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THE WILLIAM E. SHIPP MEMORIAL,

—: AT :—

THE SLATER COLLEGE AND STATE NORMAL SCHOOL

FOR COLORED PEOPLE,

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.,

WHERE THE RACE PROBLEM IS BEING SOLVED.



The late Lieut. Wm. E. SHIPP, 10th U. S. Cavalry.

—: AN INTERESTING PLAN. :—

AN -- ARRAY -- OF -- ENDORSEMENTS -- UNPARALLELED.

Probably Could Have Been Secured for no other Enterprise.

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EACH MEMBER OF THE 10TH CAVALRY has agreed to make a personal contribution to the "memorial."



FORSYTH COUNTY COURT HOUSE.

W. A. BLAIR, President N. C. Bankers' Association, Winston, N. C., has been appointed to answer inquiries and to receive and receipt for funds.

October 24th, 1898

In recognition of the devotion
of the colored people
of North Carolina to the
memory of Lieutenant
Shipp, G. S. Siple
Captain, U. S. A.

SHIPP MEMORIAL.

William Ewen Shipp, son of the late Judge William M. Shipp and wife, Kate Cameron Shipp, was born at Asheville, N. C., August 23, 1861. Judge Shipp moved to Lincolnton, N. C., in 1862. His son there obtained his early education, under the direction of Miss Mary Wood Alexander and Rev. W. R. Wetmore, both famous teachers in their day. Later young Shipp entered Carolina Military Institute at Charlotte, N. C., an institution presided over by Col. John P. Thomas. From this institution he was appointed to a cadetship at West Point by the Congressman from the Sixth (N. C.) district, the late Col. Walter L. Steele. Cadet Shipp won this appointment by standing first in a competitive examination over forty contestants.

Entering West Point in 1879, Shipp graduated in 1883, and was commissioned a second lieutenant and assigned to duty in the 10th regular cavalry, colored. His first active service was in the West, during the Indian

uprising, headed by Geronimo. For bravery and meritorious service in the Indian campaign he was made a first lieutenant. Being disabled for active service by a sprained ankle, he was assigned to the Davis Military Institute, at Winston, N. C., as professor of military tactics and special instructor of the North Carolina State Guard.

In August, 1897, he joined his regiment at Assiniboine, Montana, and went with it in April, 1898, when it was ordered to Chickamauga, and afterwards to Tampa, Fla. Later he went to Santiago with Gen. Shafter's army of invasion. He was killed in the battle of San Juan on Friday, July 1, 1898, while bravely leading Troop F of the Tenth Cavalry.

He leaves a devoted wife, formerly Miss Margaret Busbee, of Raleigh, N. C., and two young sons, William E. and Fabius Shipp. His death was a great loss, not only to his family, but to the state which claimed him as an honored son.

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**Outline of a Plan to Buy a Farm for
— Slater Industrial and State
Normal College to be Known as the
“ William E. Shipp Farm.”**

His white friends are to erect a monument to the memory of Lieutenant William E. Shipp, who commanded in a colored regiment, and who fell in battle in far-off Cuba.

It is fitting also that the colored people cherish Lieutenant Shipp's memory and do him honor. He was placed in charge of colored troops at his own request. He was proud of his men, and they honored and loved him. From the best blood of old North Carolina he came, and was, in every sense, a typical Southern gentleman; yet he stood at the head of a regiment of colored soldiers and rejoiced in their bravery and daring. His work was a prophecy of the complete reconciliation of the races, and he sealed that prophecy with his blood. The colored people have the desire to erect some fitting monument to his memory and to cherish his name and fame forever. After consultation with leading men throughout the state of North Carolina, this has been agreed upon: As Lieutenant Shipp lived some time in Winston Salem, and was connected with the educational work there, and as he was deeply interested in the proper education of the colored people, and in the Slater Industrial College and State Normal School, it has been deemed wise to purchase a farm for said institution, and to call it “The William E. Shipp Farm.”

On this farm, for years to come, the colored children will be taught patriotism, agriculture, and the arts of peace. It is fitting that both white and colored people should contribute

to this good work, and an earnest appeal is made to every one who loves his country and who admires bravery and nobility of heart and soul, to contribute as liberally as possible to this memorial. The name of every donor will be preserved and published.

All moneys received are to be expended by the school board. In case more money is collected than is necessary to purchase the farm, it is understood and agreed that the board shall expend it for the best interest of the institution. It is hoped that the farm can be purchased and equipped, and also a memorial building erected, thus, really endowing the institution to that extent.

