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"AND YE SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH, AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE."—John viii. 32.

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## THE CHURCH FACES THE COLLEGE GENERATION

By Rev. Francis J. Grimke, D. D.

I noticed in the program of the fourteenth Annual Convocation of the School of Religion of Howard University, Washington, D. C., the above-named subject, which arrested my attention.

The first thought that came to my mind was: What is meant by College Generation? I suppose it refers to the large number of young people who are now attending colleges, larger than ever before in the history of the world.

Well, what about these young people in our colleges? The purpose of the subject, I suppose, is to call attention to them—to the fact that, as a group, they are in touch with modern science, and with all the vast ranges of knowledge that have been uncovered by modern research.

Well, I said to myself, What of it? Will this influx of knowledge in possession of this College Generation alter in any way the mission of the Church? What is the mission of the Church? It is to preach the gospel of the grace of God as it is revealed in Jesus Christ. It is to call men to repentance and faith.

It assumes that all men are sinners in need of salvation. The amount of secular knowledge that a man has has nothing whatever to do with the fact that he is a sinner. His sinfulness is not determined by how much or how little secular knowledge he has. He may have his head full of the garnered wisdom of the ages, and yet be a poor, miserable sinner, without God and without hope in the world. The world by wisdom has never been able to find God; and never will.

What, therefore, I asked myself, has the Church to do with facing this College Generation any different from what it has to do in facing any generation?

Fundamentally, it is the same problem everywhere that the Church has to deal with, the problem of saving men, of turning them from their evil ways to God. And there is only one way by which that can be done; and that is by the plain, simple preaching of the Word, backed by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. Nothing else is going to do it; nothing else has ever been able to do it. Some times we get the foolish notion into our heads that because young people are being educated that they must be saved in some other way. It is all nonsense; and it is vain to attempt to save them in any other way.

No man has ever entered the ministry better equipped mentally than was the Apostle Paul. He was a man of unusual gifts, big brain, capable of dealing with the most intricate and complex problems, a master logician, a profound thinker. And yet, after meeting Jesus on the Damascus Road, and after having been commissioned by Him to call men to repentance and faith, never once did he seem to think about his great mental gifts, or as to whether he was to deal with the ignorant or the unlearned. He had but one gospel for all alike, rich and poor, high and low, bond and free, ignorant or uneducated, wise or foolish.

He so reasoned before Felix, the governor, of righteousness, temperance and the judgment to come, that he trembled. And before the great court at Athens, representing the assembled wisdom of Greece, his words were: "And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men

everywhere to repent; because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he raised him from the dead."

He not only had but one gospel for all; but only one hope of success in presenting it. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts." And it was in dependence upon the Spirit that he went forth on his great career, and through whom the mighty results that attended his preaching were brought about. He took no credit to himself, but always spoke of what the Holy Spirit had done through him. The kind of preaching Paul did, in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, is all that the Church needs in facing this College Generation. All it needs is to be true to its mission, is to preach the plain, simple, unvarnished truth of God; and do it in dependence upon the Holy Spirit, and not upon fine-spun theories, or learned and eloquent disquisitions, to win men from their evil ways.

Let us be done with all this foolishness, and get back to God's way of saving the world. It is the only way; and the sooner the Church wakes up to that and gives itself wholly to the way pointed out in God's Word, in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, the better it will be.

This College Generation needs no new gospel, but the same old story of Jesus and His love. You can't make men better, you can't save them by cramming their heads full of secular knowledge. The heart must be changed. It is still true, even in this College Generation, "Except a man be born again, born of the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of heaven." And nothing that this College Generation can do will alter that fact.

Washington, D. C.

## HOW SHALL WE SAVE OUR FACES

Ministers and churches of the Synod of East Tennessee: We beg you to permit us to remind you of the enthusiasm and high resolves with which we adjourned our Presbyteries and departed to our respective fields last Spring, promising to prosecute two main objectives during the present Church year: namely, the raising of our benevolence quotas, and the building up and increasing the membership of our several churches.

As to our first objective, we note the Chairman of our Synod's Program and Field Activities Committee writes in the Africo that of the \$2,051 allocated to our Synod, only \$360.10 had been received at headquarters at the end of seven months. This, brethren, we need not tarry to say, is a very poor showing for the Synod of East Tennessee.

We used to have an honor roll published in the Africo of churches meeting their benevolence quotas each quarter. It was a good custom, and should be continued in spite of some modest objections.

As to our second objective, in the absence of any information from our headquarters at Pittsburgh we have no means

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## KNOXVILLE LETTER

The building of a new church is often attended with a despiritualization of the membership. Money is ever in the forefront. Programs upon programs having as their chief object the raising of money take precedence. Too often the main objective of the church is submerged in a multitude of things irrelevant to the principles for which the institution stands. Then after the structure is completed, there is grave danger of becoming so engrossed in the beauty and spaciousness of the building that we become unmindful of the fact that the church exists to do a work not to make a show. The obvious duty of a minister when confronted with such a situation is to strive to convert these undesirable traits into something desirable—the spiritualization of the institution. To that end the Rev. Benj. F. Glasco, D. D., of Pittsburgh, Pa., came to the Shiloh Presbyterian church at Knoxville to assist the Rev. A. H. George in a series of meetings. Dr. Glasco preached each night from November 19th to the 16th. He brought to us messages that diffused a spirituality that quickened the religious life of the people. Minister and congregation were revived. The spiritual thermometer of the church is way up as a result of his preaching.

Not only was there a quickening of the spiritual fervor of the church; souls were brought into the kingdom. There were twenty-two confessions and twenty additions to the church.

