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

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GRADUATES FROM THE SCHOOL OF LIBERAL ARTS

### THE SIXTY-EIGHTH COMMENCEMENT, JOHNSON C. SMITH UNIVERSITY

53 GRADUATES—NEW DORMITORY FOR GIRLS

By Prof. Thomas A. Long, Ph. D.

The Sixty-Eighth Annual Commencement at Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, marked the end of a successful school year. This was the sixty-ninth scholastic year of the University and its fourth year as a co-educational institution. There were fifty-three graduates. Among them were fifteen women.

The baccalaureate service was held Sunday morning, May 24th, at 11 o'clock, in the University church. The day dawned auspiciously for the religious services that embody the principles upon which the institution was founded.

The campus, with its stately oaks, elms and shady nooks of myrtle and laurel, as a background, the edifice, at once ornate and classic, with the sunlight of a May morning, mellowed through stained glass windows, and simple decorations of palms and roses, banked around the chancel, while the soft strains of the great organ blended in meditative harmony—all made a scene of beauty and spiritual uplift, so fitting for the occasion.

The sermon was given by the Rev. Walter L. Moser, Ph. D., pastor of Edgewood Presbyterian church, Edgewood, Pa. The text was Psalm 46:10—"Be still and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth."

Among other things Dr. Moser said, "There must be a sense of dependence upon God. In a crisis there is nothing more important than to be still and wait upon God."

"In the world of science, un-

loosed forces are dangerous. In this day of stress and storm, a great revolution is springing out of the mind of one or two individuals who have taken a new vision along with a simple experience, and have had a new revelation of God." Faith in one's self accomplishes many things, attested by great discoveries and inventions. But of all these was the great faith in God.

In the Bible is recorded the revelation of God. There is every reason that you put your whole belief in this man Jesus, the Son of God, in whatever you may think or do. Therein lies the greatest power.

"Student life," he said, "is enriched when it is brought under the power of Christ. 'Jesus will save me,' was the simple sentence that staid with the Harvard student and transformed his life.

Faith is very important but you must add to your faith virtue. That means work. Paul says add lavishly to your faith in God. Ours is an opportunity for testifying for Christ. 'Keep thy heart with all diligence for out of it are the issues of life.' We can not fill our souls on the degenerate things and hear the voice of God when He speaks to us.

Science can not change this world. Organization can not do it. Dictatorships and communism can not do it. Our social order can be changed only by faith and trust in God, realizing that there is only one force that will remake this world: the intangible higher cultural values of the spirit which money can not buy.

Men all over the world are very much alike, but after all you will have to have your individual experiences, all your own, each in his own place and situation. We know that there are those in the world and about us who are a benediction, because they have in them that which transforms lives. Have courage. If you hear the still, small voice, heed it. In this hectic time in which we live, be still and know that this is God. Go forth to serve God and your fellowman in the things that are immortal.

There was a man who said he had made a lot of money, starting in as a small grocer. When he came down to the end, he said, write this epitaph: "Born May 17, 18... a human soul; died March 13, 1935,

a wholesale grocer." "That was all. He had not heard the small voice speaking to him."

The discourse was unusually illuminating and a high spot of the commencement season.

Prayer was made by Rev. Chas. B. Dusenbury, of Youngstown, Ohio.

The music for this service was:

Processional and Prelude, Mendelssohn; Chorale—"How Shall I Fity Meet Thee," (Bach) by the University Choir; Gloria Patri; Anthem—"The Eternal God Is Thy Refuge," (West); Offertory—"Communion," Torres; Hymn (St. Agnes) "Almighty Lord, With One Accord," (Dykes); Hymn (Martyrdom) "O Thou Whose Feet Have Climbed Life's Hill," (Wilson); Recessional, March Romaine (Gounod).

#### Monday, May 25

Monday evening, 6 o'clock, was the hour for the reception by President and Mrs. McCrorey to the graduating classes, Alumni and visitors, and the Alumni Annual Dinner in the University Refectory.

At the dinner President McCrorey presided. The Annual Address was given by Prof. E. A. Armstrong, Director of the Cumberland County Training School, Fayetteville, N. C. His subject was: "Some Things That Make a Great University." Prof. Armstrong was interesting throughout his discourse. He particularly stressed the fact that an institution is judged by the kind of material it sends out into the world. As an alumnus, he felt that Johnson C. Smith University needed to be congratulated on the progressive work it is doing, and likewise, Dr. H. L. McCrorey, as its executive. Music was given by the Women's Sextette and the University Quintet.

#### Junior Oratorical Contest 8:30 P. M.

The forty-ninth Annual Junior Prize Contest took place at 8:30 o'clock, Monday evening, May 25, in Biddle Memorial Hall. Dean T. E. McKinney presided.

The following were the speakers: "Man's Inevitable Future," A. E. Adair, Chester, S. C.; "Clouds Over the Globe," J. A. Gauden, Mansfield, La.; "Man's Indispensable Duty," C. E. Sloan, Asheville, N. C.; "Modern Frontiers," S. S. Moore, Clarkton, N. C.; "The Conqueror of Insuperable Obstacles," Gertrude Geneva Plair, Morganton, N. C.; "The Status of Youth in a Modern World," J. W. Barnette, Pineville, N. C.