W. A. Blair, Vice-President of the People's National Bank, Winston, N. C., will receive and receipt for all moneys.

What Prominent Citizens of the Community in Which the Academy is Located Think of It.

We the undersigned take pleasure in endorsing the Slater Industrial Academy and State Normal School, at Winston-Salem, N. C., and in commending its work and merits to all who may be philanthropically inclined. This institution has developed into a marked success, and all our citizens are thoroughly in sympathy with the same, many of them having demonstrated this sympathy by cash donations.

The management of this institution consists of some of the leading business men of Winston and Salem, and the faculty has won the confidence, not only of our own citizens, but of the best people of both races throughout the state.

SAMUEL E. BUTNER,
Mayor of Salem, N. C.

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Pastor 1st Presbyterian Church, Winston, N. C.

H. A. BROWN,
Pastor 1st Baptist Church, Winston, N. C.

W. S. CREASY, Pastor
Centenary M. E. Church, S., Winston, N. C.

What the White People are Doing.

Perhaps there is no community in the South where the relations between the races are more cordial than in Winston-Salem. The best white people are deeply interested in the school, serve on its boards, and contribute liberally to its support. It would surprise many of our Northern friends to know how much money Southern white friends give annually. In this memorial matter they are very liberal.

SHORT HISTORY OF SLATER.

Ideas Prominent in the Founding of the School—Progress of the Institution—Facts.

The history of the Slater Industrial College and State Normal School for colored people is an exceedingly interesting one. There were four ideas prominent in starting it. 1. The vital importance of training for good citizenship. 2. A belief that the negro should be taught to work intelligently with his hands as well as to become acquainted with the branches usually taught in the schools. 3. There was great need of a normal school for colored people—a place where teachers should be taught how to teach. 4. A negro colony where colored people should live, owning their own homes, starting their own industries, and to a certain extent governing themselves.

Through the labors of the president of the school, and with the co-operation of the leading citizens of Winston-Salem, N. C., a board of trustees was organized in 1892 to establish a school embodying the ideas above set forth. A valuable tract of land near the city was donated to the board by a number of progressive and interested citizens.

What the Colored People Are Doing.

The colored people of Winston-Salem, N. C., the home of the Slater Industrial and State Normal College, have heartily entered into the plan above outlined, and have already subscribed the sum of nearly \$1,000 toward the memorial. In all parts of North Carolina and in other states the leading colored people are taking up the matter, and are urging their race to contribute to the cause. It may truthfully be said that the colored people everywhere are keenly alive to the work in hand, and may be expected to do as much for it as their limited means will permit.

Henry Pringle, a poor colored janitor, desired to subscribe the sum of \$12 to the "Memorial Fund" before the plan had been fully matured, so eager was he to have the movement inaugurated. Numerous examples of this kind might be given to show how fully alive are the colored people to the promotion of the plan proposed.

Other citizens erected a neat recitation hall and assembly room in which to begin the school, which was called the "Slater Industrial Academy," in honor of the late lamented John F. Slater, who gave a million dollars for the industrial training of negroes in the South.

Soon after the founding of the school the county board of education of Forsyth county adopted the school and made provision for the carrying on of a public school in connection with the Academy. The school was popular from the beginning, and soon the management found it necessary to provide increased accommodations for day and boarding pupils.

Gradually new buildings have been added to the school plant, until to-day it occupies seven different buildings. The last building erected is known as the main building, and was completed this year at a cost of about \$10,000.

In 1895 the legislature of North Carolina appropriated \$1,000 per annum to carry on normal training at this school. In 1897 the same authority more than doubled its former appropriation. The school also receives an annual appropriation from the Peabody Fund, through Dr. J. L. M. Curry. Forsyth county also appropriates a small amount for the school each year. But still the institution must depend largely on private generosity to meet its obligations.

It was originally, as stated above, intended that the community about the school should be a model one. The idea has been carried out with great success, as is attested by Col. A. K. McClure, editor of the *Philadelphia Times*, who has visited the school and

the surrounding colony, and who writes as follows in his paper of Feb. 23, 1898:

"Another conspicuous feature of the Slater institution under the direction of Prof. Atkins, is the construction and occupation of beautiful homes for the colored people. They are humble, it is true, and no more costly than many other colored homes in the South, but there are on the grounds of the Slater Academy a number of houses of colored citizens which are models of beauty and comfort, and they have solved the problem of the feasibility of teaching the colored race the neatness and care which are akin to economy in the construction and management of the humblest home. The large school building now nearly completed was built almost wholly by the labor of the colored pupils. They made the bricks, and they practically erected the structure, and industry, economy and method have been taught in the most practical and successful way by the institution."

