

ALMA MATER

A. B. T. S.

Words and Music by
C. O. INGE

Moderato

The musical score is for the hymn 'Alma Mater' by C. O. Inge. It is in 4/4 time, marked 'Moderato'. The score includes piano accompaniment and three vocal parts. The lyrics are: '1. We love thee, Alma Mater, the school we cherish so, The world will praise each student where-ever he may go, Thy mem-'ry of thy teachers shall linger in our hearts, The world will read thy da-ta where-ever 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 words we'll nev-er al-ter, we'll nev-er, nev-er fal-ter In ne'er for-get the plea-sures, the care and pre-cious trea-sures Of hon-or thee for-ev-er, for-sake thee nev-er, nev-er, For show-ing forth thy faith-ful-ness, A. B. T. S. 2. The all thy love and right-eous-ness, A. B. T. S. 3. The e'er we'll sing thy bless-ed-ness, A. B. T. S.' The score features various chords (F, C7, Bb) and dynamics (mf, p-f).

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Dr. J. H. Garnett



Dr. J. M. Nabrit

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LEST WE FORGET



GARNETT, JAMES HENRY—Clergyman, Educator b. Carter Plan - 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) Mormon Park, Illinois Theological Course (B.D. 1886); Selma University (D.D. 1891); Arkansas Baptist College (L.L.D. 1926); President, Arkansas Baptist College, Little Rock, Arkansas 1886-87; President and Co-founder, Guadalupe, 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, Indiana (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.¹

NABRIT, JAMES MADISON—Clergyman, Educator b. September 17, 1877, Atlanta, Georgia. s. J. Clarke and Margaret (Knox Petty) Nabrit, m. Augusta G. West, May 5, 1899; eight children, James M. Jr., Samuel M., Ann, Gertrude, Henry, Lois, Margaret, Cecelia; educ. Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia (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; Mt. 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 groundwork for this institution was laid during his administration. Dr. Nabrit resigned in order to resume the pastorate in Atlanta, Georgia. He died there in 1947.²



¹Ruth Marie Powell, LIGHTS AND SHADOWS (Nashville: 1964) p.158.

²Ibid, 160.



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is a pleasure for me to once again welcome you to the campus of the American Baptist College. The Thirty-second annual session of the Garnett-Nabrit Lectures promises to be as enriching as ever before. The highlight of the series will be the messages which will be brought by our well noted speakers, Dr. Harry S. Wright of Brooklyn, New York and The Reverend E. K. Bailey of Dallas, Texas. We know you are in for a treat.

As you will notice the role of the College in addressing the issues of the church and society is accentuated by the building of the World Baptist Center for the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A. Inc., adjacent to the campus. This makes this stretch of land the focal point for the largest religious group of Blacks in the World. We are honored to be in such a position and accept the challenge for the responsibility.

Please let us know if we can make your stay here more pleasant.

May God bless you.

Sincerely,

Odell McGlothian, Sr., Ed.D., D.D.
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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.

There was also an Annual Conference on Pastoral Problems held in November, 1937, and 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-directorship of Professor Joseph M. Conley, Director of 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

SERIES

LECTURER

1958 Dr. Henlee H. Barnett
Dr. Clyde T. Francisco
Dr. W. Kendrick Groebel
Dr. I. H. Henderson, Jr.
1959 Dr. Robert E. Penn
Dr. E. A. McDowell
Dr. Wayne Oates
1960 Dr. Garland K. Offutt
Dr. William H. Morton
Dr. John W. Williams
1961 Rev. V. A. Edwards
Dr. Foy Valentine
1962 Dr. Edwin T. Johnston
Dr. Melvin B. Watson
1963 Dr. John J. Owens
Dr. H. Clayton Waddell
1964 Dr. John M. Ellison
Dr. Samuel Southard
1965 Dr. Kyle Haseldon
1966 Dr. Dale Moody
1967 Dr. Victor T. Glass
1968 Dr. Clarence Jordan
1969 Dr. Viviana Salley ('56)
1970 Dr. Don B. McCoy
1971 Dr. Lucious Tobin
Dr. Phale D. Hale
1972 Dr. Clyde T. Francisco
1973 Dr. Wayne E. Oates
1974 Dr. George D. Kelsey
1975 Dr. Carl H. Marbury
1976 Dr. Samuel Proctor
1977 Dr. Bobby Joe Saucer
1978 Dr. Roger L. Fredrikson
1979 Dr. Floyd Massey
1980 Dr. Samuel B. McKinney

