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

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ADVENTURES IN RACIAL UNDERSTANDING

By Mrs. A. H. George

Article IV.

On Monday at 3:45 over seventy-five people gathered at 156 Fifth Ave., New York City, in a tea which served as an "acquaintance party" for all the adventurers. Over the social tea cups, in small groups, mingled boys of the Smith Quintette, Board executives, members of the office force, the Barber-Scotia Quartette, representatives and pastors of the two Negro Presbyterian churches of the city, some young men from Union Seminary, Dr. Dirk Lay, Dr. Calfee Smith and Dean L. S. Cozart of the Indian, mountain and Negro fields respectively. Mrs. Fred Bennett presided over the program, which consisted of three-minute speeches to introduce the work one represented, and interspersed music by both groups of singers. The music groups added just the right atmosphere to the gathering. The ensemble of Smith and Barber-Scotia in the last number was a happy combination of the best music of both schools.

School duties called Dr. Byrd Smith, Dean Cozart and Mrs. Boulware back to work. Dr. Jesse Barber had to leave a week ago to attend the meeting of his Synod. Since I had no public duties calling me, I was asked to stay until the 20th of November.

Little tours this past week carried us to Plymouth Church of the Pilgrims, (Dr. Henry Ward Beecher's church in Brooklyn,) to the meeting of New York Synodical on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, the 19th-21st.

The church building is distinctive, representative and hallowed in memorial windows, corridors, alcoves and annex by the presence of pictures of Henry Ward Beecher, his red plush pulpit chair, with the name "Beecher" engraved on it, the desk upon which on "Feb. 5, 1860, Mr. Beecher sold the young slave-girl, Sally Maria Diggs, for the sum which purchased her freedom," and there are priceless relics, letters and books owned by private citizens but loaned to the church in order that the public might see them.

One thing that arrested my attention was the first letter Harriet Beecher Stowe wrote her father, Dr. Lyman Beecher. She reverted to little "i's" at times. There was a far call from her "first letter" to the immortal "Uncle Tom's Cabin."

The speeches of the Synodical were challenging calls to duty. Dr. Robert Speer, in his last address as retiring Secretary of the Foreign Missions Board, gave a recital of men who have adventured gloriously in all the ages since the humble fishermen started the trail. He mentioned adventurers today who have followed the vision glorious and helped to bring God's Kingdom on earth.

Dr. Louis H. Evans, the new President of the Board of National Missions, gave a most heart-searching address, gripping from the beginning to the end, on "Pioneering Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow."

All of our group appeared on the program. Rev. Irving Underhill, Jr., presented the work of Batanga West Africa, and Dean L. S. Cozart represented the Negro at home; Mrs. Boulware and I took part in the worship service. We were proud of our men. Dr. Byrd Smith spoke at 156 Fifth Avenue with Dr. Calfee of the Asheville Normal School at the "Third Tuesday" meeting. I heard some interesting comments on the various speeches which I certainly shall not put into print.

I was amazed at the facility with which the program went off at the Synodical. There was not even a second lost. As one

speaker left the rostrum the next few speakers moved up to the front pews ready to step up. Mrs. John Mills, the President, who presided, stood, acknowledged with a bow the speaker's presence, and the speaker plunged right in without the loss of a word, a phrase or a sentence. That was a place where a program fulfilled its purpose—you had only to watch it and keep up.

We were guests on Wednesday at the Luncheon given at the Bossert Hotel, shared by the Synod and Synodical jointly. Mrs. Boulware and I helped to sell in the "Gift Shop" the various articles made in our National Missions Schools. There were Indian blankets, jewelry, carved buttons, buckles, and toys from our mountain white school. There were beautiful hand-made articles. I was asked "Is there no work from our Negro fields?" I looked in vain and found none. So I pass the question on to you, "Is there no work from our Negro fields?"

The last of the week was free time for three of us. Dean Cozart joined us at the "Y" cafeteria one evening and we began to discuss "fan mail" and results. I graded us in a sort of "reduction descending" order, and it ran something like this: Dr. Smith is our \$50 speaker; Dean Cozart is our "hand-shaking-and-they-leave-a-bill-in-the-hand speaker;" Mrs. Boulware, "a handkerchief receiving speaker," and I at the foot—a bouquet-of-flowers speaker."