The musical numbers were: piano duets: "The Pine" (Matthews); "The Approach of Spring," (Leybach), E. K. Hancock and J. H. Saunders.



GRADUATES FROM THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

J. W. Earnette was awarded the prize, a gold medal, sponsored by the Alumni Association.

#### Tuesday Morning, May 26, Commencement Day

The final exercises were held Tuesday morning, May 26, at 10 o'clock in the University church. The day was bright and every prospect pleased. The academic procession formed at Biddle Memorial Hall and marched to the University church on the semi-circular walk. In line were the administrative officials, Theological Seminary faculty, College faculty, Barber Scotia Junior College faculty, graduating classes, alumni and guests. The scintillating colors of academic hoods and the steady step of all made a scene of classic stateliness. The following was the program, President McCrorey presiding:

Processional March—Mendelssohn.

Invocation—Dr. A. W. Foster, Shelby, N. C.

Pilgrim's Song (Tschai-kowsky) by the University choir.

The commencement address was given by Honorable Arnold Wendell Scott, Municipal Judge of the District of Columbia, Washington, D. C. Judge Scott is an alumnus of Johnson C. Smith University, and a native of Wilmington, N. C.

Judge Scott is one of the four Negro judges in the United States.

Judge Scott's subject was: "Service, the Basis of Leadership." He spoke of the present demands upon young people but said that in spite of these increasing demands there is always "room at the top." He spoke of the problems of unemployment created by the mechanical age, of higher standards of living, of the problems of disease and of their subjection by men of science. The men and women who have contributed most to the world were described as the men and women who have worked and worked ceaselessly, under the greatest possible disadvantages and who are willing

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### THE CAUSE OF THE NEGRO IN THE FORTH-COMING REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC PLATFORMS

By Dr. Kelly Miller

The platform mongers are now busy on their quadrennia task. In political parlance a platform is a public declaration of the principles and policy of a political party issued before an election. On the approach of the Republican and Democratic National Conventions of those parties, Negro politicians busy themselves in pressing upon party leaders certain planks favorable to the rights of the race. In the campaign of 1928, it occurred for the first time that both parties were importuned in this regard. The late, lamented Non-Partisan League had just been organized. This political body sprang up, flourished, and faded like a school boy's tale, the wonder of an hour. Its prototype, the National Negro Republican League passed through the same stages as its evanescent antitype.

A committee consisting of Hon. Oscar DePriest, President; Kelly Miller, Secretary, and Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, was appointed to draft identic resolutions and to impress them upon the National committees of both parties for incorporation in their respective platforms. The central purpose of the resolution was to insist upon the enforcement of the 14th and 15th amendments and the enacting of anti-lynching legislation. We presented these propositions to Hon. Simeon D. Fess, then chairman of the Republican National Committee, and to Mr. Joutte Shouse, chairman of the Executive Committee of the Democratic Party. Mr. Fess parried our requests with the old, old story of the benefactions of the Republican Party, but never came to the point at issue. On the other hand, Mr. Shouse stated that he personally approved of all that we requested, and that he would use

his good offices to see that we got a chance to present the matter before the Committee on Resolutions when the Democratic Convention met.

The matter was left in the hands of our chairman, who would be in Chicago at the meeting of both Conventions. Thereupon, certain political exigencies arose which caused sundry members of the Non-Partisan League, including its chairman, to return to their former partisan allegiance, which left the Non-Partisan League in the lurch and the matter never was effectively presented to either National Committee. No other agency, it seems, made an effective appeal to either party. As the result, Mr. Hoover promised the Negro nothing, and kept his word. Candidate Roosevelt made no specific promises to any race or class, but laid the chief stress of emphasis upon the forgotten man, of whom the Negro is chief.

The National Bar Association has engaged to present the Negro's cause to both Party Conventions at their sessions this month. The bill of particulars is substantially that of the years gone by,—enforcement of the 14th and 15th amendments and the enactment of a Federal Anti-lynching law.

After long and mature deliberation, I have reached the conclusion in my own mind that it is a waste of while to bother either convention with the insertion of Negro planks in their national platforms. Abundant experience proves that such idle indulgence is merely for the sake of beguiling the dupable Negro voters, with no genuine honesty and sincerity of purpose of enforcement after the

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The 148th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. convened in the Auditorium of the Central High School in Syracuse, N. Y., Thursday, May 28, at 10:30 o'clock A. M.

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Through the centuries its followers have had to put on the armor of God and fight of faith.

"The Christian religion is an irreducible minimum of at least four things, each of which must receive its full emphasis to secure the unified adequately proportioned whole."

First of all, it is a revelation. "It is a personal and authoritative disclosure of the only true and living God as to what man is to believe concerning God and what duties God requires of man."

"In the second place, this religion of ours is a life. The great apologetic of Christianity is not its philosophical system, nor its ethical ideals, nor its creedal statements, nor its ecclesiastical organization; but the kind of life which the Lord Jesus Christ can reproduce in his followers."