PREACHER

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. F. 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. Barlett
Dr. Benjamin E. Mays
Dr. Odie M. Hoover ('49)
Dr. Sandy F. Ray
Dr. Frederick G. Sampson
Dr. Manuel L. Scott
Rev. Raymond F. Harvey
Dr. Artis Grant Kendrick ('41)
Dr. C. A. W. Clark
Dr. Robert H. Wilson

BANQUET SPEAKER

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)
Reg. Negil McPherson ('58)
Rev. Wilbur N. Daniel
Rev. Walter B. Rouse ('48)
Dr. Stanley S. Hodges ('48)
Rev. Riggins R. Earl ('66)
Rev. John F. Cunningham ('65)
Mrs. Sarah R. Townsend ('57)
Rev. John H. Rouse ('62)
Dr. Julius R. Scruggs ('65)

Garnett-Nabrit Lecture Speakers

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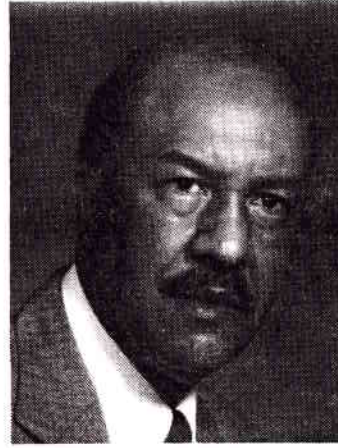
SERIES	LECTURER	PREACHER	BANQUET SPEAKER
1981	Dr. Harvey G. Cox	Dr. Edward V. Hill	Rev. Earl M. Brown ('55)
1982	Dr. Charles W. Butler	Dr. Cameron M. Alexander	Dr. Granville Smith ('72)
1983	Dr. Mack King Carter	Dr. Albert Louis Patterson	Rev. Nathaniel J. Brockman ('57)
1984	Dr. Gardner C. Taylor	Dr. Theodore J. Jemison	Rev. Floyd Prude ('73)
1985	Dr. Julius Scruggs ('65)	Dr. Fred C. Lofton	Dr. Vincent McCutcheon ('68)
1986	Dr. William J. Shaw	Dr. William A. Jones	Elder Dennis Ward ('71)
1987	Dr. Charles Emerson Boddie	Dr. E. Edward Jones	Dr. James Earl Garmon ('67)
1988	Dr. Otis Moss, Jr.	Dr. Vincent McCutcheon ('68)	Dr. Johnnie H. Flakes, Jr. ('68)
1989	Rev. Negil McPherson ('58)	Dr. Harry S. Wright	Dr. Nchemiah Douglas ('58)



The Reverend Dr. Nehemiah E. Douglas, ('58) pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee will serve as the Alumni Banquet speaker. Dr. Douglas has pastored Ebenezer since 1977. During the course of his ministerial career. Dr. Douglas has had numerous involvements and affiliations in the area of religion. He has served as Dean of the Sunday School and B.T.U. Congress on the state and local level, and has served as editor of the Youth Literature for the National Baptist Publishing Board, just to name a couple. Another key responsibility is Dr. Douglas' serving as Director of the Division of Humanities here at the American Baptist College. The teaching he has done and continues to do has had a great impact on the lives of many. Dr. Douglas received his B.A. from Fisk, B.Th. degree from the American Baptist College, and the Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry from Vanderbilt Divinity School. He is married and has four children. We look forward to the message Dr. Douglas will bring.



