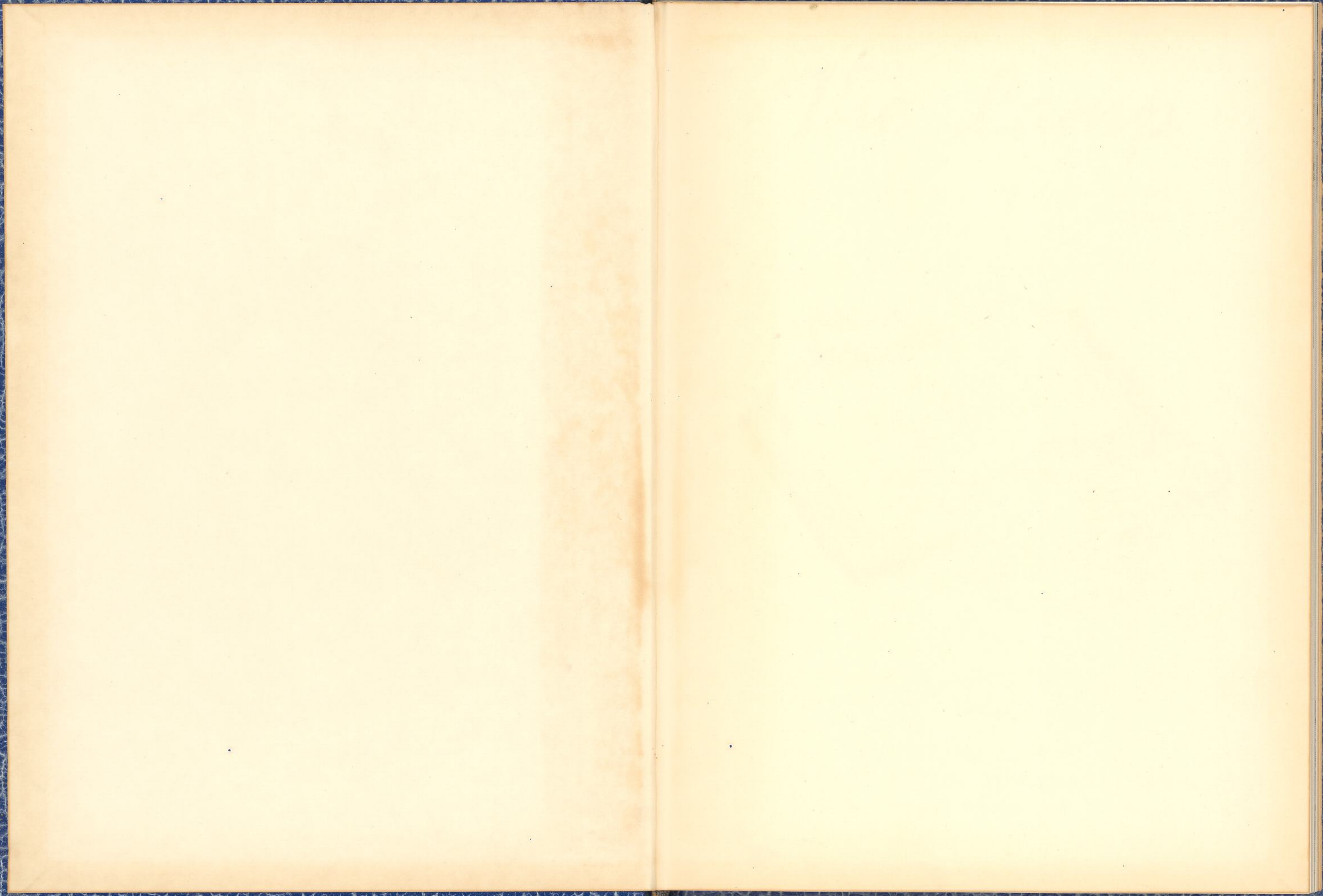




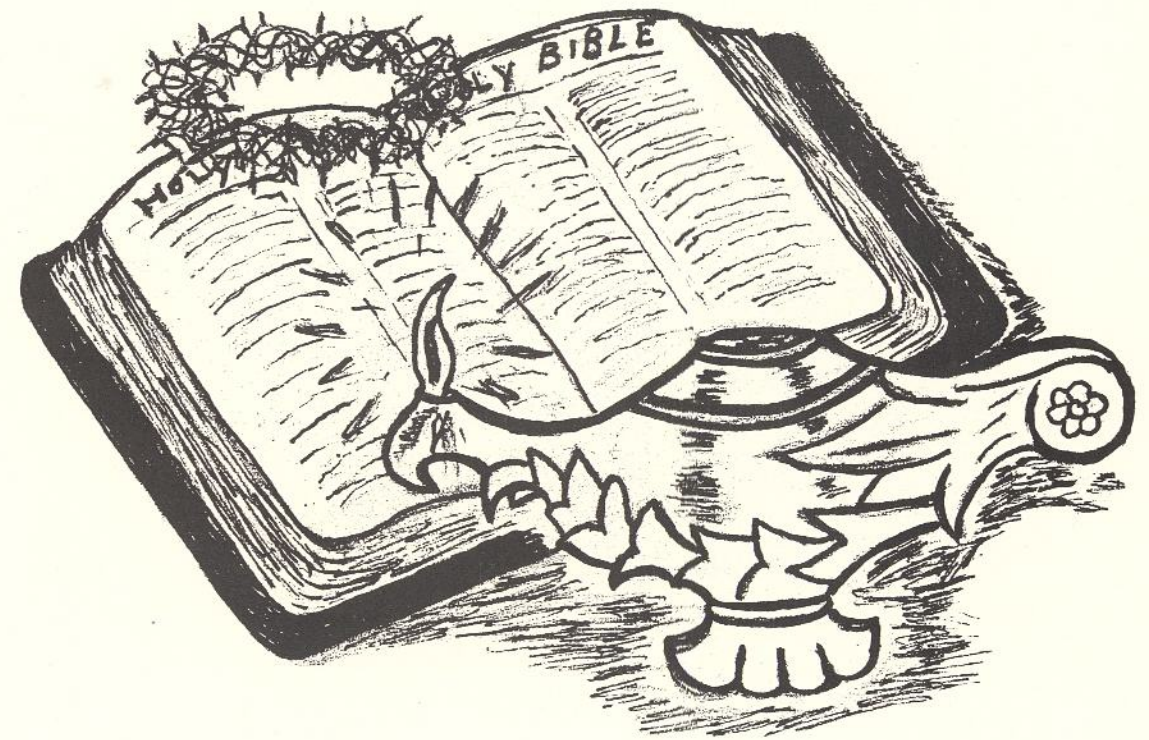
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The Lamp