"In the third place, because Christianity is a life, it is an experience. It is an ever-deepening experience that begins with the soul's rebirth and continues throughout all the thrilling adventures of the Christian life."

"In the fourth place, the Christian religion is a hope. It is a hope for this life and that which is to come. It is a hope for the individual, and it is a hope, on that account, for the human race."

This was a sermon of great spiritual power, and put the large congregation of commissioners and visitors and church members in the attitude of mind and heart to partake of the Lord's Supper which was administered at the conclusion of the discourse. An Assembly communion service presents a scene of impressiveness a true believer can never forget.

The afternoon session began with a period of devotion. Several hymns were sung and a prayer was offered by the retiring Moderator, Dr. Joseph A. Vance.

ment of assistants to Dr. Mudge, the Stated Clerk. The names of these appointees follow: The Rev. Dr. Wm. B. Pugh, Documentary Clerk. Ruling Elder Henry Barraclough, Journal Clerk. The Rev. Wm. P. Finney, D. D., Parliamentary Clerk. The Rev. John Clark Finney, Commissioner's Clerk. The Rev. Paul Patton Faris, Publicity Director. The General Assembly then proceeded to the balloting for Moderator. Three persons were nominated, Dr. Mark A. Matthews named Dr. Henry Buck Master, General Secretary of the Board of Pensions. Dr. Frank M. Silsley named Dr. Frederick L. Selden, of the Presbytery of Chicago; and the Rev. David H. Curry nominated the Rev. Samuel J. Allen, of Carson, North Dakota. Each of these nominations was duly seconded.

The total number of votes cast was 887. Number necessary to a choice, 444. Dr. Master received 508; Dr. Selden, 251; and Rev. Mr. Allen, 126. Dr. Master, being declared elected, received the gavel at the hand of Dr. Vance. After making a brief address expressing appreciation of the honor of the moderatorship, Dr. Master proceeded to direct the business of the Assembly.

Following announcements by Judge Clifford L. Hilton, Moderator of the Permanent Judicial Commission, and by Dr. Ray Freeman Jenney, pastor of the host church and chairman of the Local Committee of Arrangements, the Assembly adjourned until Friday morning.

SAME OLD COLEY

(From The Charlotte News) Cole L. Blease, the old defender of womanly virtue, he of a thousand speeches of prejudice and bitterness in arousing the South Carolina "wool hat boys" into keeping him in the State House and in the United States Senate, yesterday crossed the line and spoke to the North Carolina Firemen in Lumberton. In the closing years of a long and eventful public career, during which he has had the honor to represent his wisdom and mellow his philosophy, he has this to say, quite gratuitously, of—

"... the white man or the white woman who invites a Negro to eat at his table or sleep at his home—(He is) lower down than the Negro." All of which may be true or may not be true. It is a topic which, if discussed, spawns hatreds and engenders ill feeling in circumstances where the best judgment and the most patient thought of both races are needed. Certainly there is no immediate prospect of such commingling of the races in social intercourse as to endanger white supremacy. Such a pronouncement from Cole L. Blease is thoroughly in keeping with his record of stirring prejudice. It might well be left to public opinion to determine which is the lower of the three, the hypothetical host, the hypothetical guest or the hypothetical passion-rouser who raises the question.

REV. A. L. MARTIN VISITING HERE

The Rev. A. L. Martin, of Chattanooga, Tenn., spent a day and a night in Charlotte recently, visiting in the home of his brother, Dr. J. D. Martin. Friends here were glad to see him. Rev. Mr. Martin, who studied at Biddle University, has been a minister in the A. M. F. Zion Church for more than 30 years, during which time he served a long period as presiding elder. He is now pastor of a large church in Chattanooga.

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DR. JOHN HOPE GIVEN SPINGARN MEDAL FOR 1935

New York, May 29.—Dr. John Hope, late President of Atlanta University, has been awarded posthumously the twenty-second Spingarn Medal for the year 1935 by the Spingarn Medal Award Committee, of which Oswald Garrison Villard is chairman.

The Committee announced that only the fact that Dr. Hope himself was a member of the Committee had prevented his receiving the medal during his lifetime.

The language of the award characterized Dr. Hope as follows:

"A distinguished leader of his race, one of the foremost college presidents in the United States, widely and favorably known throughout the world, John Hope was admired wherever he went for his wisdom, his tact, his skill in negotiation, his solid contribution to any conference in which he sat, his remarkable modesty, and his untiring service to both races in the United States."

"A graduate of Brown University, he dedicated his life to the education of colored youth. First a President of Morehouse College from 1906 to 1931, he had served at Atlanta University in the same capacity since 1928. Under his presidency occurred the epoch-making amalgamation of Morehouse and Laura Spelman Colleges and Atlanta University in which group Atlanta now stands as the foremost Negro graduate school. His achievements in this field were attended by honorary degrees from Brown and Bates Colleges and Bucknell, McMaster and Howard Universities. But his activities were not confined to education alone. For one year he rendered distinguished service among the colored troops in France as a representative of the Y. M. C. A. At one time President, he was a director of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation which has made such remarkable contribution to improving the relations of the two races. He was President of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History and of the Georgia State Council for Work Among Negro Boys, a distinguished figure in the Baptist World Alliance and in the work of the Y. M. C. A. and the N. A. A. C. P."