The Reverend E. K. Bailey, our lecturer, is the organizer and senior pastor of the Concord Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas. The Church which was established in 1975, has well over 5000 members and 29 staff ministers and lay personnel. The Reverend Bailey has worked extensively towards spreading the gospel and bringing souls to Christ. Through his church revival, known as the Joy Explosion, over 2300 people have come to Christ in the past three years. His work has extended to ministers and pastors with his organizing the Institute on Church Development and the Concord Center for Biblical Studies. His preaching has been heard all across the world through his travels here and abroad. The Reverend Bailey received his B.A. from Bishop College and attended the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. He is married and has three children. We welcome The Reverend E. K. Bailey to the 1989 Lecture Series.



The Reverend Dr. Harry S. Wright, who serves as our preacher, is the pastor of the Cornerstone Baptist Church, Brooklyn, New York. Prior to his going to Cornerstone in 1982 he served for three years as President of Bishop College in Dallas, Texas. Dr. Wright has received many honors over the years including being named a Danforth Foundation Fellow and named "Man of the Year" in Dallas, Texas. His teaching and preaching has been felt by many persons in the United States and abroad. Dr. Wright received his B.A. from Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia and the Bachelor of Divinity degree from Colgate Rochester Divinity School Rochester, New York. He did further study at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, receiving the Doctor of Ministry degree. He is married and has four children. We welcome him as one of our principle speakers for the Lectures.

GARNETT - NABRIT LECTURES

ORDER OF EVENTS

MONDAY, MARCH 6, 1989

7:00 P.M.

MUSICAL

Featuring The American Baptist College Choir
at
Faith United Baptist Church
2800 Whites Creek Pike

TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 1989

8:30 A.M.

Registration

10:00 A.M.

WORSHIP SERVICE
in American Baptist College Chapel

Liturgists: Professor Kelly M. Smith, Jr.
Mr. Gary Gaston ('89)

Prelude:

Call To Worship:

Hymn of Praise: "To God Be The Glory"

Invocation:

Announcements:

Presentation of the Preacher:
Dr. Odell McGlothian, Sr.

Scripture:

Special Music: American Baptist College Choir

Sermon: Dr. Harry S. Wright, Pastor
Cornerstone Baptist Church
Brooklyn, New York

Hymn of Commitment:

Benediction:

12:00 Noon

Lunch

TUESDAY, MARCH 7 (Con't)

1:30 P.M.

LECTURE I
in American Baptist College Chapel

Presiding: Dr. Bernard Lafayette, Jr. ('69)
Mr. Dolphy Johnson ('89)

Hymn: "Pass Me Not"

Prayer:

Presentation of Lecturer:
Dr. Odell McGlothian, Sr.

Lecture: The Reverend E. K. Bailey, Pastor
Concord Baptist Church
Dallas, Texas

2:30 P.M.

Discussion

5:00 P.M.

Dinner

7:00 P.M.

WORSHIP SERVICES
at Faith-United Baptist Church

Liturgists: Reverend Curtis Goodwin ('78)
Mr. Randy Jackson ('91)

Prelude:

Call to Worship:

Hymn of Praise: "Lift Him Up"

Invocation:

Special Music: Gospel United Baptist Church

Presentation of Preacher:

Scripture:

Special Music: Gospel United Baptist Church

Sermon: Dr. Harry S. Wright

Hymn of Commitment:

Benediction:

10:00 P.M.

Alumni Worship Services
at Jefferson Street Missionary Baptist Church

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 1989

7:30 A.M. SEMINARY EXTENSION BREAKFAST
at the Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge
2401 Brick Church Pike
Speaker: The Reverend William Grimes, Dean
Quad Cities Extension Unit

8:30 A.M. Registration

10:00 A.M. LECTURE II
in American Baptist College Chapel
Presiding: Professor Richard Lucas
Mrs. Jessie Hinsey ('89)
Hymn: "Were Marching to Zion"
Scripture:
Prayer:
Presentation of Lecturer:
Lecture: The Reverend E. K. Bailey

10:30 A.M. Discussion Session:

12:00 Noon Lunch

1:30 P.M. LECTURE III
in American Baptist College Chapel
Presiding: Professor Ross McLaren
Mr. Osahon Igori ('92)
Hymn: "Oh, How I Love Jesus"
Scripture:
Prayer:
Presentation of Lecturer:
Lecture: Dr. Harry S. Wright