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

Ps. 119:117



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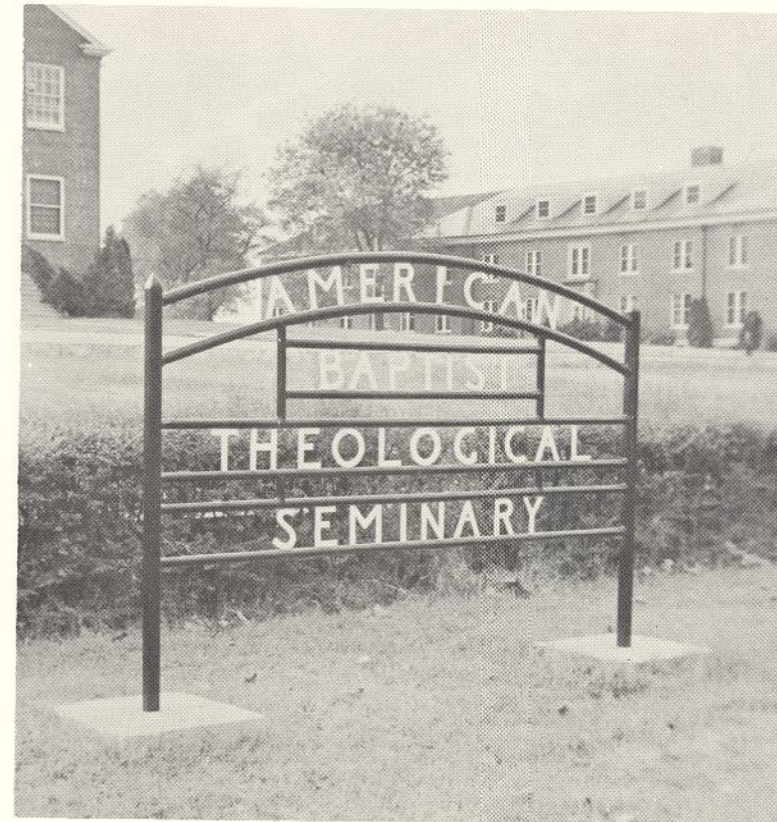
Our beloved Seminary stands as a symbol of man's faith in God and humanity. The hardships and disappointments have been numerous since her birth on May 6, 1924, yet, in the midst of the greatest difficulties, she has been victorious in surmounting them. Our strength often increases in proportion to the obstacles imposed upon it. It is thus we enter upon the most perilous plans after having had the shame of failing in more simple ones.

Three years have unfolded since the birth of the LAMP. It has been three years of painstaking and toiling, yet the difficulties have made the "LAMP" a stronger light. It is believed that the brightest crowns of life have been tried, and smelted, and polished, and glorified through the furnaces of drudgery.

This book is an example of an "impossible possibility" brought into reality through the loyalty of dedicated students and faculty members who believe that faith makes the discords of the present, the harmonies of the future.

We are greatly indebted to our faculty, staff, and student body, whose love for the Seminary has been manifested in the intense brightness of the "LAMP."

Our Beloved Alma Mater



PURPOSE

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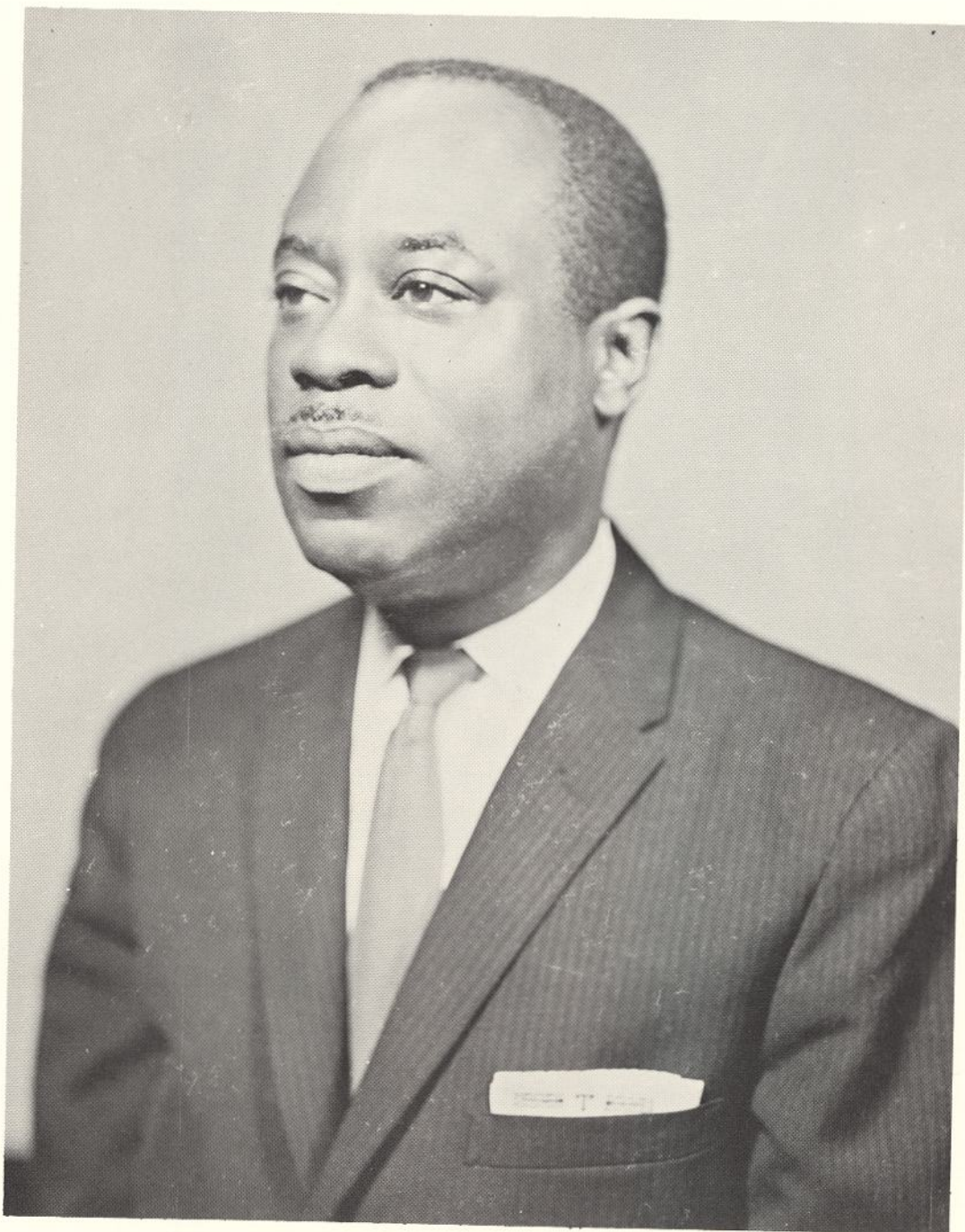
The incentive for the founding of the institution grew out of the recognition of a long-felt need on the part of the Baptist fathers of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Incorporated, and the Southern Baptist Convention for the establishment of a Seminary for the training of Negro ministers.

For more than a quarter of a century, the Seminary has been engaged in the training of ministers, missionaries and other Christian workers who are serving as pastors, presidents of schools, teachers and missionaries throughout America, in Africa, the West Indies, South and Central America and the Bahama Islands.

The institution has as its sole objective the training of men and women in Christian service. In its objective, it seeks to not only increase the academic knowledge of the student, but to provide a social and spiritual atmosphere in which a student may develop to the fullest extent those characteristics and capabilities of which he will make use in later life.

• More than ever, the need for such an institution as the American Baptist Theological Seminary becomes significant. While concerned with the intellectual development of its students, its ideals are committed to the conviction that integrity, as well as other academic achievements figure as vitally in the development of the total life of Christian workers as any other single factor.

The President



DR. MAYNARD P. TURNER, JR.

To the Class of 1961, Greetings:

The turning points in history have been the outcome of the influence of men who were possessed with a "divine discontent" with the status quo. Their lot has never been easy. Their way has never been smooth. Many cloudy days have followed many starless nights. They have been lonely men, many times, deserted at the moment of crisis. Yet the human race has always reaped the benefits of their sacrifices.

There is such a season "a-borning" before our eyes in this our own day. It is as though God is drawing a climactic line across the page of history. All that follows this line is of a distinctly different kind than all which preceded the line. There were many and great personages before that line and history shall not forget them. However the words of Jesus come to mind when He also looked upon one of God's climactic lines in history. He observed, "Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he." In this day a giant step will be made toward the coming of the Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. Class of 1961 "who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

Sincerely yours,

MAYNARD P. TURNER, JR.

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(Adapted from "Oath of the Athenian Young Man")

We will never bring disgrace to this, our Seminary, by any act of dishonesty or cowardice; we will fight for our ideals and sacred things of the Seminary, both alone and with many; we will revere and obey the Seminary's regulations and will do our best to incite a like respect and reverence in those about us; we will strive unceasingly to quicken the community's sense of social duty; and thus, in all these ways, we will strive to transmit this Seminary life and spirit not only not less but greater, better, and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us.

