. Sampson, III, Worship Assistant

Meditation in Music

Call to Worship

Invocation

Hymn of Praise

Observations

Special Music.....PLEASANT GREEN BAPTIST CHURCH CHOIR
Nashville, Tennessee

Presentation of Preacher

Scripture

SERMON.....DR. A. LOUIS PATTERSON

Hymn of Commitment

Benediction

10:00 P.M.

ALUMNI WORSHIP SERVICE
JEFFERSON STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

SERMON.....REV. LEE DAVIS ('75)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 1983

7:30 A.M. EXTENSION DEPARTMENT BREAKFAST
RAMADA INN, NORTH

SPEAKER.....REV. J. F. CUNNINGHAM ('65)

8:30 A.M. REGISTRATION

9:30 A.M. LECTURE II - "THE WILL OF GOD AND NATURAL EVIL"

Prof. Laura Norwood, Presiding

Hymn

Prayer

Observations

Presentation of Lecturer

LECTURE.....DR. MACK KING CARTER

10:30 A.M. FORUM SESSION II

Conveners.....DR. RICHARD D. LUCAS
PROF. ROSS MCLAREN

12:00 NOON LUNCH

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Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge

1:30 P.M. LECTURE III - "THE WILL OF GOD AND PHYSICAL SUFFERING"

Prof. J.F. Grimmitt, Presiding

Hymn

Prayer

Observations

Presentation of Lecturer

LECTURE.....DR. MACK KING CARTER

2:30 P.M. DISCUSSION SESSION

3:00 P.M. NATIONAL ABT ALUMNI MEETING

5:00 P.M. DINNER

7:30 P.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Rev. Robert Huff ('60), Worship Leader
Rev. Ross M. Shanklin ('80), Worship Assistant

Meditation in Music

Call to Worship

Invocation

Hymn of Praise

Observations

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

Special Music..... MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH CHOIR
Smyrna, Tennessee

Presentation of Preacher

Scripture

SERMON.....DR. A. LOUIS PATTERSON

Hymn of Commitment

Benediction

10:00 P.M.

ALUMNI WORSHIP SERVICE
JEFFERSON STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

SERMON.....REV. HAROLD K. LESTER

THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 1983

8:30 A.M.

REGISTRATION

9:30 A.M.

LECTURE IV - "THE WILL OF GOD AND PROGRESSIVE REVELATION"

Dr. Don B. McCoy, Presiding

Scripture

Prayer

Observations

Presentation of Lecturer

LECTURER.....DR. MACK KING CARTER

10:30 A.M.

DIALOGUE SESSION

MODERATOR.....REV. SAMUEL W. HALE ('66)

PANELDR. RICHARD D. LUCAS

PROF. ROSS MCLAREN

DR. DON B. MCCOY

12:00 NOON

LUNCH

1:30 P.M.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Rev. J.H. Flakes, ('68), Worship Leader

Rev. George Parks, Worship Assistant

Meditation in Music

Call to Worship

Invocation

Hymn of Praise

Observations

Special Music.....AMERICAN BAPTIST COLLEGE CHOIR

Presentation of Preacher

Scripture

SERMON.....DR. A. LOUIS PATTERSON

Hymn of Commitment

Remarks

Benediction

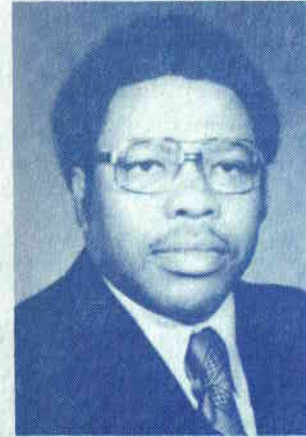
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ALUMNI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

7:00 P.M.

ALUMNI BANQUET
SHERATON HOTEL DOWNTOWN

REV. NATHANIEL J. BROCKMAN ('57), Banquet Speaker



DR. MACK KING CARTER - The Pastor of the New Mount Olive Baptist Church of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Dr. Carter has also held three other pastorates in Florida and at Green Castle Baptist Church in Prospect, Kentucky.