2:30 P.M. Discussion Session:

3:30 P.M. National Alumni Association Meeting

5:00 P.M. Dinner

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8 (Con't)

7:00 P.M. WORSHIP SERVICE
at Faith-United Baptist Church
Liturgists: Reverend Enoch Lee Jones
Mr. Robert Collins ('91)
Prelude:
Call to Worship:
Hymn of Praise: "Blessed Assurance"
Invocation:
Special Music: Mt. Nebo Baptist Church Choir
Presentation of Preacher:
Scripture:
Special Music: Mt. Nebo Baptist Church Choir
Sermon: Dr. E. K. Bailey
Hymn of Commitment:
Benediction:

10:00 P.M. Alumni Worship Service
at Jefferson Street Missionary Baptist
Church

THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 1989

8:30 A.M. Registration

10:00 A.M. LECTURE IV
in American Baptist College Chapel
Presiding: Professor Gregory Haygood ('83)
Mr. Willie Freeman ('90)
Hymn: "We'll Understand it Better By and By"
Scripture:
Prayer:
Presentation of Lecturer:
Lecture: Dr. Harry S. Wright

THURSDAY, MARCH 9 (Con't)

11:00 A.M.

WORSHIP SERVICE
in American Baptist College Chapel

Liturgists: Dr. Floyd Prude ('73)
Mrs. Joycie Moore ('89)

Prelude:

Call to Worship:

Hymn of Praise: "What a Fellowship"

Invocation:

Presentation of Preacher:

Scripture:

Special Music:
American Baptist College Choir

Sermon: Dr. E. K. Bailey

Hymn of Commitment:

Remarks: Dr. Odell McGlothian, Sr.

Alma Mater: (See Back of Program)

Benediction:

12:00 Noon

Lunch

7:00 P.M.

Alumni Banquet
at Fifteenth Avenue Baptist Church
9th Avenue and Madison

Speaker: Dr. Nehemiah E. Douglas ('58)
Pastor, Ebenezer Baptist Church
Nashville, Tennessee

APPRECIATION

Thanks is expressed to all of the persons who have contributed their time, talents and resources for this Thirty-second annual Garnett-Nabrit Lectures. Without you any measure of success that has been experienced during the lectures would not have been possible. The names of some of these persons are listed below.

Mr. Robert Collins ('91) Freshman Student

Mr. Willie Freeman ('90) Sophomore Student

Mr. Gary Gaston ('89) President, SGA
Senior Student

The Reverend Curtis Goodwin ('78)
Pastor, Watson Grove Missionary Baptist Church

Professor Gregory Haygood ('83) Dean of Chapel
Pastor, Friendship Baptist Church
Cross Plains, TN

Mrs. Jessie Hinsey ('89) Senior Class Secretary

Mr Osahon Igori ('92) Freshman Student

Mr. Dolphy Johnson ('89) President, Baptist Student Union
Senior Student

Dr. Bernard LaFayette, Jr. ('69)
Vice-President for Academic Affairs
Pastor, Westminster Presbyterian Church
Tuskegee, AL

Professor Richard Lucas Director, Division of Church Vocation

Dr. Odell McGlothian, Sr. President, American Baptist College
Pastor, Mt. Olivet Missionary Baptist Church
Hendersonville, TN

Professor Ross McLaren Division of Biblical Theological Studies

Mrs. Joycie Moore ('89) President, Senior Class

Dr. Floyd Prude ('73) President, National Alumni Association
Pastor, Emanuel Baptist Church
Beloit, WS

Mr. Randy Jackson ('91) Sophomore Student

Professor Kelly M. Smith, Jr. Coordinator, Garnett-Nabrit Lectures
Director, Continuing Education Division
Pastor, Berean Baptist Church
Nashville, TN

The Reverend Enoch Lee Jones Pastor, Progressive Baptist Church

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We are grateful to the Faith-United Baptist Church and its pastor,
The Reverend Charlie Oglesby, for once again allowing us to use their
facilities during the Lectures.