THE STATE NORMAL SCHOOL.

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Department, and Book-keeper.

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Sewing.

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making.

FROM AFRICA.

The Slater Industrial College and
State Normal School has now on its
roll of students two young men from
Zululand, Africa. They will remain
at Slater until they learn the English
language thoroughly, and are prepar-
ed to go back to their country for mis-
sionary and educational work. Are
there not others who ought to come
from that far off country? It seems
to us that we cannot do better mis-
sionary work in Africa than by bring-
ing these young men to Slater.

We also desire to make arrangements
to secure some young men from Porto
Rico and Cuba. Who will give us a
scholarship of \$100 to pay all the an-
nual expenses at Slater for one such
student, and who will pay the travel-
ing expenses of these young men? It
seems to us that this is an excellent
missionary work, and we want all in-
terested to think about it and write
to us.

Form of Bequest.

I give and bequeath to the Trustees
of the Slater Industrial Academy the
sum of....., to be paid
by my executor within two years from
the date of my death, out of the mon-
eys belonging to my estate, not other-
wise disposed of.



NEW BUILDING AT SLATER, JUST COMPLETED.

Endorsements of the Plan.

The Board of Trustees of the Slater Industrial and Normal College have received the following endorsements of the plan above outlined :

FROM MRS. SHIPP.

"I have just received your very kind letter concerning the proposed memorial in connection with the Slater Industrial College and State Normal School. Its contents surprise and greatly gratify me. I think it very touching that the colored people wish to honor my dear husband, and I am glad to have his name associated with any movement for the betterment of humanity and the spread of education."

PRESIDENT M'KINLEY'S ENDORSEMENT.

"I have noted with interest the purpose of some of your citizens to honor the memory of Lieutenant William E. Shipp.

"The fitting recognition of conspicuous and unselfish devotion to duty is an inspiration to patriotism, and an undertaking to such an end is worthy of the highest commendation and most hearty encouragement. With best wishes, believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

WILLIAM MCKINLEY,
President United States."

WHAT EX-PRESIDENT CLEVELAND SAYS.

"I am very much gratified to learn through your letter of the 21st inst. that the colored people in your neighborhood intend to manifest their attachment to Lieutenant Shipp by purchasing a farm devoted to educational purposes, and dedicating it to his memory.

"I am sure nothing could be more appropriate; and nothing could better indicate a tendency on the part of the originators of this project toward the improvement of their citizenship."

SECRETARY ALGER.

"I learn with gratification of the proposed movement to erect some substantial tribute to the memory of Lieutenant Shipp, who so gallantly led the brave colored soldiers under his command in the campaign in Cuba. He died where he fought. Let me congratulate the citizens on their patriotic purpose in thus giving evidence of love for a noble officer, whose devotion to the flag carried the troops under him to a glorious victory."

HON. LYMAN GAGE, SEC'Y OF THE TREASURY.

"I have yours of the 28th, and note the laudable purpose of the colored people of your section to erect a memorial to the memory of Lieut. Shipp who commanded the colored troops of the 10th Regiment at Santiago. Lt. Shipp and his brave men won great honor in

that heroic fight. The proposition of the colored people to commemorate the Lieutenant by buying a farm for the Slater Industrial College and State Normal School, and designate it as the "Wm. E. Shipp Farm," seems to be a wise and judicious way of expressing their appreciation of his memory. I know of nothing that would reflect greater credit upon the colored people than the accomplishment of such a work."

HON. JOHN D. LONG, SECRETARY OF THE NAVY.

"I should say a memorial to Lieutenant Shipp would be very fitting in view of the fact that he was a gallant soldier and fell at the front in battle in the service of his country. Whether the farm which it is proposed to buy is a desirable method of carrying out the object, I am, of course, unable to say."

HON. JOHN HAY, SECRETARY OF STATE.

"Of course I am not competent at this distance to judge of the details of such a scheme, but the plan in general must commend itself as a laudable one and worthy of the support and co-operation of all who are interested in the education of colored people in the South."

GENERAL MILES.

"I have your letter of the 21st instant, and cordially approve of the purpose of the colored people to erect a memorial to the memory of Lieutenant William E. Shipp, of the Tenth Regiment, who was killed in battle while leading his troops in the Santiago campaign. Lieutenant Shipp was a most excellent officer, and the proposed action cannot but have a tendency toward that most desirable end, a more thorough understanding on the part of the white and colored people toward each other in all parts of the country."