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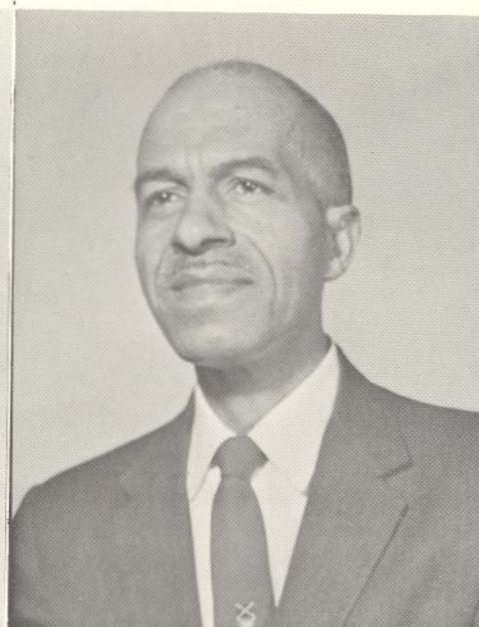
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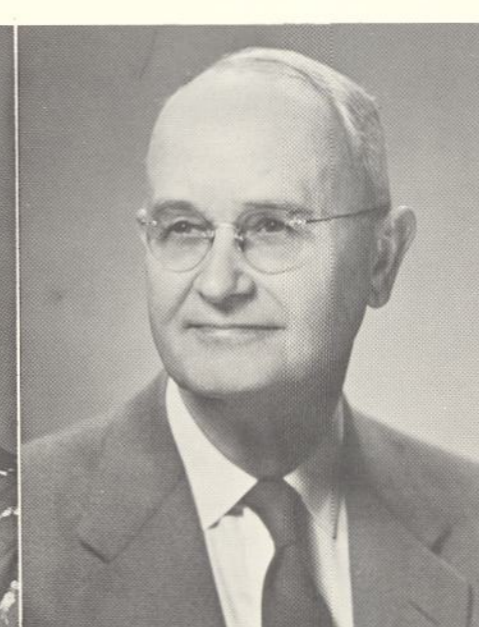
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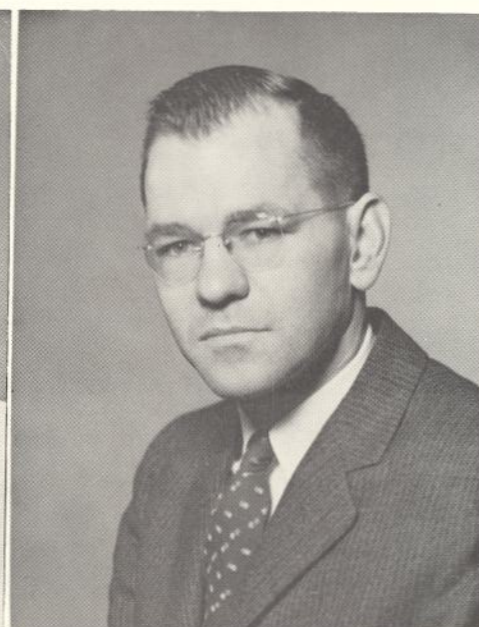
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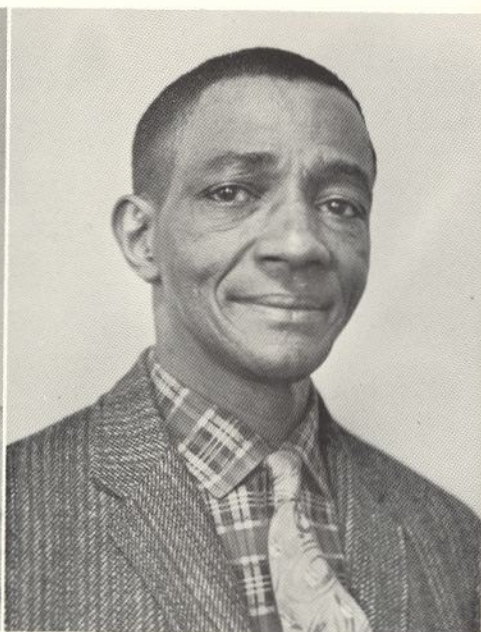
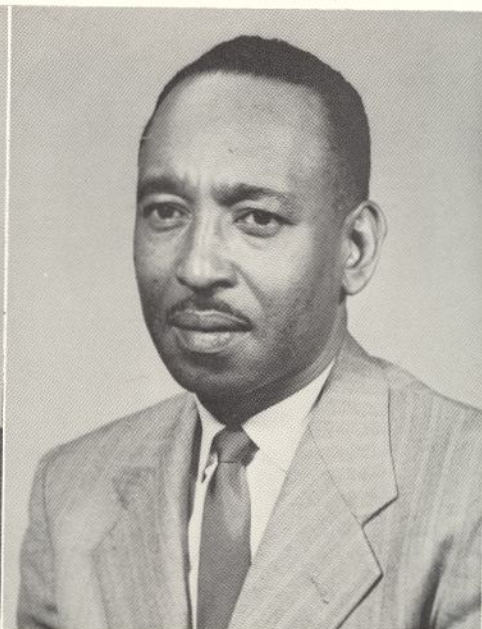
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The Class of '61 of the American Baptist Theological Seminary as a body have travelled on mountain-rail-road, from the distance of '57 with engineers that were brave and strong. We have passed through many tunnels—but in spite of obstructions, we pressed up the grades, because we knew that light awaited us on the other side.

We attribute our uniqueness to the fact, that from the start we realized that the idealists would be inefficient without the realists; and with such a balance of temperaments, our rugged individualism blended in as an organism that would function cooperatively for the welfare of the whole.

Our motives were similar to the words of President John F. Kennedy—"Not simply what our institution can do for us, but what we could do as representatives of a school, of which we are most proud."

The words of the Apostle Paul have become meaningful to us even in these days. "We count not ourselves to have already captured the ideal, but we press onward towards the goal; to win the prize which God through Christ Jesus has set before us."