Dr. Carter holds the Associate of Arts Degree from Central Florida Community College; the Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Florida and the Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry Degrees from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has served as Professor of Theology, Homiletics, and Church History at Simmons University Bible College in Louisville, Kentucky and Visiting Professor of Pastoral Theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary also in Louisville, Kentucky. Dr. Carter has lectured extensively on college and seminary campuses. He has delivered the C.D. Hubert Lectures at Morehouse College School of Religion in 1979, 1980, 1981 and a lecture tour in Germany.



DR. ALBERT LOUIS PATTERSON - The Pastor of the Mt. Corinth Missionary Baptist Church of Houston, Texas Dr. Patterson holds the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Theology and Doctor of Divinity Degrees. He has studied at Prairie View University, California Baptist College, Seattle University and has done special studies at UCLA.

Dr. Patterson has preached in the West Indies, Asia, British Columbia, Europe and Africa. He has also lectured for the Evangelism Conference, National Baptist Convention, U.S.A. Inc.; the Southern Baptist Evangelism Conference for Texas, Arizona and Georgia; General Baptist State Convention and State Congress of Georgia; Florida Baptist State Convention; California Baptist State Convention; Morehouse School of Religion; Bishop College; L.K. Williams Institute and the Billy Graham School of Evangelism.



REV. NATHANIEL JOEL BROCKMAN - The Pastor of the Silver Spring Baptist Church of Pendleton, South Carolina, Rev. Brockman is an alumnus of American Baptist College having received the Bachelor of Theology Degree. He also serves as the Director of Christian Education for the South Carolina Baptist Educational and Missionary Convention. He brings twenty-seven years of pastoral experience to our Lecture Series, having served churches in Fountain Inn, Pickens, Williamson and Greenville, South Carolina. Rev. Brockman has also served for twenty years as a Missionary with the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and as Director of the Martin-Webb Learning Center in Greenville, South Carolina - an Extension Unit of American Baptist College.

APPRECIATION

We are especially grateful to all our distinguished guests and to all our leaders who share their rich experiences with our many participants, for whom we are also grateful. A special thanks is extended to the many students, faculty, and administrative personnel who helped to make this Lecture Series a reality.

PROGRAM PERSONALITIES

- Dr. James A. CampbellAdjunct Professor of General Sciences, and Pastoral Studies, American Baptist College; Pastor, First Baptist Church East Nashville, Nashville, Tennessee
- Rev. J.F. Cunningham, ('65)Chairman, Continuing Education Committee, Board of Trustees, American Baptist College; Dean, Dayton Extension Unit; Pastor, Mt. Enon Baptist Church, Dayton, OH
- Rev. Lee A. Davis, ('75)Pastor, Second Baptist Church, Old Hickory, TN
- Dr. Nehemiah E. Douglas, ('58)Academic Dean; Director, Division of General Education and Professor of History and Biblical-Theological Studies, American Baptist College; Pastor Ebenezer Baptist Church, Nashville, TN
- Rev. Marvin FieldsSenior, President of the Student Senate, American Baptist College
- Rev. J.H. Flakes, ('68)President, Alumni Association; Pastor, Fourth Street Baptist Church, Columbus, GA
- Rev. J.F. GrimmettAssociate Professor of Old Testament and Pastoral Studies, American Baptist College
- Rev. Samuel W. Hale, Jr., ('66)..Director of Continuing Education Division; Coordinator of Christian Service Program; Coordinator of Garnett-Nabrit Lectures, American Baptist College
- Rev. Robert L. Huff ('60)Pastor, St. Paul Baptist Church, Freeport, IL
- Rev. Harold K. LesterPastor, Orchard Knob Baptist Church, Chattanooga, TN
- Dr. Richard D. LucasDirector, Division of Church Vocations and Professor of Church History, New Testament, Theology, and Pastoral Studies, American Baptist College
- Dr. Don B. McCoyAdjunct Professor of Philosophy, Theology and Bible, English, American Baptist College
- Dr. Odell McGlathian, Sr.President, American Baptist College; Pastor, Mt. Olivet Missionary Baptist Church, Hendersonville, TN
- Rev. Ross H. McLarenAssociate Professor of History, Philosophy, Bible and Theology, American Baptist College
- Prof. Laura NorwoodDirector, Division of the Humanities; Associate Professor of Psychology, American Baptist College
- Rev. George ParksPresident of the Senior Class
- Mrs. Diana Poe...Assistant Professor of Church Music, Organist and Directress of the College Choir, American Baptist College