What is it about Dr. Glasco that has clothed him with a compelling charm that makes people sit with bated breath, listen to his message and throws round them an impelling force that bids them follow in his train. In the city of Pittsburgh, where churches are plentiful, people travel seventeen miles to hear him preach. His young people's organizations have an enrollment of over 300. His Junior church, which meets every Friday afternoon, has an average attendance of over 86. His bulletin reveals that there is something going on in his church every night in the week except Saturday. In studying this extraordinary character one immediately comes to the conclusion that he does not make an appeal to the populace for effect or to tickle their fancies. He does not use soothing and palliating terms to solace the conscience of the sinner. He proclaims the great fundamentals in plain, unadorned language. There is something about him that defies analysis. Some call it personality. One is impressed with his crystal-like sincerity, seriousness of purpose, depth of convictions, radiant faith and a passion for souls. He is God-conscious and filled with a consuming desire to share Him with others.

On Sunday morning, November 23rd, Dr. A. B. McCoy, of Atlanta, was the special preacher.

The pastor has prepared a series of sermons entitled: "The Bow in the Cloud." The following is the order in which they will be preached: Nov. 30th, "The Message of the Bow;" December 7th, "Facing the Issues of Life;" December 14th, "In Spite of Trouble;" December 28th, "Caught in a Squeeze;" January 11th, "Anchors for the Storm;" January 18th, "The Discipline of the Valley;" February 1, "Consider the Lilies." The aim of this series is to give strength and guidance, and to bring messages of comfort, encouragement and hope for the days of depression.

"THE SCRIBE."

## THE TRAGEDY OF PREACHING

By Rev. John A. Savage, D. D.

The whole scheme of redemption is wound around a tragedy, but the modern interpretation has made it a tragedy of another sort. The Negro is passing through a transition period. Thousands of boys and girls are in schools, and the gayety of the season attracts them. The seriousness of living is not an impelling force, and the churches seem not to know how to reach these conditions.

God's word, when properly presented, is always uplifting and inspiring, but the way in which the Scotch Presbyterians presented the gospel to a Scotch people whose senses and peculiarities are well understood—the measured tones, the incisive logic, and the use of words understood by the parishioners, may not be used as a model for the presentation of the gospel to the Negro. It would be amusing, if it were not so sad, to see a cultured Negro minister preach the gospel of Christ as a Scotch divine. The real model of preaching is found in the gospel. The common people heard Christ gladly because they understood his parables. Because we have no correct minutes of all his services, we may not conclude that but a handful of people were converted to his sayings.

The Negro is a Negro with his peculiarities and instincts, just as a Jew is a Jew with his peculiarities and instincts. It is a tragedy to make the Negro sing nothing but strange songs in the Lord's land. Is it a sin to mix up a clear understanding of God's Word and incisive logic couched in a language which the common people understand? Is it a sin to encourage our people to sing some of the songs which appeal to the hearts and experiences of colored people? Is it better to be dignified and aloof, or to become all things to all Negroes in order to save their souls? It is a tragedy to prepare fine sermons and sing fine songs to empty benches. It is like throwing salt in order to catch birds. The hand touch and the heart touch are essentials.

It is true that many of our people have migrated, but thousands of them are still here. Let there be a big gathering of our people and you can not miss the numbers who have gone. We just must get these people under our influence, and then hold them and mold them for a great cause in a great Church. Christ Jesus came to seek and save sinners and not righteous people. Our business is to make bad people come and seek to save their souls. Large numbers of people, well organized and trained, will give large support to our ministers and will pay our benevolence in full. Since our old plans have fallen down, why not try something new and go after the people and bring them in?

Brother ministers, trust the Lord, and you will be fed. What is the reaction of our Presbyteries within the bounds of the Synod of Catawba? Are the colored people worth saving? The success of any business is volume.

Albion Academy,  
Franklinton, N. C.

The Forty-first Annual O'eder Boys' Conference of Massachusetts and Rhode Island Y. M. C. A. will assemble in Lynn, Dec. 5-7, under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. State Committee. This is the pioneer State Conference for boys in this country, the first gathering having been held in Everett in 1881.

## OFFERS ASSISTANCE TO PRESIDENT HOOVER'S COMMITTEE

"While we recognize that the whole country is suffering from unemployment the evidence coming from many places North and South to our office shows," announces Dr. George E. Haynes, Secretary of the Commission on Race Relations, "that Negroes are furnishing a larger portion than others in the army of unemployed." This is another one of the ways color prejudice works.

The Commission on Race Relations has a Committee on Economic Life which has been organized to stimulate the interest of the Churches in justice in economic life as it affects the Negro. At the meeting of this Committee last week it was voted to send a letter to Colonel Woods offering such assistance as it can render to the President's National Committee on Employment. The letter, signed by Dr. Edward T. Devine, Chairman of the Committee of Direction of the Commission on Race Relations reads as follows:

"As you know, the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America represents the Protestant churches of the country. The Council through its constituent bodies has access to all communities in the United States. It has a Commission on Race Relations which has been working for some time on justice in economic life, through the standing committee

"At the last meeting of the Commission's National Committee on Economic Life it voted to offer such assistance as it can render to the President's National Committee on Employment during the duration of the unemployment crisis.

"The Commission on Race Relations is in touch with about fifty communities in different sections of the country. While these committees are autonomous both in their programs and organizations they look to this Commission for suggestions and guidance.

"We shall appreciate your letting us know as soon as possible the plans of the President's Committee and suggestions you have to make regarding any service we can render."

