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ANNUAL CATALOGUE

OF THE

COOKMAN INSTITUTE,

JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

FOUNDED AND SUSTAINED BY THE FREEDMAN'S AID SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

REV. S. B. DARNELL, B. D., - Principal. WM. B. OWEN, - Prof. of Mathematics. MRS. C. A. DARNELL, - Gen. Literature. JAMES F. ELLIOTT, - Primary Dep'tm'nt.

> THE SEMI-TROPICAL PRESS: Jacksonville, Fla.

Fourth Year closes May 3, 1878

Annual Sermon, by Rev. W. W. Hicks: April 28, 1878, in Zion M. E. Church.

Review Examinations:

The closing week.

Public Exercises of Graduating Class:

Friday Evening, May 3, 1878.

GRADUATING CLASS:

HANDY A. CROMARTIE, JAMES DEAN, JAMES F. ELLIOTT, SARAH A. ROBERTS. JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

COOKMAN INSTITUTE, JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

LOCATION.

The location of Cookman Institute has been considered a very favorable one by all its friends; and others desiring to start similar schools now see the advantage in placing them at this center of the commercial interests of the entire State. The ways of travel and business interests call men from all parts of the country, and the population consequently makes a large annual increase. The schools here lay the foundation for the aims of its founders, and ready communication with markets enable us to care for the finanCOOKMAN INSTITUTE,

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cial interests more reasonably than anywhere else in the State.

BUILDINGS.

Our buildings have been constructed with the expenditure of a very moderate sum, yet they afford accommodations for fifty boarders, and one hundred and fifty pupils in recitation.

The new three-story brick edifice is an ornament to the city and an honor to the contributors to this worthy enterprise, among whom none were more liberal than "The Friends."

BOARDING.

Our boarding arrangements have proven very satisfactory to the pupils, FACKSONVILLE, FLA.

and afford them a comfortable home, with sufficient wholesome food which costs only \$1.25 per week.

Our enlarged accommodations will allow us to care for ladies at the same rate, and a suitable Christian woman of years and discretion will have the charge of this department; so that any coming from a distance may find the full benefit and protection of a home, together with the privileges of the school.

RELIGIOUS.

Our devotional exercises occur daily at the Chapel, at which all the students are required to be present. Spiritual songs, Scripture readings, and prayers have made this one of the pleasant and profitable features of our School. The

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students are required to attend both Sabbath-school and Church service once every Sabbath—either at our own or at such churches as they may prefer.

COURSE OF STUDY.

Our course of study has been improving as the advancement of the scholars would warrant.

All the branches necessary for teachers of our best schools are taught, and the Ancient Languages as far as the Universities require for admission. But we insist on a thorough English education, to qualify our pupils for opening fields among the people of our State.

Biblical lectures have been delivered during the year to a class of ten young men studying for the ministry, and

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Binney's Theological Compend used as a text-book. A more extended course is contemplated for the ensuing year.

We use the most approved textbooks in Geography, Grammar, Philosophy, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, Scholar's Companion, Harkness' Latin series, and Boise's Greek Grammar, with Xenophon's Anabasis.

ADMISSION.

There is no charge for tuition. An admission fee of one dollar is required to pay for breakages and incidentals. Bed clothing is furnished free; mattresses must be purchased by the students, or a small rental paid for their use.

We open our doors to all of a good

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moral character, and invite those of other denominations to share the blessings of a Christian education.

Already many of our pupils are doing valuable service in good positions as teachers, and some are preaching a Gospel of light and power, who but a few years ago could not read a word.

We urge parents and preachers to send young men and women of promise to avail themselves of this gratuitous opportunity provided by those who are interested in the welfare of humanity.

NEXT SESSION.

The next session begins October 15, 1877, and all who intend coming should be prompt at that time to get the benefit of our class organization. Do not fail to come and be here at

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the opening of the School. It may open a door of usefulness and honor unknown and impossible to you now.

We hope our annual may fall into the hands of some generous and able benefactors who will contribute to our scanty supply of bed-clothing, furniture, school aparatus or a much needed library. Second-hand books will be gratefully acknowledged.

Please communicate with the Principal concerning contributions or admission.