GENERAL SHAFER.

"Rep'ying to your letter of October 21st, informing me that the colored people in your vicinity propose to erect a memorial to the memory of Lieutenant Shipp, who was killed in battle on July 1st in front of Santiago de Cuba, I have the honor to say that this officer was well known to me, having been in my command during the earlier years of his service. Then, as in later life, he was distinguished for his devotion to duty, a devotion that led to his death on the memorable first day of July. He was in every respect a typical officer of the American army—patriotic, gallant and fearless in the discharge of every

duty that fell to him. His death so early in his career is one to be deplored by his countrymen and mourned by his friends."

GENERAL FITZHUGH LEE.

"I am glad to be informed that the colored people of your section propose to erect a monument to Lieutenant William E. Shipp, who lost his life in Cuba while gallantly leading the brave men of his company of the Tenth Cavalry. Such a memorial will not only stand in lasting attestation of a courageous officer, but at the same time will do much to preserve a friendly feeling between the races."

GENERAL JOSEPH WHEELER.

"I heartily commend the colored people of Winston for the commemoration of the late Lieut. William E. Shipp, who died while gallantly leading the troops of his Regiment into action. I know of no better method by which they can show their patriotism than by doing honor to the memory of this gallant soldier who gave up his life on the altar of his country."

REAR ADMIRAL W. S. SCHLEY.

"Replying to your letter relative to the proposed purchase of a farm for the Slater Industrial College and State Normal School, to be known as the William E. Shipp Farm, permit me to say that there can be no worthier monument to one who was so gallant and fearless a soldier, as well as delightful and charming a gentleman, as that now proposed, to commemorate the affection and esteem in which Lieut. Shipp was held by the movers in this noble project. I trust that it may meet with every success."

RICHMOND PEARSON HOBSON.

"The memory and thought of the noble dead are the best inspiration for the living. The advancement and progress of our colored citizens have a far reaching bearing upon the future of our country. The proposed Shipp Memorial with its two fold purpose cannot be too highly commended."

CAPTAIN SIGSBEE.

Captain Sigsbee, of the Maine, heartily approves, and suggests as a motto:

"In recognition of the devotion of the colored people of North Carolina to the memory of Lieutenant Shipp."

CAPT. C. E. CLARK, OF THE OREGON.

"You know I must be pleased that you have written me, and that I am interested in all you have written about. That the colored people of Winston should wish to honor the memory of Lieut. Shipp, and in such a way that the Slater College will be substantially benefitted, shows that they truly appreciate not only bravery and devotion of the colored soldiers who charged with him up the slope at Sau Juan, but also, the way and means which their race must advance."

CAPT. ROBLEY D. (FIGHTING BOB) EVANS.

"I thank you very much for your letter of October 29th, as it gives me the opportunity of saying that I approve most heartily of the scheme for the purpose of doing honor to a most gallant officer, and at the same time offering a chance to the colored race of improvement in a practical way.

"All honor to the brave representatives of the colored race who so gallantly won their spurs on Cuban soil—and having won them, let us see to it that they wear them—and let us go further and help them to learn to wear them properly.

"You have my hearty sympathy in your effort and if I can aid you in any way you have only to command me."

COMMODORE PHILIP, OF "TEXAS" FAME.

"It gives me much pleasure to commend to the patriotic and Christian sentiment of my fellow countrymen of all creeds, the noble work of erecting a memorial to the late Lieut. William E. Shipp.

"Every undertaking like this, for the promotion of religion, morality and education, among the colored people of the South, is an incentive given to citizenship, to country, and to civilization.

"The splendid work done in the Santiago campaign is fresh in the minds of all, and the fact that Lieut. Shipp lost his life so nobly, in leading his men, leads me to hope that the officers and men of our branch of the service, will respond generously to this appeal."

GOVERNOR-ELECT ROOSEVELT.

"I think that would be an excellent plan, and I heartily commend it. I had the greatest regard for Lieutenant Shipp."

SPEAKER REED'S ENDORSEMENT.

"I have your letter of the 8th, and very cordially endorse the plan of your colored people to honor the memory of Lieutenant Shipp."

HON. CHAUNCEY M. DEPEW.