"But it is the fineness of Dr. Hope's personality that the committee wishes especially to commemorate as well as the admirable example he set, and not only to members of his own race. In the dignity and steadfastness of his bearing, in the quiet, but unyielding strength of his character, and his championship of the rights of the Negro to the highest education available, and to equality of treatment in accordance with his rights under the Constitution of the United States, Dr. Hope proved to himself that there are no bounds nor limits to be set for men and women because of the accident of their color."

AT THE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The Conference for Negro Women was held at Teachers' College, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, May 27th-June 2nd, 1936, conducted by the Women's Auxiliary of the Synod of North Carolina, Presbyterian Church, U. S. The following were delegates from Charlotte and vicinity: Mrs. Janet Sloan, Miss Mary McLeary, Mesdames Janet Montgomery, Laura F. Phelps, Beatrice Bailey, Rosa Goodwin, Estelle Smith, Florence Brown, Irma Grier, Misses Doretha Orr, Rosena Haywood, Rosa Mae Davidson, Mabella Joseph, Alberta Neely, and Lucille Barron. Mrs. A. M. James was hostess at the Conference. With her pleasing personality and Christian influence, it was a pleasure for Mrs. James to entertain a large number of delegates. Mr. A. T. James, a son of Mrs. James, addressed the Conference on "Church Attendance" on Saturday afternoon. Everyone enjoyed his inspiring address.

A FRIEND.

THE SIXTY-EIGHTH COMMENCEMENT

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to sacrifice themselves for their fellowman."

North Carolina, he said, long ago learned the lesson of tolerance. Those in authority have realized they owe a paramount duty to all its citizens, white and black, that they may be contented and satisfied within its borders. The result of this realization, he said, has been the establishment of an educational program for Negroes far in advance of that in other States. Judge Scott paid a high tribute to his native State and expressed his gratitude to the people of both races of this the Old North State, for the loyal and sympathetic support given him during the long struggle to reach the goal which he finally attained, and without which he would not be occupying the position which he now holds.

He recalled the incidents of John Chavis, a Negro, born in North Carolina in 1763, went to Princeton University and became a noted teacher, having as his pupils white students who later became a governor, a United States Senator and a Chief Justice.

Judge Scott said, "the demands of the times upon young men and women are more severe than in days gone by, but there is always room at the top."

He also noted the many good things that the Negro brought with him from Africa, his folklore, his music—largely the inspiration and basis for modern American music. The weird music of the spirituals, he said, which were the spontaneous expression of sufferings and yearnings for freedom, has moved and touched the souls of the entire world, and through them, the realization has come that God Almighty has endowed this lowly race with talents such as are enjoyed by no other people. And finest of all, in none of them can be found the slightest trace of bitterness and revenge. In closing he said that "Christian Education reduces crime. With your attainments," he said to the members of the Senior class, "Get down with and among the people, and you will always find that race loyalty and race pride come from the bottom and not from the top. The man lowest down needs you. Do not pass on the other side. Go forth and live in the future, I bid you go forward."

The choir sang, "The Heavens Are Telling." (Haydn).

Degrees were conferred as follows:

College of Liberal Arts Bachelor of Arts, Cum Laude Ruth Naomi Hillsman, Cordele, Ga. Ollie Anderson Johnson, Big Stone Gap, Va. Daniel Eric Moore, Charlotte, N. C. Samuel Aaron Moore, Charlotte, N. C.

Honor Students Claudia Annette Hargrave, Cincinnati, Ohio. Mrs. Ione Gwendolyn Jones, Chester, S. C.

Bachelor of Arts Bernice Carolyn Blakeney, Pageland, S. C. Linson Lemuel Blakeney, Pageland, S. C. James Aaron Christian, Lumberton, N. C. John Saunders Cole, Cheraw, S. C. Roberta Langham Douglass, Charlotte, N. C. Inez Elizabeth Eisom, Charlotte, N. C. Harmon Wyatt Fitch, Winston-Salem, N. C. Florenia Elizabeth Frazier, Charlotte, N. C. Juanita Catherine Gibson, Pineville, Ky. Joseph Avant Harris, Statesville, N. C. Zilla Frances Ledbetter, Charlotte, N. C. Samuel Peyton Manning, Knoxville, Tenn. Floyd Massey, Jr., Gastonia, N. C. Robert Alexander Moore, Charlotte, N. C. Clarence Eugene Morrison, Oxford, N. C. Clarence Andrew Parham, Freehold, N. J. Thomas Modana Ringer,

Rocky Point, N. C. Walter Frederick Robinson, Cheraw, S. C. Willie Mae Rudisill, Charlotte, N. C. Esther Mae Stinson, Huntersville, N. C. Charles Winslow Talley, Cheraw, S. C. Ethel Lee Williams, Pine Bluff, Ark. Mrs. Doreatha Elizabeth Williamson, Charlotte, N. C. Joseph Rainey Wilson, Wilmington, N. C. Mary Alice Wright, York, S. C. Robert Trice Young, Wake Forest, N. C. Bachelor of Science, Magna Cum Laude Moses Amos Ezekiel Blair, Gastonia, N. C. Joseph Henry Wad Morris, Bennettsville, S. C. Honor Student Aliffe Isabelle Ellis, Augusta, Ga. Bachelor of Science William David Coaxum, Charleston, S. C. Olympia Park Lowe, Pittsburgh, Pa. Samuel Julius McLean, Douglass, Ga. Isaiah Prince Pogue, Jr., Sumter, S. C. Mary Coles Shaw, Columbia, S. C. Robert Alston Smith, Madison, N. J. William Henry Smith, Cape Charles, Va.