The Federal Council of Churches through the Social Service Commission with which the Committee on Economic Life is working co-operatively, has issued a set of recommendations to churches throughout the country on the unemployment situation and has especially drawn attention to the Negro as follows: 1. Negroes and other racial groups should be accorded equitable treatment in the distribution of work and relief. 2. Any payment of lower wage rates or maintenance of longer working hours which would tend to break down present labor standards should be discouraged. The government and leading business men have gone on record in favor of maintenance of present wage rates during the depression period. In the case of emergency jobs created for the purpose of relief, when only a given amount of money is available, it is better to employ men or women for part time than to employ them full time at reduced wage rates. One of the worst possible results of the unemployment period would be a permanent impairment of present standard of wages and hours.

Wages of workmen are more important to the country than dividends to stockholders—Henry Ford.

Science is an attempt to set in order the facts of experience.—Sir Arthur Eddington.

## HAYMOUNT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.

We have been at work during the past few months and are still endeavoring to push forward all phases of our church program. On Sunday, November 16th, we were pleased to have Rev. H. H. Fields, of Baltimore, deliver a wonderful sermon to us. Rev. Mr. Fields was in attendance at the A. M. E. Conference which was held in this city.

Sunday, November 23rd, our pastor, Rev. H. S. Davis, gave us a message which we shall never forget. The text was Acts 9:6, and the subject, "Christian Service." We were told that a follower of Christ will be active; that the failure of an active membership causes failure in the church; that the chief expression of our devotion to the church is through service. The large audience present felt a desire to be re-consecrated for service after that inspiring sermon.

The various organizations of our church are making an effort to accomplish definite goals this church year. The membership of the Brotherhood has increased and a fine enthusiasm was expressed at the November meeting, held at the home of Bro. J. A. Smith. A collection of \$15.65 was received, toward an effort on the part of the men to improve the basement of the church.

The Women's Missionary Society held a splendid meeting this month with Mrs. E. Stevens. The missionary society and circles are busy raising funds to carpet the church. The Pioneer and Tuxis clubs started their Fall programs with new zeal. A very enjoyable social given them by Mrs. L. S. Seabrook last month. The Pioneer Boys' Club has a membership of twenty, and they are now working to purchase a camping outfit.

The church school Workers' Conference was held at the home of Mrs. E. Crump, Thursday night, and plans were made for a Thanksgiving program. Eight young people of the church school came into the church on Decision Day.

We have welcomed a number of visitors at our services each Sunday morning. During the month we were privileged to have Mr. Frank Wilson, a student Y. M. C. A. Secretary, who gave us some very inspiring remarks.

We are sorry to mention the passing of Mrs. Arthur Manly. Mr. Manly and children are very faithful members and workers of our church. The funeral was held Sunday afternoon at Maddox Memorial A. M. E. Zion church, of which Mrs. Manly was a member. The impressive services were conducted by our pastor, Rev. H. S. Davis, who had visited her constantly during her long period of illness.

Mrs. Emmaline Williams is spending some time with her children in Philadelphia, Pa.

Dean J. W. Seabrook is attending a Child's Welfare Conference in Washington, D. C.

Our Normal graduates last year were successful in securing good work, and we are delighted to have them spend some week-ends in our services. Misses Janie Slater and Frances Council are at White Oak; Miss Inez Aery is near Raeford; Miss Thelma Blackman at Whiteville, and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Montague at Hope Mills.

## PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

A man in public office is measured by his accomplishments, not by the time he spends in the office.—James J. Walker.

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### OUR BENEVOLENCE OBLIGATIONS

Dr. Savage and Rev. Shirley, representing the Synod of Catawba; Dr. Tucker, the Synod of East Tennessee, and Dr. Houston the Synod of Canadian, discuss the relations of our colored churches to the benevolence program of the Church in a way that must command attention. Two or three weeks ago Dr. Downer, director of activities in the Synod of East Tennessee, made an able presentation of the question, and we have just received a letter from Dr. G. W. Long, of the Atlantic Synod, setting forth the quotas of the churches in that Synod and urging that every church should do its full share. We regret that this article comes too late for publication this week.

These articles appearing simultaneously indicate that there is a general awakening to our obligations throughout our Southern field, and it is hoped that the tasks assigned to our congregations will be discharged in a way that will be creditable to the Negro constituency of our Church.

### THE HOME MISSIONS CONGRESS

A gathering that is destined to become historic is the North American Home Missions Congress which opened in Washington Monday morning with a program that will extend through Friday. This congress is being held under the joint auspices of the Home Missions Council, the Council of Women for Home Missions, and the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America. About 4,000 delegates are expected to be present from all parts of this continent.

"The congress will divide into a number of groups, the delegates in each group discussing specific aspects of the problem of Home Missions. The findings of each group will then be brought before a plenary session of the congress for adoption." Dr. and Mrs. H. L. McCrorey left Charlotte Sunday night to attend this congress, to which both of them are delegates.

### SHORT OF MONEY

"We suppose that when we say we are short of money, it is not surprising in such a day as this. The Democrats blame it on the Republican administration. The Republicans say that the Democrats are keeping back prosperity for political ends. While these politicians are quarreling over where the blame belongs, we are about to starve to death. Will not all friends, whether Republicans or Democrats, who are in arrears to the paper or whose

subscriptions or advertising bills are due, let us hear from them at once? Your bill is a little one, to be sure, but so are all bills owing to us. Our paper exists on the payment of these bills. To get in \$2.50 or \$5.00 we often have to send three or four gentle reminders. Please look at your wrapper, and be kind enough to send your renewal even before you get a bill. Make it \$5, and so advance your figures two years from your present date.