"I heartily commend the very excellent suggestion of an Industrial Farm for the education of colored people in connection with the Slater Industrial College and State Normal School as a memorial to Lieut. W. E. Shipp. Certainly an educated Southern gentleman who fought so gallantly and lost life so gloriously while leading colored troops, would, if his wishes could be known, desire that any memorial to him should take the form of improving the condition and industrial opportunities of the colored race."

JUDGE ADVOCATE LEMLY.

"I am in receipt of your communication of the 7th inst., relative to the proposition to purchase for the Slater Industrial College a farm, to be known as "The William E. Shipp Farm," in memory of Lieutenant William E. Shipp, who lost his life during the war with Spain.

"Independently of the admiration which I feel for Lieutenant Shipp on account of his magnificent conduct in battle, I have known him personally and esteemed him highly. I regard the purchase of a farm as an admirable practical memorial—well merited by one whose memory is to be thus perpetuated."

EX-SENATOR EDMUNDS.

"The desire the colored people to establish a suitable memorial to the late Lieut. Shipp is certainly a most commendable and noble one and I certainly hope it will be established. Its effect will, I am sure, be an increase of the sympathy, good wishes and co-operation of both races in the paths of peace and justice."

BISHOP POTTER, OF NEW YORK.

"The purpose to which your letter of the 31st ult. refers seems to me a worthy one, and I wish it all success."

DR. PARKHURST, OF NEW YORK CITY.

"I heartily approve the scheme of honoring the memory of Lieutenant William E. Shipp. Not only will the colored people benefit themselves by strengthening the institution that is doing so much for their practical education, but their personal co-operation in the monument will be itself educational and uplifting in its effects upon them, and will help also to emphasize their own relation to the country whose interests they have so gallantly served under Lieutenant Shipp's leadership."

D. L. MOODY'S ENDORSEMENT.

"The plan you wrote to me about is a good one, and I think the only hope for the white and black men is to give them plenty of work and less whiskey, and any men who will help up men when they are down have my hearty sympathy."

DR. MORGAN DIX, NEW YORK.

"I have pleasure in expressing my interest in the plan and my hope that it may be carried out with success. It strikes me that in a case of this kind it is far better that the monument to the memory of one whom we desire to honor should take the form of an institution permanently beneficial to the people, rather than that of a mere stone shaft or other monument, of little or no value while it stands, and destined to early disintegration."

REV. DR. D. J. BURRELL, NEW YORK.

"I rejoice to hear of the proposed memorial to Lieutenant Shipp. The farm will be better than a marble shaft. It will fully represent his magnanimous regard for the colored people. I KNOW SLATER INDUSTRIAL COLLEGE AND CORDIALLY APPROVE ITS METHODS. By all means urge the farm as a fitting tribute to the brave soldier and a benefaction to the colored race."

SENATOR J. C. PRITCHARD, OF N. C.

"I am glad to hear that the colored people of your city propose to buy a farm for the Slater Industrial College and State Normal School, in memory of the late Wm. E. Shipp. This is a laudable undertaking and should receive the hearty support of all patriotic citizens. In conclusion I beg to assure you that the movement has my hearty endorsement."

STATE SUPT. MEBANE, OF N. C.

"I most heartily endorse the plan to purchase a farm to be connected with the Slater Industrial College and State Normal School, Winston. Nothing could be more appropriate, it seems to me, than for this farm to be known as the "Wm. E. Shipp Farm," in honor of that gallant young hero, who, of his own choice, led the brave colored soldiers in a conflict to free the Cubans from Spanish slavery, a conflict to preserve the honor and prestige of the American Flag.

"I have for a long time believed that the supremest need of the colored people was and is wise, prudent leaders.

"The record made by the colored troops led

by William E. Shipp is another evidence of what may be done by this people under the proper leadership.

"I trust the farm will be purchased: that prudent leaders of industry, economy and industry, and intelligence may be the results soon to be seen for the colored people of this State, coming from the Slater Industrial College and State Normal School at Winston."

DR. A. D. MAYO, BOSTON.

"The suggestion of buying a farm to commemorate the services of the regiment of colored soldiers and their deceased commander seems to me eminently fit to be made."

PRESIDENT GILMAN, OF JOHNS HOPKINS.

"All that I have heard from gentlemen well informed respecting the proposal of the colored people to make a monument to the memory of brave William E. Shipp is of the most favorable character, and I heartily commend their motives and recommend their plans."

PRESIDENT ELLIOTT, OF HARVARD.