School of Theology — Bachelor of Divinity

Moses Belton, B. S., Johnson C. Smith University, 1933, Columbia, S. C. Corrie Wilson Boyce, A. B., Johnson C. Smith University, 1933, Byhalia, Miss. Herman Lacoste Counts, A. B., Johnson C. Smith University, 1933, Rowland, N. C. Leonard Allen Ellis, A. B., Johnson C. Smith University, 1933, Due West, S. C. James Franklin Henderson A. B., Allen University, 1933, Columbia, S. C. Elmer Henderson Hunt, A. B., Johnson C. Smith University, 1923, Charlotte, N. C. Robert Lee Jeans, A. B., Johnson C. Smith University, 1933, Shannon, Miss. William Vernon Joyner, A. B., Lincoln University (Pa.), 1926, Rocky Mount, N. C. Albert Alphonso Thompson, A. B., Johnson C. Smith University, 1932, Decatur, Ga.

Honoris Causa—Doctor of Divinity

Angus Patterson Corley, Sr. (College, '09, Theology, '12, Charlotte, N. C. In making the awards, the President was assisted by Dean McKinney, College; Dean Shute, Seminary, and Registrar Adams.

The following prizes were announced: Science prize, M. A. Blair; Old Testament History prize, Thomas H. Bullock; Hebrew prize, R. C. Johnson; Junior prize, J. W. Barnett. A Bible was given each graduate from the bequest fund of Mrs. Johnson C. Smith. A souvenir copy of "The Duke Legacy" also was given each graduate.

"The Alma Mater" was sung. The benediction followed.

The Receptional was Grand March from "Tannhauser," Wagner.

It should be mentioned that the music was especially interesting, given by the University choir, the University Quintet, the Women's Sextette, the Men's Glee Club, Prof. David C. Carroll, Director; Dr. Thomas A. Long, University organist.

A feature this year is a campaign to raise \$125,000 for erecting a new girls' dormitory at Johnson C. Smith University. It already has the impetus of a generous nucleus of \$1,135, contributed by the faculty members. Other amounts are coming in.

The plans call for the construction of a three-story building to accommodate 130 students, with rooms for matrons and guests. There were enrolled 88 women this year, the fourth year the institution has been educational.

Among those in attendance during the finals were: Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Moser and Miss Moser, Logwood, Pa.; Captain John Edgar Smith, Washington, D. C.; Dr. Benjamin B. Mays, Howard University, Washington, D. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Tony Winkerson and daughter, Petersburg, Va.; Rev. Charles B. Dusenbury, Youngstown, Ohio; Rev. Cornel A. Johnson, Columbia, S. C.; Mrs. Wilson, Wilmington, N. C.; Mr. R. E. Williams, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Deborah R. Reynolds, New York; Miss Nedra Boston, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Sumner, Philadelphia, Pa.; Miss Julia Lucas, Marian Center, New York, N. Y.; Miss Cynthia Williams, Mount Union, Pa.; Mrs. Athalia Scott and Mr. Robert Scott, Wilmington, N. C.; President J. Ward Seabrook, Fayetteville, N. C.; Rev. and Mrs. Jas. Gross, Nazareth, Pa.; Mrs. Elizabeth Geisner, Bennettsville, Pa.; Dr. and Mrs. Charles Herron, Omaha, Nebraska; Mrs. Ellis, Due West, S. C.; Jean and Mrs. L. S. Cozart, and Miss Tate, Dean of Women, Barco-Scottia Junior College, Concord; Dr. F. T. Logan, Concord; Dr. R. P. Wyche, Dr. G. E. Davis, Rev. Dr. Hayes, Hawthorne Lane M. E. church; Dr. J. H. Moore, Mr. R. A. Irvin, Charlotte; Mr. Cameron Shipp, of the "Charlotte Observer"; Mrs. D. J. Sanders, Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Martin, Charlotte, and Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Long, Cheraw, S. C.

THE CATAWBA PRESBYTERIAL

By Mrs. R. Z. Beatty Recording Secretary

The Catawba Presbyterian met with the Shiloh Presbyterian church, Waxhaw, N. C., Rev. W. A. Grigg, pastor, Thursday, April 23. The first order of the day was called by the President, Mrs. Mayberry. The worship service was very inspiring. The first chapter of Philippians was read and the words of the apostle Paul, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me," were used as the topic. This service was led by Mrs. Rosa Fulwood, of the hostess church.