"The Watchman-Examiner." "Our Baptist contemporary's situation is so like our own that we are glad to repeat the words as our own. If our subscribers would pay up, it would take a great weight from our hearts." —The Presbyterian."

For some time we have needed to say something to our subscribers about their subscriptions, and the foregoing gives us a good opening. If two of the biggest Church papers need their subscription money, certainly the Africo with a small subscription list and limited resources needs its money. Our subscribers who know themselves to owe the paper would do it a great favor by paying up.—The Africo-American Presbyterian.

### APPEAL TO SYNOD OF CANADIAN

To the Ministers and Members of the Presbyterian Church in the Canadian Synod:

The call for heroic sacrifice is coming from every Board in our great Church. There never was a time when the Church needed our aid so badly as it does now. The Board of National Missions, which has done, and is now doing so much for us, is asking us to put forth a great effort to raise our quota. The very life of our work depends upon our willingness to put all we have into this effort.

I am calling your attention to the months of January and February, that during these months the Four-Point Program will be put over in each church. It will not only mean the raising of money, but will develop the organizations which are asked to work. It will be impossible for us to visit every field, although I would like so very much to do so.

Brethren and friends, let us lay aside every weight and put our whole life and soul into this effort that the great Church we love so dearly may continue to do the great work it has been doing for the salvation of the world.

Your servant,  
W. E. HOUSTON.

J. E. BOWMAN, ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY IN COLUMBUS, OHIO

Attorney Joseph E. Bowman, of Columbus, Ohio, is an alumnus of Biddle, now Johnson C. Smith University. Mr. Bowman showed exceptional ability during his school days as a student.

His foundation work at Johnson C. Smith has served him well in building against tremendous odds, and in making for himself a place among recognized lawyers of his city and county.

The following brief statement is taken from a clipping from a local paper of Columbus and is written beneath the cuts of the three colored and four white solicitors mentioned:

"These seven men will have charge of the legal affairs of Franklin County for the next two years, starting January 5.

"At the top is Donald J. Hoskins, who defeated the incumbent, John J. Chester, Jr., at the election, November 4.

"Below are his six assistants, whose appointments were announced Thursday."

Every once in a while the chairman of the President's Unemployment Commission issues a statement and lets the country know the commission is getting ready to function. It is to be hoped the patients will manage somehow to live until the doctors are ready to administer the much needed relief.

## DON'T RAISE THE WHITE FLAG OF SURRENDER

By Rev. Frank C. Shirley

The months of January and February, 1931, are National Missions Zone months for Catawba Synod. As Chairman of Synod's Committee on National Missions I am writing to urge all parties concerned to complete their plans for carrying through the full Four Point Zoning Program, and do not prepare to raise the "White Flag of Surrender." We saw signs of such surrender in several of the Presbyteries last Spring. Many churches that made no systematic effort to meet their obligations hid behind the "smoke screen" of "hard times." We anticipate that a still larger number will seek to hide behind that same screen again next Spring. We know that we are passing through a period of depression and that money is scarce, but that does not excuse us or justify us in proceeding with our work in a slipshod manner.

The churches in Catawba Synod are dying and they are not dying because of "hard times;" they are dying because of neglect. They will continue to die until we have produced a ministry that will change the emphasis of their interest from self to the cause of Christ. That there is gradual spiritual decay we must admit when we look at the records of the past ten years. That there is no systematic program for promoting the work in the local churches is so evident that further comment is not necessary. We have become so accustomed to the shiftless policy that we are actually hostile or indifferent to any suggestion for a change. We cite below three concrete illustrations:

I am chairman of the Committee on Program and Field Activities in Catawba Presbytery. Last Spring the Presbytery adopted resolutions calling for: 1. The Appointment of a person in each local church who would be responsible for raising the benevolence quota. 2. That an opportunity be given the members of the churches to contribute to benevolence each preaching Sunday. 3. That each benevolence collected be sent to the Boards quarterly. The benevolence quota in Catawba Synod is \$1.35 per member. In carrying out the plan suggested above 3 cents per Sunday would overpay the quota per member in churches that have preaching every Sunday and in churches that have preaching twice a month it would amount to little over 5 cents per Sunday.

We wrote the pastors of the 48 churches in the Presbytery early in May calling their attention to the action of Presbytery and asking them to comply with the order. Up to November 29th we have heard from only 19 churches and in a second communication to the 19 churches only 10 replies were received. The majority of the ministers and churches have totally ignored the order of Presbytery, yet 47 of the 48 churches are being aided by the Board of National Missions.

The Department of Sunday School Missions as a result of an address delivered by Dr. H. C. Miller, President of the Synodical Convention, launched a campaign for increasing the membership of the Sunday schools in the four Synods. In beginning this campaign the Director, Dr. A. B. McCoy, wrote to all the pastors and Sunday School Superintendents in the Synod and further gave publicity to the movement through the columns of the Africo. In all these communications and articles he urged the schools to enroll for the campaign. On November 1, when the campaign opened out of the 178 churches in the Synod only 19 registered or enrolled for the increase. This seems to indicate that the churches in Catawba do not want to be disturbed by adding new members.

Last summer in the Sunday

School Conventions we found that the matter of Teacher Training was at a very low ebb and devised plans for improving the situation. The different conventions were asked to set definite goals as to the number of new Teacher Training classes they would strive to set up this fall and winter. We recently sent out 18 letters to heads of Sunday schools to arrange for conferences to organize these classes and up to this date we have received but one reply.

