

# Benedict College Library To Be Dedicated This Week

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Dedication exercises and inspection of the new library building at Benedict college, which has been constructed and equipped at a cost of \$60,000, will begin Tuesday and continue through Sunday, the high day of the dedication program.

The theme of the dedication program for the five-day exercises is "The Modern Library in Present Day Education." Addresses will be delivered Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at the noon hour in Antisdel chapel by leaders in secular and religious education.

#### Speakers on Program.

Sunday will be the major day of the dedication exercises starting at 3 p. m. in Antisdel chapel at Benedict college. The dedicatory sermon will be delivered by the Rev. Noble Y. Beall, D. D., home board, Southern Baptist convention, Atlanta, Ga. Two other addresses will be delivered, one by the Rev. Frank A. Smith, D. D., special representative, board of education of the Northern Baptist convention, New York, and another by the Rev. Frank W. Padelford, D. D., executive secretary, board of education, Northern Baptist convention, New York. J. B. Felton, chairman of the trustee board and state agent for Negro education, will preside. The dedicatory prayer will be offered by the Rev. John H. Webb, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist church, Columbia, and the invocation by the Rev. S. S. Youngblood, pastor of the First Calvary Baptist church, Columbia. The library keys will be presented at the close of the Sunday program before the dedicatory prayer.

Speakers during the week-day exercises beginning Tuesday will be: A. G. Smith, dean of the college, Benedict, and John E. Briggs, acting dean of religion, Benedict college; Wednes-

day, the Rev. H. H. Butler, D. D., president of the Baptist state convention of South Carolina; Thursday J. H. Hope, state superintendent of education; Friday C. A. Johnson, supervisor of Negro schools, Columbia. These exercises will be held each day at noon.

Funds for erection and equipment of the new library were secured from a donation of \$40,000 of the General Education board and other donations totaling \$20,000 raised in a library drive by the college.

The structure is a two-story red brick building trimmed in Indiana limestone. On the first floor are four rooms, a reading room, binding room and book room. On the second floor are a stack room, reading room and reference room.

#### Equipment of Interior.

Reading rooms are furnished with new large oak tables and comfortable oak chairs that will accommodate 75 to 100 readers. Lecture and reading rooms have paneled frames for art exhibits where works of art can be displayed. Stack rooms are equipped with steel stacks for 60,000 to 75,000 volumes with ample room for double decks that will double this capacity.

The entrance corridor and two halls are floored and have steps of terrazzo and marble. Reading room cement floors are covered with battleship linoleum. Other rooms are covered with high grade quadrangle asphalt blocks of alternate colors.

Before the front entrance of the library, which faces the East, shrubbery, hedges and grass have been planted. A newly laid brick walkway that branches at the entrance adds the final touch of beauty to a splendid new edifice that will be an inspiration to good work for many years to come.

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# Benedict's New Library Named For President Starks and Wife

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Along with the presentation of the keys, the Rev. Frank W. Padelford, executive secretary board of education Northern Baptists convention, announced that the board of trustees had voted to name the new library at Benedict college, Starks library, in honor of President J. J. Starks and wife who have been responsible for securing the funds and supervising the erection of the building.

Two addresses and the dedicatory sermon were heard by a capacity audience that filled Antisdel chapel, and inspected the new building and its equipment after the final services Sunday afternoon.

J. B. Felton, chairman of the trustees board of Benedict college, presided at the Sunday exercises and handed the keys to Secretary Padelford, who in turn called President Starks and wife, presented the keys to them and announced the name of the new library as Starks library.

The Rev. Frank A. Smith, special representative, board of education of the Northern Baptist convention, spoke on the "Moral Significance of the Library," and said that the finest thing a library can do is to help build Christian character. Secretary Padelford

discussed the place of the library in modern education and expressed the hope that the new library become the most important place on the campus, the workshop of the college.

The Rev. Noble Y. Beall, home board, Southern Baptist convention, in the dedicatory sermon emphasized the importance of the Bible as a book that inspired the writing of many books. He urged his hearers to appropriate the teaching of the Bible to the service of mankind.

Since Tuesday, other speakers have delivered addresses centering around the theme, "The Modern Library in Present Day Education," Dean A. G. Smith, Benedict college, and the Rev. John E. Briggs, acting dean of religion, Benedict college, spoke on Tuesday. Wednesday the Rev. H. H. Butler, president Baptist state convention, spoke. On Thursday, J. H. Hope, state superintendent of education, spoke. Friday, C. A. Johnson, supervisor Negro schools, Columbia, spoke. All of the speakers felt the library meets the paramount need in modern education and congratulated Benedict.

The new library building is modern in design, structure and equipment and will accommodate from 75 to 100 readers.