Introductory remarks were made by the President, followed by greetings from the hostess church. The first speaker was Mrs. Fulwood for the Missionary Society, who poured out her heart in gratefulness to the Presbyterial for coming to them since it was the first time the Presbyterial had met with this particular church.

Mrs. Steele (white) brought greetings to the body from the white Presbyterians of Waxhaw. She and Mrs. Fulwood made us welcome to everything that Waxhaw had to offer except their sorrows. We truly felt that we were among friends and Christians.

Miss Maggie Rush brought greetings from the young people of Waxhaw. We are all God's children, just scattered here, there and yonder, doing the work of the Master, so let us dwell together in unity, said Miss Rush.

Response to these beautiful welcomes was given by Mrs. C. N. Jenkins who spoke the sentiments of the Presbyterial in a fine way.

Memories of the 1935 meeting were given by the Recording Secretary, Mrs. R. Z. Beatty. Goals achieved during the year were recounted by Mrs. J. H. Gamble. She said the local societies had shown a very fine spirit in their giving, notwithstanding the severe winter.

Mrs. Floretta Johnson, Social Service Secretary, said that we should feel very much encouraged because the Church as a whole is doing more than ever to help those who are destitute.

The body stood and sang, "Pass Me Not, O gentle Saviour," by way of resting. Mrs. H. L. McCrorey, our Stewardship Secretary, was absent. Hearing her report was deferred until the afternoon.

The Secretary of Literature, Mrs. E. M. Dixon, said that since reading enlightens us, there is need of more reading. Many had

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## SEVENTH STREET CHURCH NOTES

By Marie S. Lindsay

We were delighted to have as our pulpits guest Sunday morning Rev. C. A. Washington.

"Appreciation Day," sponsored by the local chapter of the Alumni Association of Johnson C. Smith University, was observed at Seventh Street church on the evening of May 24th.

The following visitors were reported last Sunday: Mr. William Davis, of the city; Mr. Elliott Samuel, of the Friendship Baptist church of the city; Mr. Frank Brown and Mr. George James, of the city, and Mr. John S. Byers, of New York City.

The following girls are at home for the vacation: Misses Annie Geraldine Brooks, Laur. Henderson, Helen Caldwell and Blandina Hill, all of Barber-Scotia Junior College.

Mr. Arthur Spears has returned to the city from Hampton Institute where he has been attending school.

Messrs. James Watson and John Spears are among the graduates of Second Ward School this commencement.

Mrs. William Yongue and her little grandson, Robert Yongue, are sick this week.

Children's Day will be observed during the Sunday school hour on Sunday, June 14th, with an appropriate program.

The Junior choir will sing for church services beginning Sunday, June 7, and continuing until the Fall of the year.

The Leadership Training School, held at the Second Presbyterian church, was a decided success. We wish to thank all those who aided in any way to put this program over.

## BROOKLYN CHURCH NOTES

By Mrs. D. W. McGill

Last Sunday morning, as usual, Rev. A. H. Prince delivered a very inspiring sermon from the text, John 10 and a part of the 41st verse. Rev. C. P. Pitchford was present and assisted in the service which was largely attended and full of interest.

At 3:30 P. M. a special service was had by the Seventh Day Adventists church in the interest of one of the Missionary groups. This service was missionary in its entire program and presented a challenge.

At the Young People's hour of service Sunday evening at 7 o'clock Mr. Frederick Johnson and Mr. Robert Rhyne discussed school days which was very interesting. Miss Ruby Rhyne presided.

At the regular evening service the circles of the church gave their monthly reports. The message was delivered by the pastor, Rev. Prince, and was of vast interest. The theme was "Breaking the Alabaster Box."

Mrs. Susanna Woodard, of 408 Cherry Street, is still shut in; Mrs. Daisy Mack is able to be out again, and Mrs. Louise McClean is improving.

The Daily Vacation Bible School opened on last Monday at 8:30 A. M. at the church. All children in the community from ages 4 to 10 may attend.

The Young Men's Fellowship group held their monthly meeting Monday evening at the church.

Wednesday evening mid-week services are being held. "Our Church's Constitution" is still being studied. The discussion each evening is very interesting.

The Baby Contest which was held last Thursday evening at the church was a grand success. Seventy-seven dollars and thirty-seven cents was realized from this effort. This effort was had by the Metropolitan Circle, Mrs. Daisy Anderson, President.

Mrs. A. R. Dawson and little daughter, Azalea, left one day last week for Cleveland, Ohio, on a visit to Mr. Dawson. Mr. Dawson has been studying at Western Reserve University for the past year or more.

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availed themselves of the opportunity to read the Church literature and more were urged to do so.

The Secretary of Missionary Education said that this part of our work was very vital and should be given a very conspicuous place on our Missionary program. The inspiration and aspiration gained from this study is a wonderful investment.

Forty-one study classes and several schools of missions had been conducted during the past year.

The Secretary of the Division of Missions was absent.

The group conferences always create a great deal of interest as there is so much information to be gained and they are very largely attended.

Mrs. Prince, Mrs. Shirley and Miss Annie Chresfield were the leaders this year.