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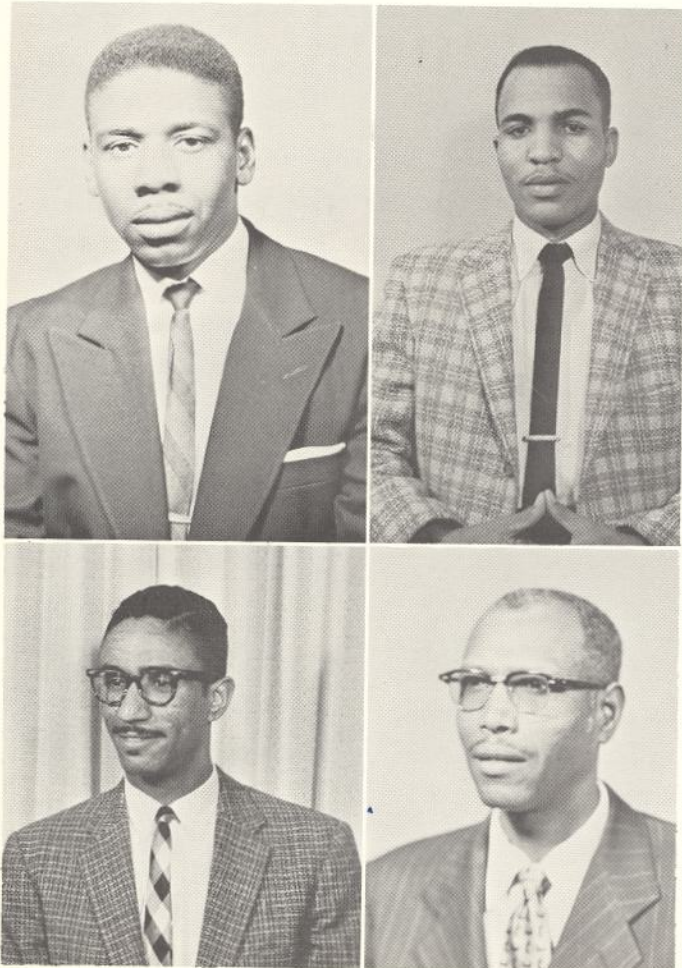
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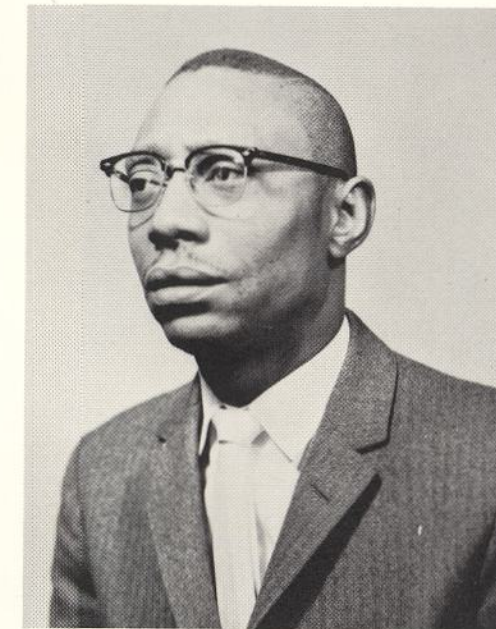
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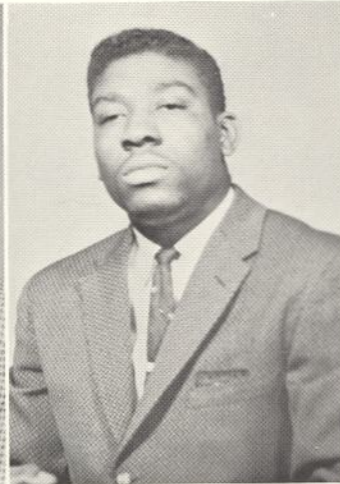
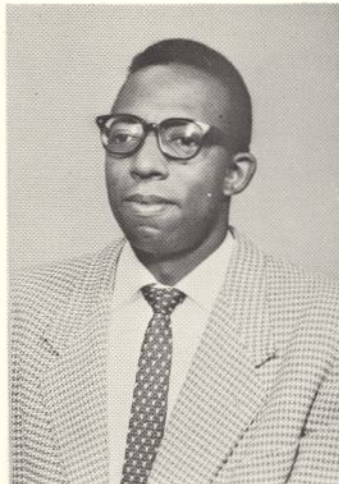
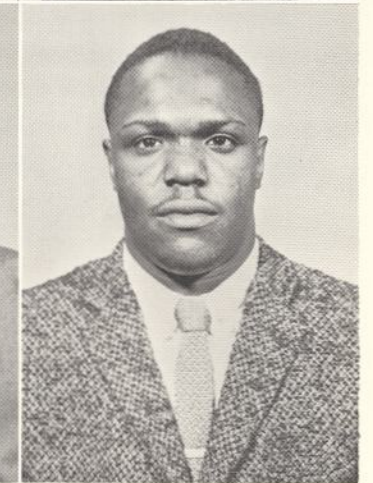
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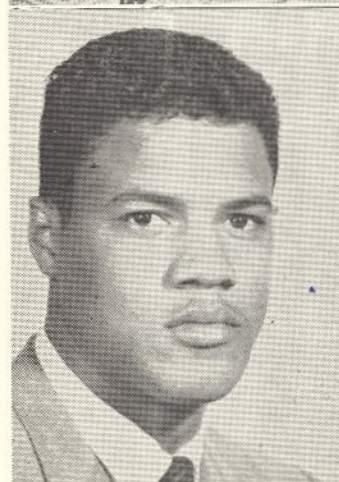
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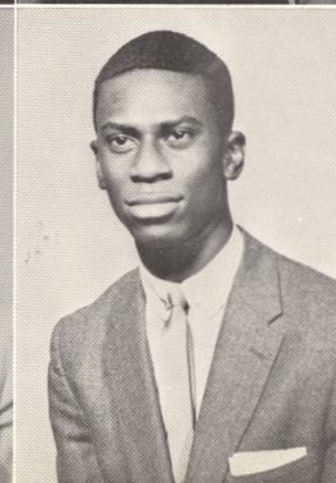
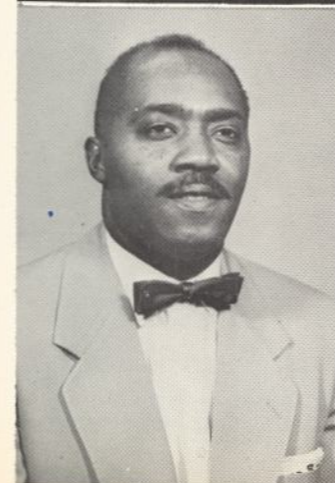
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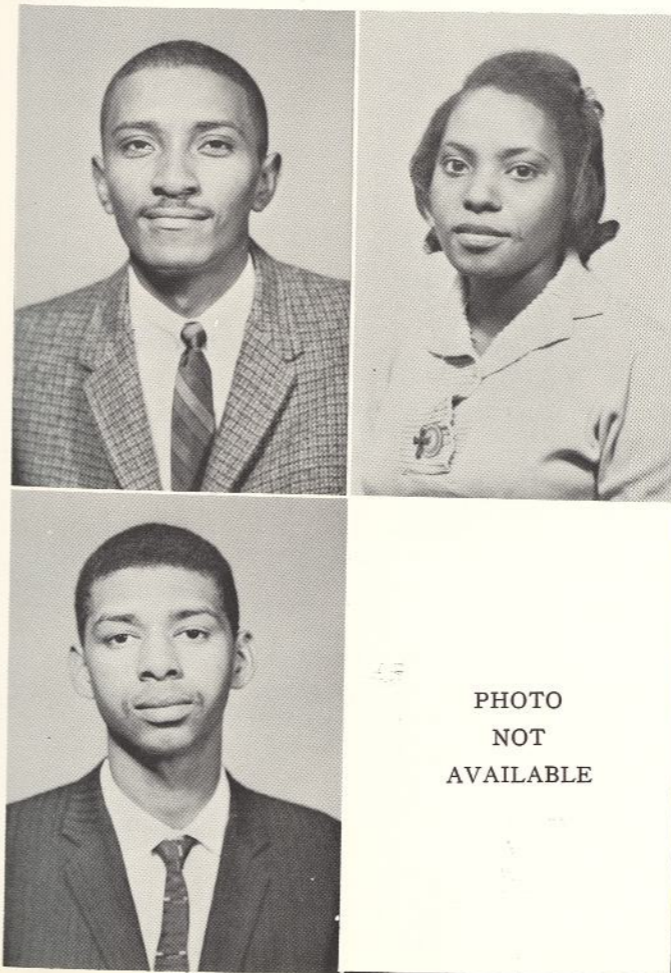


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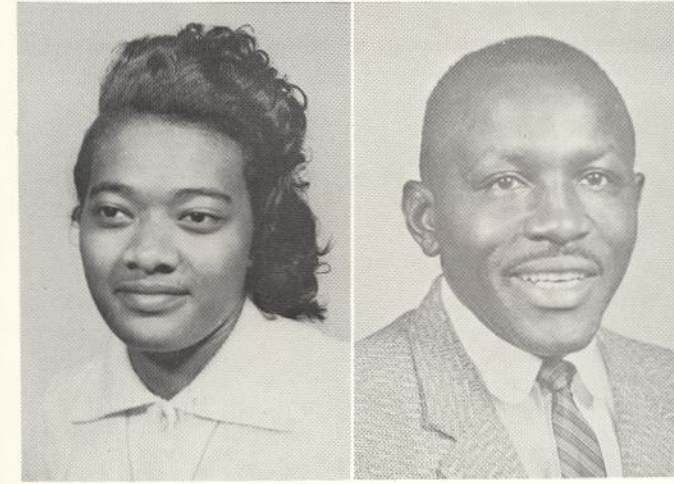