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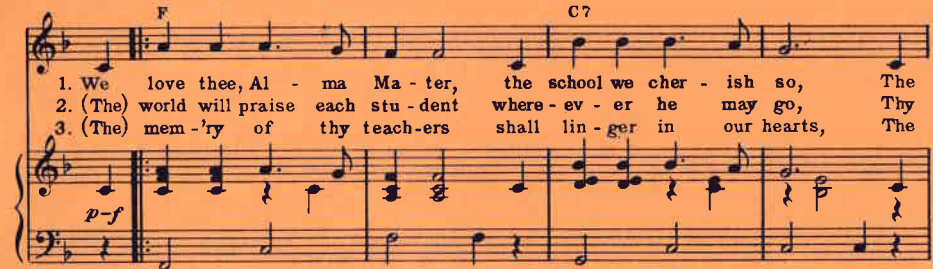
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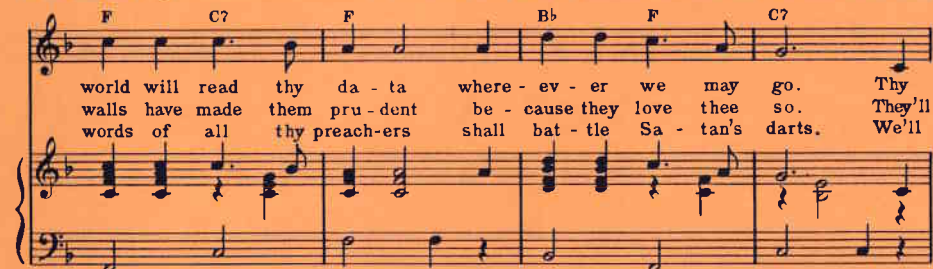


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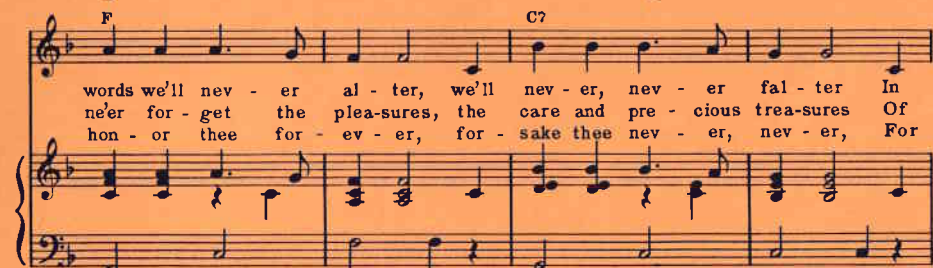
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1. We love thee, Al - ma Ma - ter, the school we cher - ish so, Thy
2. (The) world will praise each stu - dent where - ev - er he may go, Thy
3. (The) mem - 'ry of thy teach - ers shall lin - ger in our hearts, The



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world will read thy da - ta where - ev - er we may go. Thy
walls have made them pru - dent be - cause they love thee so. They'll
words of all thy preach - ers shall bat - tle Sa - tan's darts. We'll



F C7

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hon - or thee for - ev - er, for - sake thee nev - er, nev - er, For



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show - ing forth thy faith - ful - ness, A. B. T. S. 2. The
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e'er we'll sing thy bless - ed - ness, A. B. T. S.

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