Seriously, though, both of our men are making some fine contacts and are getting splendid results. Dean Cozart says the Barber-Scotia Quartette is going over in a big way. They will need some rest when they go back, Thursday. Miss Sutton has to exercise self-control and say, "No!" after the 6th number. Dr. Byrd Smith spoke at Staten Island on last Sunday at Dr. Swain's church and after the service, while he was at dinner, a colored woman brought to the door an envelope containing a letter from a colored woman who had heard Dr. Smith speak at the morning service. The envelope contained \$50.00—a gift from the colored woman—who washed for her living the first part of the week and did house cleaning the last part. She asked Dr. Smith to use the "small sum" to help in the work for her people in the South. The story was repeated on the floor of the Synodical as an inspiration for sacrificial giving.

During our rest period, we took in some movies, the Schomberg Collection at the Colored Library, Theodore Roosevelt's Home, N. B. C. Studios, and other places of interest.

One little remark which comes in from a night meeting I filed during the week proves interesting. In making conversation, I inquired of a woman if she had attended the Synodical meeting and had heard Dr. Evans' address. She answered "I don't know much about Presbyterians, I've been a member of this church only two years. When we first moved here (Long Island) I was a Baptist and worshipped in the Baptist church for six years, but we got a new minister and I did not like him, so I quit the church and joined the Presbyterians." Did you think as I did—that only Negroes do that?

I owe a colored Presbyterian minister in Charlotte an apology for misrepresenting his driving. I have said he was a "wild driver." I hereby apologize. Mrs. Boulware and I took the articles from the "Gift Shop" in two taxis from Brooklyn over to Miss Taylor's office at 156 Fifth Ave. My friend in Charlotte shall no

longer be classed by me as a "wild driver;" he would make a gentle, safe, dependable driver for nervous old ladies here in New York City, after that ride on Wednesday night. For five miles I stayed among the toys in the bottom of the car. This was a simple case where the brakes "held," but the passenger didn't—couldn't!

INTRARRACIAL PROGRESS IN TENNESSEE

Interracial activities are numerous in Tennessee. A recent monthly report of R. E. Clay, State Rosenwald school agent, is replete with examples of cooperation. Parks and playgrounds for colored are under consideration for Jackson, Johnson City, Newport, Knoxville and Chattanooga. Three to five acres are mentioned as sizes of the proposed parks.

Educational
Loudon County colored people have named a committee from different communities to represent them in their efforts to secure a junior high school at Loudon. The county superintendent and school board will be contacted.

Swift Memorial College at Rogersville, owned by the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., is receiving high school students of Hawkins County for whom the county board is paying to the college \$150 per month in lieu of county facilities.

W. E. Turner, supervisor of Negro education in Tennessee, has just visited high schools in Murfreesboro and South Pittsburg. He held conferences with county superintendents and others in Jasper, Huntingdon, Ripley and Memphis. While in Memphis he visited the Tri-state fair to see the exhibits showing Negro progress in Shelby County. He has approved the appointment of Jeanes supervisors in Gibson and Lauderdale Counties. The Haywood County training school at Brownsville is making progress under a new principal and a new Smith-Hughes teacher.

Community Activities
Seven families in the Warner Grove community in Madison County, under the direction of the supervisor of colored schools, have canned several hundred cans of corn, tomatoes and peaches. Better homes and garden clubs are active in many places. The training school at Brownsville set aside a day for a community meeting, with adults, gardeners, teachers and children participating. Prizes are offered for improvement in homes, gardens and the making of home devices as outlined by instruction.

Function of the Interracial Movement

The Tennessee Interracial Commission is cooperating with the departments of public instruction, health and institutions, creating favorable public sentiment. When projects are definitely launched the commission practices self-effacement. Its chief task is to improve interracial attitudes. It was organized 18 years ago, and has been a stabilizing influence in the State. More liberal appropriations are now made for the betterment of conditions affecting colored people. The commission receives no help from public funds, and is supported voluntarily. The effectiveness of its work in the field of race adjustment commends it to all right thinking people and justifies the confidence of its friends. Since its inception in 1918, James D. Burton of Oakdale, Tenn., has served as State Executive Secretary.

The saints of the past have been for the most part men who have fled the world; but the saint of today is the man who can use the world.—F. G. Peabody.

A single false move loses the game.—Chinese Proverb.