The following committees were appointed:

Next Place of Meeting—Mrs. Hattie Morrow, Mrs. Bettie Williams, Mrs. Corine Irwin.

Nominations—Mrs. Mar Greene, Mrs. Gene Jackson, Mrs. Davidson.

Courtesies—Mrs. Estelle Smith, Mrs. Roxie Simmons, Mrs. Hattie Jenkins.

Memorial—Mrs. M. Harrison, Mrs. Irma Grier, Mrs. Edna Douglas.

Dr. H. Wilson, Rev. R. Z. Beatty, Prof. E. A. Chisholm were present. Each made brief remarks.

Dr. Wilson pronounced the benediction as the Presbytery adjourned for dinner which was served in very generous portions in the church. All had a plenty and to spare.

Afternoon Session—2 o'clock

The praise service, conducted by Mrs. Crawford, of Gastonia, was an inspiring one.

The next order was the report from the local societies. Seventeen societies reported \$43 and 10 Young People's organizations brought forward \$9.60. The public offering was \$4.10 making a grand total of \$56.70.

"Disciples in Daily Life" was the topic of a service conducted by the Young People's Secretary, Miss Chresfield. She urged that we guide, direct and help our young people to become true disciples of Christ.

Mrs. G. D. Shirley, in reporting for children, asked that more interest be taken in the Children's work, as they are very eager to do something for the cause. She said, further, that there were 37 churches that do not report any work for children.

"Consecration of Our Money to His Discipleship" was urged by the Treasurer, Mrs. Wilson, who reported that we had been able to meet our obligations for which we are all very grateful. Every item had been carefully gone over—all monies received and spent. This was done to the satisfaction of all.

Miss M. E. Chapman gave the prayer of consecration. She thanked God out of the fullness of her heart for what we had been able to accomplish through Him that strengtheneth us.

"Delight thyself in the Lord and he shall give thee the desire of thine heart." Mrs. Mayberry, in her annual address, thanked the local societies for making it possible to do the work that had been done. Without God, she said, it would have been impossible to have reached our goal this year.

### New Business

Under the caption, "New Business," each local society was asked to pay 50 cents to help defray the expenses of Miss Ruby Rhyne as delegate to the World's Youth Conference. Woodland and Mt. Olive paid their 50 cents before leaving the meeting.

The Committee on Next Place of Meeting recommended Third Street church, Gastonia, as the place of meeting for 1937.

Seven faithful members of local societies had passed away since our last meeting. "Fare, Fare, Each Earthly Joy" was sung as a memorial.

All officers were re-elected with only a few exceptions. Miss Doretha Orr, of the St. Paul church, was elected Secretary of the Intermediates; Mrs.

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## THE NEGRO IN PLATFORMS

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election. It is useless for the political power to any longer spread his net in the presence of the black bird. There exists today no deeply divisive issues between the two parties on questions in which the Negro is vitally concerned. He would probably be better off if both platforms omitted any specific mention of him and concerned themselves with generic principles touching the economic problems of work and wages, relief and unemployment, which vitally concern all alike.

It is particularly unfortunate to have the question of lynching involved in partisan politics. Lynching in this country will never be stopped until the American people, in an outburst of righteousness, make up their minds to stamp out this blood-thirsty form of lawlessness, just as they stamped out kidnapping, without regard to race, section or party.

If the Negro has any particular interest in platforms, it concerns itself with the reactionary attitude towards social legislation and social justice. On this score, the two parties seem to be in the process of shifting positions. The Republican Party, which has stood traditionally for centralized power against the hidebound claims of local sovereignty, is now opposing the New Deal policies on the basis that they encroach upon States' rights. The G. O. P. is thus poaching upon the immemorial preserves of the Democratic Party.

As it was in the beginning, it is now, and is likely to continue so, that the Negro's political and social salvation is likely to depend upon broad central powers of the Federal Government against the local claims of provincial States.

The Negro, therefore, will be more sympathetic with that party which promises most by way of social legislation and enlargement of Federal authority over the ancient claim of States' rights.

Naturally enough, the race awaits the pronouncement of the party platforms with much interest. There is always a large floating element which will be attracted to the one party or the other, according to the allurements of the platform and

We easily forget our responsibilities; we find it easy to remember our rights.

## BRainerd INSTITUTE NEWS

By Ruth L. Howell Harris

Brainerd has just finished her sixty-eighth commencement. This time forty-six persons left the institution as graduates. Within the last two years two new departments have been set up in the school which have been helpful to the city and county, also to the State of South Carolina. These new features are a kindergarten and a Junior College Department.

Wednesday evening, May 20, the music students gave a piano recital in the Martha Tweed Chapel to an appreciative audience. We trust that representatives from this group may become noted musicians some day. The administration is indeed grateful to Mr. J. T. Young, who has charge of the music.

Thursday evening, May 21, three High School classes, sponsored by the Juniors of that department, entertained in the Institute dining hall with the annual Junior-Senior Banquet, which was given in honor of the High School Seniors. The dining hall was decorated beautifully with the Class colors of '36. Everybody spent an enjoyable evening.