The above illustrations indicate that the churches have raised the "white flag of surrender." As we approach the zoning period my plea is, let us pull down the white flag and roll up our sleeves and enter the battle. I know the times are hard. And I also know that "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof," and where the ministers are willing to "swing out on the promises of God," there will be spiritual deepening, increase in numbers, and the matter of finance would take care of itself.

The point I want to make is that we are not justified in surrendering and sitting down because the times are hard. The crisis which we are passing through challenges us to redouble our efforts, increase our faith, and bring the people to a fresh realization of the fact that God still reigns. It is no time to raise the white flag of surrender.

It was gratifying to me to visit Knoxville, Tenn., last week and spend a few hours with that untiring servant of God, Rev. A. H. George, who wrought so valiantly in the service of the Lord in our own Synod. He has gone to Knoxville with that same zeal and earnestness, and though being there less than one year God has blessed his ministry with 60 accessions to the church. And the whole church, from the little tots of the Beginners Department to the adults, is a veritable beehive of activity. And hard times are in Tennessee as well as in North Carolina.

The Presbyterian Church among Negroes needs a ministry that is courageous enough to major in the gospel of Christ. Thanks be to God we are getting a few men of that type. My prayer is that God will send us more men who are willing to work day in and day out for a larger and better church—ministers who will not constantly raise the white flag of surrender when the way seems dark, or hide behind the smoke screen of "hard times" to keep from waging an aggressive campaign in behalf of Kingdom progress. When we get that type of ministry we will not have to worry about benevolence.

Charlotte, N. C.

### MR. DOUGLASS TO APPEAR IN ANNISTON

The race's greatest violinist, Joseph H. Douglass, will appear in a violin recital, December 11th, in the auditorium of the South Highland School, Anniston, Alabama, Rev. A. W. Rice, Principal.

### BACK BLOCKS

"Back Blocks" is a term used in New Zealand to indicate the country districts in which the New Zealand Council of Religious Education is making encouraging progress in carrying forward the work of the Sunday school. The "Back Blocks" Sunday school missionary goes all over the province and particularly the out-of-the-way places very much after the manner of the missionaries sent out by the American Sunday School Union. He organizes new schools and strengthens those that are weak.—The Boston Transcript.

The National Congress convened Monday, according to constitutional requirement. Tuesday President Hoover sent in a brief message.

## ST. JAMES CHURCH GREENSBORO

By Mrs. A. B. Peace

Sunday morning Dr. H. C. Miller spoke from I Kings 14: 3, "Come, let us look one another in the face." Using as a theme, "Facing the Facts," the speaker said: "One of humanity's peculiar traits is dodging facts. Many of our problems in Church and State could be solved were we to face the facts.

Fact No. One: We are not responsible for all existing conditions, but for letting some of these continue.

No. Two: As a group we fail to recognize leadership to the extent to be guided by its counsel.

No. Three: We neglect to insist on placing men and women in places which are ours by all rules of the game. We have certain stores here where 30 per cent of the trade comes from Negroes, yet not a Negro is employed. We should say to the management of these chain stores, "Since \$90 out of every \$100 come from Negro patronage, you should place some of our group behind the counter. We could close up these places in two weeks simply by taking our trade elsewhere.

No. Four: On the whole we are better off than we pretend. Depression is world-wide, it is true, yet when we count our blessings we are not down and out. The climate is mild, our health is good, we escape storms such as have visited other sections, we wear good clothes, live in fairly good houses and go where we want to for pleasure.

No. Five: Christianity as sponsored by the Church has done more for the world than any other agency. Most of the great educational institutions were founded by the Church and were fostered for a long while by the Church. Our group in America owes its strides to the influence of the Church. Our outstanding schools as well as most of our men are products, not of the State, but of the Church.

No. Six: The Negro Church is facing a crisis. This is true of the Church in general but we are confining ourselves to the Negro Church. Changed conditions and positions of our group, modern demands and pleasures, not sinful in themselves, are contributing causes of the present crisis. Dearth of college trained men entering the pulpit presents a grave situation. When out of 19,000 Negroes in college only a few scores think of entering the ministry, we ask the whys?

A reason given is, the modern world. The church demands too much of the preacher. The minister of yesteryear went forth with the sword of the Spirit. His mission was to know one thing and do one thing. His commission was that of a prophet and he sent his message home.

The modern minister is expected to do everything, from running the ice cream freezer to the promotion of the International Congress; be general advertising man for every project; expert promoter, agitator and executioner. He must lend his aid to all organizations—civic, moral, social, patriotic and financial. He must lead campaigns for good health, clean yards, clean politics, schools and hospitals. He must lead the fight against Bolshevism, cattle ticks and the boll weevil. No such demands are made on other professions.

Then there is the salary problem. In so many cases everybody and nobody is responsible for the minister's salary. A rainy Sunday always means a payless preacher, if he is paid by the week.

The minister is expected to dress well, keep his family looking decent, contribute to all charitable causes and pay his debts promptly. He must do these things to have any standing. He ought to pay his debts from general principles. But it takes money to do these things.

## ANNUAL WORKERS' CONFERENCE

The Annual Workers' Conference of the Division of Missions for Colored People of the Board of National Missions will be held at Johnson C. Smith University. The Conference opens on the afternoon of February 10th, 1931, and closes on the night of the 12th. Interviews will be held on Friday, February 13th.

J. M. GASTON,  
Secretary of the Division.

I am reminded of the officer of a certain church whose minister owed a \$65 bill and by his failure to settle this officer wanted the Presbytery to jack up this preacher. It was found out that the preacher's salary was \$265 behind and this certain officer was \$25 back on his pledge.