WEST OF THE FATHER OF WATERS

BY REV. T. B. HARGRAVE

This article is being written far up in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia. Above, the clouds envelope the peaks of this stately range. Far below, one gets a bird's eye view of the lovely little city of Big Stone Gap, beautiful for situation, and almost surrounded by the meandering Powell river, which nearly circles this Commonwealth. The original "Trail of the Lonesome Pine," made famous by John Fox in his book that bears this title, follows the valley below me and becomes lost in the gaps of the everlasting hills. Looking away toward the North one can observe the cottage where Fox wrote. Another book which also served to immortalize this place, comes to mind, "The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come." What a haven for romance and meditation! As the gentle breeze through this sheltering Pine seemed to whisper in that lover's ears the sacred name "June," so does that same Pine seem to whisper to me, "God Is Nigh."

The Preaching Mission

The day dawns and the shadows flee away! Awake, awake, put on Thy strength, O Zion! As the Presbyterian Church played such a large part in the establishing of this nation, so has it a wonderful opportunity to help in redeeming this same nation. The Preaching Mission offers a challenge to our Negro group. Every Synod and every church and every Christian should get behind this cause and carry out to the letter the Great Commission of our Lord. Meditate upon this little poem:

From the throne of His Cross,
The King of Grief
Cries out to the world of unbelief,
Oh, men and women, afar and nigh,
Is it nothing to you all—ye that pass by?"

Is it nothing to you that a Seminar is to be held in each of our four Negro Synods?

Is it nothing to you that the first Seminar will be held at Johnson C. Smith University in Catawba Synod, Nov. 17-19? That the second will be held at Columbia, S. C., Nov. 20-22 for Atlantic Synod? That the third will be held at Knoxville, Nov. 30 through Dec. 2, for Blue Ridge Synod, and that the fourth will be held at Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 4-6, for Canadian Synod?

Is it nothing to you that there will be classes for all Christian groups? That the ministers will have a place? That the women will have a place? That the young people will have a place?

Is it nothing to you that some of the leading men of the Christian world will be there to instruct us?

Is it nothing to you that our first duty is to Christ? That He has commissioned us to Go and make Disciples. Is it nothing to you that the Church is calling us to wage an eight-day campaign against Satan and for the cause of Christ? Awake, awake, put on Thy strength, O Zion, Brethren, we can't afford to miss this great opportunity. Let us go after it and put the task over. Now is our chance.

Benevolence

It is indeed gratifying to note the growing interest in the benevolence cause of our great Church. At both the Canadian and Blue Ridge Synods this subject was one of the issues and reports show that a great deal of interest has been manifested and the churches have been at work. White River Presbytery in Canadian Synod is leading the West as usual, and is out in front of her record of last year. One call was made at Morrilton, Ark., where Rev. S. J. Grier is pastor, and the church responded

with her full quota. This week here at Mt. Hermon church, Big Stone Gap, Va., Rev. B. C. Hood is calling his congregation together, where an after-meeting will be held to discuss a benevolence program. The revival is gaining momentum each night and this after meeting I am sure will have great effect upon our pending benevolence cause.

Blue Ridge Synod, meeting at Asheville, N. C., gave much time to the discussion. Rogersville Presbytery is leading now in this line. Our Johnson City church, Dr. Cox, pastor, has paid up in full. St. James church at Kingsport, Tenn., is always the first to go over. Calvary church, Asheville, is never behind and Dr. Edington is always on the job. Bristol is on the map with her quota. Rev. Jones, with Dr. A. W. White at his side, cannot fail. It will be interesting to watch Birmingham Presbytery in the next few weeks. We know what was done down there last year. They do not want me to report just yet. But watch them come forward with a surprise. Watch this column for later benevolence returns!

Young People's League

I had the privilege of motoring over to Johnson City, Tenn., with the Asheville delegation to attend the Young People's League of Rogersville Presbytery. I was interested in this League for I happened to be present when it was organized and I know of some of the difficulties that Miss Ethel Goins had. When I arrived and found a large group of fine Christian young men and women interested in their League and so many of the churches represented I could not believe my own eyes. I listened with keen interest to an address delivered by Miss Ruby Rhyme, of Charlotte, N. C. Miss Rhyme was master of the situation and brought inspiration to all. This Rogersville Young People's League has grown and Miss Goins is a big factor in our Church.