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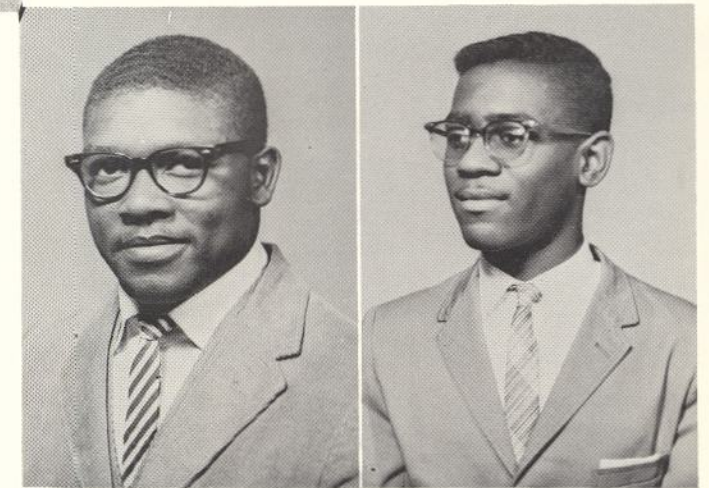
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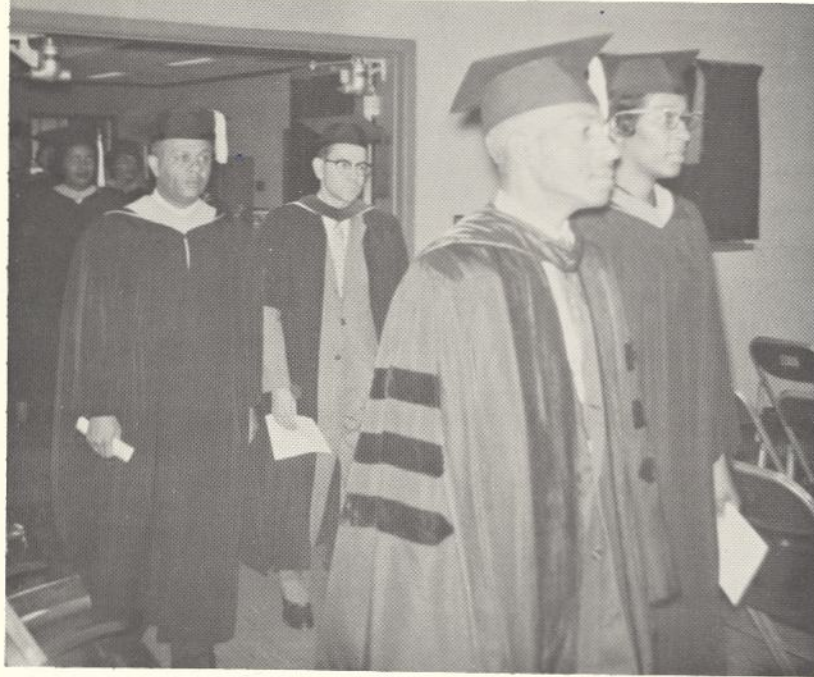
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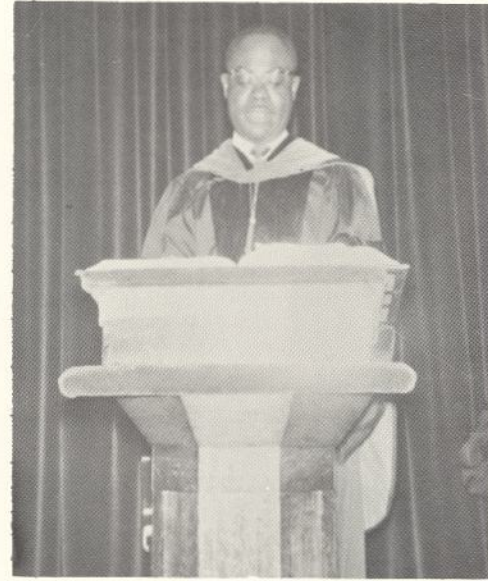
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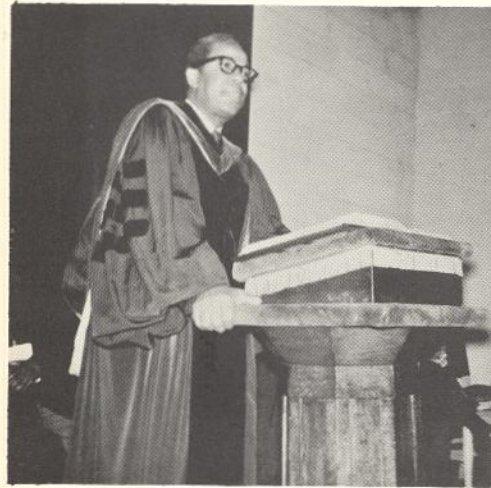
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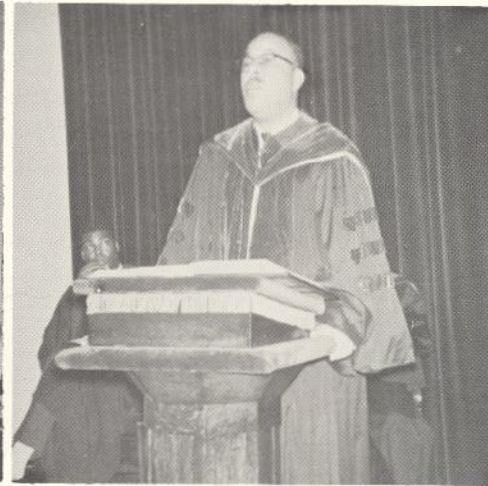
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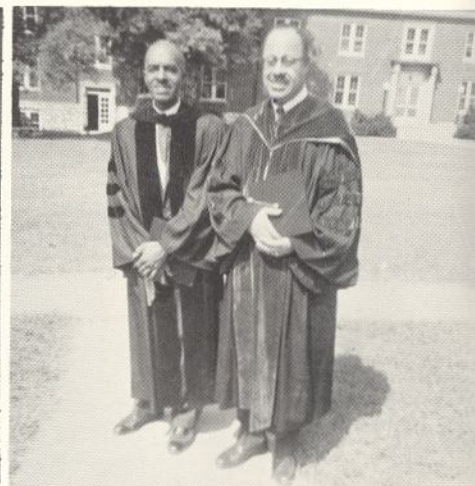
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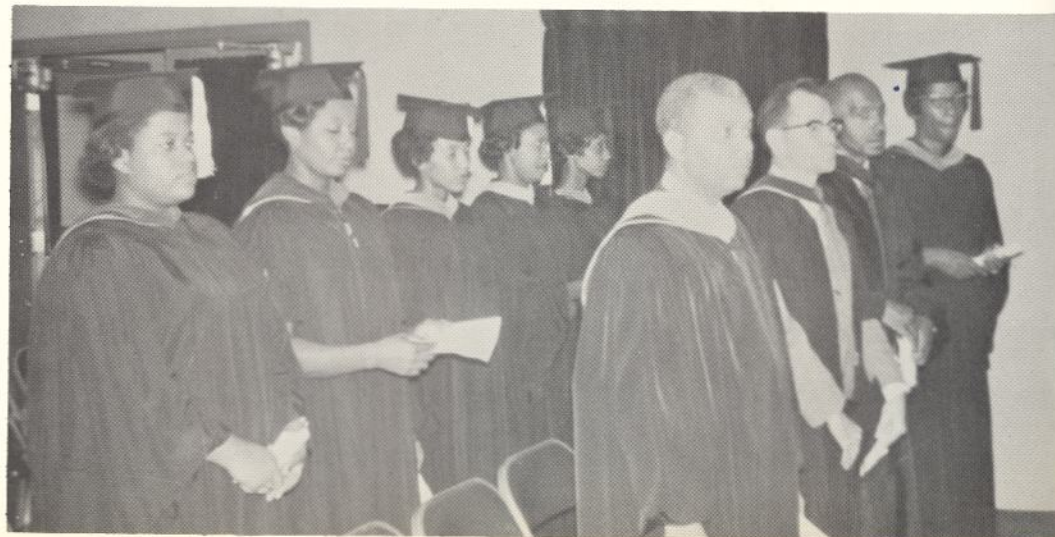