Now the sons of this minister will not be shot into the ministry when they face such conditions. This accounts for the fact that few are the sons of the manse to enter the sacred calling. They have been too close to the economic strain. The manse of Catawba Synod, for instance, has been a failure so far as its sons entering the ministry. I doubt if the manse of the great Synod of Catawba with all of its able divines has turned into the ministry ten men during the past 25 years.

Our Synod and Presbyteries are demanding that the men stick to their jobs of preaching and keep out of the public schools. It should be so. But keep in mind, all of our young ministers hold State certificates or they can get them. Further, the schools not only pay well, but pay at the end of each 21 days or so. Now until our Presbyteries can force the many churches not only to promise an adequate living salary, but pay at the end of the month or week, it is just bunk to talk about confining a man to his job when nobody is responsible for his prompt pay.

Come, let us look one another in the face. Let us face the facts and show ourselves men.

If our group fail it will not be for the lack of secular training; it will not be inability to cope with present economic conditions. It will be failure at the foundation, spiritual failure. When we let go God and the Church; when our pulpits fail to function, our group is damned.

Now, do not misunderstand me. It is not meant that the preacher ought not to be progressive, keeping up with the procession and leading it; that he should not take part in all the life of the community, but with all these extras, the preacher is in danger of becoming a jack of all trades, a messenger boy, a promoter and a chauffeur rather than a preacher. The pulpit is the preacher's throne and the preaching hour is the greatest hour of his life. What is needed in this hour of the Church's crisis is that our Synods and Presbyteries urge all the churches to "Loose him and let him go."

The Junior choir celebrated its anniversary Sunday night of last week. Mrs. Barber and the choir members are to be congratulated on making a success of the work, through their interest and loyalty.

The Lucy Laney Circle held its night meeting with Mrs. Edna Hunter.

The Ladies Missionary Society met with Mrs. Florence Jones. Both societies observed the Thanksgiving spirit through gifts to the shut-ins and sick of the church and community.

Rev. and Mrs. W. G. Anderson were visitors last week in the home of Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Miller.

Prof. W. L. Jones was taken into the church Sunday as a member.

Mrs. Maggie Alexander spent the week-end at home last week. Her many friends were glad to see her and to know she is enjoying her work as teacher in Moore County.

## SEVENTH STREET CHURCH NOTES

By Miss Marie S. Lindsay

Our pastor, Dr. R. P. Wyche, took his text from the 4th chapter of Philippians. The words spoken in this chapter were spoken by the Apostle Paul. It shows how much he loved his brethren. It does not take much to encourage one, and it does not take much to discourage one. To carry the gospel of God's kingdom we need encouragement.

A mother rearing children needs encouragement, if it is not anything but a word. No one needs encouragement more than women. They must look after the home and the character of the home. Take the work of the church and the Sunday school. They are putting forth effort to build up the church and Sunday school. In every instance they should have encouragement. Let the young women know they are doing good work.

Women have done more for themselves than men have done in the last 50 years. Women could not hold property. Now they can hold it as well as men. They did not simply ask for this right; they worked for it.

Mrs. C. M. Stafford spoke for the women in the rally drive and Mr. M. W. McCain for the men Sunday morning.

The members of the Sunday school, through the assistance of our Superintendent, Prof. E. A. Chisholm, were able to report \$66.61 on the Hospital drive.

The Workers' Conference will meet with Mrs. F. C. Shirley, Thursday evening.

Messrs. Andrew Rollins and C. H. Byrd were reported as new members of the church and Sunday school. Mr. Rollins will teach the Progressive class.

The chairman of the membership committee, Mr. A. E. Spears, stated that their goal was one member a Sunday.

We are sorry to learn of the death of Mr. Wm. Moseley's mother Mrs. Sallie Harding. Mrs. Harding died last Saturday morning. The funeral service was held Monday afternoon at Grace A. M. E. Zion church.

Miss Alwilda Means spent the holidays in the city visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Means.

Prof. and Mrs. T. S. Jackson and Miss Cecelia Hill motored from Talladega College and spent the holidays in the city with relatives.

The following were reported as pleasant visitors Sunday: Misses Slaughter, Wilson, Gunn and John, of Danville, Va., and Miss Myrtle Brodie, and Mrs. A. H. Prince, of the city.

The following program was rendered last Sunday:

Poems, Master John Spears and Little Miss Annie Lino.

Instrumental selection, Mr. J. H. Gunn.

Address, "Thanksgiving," Prof. R. L. Anderson, of Johnson C. Smith University.

Instrumental selection, Miss Myrtle Brodie.

Address, "Missions," Mrs. A. H. Prince.

We take this means of thanking the participants.

Mr. J. W. Brooks has been confined to the Hospital for the past two weeks. At this writing he is much improved.

Miss Frances Adams spent the week-end in the city.

Miss Thelma Drye, who is a student at Virginia State College, spent Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Drye, returning to school Sunday morning to resume her studies.

**Thanksgiving Choral Service**

A very entertaining program was rendered by the church choir Sunday evening, November 23rd, under the direction of Mr. J. H. Gunn, organist, and Mr. J. E. Hemphill, clarinetist. The program included several anthems by the choir, organ selections by Mr. Gunn, a violin solo by Mr. Richmond Johnson, and a duet by Mr. J. Ludwig Jordan and Mr. Alton T. Harrington.