I was interested in the enthusiasm of the Asheville delegation. I almost believe that Mrs. J. H. Michael and her following of Young People would be willing to tunnel Mt. Mitchell before they would miss a meeting. This is the spirit that makes things go and this is the spirit that it takes to make our great Presbyterian Church go forward.

Here a Little, There a Little

At the meeting of Canadian Synod, Dr. W. P. Lockwood, of the Board of Pensions, made some helpful remarks during our discussion of Evangelism. He also made this interesting observation: "I have watched this Synod grow in the last few years and it has made remarkable strides." Thank you, Dr. Lockwood. I think you recall our meeting in 1931 when the attendance was not as large as the smallest Presbytery, but today about 90 per cent of the ministers are present each year and many of the churches are represented by elders. The Synod seldom falls short of 100 per cent in benevolence and is always in the plus column in accessions to the church. We also have several new buildings going up and many young ministers are being added to the Synod. Our program also calls for the beautifying of all churches. Since the resurrection of our work at Hot Springs, watch it become the center of action in the bounds of White River Presbytery! Watch Canadian!

Yield not to discouragement; thou art alive, and God is in His world.—Bishop Spalding.

"I, the Lord, will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee."—Isa. 41:13.

"GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH BOGGS ACADEMY"

BY MISS R. L. TAYLOR

Boggs Academy, near Keyesville, Georgia, has opened with prospects of a splendid school year for 1936-37. The school now operates under a new administration. The Rev. C. W. Frances of Anderson, S. C., formerly principal of the Salem High School, succeeds the Rev. J. L. Phelps, D. D., founder of the institution.

The faculty and students of this institution are delighted with the interest shown in the work by the Rev. Francis. The formal opening of the school was held about ten days following its general opening early in September. An excellent literary program of student talent was presented concluding with very fitting remarks by our principal, the Rev. Francis. During the course of Rev. Francis' speech, those present were assured of his deep concern in the work and of his aims, which are for a progressive institution of Christian and literary training.

Rev. Francis, up to this time, has given the greater portion of his time to the adjustment of the physical side of the institution, in an attempt to make conditions more comfortable for those who must live here. Many additions in this way have been made.

Along with Rev. Francis is Mrs. Francis, who is an ardent worker in the manner in which she has served the school. Presently, she is serving as dietitian and dining-room matron in addition to looking after the work of Home Economics in the High School.

The institution has had several prominent visitors whose interest in the school brought them among us. Dr. John M. Gaston, whose interest is in promoting all sides of the institution's work, was here near the last of September and related a few of his plans for the physical plant. Dr. Gaston has been and is yet a loyal supporter of Boggs Academy.

The first of October brought other visitors in the persons of Miss Louise Maas, of New York, and Mrs. C. C. Heyle, of Philadelphia. These two splendid ladies spent a day and night on our campus. They are making a survey of all Southern Presbyterian schools among Negroes for the purpose of compiling an efficient study book on the work of the Negro. Both were present in our chapel service and made brief but helpful remarks which made us realize more clearly the advantage we have here for service.

The teachers of this institution are Christian men and women and are efficient in the knowledge of their work. We have as a faculty: Rev. C. W. Francis, Principal; Professor T. M. Hardy, Dean, Irmo, S. C.; Professor Q. C. Griggs, History and Music, Augusta, Ga.; Miss R. L. Taylor, English, Atlanta, Ga.; Mrs. E. B. Banks, Mathematics, Valdosta, Georgia; Miss A. B. Collier, Jr. High School, Savannah, Ga.; Miss O. J. Johnson, intermediate grades, Waynesboro, and Miss Bozza Lee Garvin, Waynesboro, Primary Dept.; Mrs. C. W. Francis, Home Economics. The school wishes for all other Presbyterian schools a splendid year.

Dry rot, of stagnation and conventionality and professionalism, threatens the most vital institution on earth, the Christian church. Much church membership and attendance is an unvital routine. Thousands of preachers are merely holding down jobs. In many communities the presence of a church makes little difference in the life of the people. Yet the Gospel was meant to be sensational. Jesus was the sensation of His day.—Dr. W. T. Ellis.