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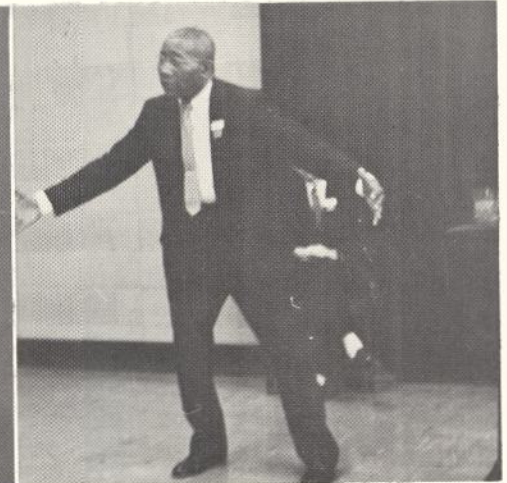


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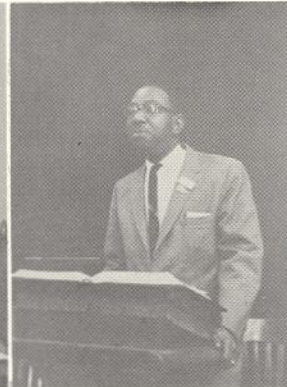


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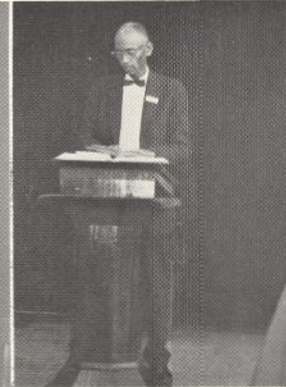
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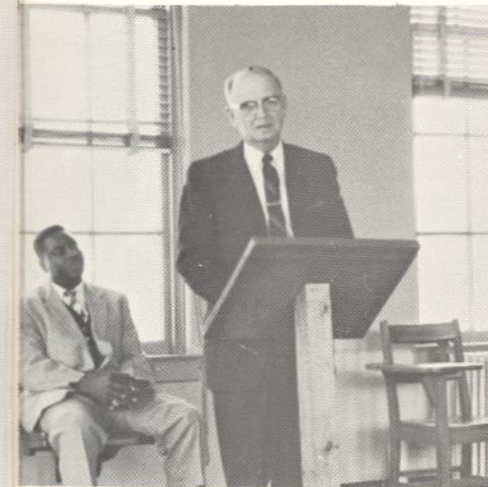


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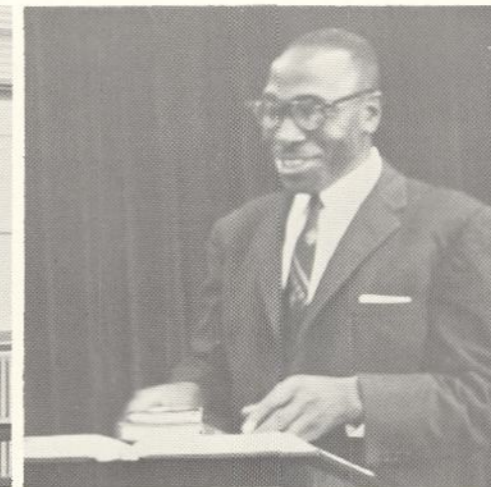


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School Song

1. We hail thee Al-ma Ma-ter, The School we cherish so;
The world will read thy da-ta, Where ev-er we may go;
Thy words we'll ne-ver al-ter, We'll ne-ver fal-ter.
In show-ing forth our faith-ful-ness A. B. T. S.
2. The world will praise each stu-dent, Where-ev-er he may go;
Thy walls have made them pru-dent, Be-cause they love thee so;
They'll ne'er for-get the plea-sures, The care and pre-cious trea-sures
Of all thy love and right-ous-ness A. B. T. S.
3. The Mem'ry of thy teach-ers Shall Linger in our hearts;
The words of all thy preach-ers shall battle Sa-tan's darts;
We'll hon-or thee for-ev-er, For-sake thee ne-ver, ne-ver,
For-'er we'll sing thy bless-ed-ness A. B. T. S.

Singing Groups



A. B. T. Humbugs

Left to right: Sam Collier, Bass; Joe Carter, 1st Tenor; Bernard LaFayette, Jr., 2nd Tenor; James Bevel, Lead.

The group made an appearance at Carnegie Hall, N.Y.C., February 12, 1961.

The Ensembles

Left to right: Cephas Haynes, Lead; Eugene Goss, 1st Tenor; Herbert Haynes, Bass.



The Choraletts

Left to right: Francina Bannister, Lead; Eloise Thomas, Alto; Annie Ruth Fraley, 2nd Lead; Bessie Hicks, Soprano; William Wheatley, Pianist.



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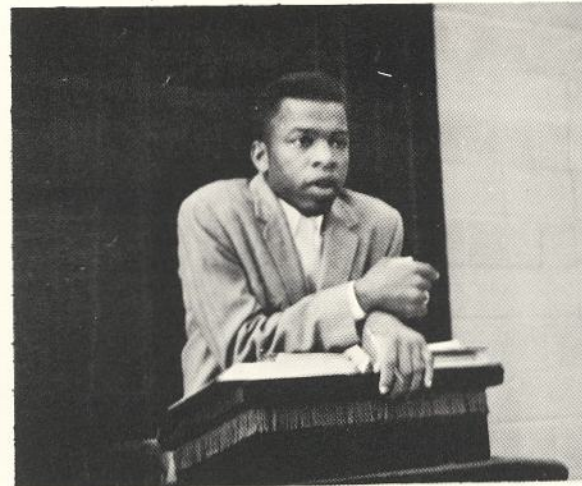
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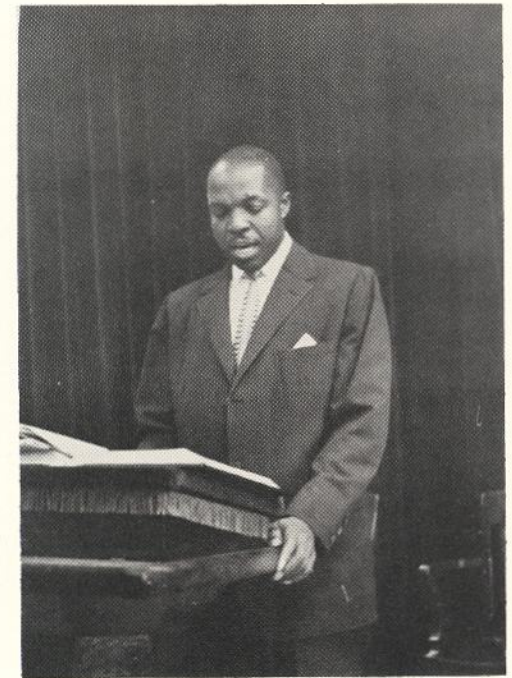
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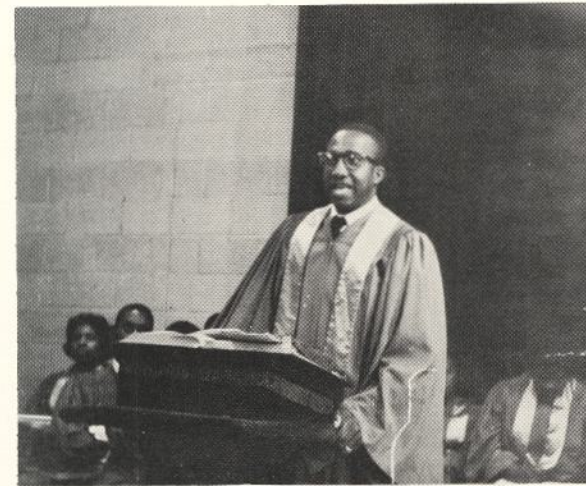
Student Speakers



John R. Lewis addressing student body.