"The proposed mode of commemorating Lieutenant William E. Shipp, of the Tenth Regular Regiment, colored, who was killed in battle at Santiago, seems to me an admirable one. The white officer who commands colored troops and wins their respect and affection, lifts the men in his charge toward higher ideals of duty and patriotic devotion. When he dies in this service, it is very fitting that he should be commemorated by associating his name with a permanent institution of education, which, generation after generation, will serve to elevate the colored people of his state. I am glad to hear that you are encouraging and helping this excellent undertaking."

PRESIDENT DWIGHT, OF YALE.

"The proposal of the colored people of Winston, N. C., to commemorate the late Lieutenant William E. Shipp by the purchase of a farm for the Slater Industrial College seems to me to be worthy of approval, and to be sure to commend itself to many friends of the cause of education."

PRESIDENT TAYLOR, OF VASSAR.

"In regard to the proposition which you suggest, viz., that a memorial of the gallant Lieut. William E. Shipp, of the Tenth Regiment, should be established at Slater Industrial College and State Normal School, it seems to me

that no more fitting step could be taken. It will enshrine his memory in a form more durable than marble, and is a project that must continue through all time to contribute to the blessing of the people in whom he was so interested and of the company he led so valiantly."

—
PRESIDENT SETH LOW, OF COLUMBIA.

"I think the proposal of the colored people of Winston to buy a farm, to be known as the "William E. Shipp Farm," for the Slater Industrial College and the Normal School, as a memorial of Lieut. William E. Shipp, who led the Tenth Regiment of Regulars and fell in Cuba, is worthy of all commendation. I earnestly hope that the plan may be successfully carried out.

—
PRESIDENT SCHURMAN, OF CORNELL

"I am interested to learn of the record of Lieut. Shipp and of the memorial proposed to him. It will be more than that: it will be a memorial of a united American people devoted to progress and elevation by education of all portions of the people. May the monument succeed."

—
PRESIDENT JORDAN, OF LELAND STANFORD UNIVERSITY, CAL.

"I very strongly approve of the determination of the colored people of your vicinity to buy a farm and to name it in honor of Lieut. Wm. E. Shipp, the honored commander of the colored troops of the Tenth Regiment.

"I think that the solution of the race problem lies entirely in the industrial training of the colored people and I am glad to learn of their growing appreciation of this fact."

—
PRESIDENT WINSTON, OF UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.

"The movement to secure a memorial to Lieut. William E. Shipp by adding a farm to the Slater Industrial College and State Normal School for colored people is in every way meritorious. Lieut. Shipp was a Southern man, born and reared, and fully understood the colored people. His desire to lead them in war with Spain testifies alike to his nobility and generosity of character and to their genuine qualities of manhood. Nothing is more fitting, therefore, than that the colored people should erect a monument to his memory, and that this monument should be an instrument for the training and elevation of the colored race."

PRESIDENT ALDERMAN, OF NORTH CAROLINA.

"It seems to me that the desire of the colored people to erect a monument to Lieutenant Shipp is a very worthy and noble one. It has the quality of good sense in that the memorial is to be a farm for the industrial training of the race. I should be very glad to see the plan brought to a successful achievement."

—
PRESIDENT MCIVER'S ENDORSEMENT.

"I think that there is no kind of monument so appropriate to perpetuate the memory of a hero who died in the service of his country as a monument which will be a perpetual blessing to those who will live after him, and I am glad that the colored people desire to erect such a monument to the memory of William E. Shipp."

North Carolina State Normal College.

—
BOOKER T. WASHINGTON, PRESIDENT TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE.

"I am very much interested that the colored people of Winston are making an effort to erect a memorial to the memory of Lieut. Shipp who led the 10th Cavalry at Santiago, by buying a farm for the Slater Industrial College and State Normal School. It is a very fitting monument, I think, to the brave officer, who so courageously laid down his life in defense of humanity depressed, at the head of the regiment of black soldiers who won for themselves and for their country glory eternal on the heights of San Juan and El Caney. I have the sincere hope that the movement will be an entire success, and give my cordial endorsement to that effort."

—
BISHOP HOOD, OF A. M. E. CHURCH.

"Your proposition strikes me as a movement in the right direction.

"Whatever tends to create a better feeling between the races is an advantage to us, and the higher the character of the enterprise the better will be the effect."

—
CONGRESSMAN WHITE, OF NORTH CAROLINA.

"In reply to yours just received, will say that I quite concur with you in reference to a movement tending to do honor to Lieutenant Shipp.

"I am heartily in accord with the idea that this should be done."