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DR. GASTON TELLS OF OUR SOUTHERN WORK

Dr. John M. Gaston, Secretary of the Unit of Work for Colored People of the Presbyterian Board of National Missions, came up to Charlotte last Saturday night from the meeting of Atlantic Synod at Rome, Ga., and remained in the city until noon Sunday. On invitation of President McCrorey, he was present at the morning service at Smith University church and the period usually devoted to the sermon was gladly given to him for an address.

Dr. Gaston not only attended the recent meetings of the four Negro Synods of our Church, but during the past six months has visited various church fields, including not only Virginia, the Carolinas, Georgia and Tennessee, but he has traveled as far South and West as Texas and Oklahoma. He has thus been able to make a thorough survey of the Southern area of the Church and acquaint himself with its condition and needs. He was greatly encouraged as a result of his observations. The meetings of the Church courts were largely attended, and everywhere—in churches, Presbyteries and Synods—the ministers and lay workers were alert to the needs of the times, and awake to their obligation to advance the work of the Kingdom.

Mrs. Gaston and her mother, Mrs. Montgomery, also were pleasant attendants at this service.

THE RE-ELECTION OF PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

As everybody knows now, President Roosevelt has been re-elected. His re-election itself was not surprising to the country, but the size of the return vote was astounding. It is estimated that the popular vote for Mr. Roosevelt will run to more than 25,000,000, and the electoral vote to 523. This is the largest popular and electoral vote ever received by a Presidential candidate. Governor Landon received 15,000,000 popular votes, but only 8 electoral votes.

The tremendous vote given Mr. Roosevelt by the people of the country is taken as an endorsement of the President and the policies he has pursued during the past three and one-half years. But this endorsement puts a great responsibility upon him. It is to be hoped that he will use the vast powers which are in his hands for the good of all the people.

CATAWBA SYNOD NAMES SMITH UNIVERSITY DAY

The Synod of Catawba in session at Statesville, N. C., Oct. 14-16, 1936, passed a Resolution designating the second Sunday in November as Johnson C. Smith University Day, requesting in said Resolution that each church within the bounds of Catawba Synod take a Special Offering on that day for the benefit of the University.

I am therefore passing this information to all the churches of Catawba Synod to rally to the support of our University and make this a Banner Day for Johnson C. Smith University. It is further requested that the offering be immediately sent to Dr. H. L. McCrorey.
H. C. MILLER,
Stated Clerk.

It is said of Thoreau he did not stay in one place too long, because he must have been afraid of getting into a rut.

THE CATAWBA SYNOD'S PREACHING MISSIONS

BY REV. FRANK C. SHIRLEY, D.D.

Dates: Tuesday, Nov. 17, Wednesday, Nov. 18, and Thursday, Nov. 19th.

Place: Johnson C. Smith University Church, Charlotte, N. C., Rev. H. L. McCrorey, D. D., Pastor.

Promoted by: The Unit of Evangelism, Dr. Wm. F. Klein, Secretary, and the Unit of Work for Colored People, Dr. J. M. Gaston, Secretary. Both Units under the Board of National Missions.

Program: Evangelistic hymns and evangelistic preaching Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights at 8 o'clock. Seminars for ministers, church officers, women and young people during the day.

Evangelistic Team: Rev. Geo. Taylor, D. D., of Williamsburg, Pa.; Rev. W. L. Imes, D. D., Pastor of St. James church, New York City; Rev. John B. Laird, D. D., of Philadelphia, Pa.; and Mrs. Harvey S. Murdoch, of Louisville, Ky.

After the Charlotte meeting what? -A one-day preaching mission in each Sunday School District of the Presbyteries and an eight day preaching mission in each local church in the Synod.

What we want the ministers of the Synod to do: First, Pray definitely each day for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon this Preaching Mission. Second, Come to the Charlotte meeting yourself. Third, Bring at least one representative from each organization in your church. Fourth, Remember there will be no cost for entertainment while you are in Charlotte. Fifth, Send in your notice to Dr. L. B. West, Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, N. C., telling him the number to expect from your field. Please do this at once.

Remember the dates: Nov. 17, 18, and 19th.

BAPTIST SECRETARY MAKES PLEA FOR NEGROES

(From The Charlotte News)

"The breaking down of the Democratic party as now seems evident means that the Negro will hold the balance of power in the election of the President of the United States," Dr. Noble Y. Beall, in charge of the Negro mission work for the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, told the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Baptist Ministerial Association meeting at the First Baptist church here this morning.

