

ADAMS COLLEGE.

ADAMS COLLEGE, situated approximately twenty miles from Durban, is the largest and most advanced Institution in Natal, and one of the largest in the Union, for Native higher education. It consists of:

(I) A **High School**, training students as far as the Matriculation Examination, with about 180 students.

(II) A **Teacher's Training College**, covering all courses for the Teaching Certificates of the Province of Natal open to Natives. There are about 150 students in this Department.

(III) An **Industrial Department** which gives (a) some industrial teaching to all students; (b) an intensive three-year course in carpentry and building to a special student group.

(IV) A **Theological School**.

(V) A **School Farm** which gives agricultural training to an increasing number of students. (A plan is now being evolved of co-ordinating High School and specialised Agricultural training over a three-year period.)

Our programme includes the opening in the very near future of

(VI) A **College of Music** which will endeavour, while giving full musical training on 'western' lines, to preserve and adapt Bantu folk-music and to study and use Bantu instruments, bringing out in all its activities the self-respect which successful achievement in this field of peculiar ability must produce.

(VII) **Post-Matriculation extension work**, for teachers and others, in co-operation with other local institutions, so arranged as to provide *inter alia* Degree Courses for established teachers, but emphatically NOT competing with Fort Hare, which it is our policy to support loyally.

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The student body is drawn from every Province of the Union of South Africa, from all three Protectorates (Basutoland, Bechuanaland, Swaziland) and from Southern Rhodesia. No less than seven

home languages are represented. In addition to English and Afrikaans Zulu, Sotho and Xhosa are taught.

The denominational composition of both staff and student body is very representative. Of the 370 students, approximately 90 come from the Congregational Churches of the American Board, 100 are Methodists, between 50 and 60 Anglicans, about 50 Presbyterians, 10 Roman Catholics and the rest divided among other denominations and Missions.

At present the financial support of the Institute is derived principally from grants made by the Provincial Education Department, partly from fees, and partly from grants made by the American Board, derived largely from donations in America, the percentages being approximately 45%, 35% and 20%. It is the last item which we plan to replace with South African money as soon as we can. We are in a position to erect buildings at a comparatively low cost, most of our buildings being constructed by our own students or ex-students, very largely out of building materials manufactured at the College itself.

Our aims, are briefly,

- (i) to build upon the foundation of living Christianity, and to put character-training first in our activities;
- (ii) to withhold nothing that we can give, generously offering to the Bantu the full treasures of western education; but
- (iii) so to relate these to Bantu life, experience and practical needs, as to integrate the new with the old, preserving and adapting to modern needs all that is good and sound in the old traditions;
- (iv) to stress the one-ness of education, academic, industrial and agricultural, by providing for some hand-work in every academic course; and
- (v) to train for civic duty and sane leadership by a thorough discussion of social and economic problems.

May we count on your support?

EDGAR H. BROOKES.

Principal.