Friday evening, May 22, the Kindergarten, Primary, and Grammar School Grades rendered their commencement exercises in the school auditorium. The Kindergarten, which is one of the new departments of the school, was directed by Miss M. M. Wolfe. It has very well met its purposes, namely, to give the education classes opportunity for observation, and to solve the problem of care for busy parents part of the day. Both the Primary and Grammar School Grades creditably represented the school and their sponsors, Mesdames R. T. Torrence, M. A. Adair, and M. B. Walker.

### Religious Activities

At 9:30 o'clock, Sunday morning, May 24, teachers and students assembled in the chapel for the Sabbath school devotions. The regular classes were not held, but an expression meeting was conducted instead. Many persons enumerated the benefits they had received during the school year.

At 11 o'clock teachers and students worshipped with the members, friends and pastor of Carmel Presbyterian church. Rev. J. W. Manoney delivered a very timely sermon from the text, I Peter 1:8. His theme was: "The Christian's Joy."

At 3:45, Sunday afternoon the whole school entered into the procession which ended at four o'clock, when every person was ready for the baccalaureate services. The annual sermon was delivered by Rev. M. L. Banister, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist church (white) of Chester. Rev. Banister selected Prov. 22:1 for his text, and "The Worth of a Name," as the subject of his discourse. We trust that every member of our group evaluated that practical sermon.

Monday morning, May 25, the Senior High School class rendered an interesting Class Day Program in the Martha Tweed Chapel. Brainerd patrons, friends and students enjoyed the program and trust that many of this group will matriculate in other institutions or their own Alma Mater next term.

Monday evening at eight o'clock many patrons, visitors and friends witnessed the Annual Oratorical Contest among the members of the Third Year class. The contestants showed careful preparation, also many promises of better oratory. Miss Fannie Mae Jackson, whose name was announced commencement day, was the winner of the prize. We are grateful to Mr. B. H. Walker, the English teacher of this class, for this splendid exercise.

Tuesday afternoon, May 26, the Sophomore College class rendered a class day program in the chapel to an appreciative audience. The notes of sadness could be heard above the notes of gladness expressed by the class because they realized that their student days at "Dear Old Brainerd" were about ended.

At 8 o'clock, Tuesday evening, the Annual Alumni Banquet was held in the Institute dining hall. Mr. Walter Brown, an alumnus of the school, made the principal address. The manifestation of interest shown by the presence of so many graduates, was very much appreciated by the Administration and the Central Committee.

### Commencement Finals

At 9:45, A. M., Wednesday, May 27th, the last procession began which led everybody into the school auditorium. The two graduating classes brought up the rear of the group.

The Fourth Year High School class was represented by Misses Rosena Matilda Allen and Nancy Lee Thompson, who held the first and second honors of the class. The annual address was delivered by Captain John Edgar Smith, of Washington, D. C. He selected a very vital subject, "The Open Account." Captain Smith pointed out several parental gifts of which we should be proud. Then he evaluated the Christian environment and the wholesome atmosphere that exists around Church schools. The speaker also mentioned the parts that graduates must play in citizenship. We trust that each graduate was strengthened for the journey of life.

Forty-six persons were granted diplomas. Twenty-five of these persons completed the High School Course, and twenty-one completed the 2nd Year College Course, both prescribed by the State of South Carolina. We trust that all these persons will see fit to continue their study in other schools. But if they do not, they are prepared to do well in life.

## ST. JAMES CHURCH GREENSBORO

By Mrs. E. O. Favors

Sunday morning, May 31, Dr. H. C. Miller preached a forceful sermon from Hebrews 12:1-2, subject, "Endurance Is The Test of Worthiness."

In part Dr. Miller stated that life in its final analysis revolves around what men can endure, and not what men can do. Both the physical and spiritual issues of life depend upon endurance. Bravery may win the battle, but endurance wins the victory.

If our goal would be obtained, if we would be accounted worthy in life, we must not only be able to go forward but to stand fast; to endure. We must look not only for a reward but to Jesus who is the author and finisher of our faith.

We had quite a number of visitors for the morning service. Among them were Mrs. H. Barnes, of Orange, N. J.; Rev. Penn, of Newton, N. C.; Mr. Byers, of Washington, D. C.; and Miss Lois Currie and Mr. Capers, of the city. We were also glad to welcome back into the fold Mr. Walter McNair, a member of the faculty of Ingle-side-Fee, and Mrs. Ruth H. Harris, of Brainerd Institute.

### GET ARTISTS' COLORS FROM VEGETABLE

Tuskegee Institute, May — (ANP).—Austin M. Curtis, Jr., well known chemist and assistant to Dr. George W. Carver, famous Tuskegee scientist and inventor, has succeeded in developing artists' colors of a highly dependable quality from apple peelings, onions and potato skins, black walnut hulls and various other substances. Curtis will collect some of Dr. Carver's and some of his own scientific contributions for an exhibit at the Texas centennial during the summer.

The report is current that Hitler has boasted he would take Liberia with one sweep of his hand. New legislation requires that every native 16 or older take military training twice monthly. Most of the guns used for these drills, however, are junk that can never be fired again. It is said there are no more than 200 rifles in Liberia that will shoot.