Herbert Haynes in Vespers.



Fred L. Crouther during Negro History Week.



William B. Wheatley during Negro History Week.

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Left to Right: Mary Meneese, Helen Johnson, Sharon Lyles, Ruth Backford, Eloise Thomas, Thelma Springer, Bessie Hicks, Hilda Sands, Hazel Lyons, Pauline Kindell, Francina Bannister, Annie Ruth Fraley.

Campus Sports



Watch the ball go up!



Please get the ball and make a basket!



"The Freshman Champs"

The old "Pro" at pingpong



That's the way to get it over!



Playing all the field for softball?



At The Christmas Party



No! They're not twins



"Is that Stevie?"



"I am morally obligated"



Guests



The gang's all here



"Which one will get your clothes?"



Everybody's happy?



Scroogie!

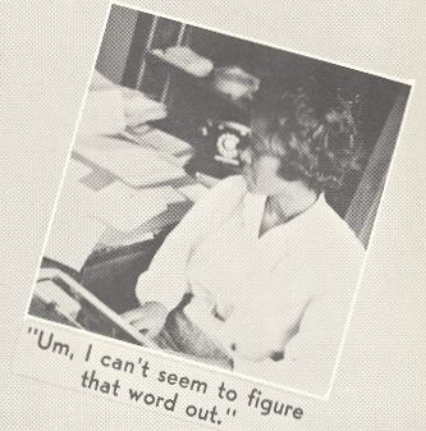
Fruity Phrases of Faculty



"President Turner's office."



"Think effectively."



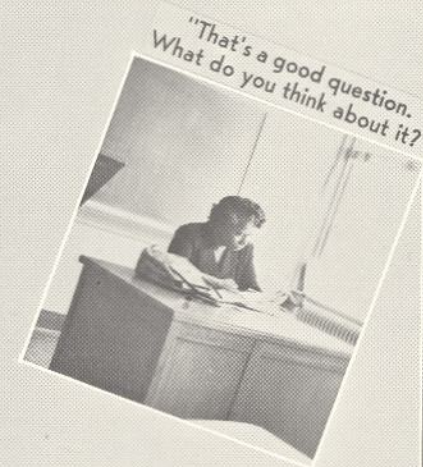
"Um, I can't seem to figure that word out."



"Last meal for the day."



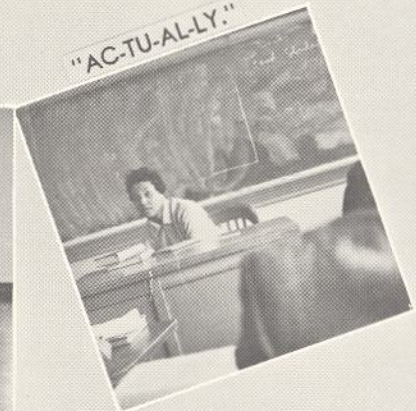
"Never take a backward step."



"That's a good question. What do you think about it?"



"This is as simply as one can put it."

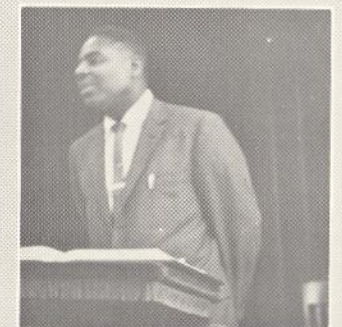


"AC-TU-ALLY."



"It's optional."

"Take out a half sheet of paper."



"Are you on the Lord's side?"

Student At Work



Waiter



Dishwasher



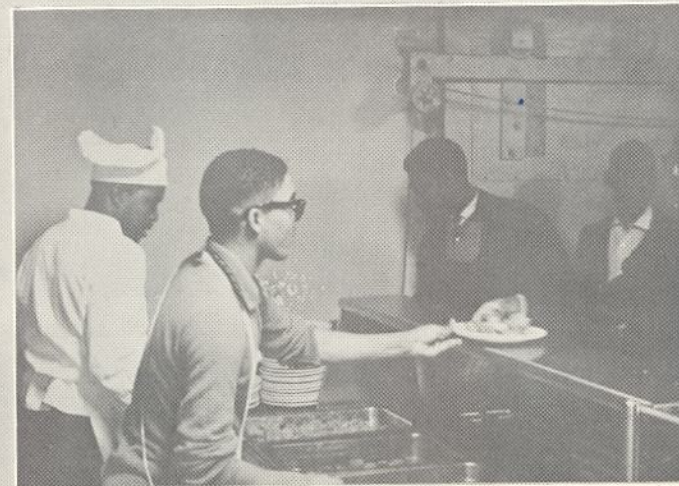
Mailman



Trashman



What's your job?—Eating!



Cooks

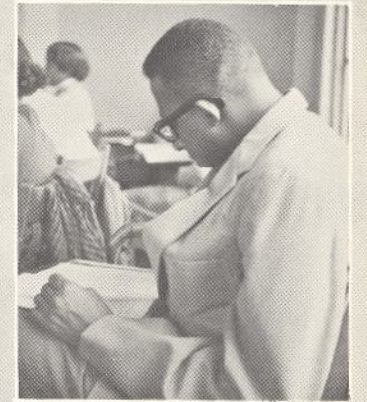
Classroom and Library



Well who knows, they could be interested.



What a slumbering lecture!



What, a book worm!



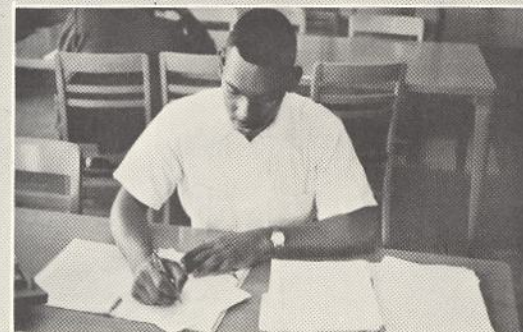
What did you say the answer is?



Really getting the words down.



Still on the job?



No lesson plans in heaven.