## JOHNSON C. SMITH UNIVERSITY

Dr. P. W. Russell was the preacher at the morning service last Sunday at Smith University church. From the text, "Behold, I set before you an open door," Dr. Russell gave a very thoughtful sermon on various doors of opportunity God has opened to us all.

At 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon the Charlotte Sunday School Union held its monthly meeting at the University church. The attendance was large and the enthusiasm was unusually high. The Union is promoting a drive to raise \$1,000 to help in the enlargement now being made at the Good Samaritan Hospital, and nearly \$400 was reported at this meeting. The drive is to continue through the month of December. The speakers at Sunday's meeting were Dr. W. H. Frasier, President of Queen's-Chicora College, Miss Emma Hall, Treasurer of the Hospital, and Miss Annie F. Hayes, Secretary of the Union.

A large audience is expected to hear Dr. Minor C. Baldwin, noted organist, at Smith University, Sunday, December 7, at 4 o'clock.

Among delightful visitors to our office recently were Rev. and Mrs. Warren C. Jones, newly-weds of Macon, Ga., their mother, Mrs. M. M. Jones, and Mrs. M. J. Phifer, veteran missionary worker of Huntersville church, all valued friends of the paper.

Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Smith and their daughter, Mrs. Lottie Griffin, of Washington Heights, also called on us recently. Their beautiful and attractive home in that section of the city is a distinct credit to the community and to the race. Rev. Smith, thrifty and industrious, is also a local Zion minister.

## BROOKLYN CHURCH NOTES

By Mrs. F. J. McGlii

Our pastor, Rev. A. H. Prince, delivered a very helpful message Sunday morning from the theme, "God, the Potter; We, the Clay." The text was Isaiah 64:8, "But now, O Lord, thou art our Father. We are the clay, and thou our potter. And we all are the work of thy hand."

We were indeed pleased to have worship with us in our morning service and Sabbath school Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Martin, Jr., of the city. Dr. Martin gave some very encouraging remarks in Sabbath school. We will be glad to have them come again. Mr. Robinson, of the city, was also a visitor.

The Thanksgiving services which were held at the church Thanksgiving Day at 11 o'clock were very interesting.

On Wednesday evening a very fine Thanksgiving Program was presented by the Crusaders Circle. This program represented the first Thanksgiving Day. One of the interesting features of this program was the link service.

Mr. and Mrs. Borders and Miss Edwards, of Johnson City, Tenn., were the guests of Mrs. F. L. Brodie during the Thanksgiving season.

Dr. M. T. Brodie, who is practicing in Hickory, N. C., and Miss Mamie Brodie spent the Thanksgiving season with their mother, Mrs. F. L. Brodie.

The fourth Sunday in November the Circles gave their reports which were very good.

Sunday, November 23rd, an interesting program was presented by a number of the young people of the church. This program was a presentation of the subject of National Missions.

Mrs. Helen A. Whiting, supervisor of city schools, who attended the White House Conference on Child Welfare, reports the sessions of the Conference as being wonderfully informing and her stay in Washington as unusually pleasant.

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## REV. W. C. JONES WEDS MISS LEONARD

Rev. W. C. Jones, son of the late Rev. A. A. Jones and Mrs. Jones, of McConellsville, S. C., and Miss Ida Mae Leonard, of Vienna, Ga., were quietly united in marriage, November 22, at 7 A. M., at Vienna, Rev. A. S. Clark, of Cordele, Ga., officiating.

The ceremony was performed in Rev. Jones' automobile and was witnessed by only a few intimate friends and members of the immediate family. Amidst congratulations the happy pair, accompanied by his mother, left immediately for a motor trip to visit relatives in Knoxville, Tenn., Washington, D. C., Philadelphia, Pa., Charlotte, N. C., and Chester, S. C.

Rev. W. C. Jones is a graduate of the College and Theological Departments of Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, N. C. He also took a post graduate course at Western Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh, Pa. He is with the Sabbath School Missionary Department and is laboring with marked success in Knox Presbytery, with headquarters in Macon, Ga.

Mrs. Ida Mae Jones is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard, a graduate of Payne College, Augusta, Ga., and a successful teacher in her home town. She is a young woman of great charm and pleasing personality. We wish for them a happy and successful life.

AN OBSERVER.

It is not patriotic to be frail in these hard times.—Amelita Galli-Curci.

## HOW SHALL WE SAVE OUR FACES?

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of determining. We are wondering, however, whether our lagging behind in raising our benevolence quotas is not an indication that we are falling down in our second objective.

The Minutes of our last General Assembly show that 12 of the 41 churches composing our Synod had no accessions last year on confession of faith, and some of these churches have ministers serving them.

We have before us a copy of The Presbyterian in which we note the publication of some of the week-end accessions of certain of our white Presbyterian churches. Some had an increase of one; some, five; some, six; some fourteen. Perhaps, some of us would hesitate to publish an accession of one. But, brethren, suppose each of our churches could publish the addition of one, not at the end of the week, nor the month, nor the quarter, but at the end of the year, would that not be an indication of life where apparently death has reigned long time.

May we not bestir ourselves during the few months that remain to aggressive activity along all lines, and thereby save our faces and not suffer our high resolves to turn out to have been mere gushes of idealism for Presbyterianial and Synodical consumption.

Faternally yours,  
C. E. TUCKER,  
Synodical representative.

Civilization is not but a conquering of human instincts.—William Lyon Phelps.

## WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE DISCUSSES NEGRO CHILD

**Race Represented for First Time at Decennial Child Health Congress — Equal Treatment and Increased Facilities Demanded for Negro Children.**

The Negro child came into its own at President Hoover's White House Conference on Child Health and Protection, held in Washington, D. C., November 19-21, 1930. Although President Roosevelt called such a Conference in 1909, and President Wilson in 1919, the 1930 Conference marks the first time that Negroes have served both as members of the committee personnel and as delegates. As a general result of this participation due recognition was given to the problems of Negro children heretofore overlooked.

Preliminary reports as well as discussions at the sessions indicated thorough-going analyses by the several committees of the special problems faced by Negroes in the field of health, education and dependency.

## Tuberculosis Still a Problem

Special problems were found to exist in the field of medical care where tuberculosis among the Negro children was twice as great as among white children under five years of age, four times as great as among white children 5 to 9, and five times as great as among white young people 10 to 19 years of age.

## Educational Facilities Should Be Increased

Discussions in the section on Education disclosed that if Negro children in Southern schools are to secure adequate provision for health and protection more money should be provided from some sources other than the public taxes. More than two thirds of the counties and most of the smaller urban communities in the Southern States have scarcely any health programs for Negro school children. This neglect is due, it is said, almost entirely to lack of public funds. There was a special committee on Negro schools.

## Negro Children Face Vocational Boycott

The Conference group discussing vocational guidance took cognizance of the special problems of Negro children, who faced what amounts to a "vocational boycott." A serious need for guidance as a part of the educational program, as well as a re-examination of employment policies on the part of industries, was noted as an important step to be taken in this field. In this field, one report states, the method of the National Urban League in undertaking careful studies of the actual situation is commended as affording the only sound basis for a better program of vocational guidance for Negro Youth.

## Negro Socially Handicapped

In the field of Dependency and Neglect the problem of the Negro child as a socially handicapped child received widest attention. A special sub-committee of white and colored persons, of which Eugene Kinckle Jones was chairman, gave serious thought and special effort to the problem, expressing its hope that child caring agencies doing work with Negro children would avoid errors which marred their work with white children. This committee went on record to the effect that the general principles of child care are the same for all races, though the practical application involves complicated and difficult adjustments. The committee also expressed the belief that it was desirable for every community to utilize the most effective methods for getting something done for Negro children, and that Negroes should have a growing opportunity to share co-operatively in the administration of these programs. A special study on Dependency Problems Among Negroes was made for the Conference by Ira De A. Reid, Director of Research for the National Urban League.

Among the persons participating on committees were Dr. R.

R. Moton, Tuskegee Institute, Ala.; Dr. Eugene Kinckle Jones, National Urban League, New York; Mrs. H. R. Butler, Atlanta, Ga.; T. Arnold Hill, New York; Dr. Algernon B. Jackson, Mrs. Janie Porter Barrett, Superintendent Virginia Industrial School for Girls; Ernest T. Atwell, Director of Colored Work, Playground and Recreation Association of America; Miss Edna Colson, Virginia State College; Miss Mary Williams, Tuskegee Institute; Forrester B. Washington, Atlanta School of Social Work; Jesse O. Thomas, National Urban League; R. Z. Elzy, Brooklyn Urban League, and Lawrence A. Oxley, North Carolina Department of Public Welfare.

Delegates present at the Conference included W. T. B. Williams, John W. Davis, J. R. E. Lee; W. R. Valentine, Mrs. Mabel D. Keaton, Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Mrs. Charlotte Hawkins Brown, Dr. Mordecai W. Johnson, and Editor C. V. Roman.

## NOTICE

To the Women of Yadkin Presbyterian:

The Yuletide season is almost with us again and we are wishing for everyone of you a happy, healthy, helpful Christmas. While we are thinking of the good things in store for us, let us remember those who are less fortunate.

At our Spring meeting we pledged a box to one of our schools as our gift for Home Sewing this year—the box to contain such articles as sheets, pillow cases, towels, etc. The Secretary for Home and Overseas Sewing is asking that all articles be sent to her by December 15th so that she will be able to get the box to its destination by Christmas. Please send all articles to Mrs. J. A. Parks, Box 653, Cleveland, N. C., with name of Society and the President's name and address so that each Society sending will get proper credit for the same.

Yours for better service,  
MRS. J. A. PARKS,  
Secretary H. and O. S.,  
Cleveland, N. C.  
MRS. M. B. MEARES, President.

## BRAINERD INSTITUTE NEWS

As the Thanksgiving season approached, the faculty and student body of Brainerd were filled with a spirit of thankfulness for the many blessings which have been bestowed upon us during the past year.

Wednesday evening, November 26th, Thanksgiving exercises were held in the Martha Tweed Chapel of the institution. Prof. W. M. Oglesby and Mrs. B. H. Walker made addresses.

A "Tacky Party" was given in the dining room on Friday evening, November 21st. An enjoyable evening was passed by all. The dining room was beautifully decorated for the occasion. Prizes were given to the two students who were dressed the "tackiest."

## Visitors

Miss Gertrude Vint, one of the lady secretaries of the National Board of Missions, Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., visited the campus on Monday, November 24th, and at a special chapel service addressed the student body, telling of her work and her travels. Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Long, of Cheraw, S. C., accompanied Miss Vint. The visit from these friends was greatly appreciated.

## Religious Services

The regular routine Sunday services were observed. Sunday school was had at 8:45: after which the students attended church services at Carmel Presbyterian church, Rev. J. W. Manoney, pastor.

In the afternoon the Christian Endeavor carried out a program. The topic for discussion was: "Things for Which We Should Be Thankful." An interesting program was presented also by the Y. W. C. A. Sunday night in their regular meeting.

MISS BERENICE ALLEN.