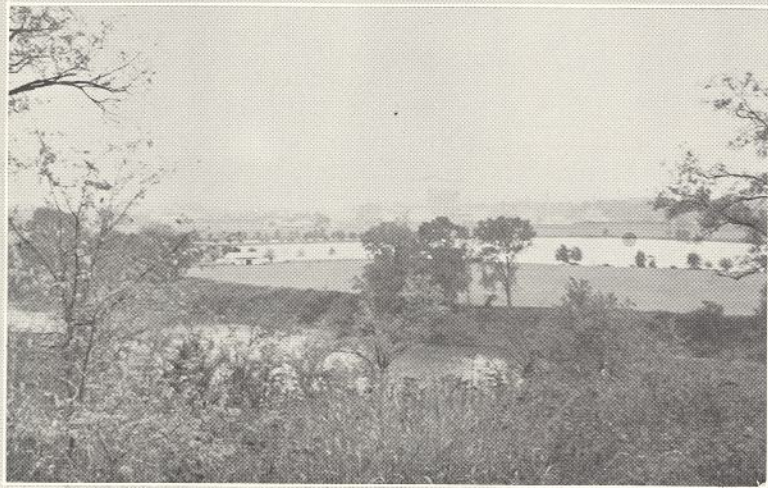
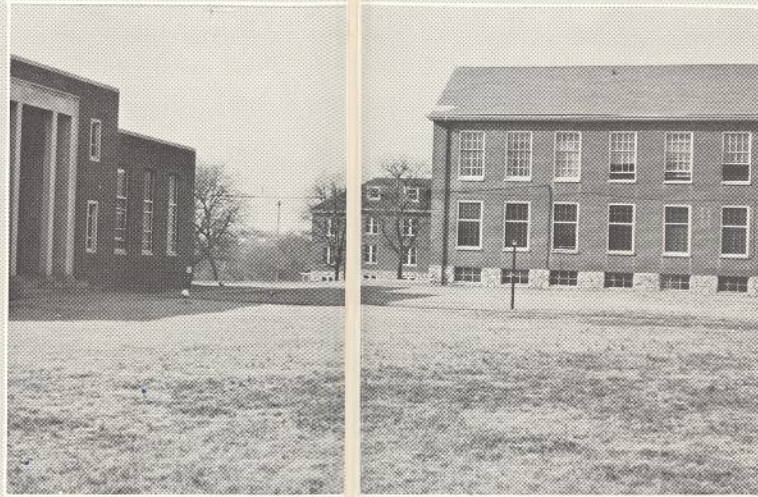
I've found what I wanted.



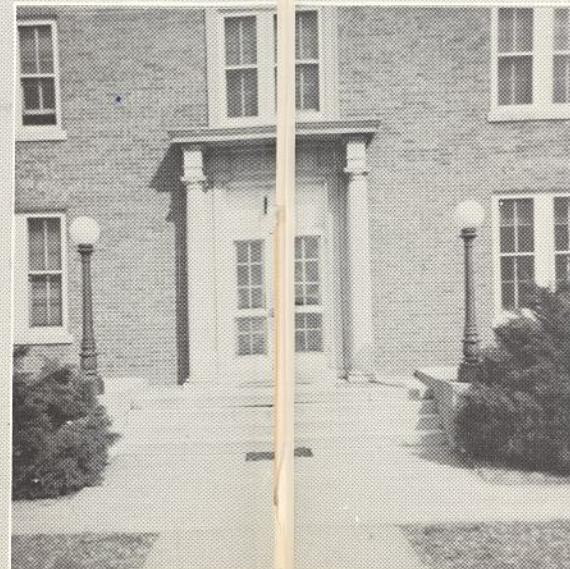
Seminary

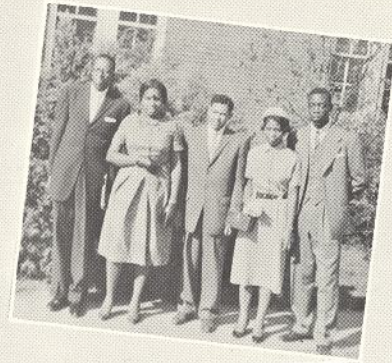


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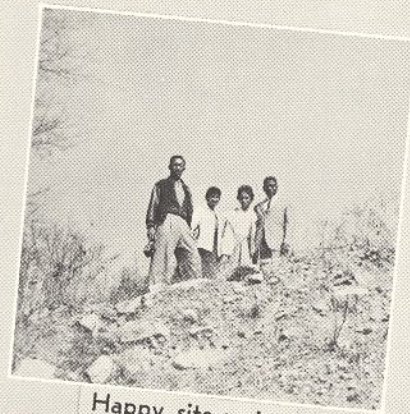


Scenes

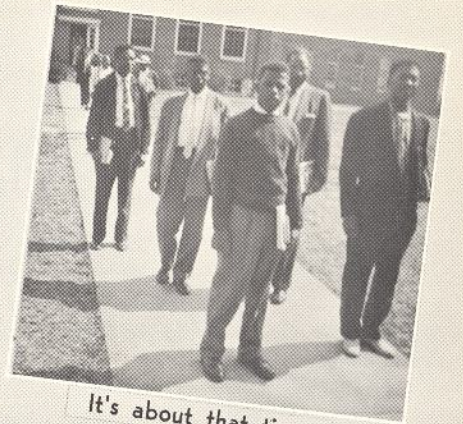




Informals



Happy site-seeing



It's about that time



Swell group



Fashion Parade, heh?



Have grip, will travel



Good old snow



Gee, you're sweet

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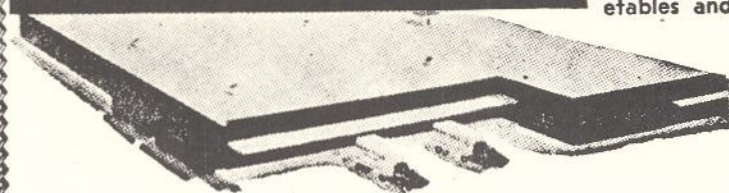
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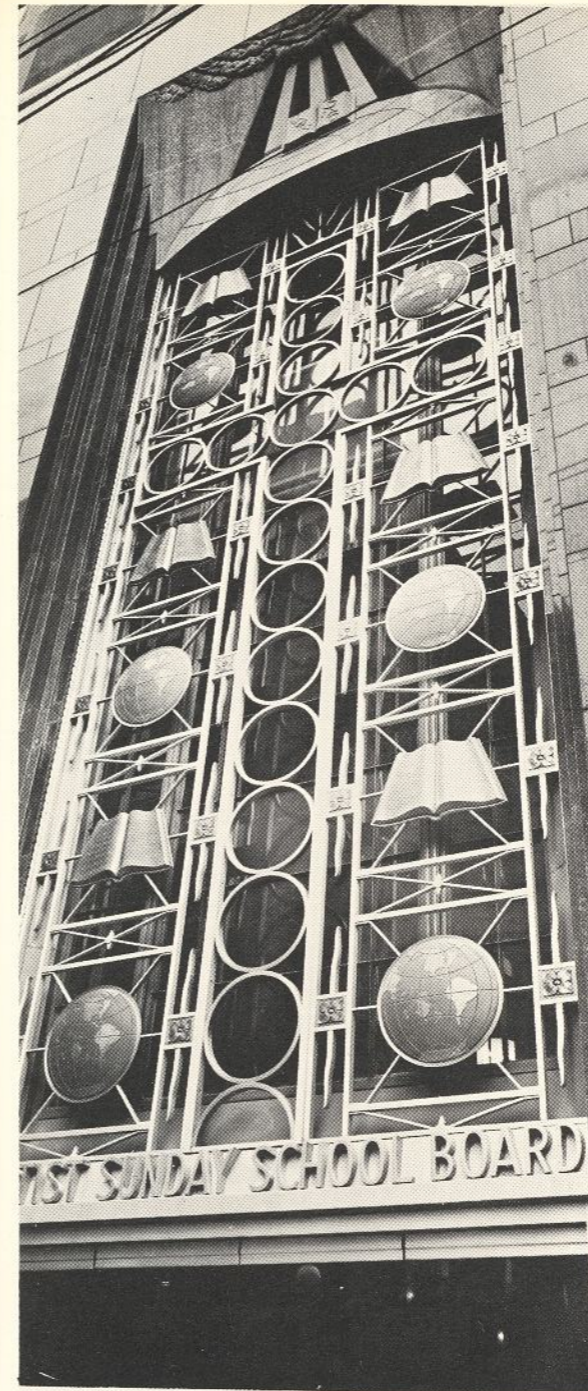
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