Dr. Beall was discussing the academic, economic and political aspect of the Negro population as a preface to a discussion as to the Baptists' religious duty toward the race. Dr. Beall is conducting a mission study course at the Allen Street Baptist church this week.

"The Negroes in six States hold the balance of political power at the present time," Dr. Beall said, "and with the breaking down of the Democratic party as now seems evident they will hold the balance of political power in the whole United States."

"We can no longer ignore the influence of the 11,000,000 Negroes within our Southern boundaries. The Negroes have shown themselves as capable of remarkable adjustments. Transplanted from their own country into the white man's civilization they have adjusted themselves as the Anglo-Saxon people could probably not have done."

"They have gone through the universities by the thousands and many of them are thinking as the white man does not think because by the very nature of the circumstances under which they are placed they are forced to do it. They are learning better health habits. They are to a certain extent practicing birth control, they are demanding better living conditions."

"They are attending high school and college. The Negro institutions in our midst are seething volcanoes about to erupt unless we do something to solve the economic status of the Negro."

"We have backed off from it too long in the South. The question we have to face is whether

we shall be ruled by prejudice or by the gospel of Christianity. Only about 64 per cent of the Negroes in the South are Christians and almost two-thirds of these are Baptists. The Negro question is largely a Baptist question and yet while we appropriate \$145,000 to help underprivileged peoples of other groups, we appropriate \$5,000 for the Negroes.

"Through our neglect they are falling prey to others. We cannot afford to neglect the job."

"I am sorry to state that there are a great many people in the South who are willing to let the Negro go on to the devil just so long as he does not go by the route of the communist."

"If you are one of these, it is still up to you to do all you can to solve the sociological problem of the Negro. They want economic and political justice. A great many people are scared away from giving them this because they are afraid of the scarecrow of inter-marriage. That will never come in the South and the educated, thinking Negroes do not want it."

"We can no longer neglect the Negro question. We cannot kill off 11,000,000 people as some have laughingly suggested. We can't send them back to Africa and we can no longer ignore them. We've got to put forth our best thought and solve the problem."

"LEST WE FORGET"

BY REV. PAUL N. BOYKIN

When we begin to think about the fine Synod recently held at Statesville, N. C.; its personnel, including both men and women; its timely resolutions which we should foster in spirit and to the letter; and when we begin to aggrandize ourselves and the causes named, there were three outstanding ministers absent whose names will always be revered and not forgotten. They are Drs. I. H. Russell, L. J. Melton and R. P. Wyche.

Dr. Russell served the John Hall field acceptably and successfully for many years, and his splendid service advanced him to serve as Synodical Evangelist. His service as an evangelist was probably the most outstanding work of his kind we have had in the Synod.

Dr. L. J. Melton for three decades or more was pastor of two of our largest and most influential rural churches, and chairman of the Committee on Vacancies and Supply. He has always been highly esteemed for the admirable and congenial spirit exhibited among the brethren. He is considered a great preacher and is greatly loved by those whom he has served.

Dr. R. P. Wyche at present is pastor emeritus of the Seventh Street church, Charlotte, which we are told he organized, built, and served for fifty years or more. He completed one of the most successful pastorates in the South. He served a long period of time as Stated Clerk of his Presbytery.

Drs. Russell, Melton and Wyche will be missed and not forgotten when we meet at our Presbyteries, Synods, and General Assemblies. We have grave doubts whether the service they rendered can be duplicated in this or the next generation to come. "May their 'r'ibe increase."

PEACE CONGRESS AT DENVER

"All friends of international goodwill" are invited to join the hundreds of persons from all parts of America attending an International Goodwill Congress at the Cosmopolitan Hotel, Denver, Nov. 7-11. Dr. William P. Merrill, Rev. Roswell P. Barnes and Judge Florence E. Allen are some of the Presbyterians among the scores of speakers of many faiths participating. The Congress is held by the World Alliance for International Friendship and by the Church Peace Union, in cooperation with the Colorado State Conference on the Cause and Cure of War.

It is estimated that there are, during the present school year, approximately 23,600 teachers, men and women, in the public schools of North Carolina.

THE PREACHING MISSION

BY REV. L. B. WEST, D. D.,
Field Representative

Under the auspices of the Unit of Evangelism of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., a Preaching Mission will be conducted in the four colored Synods during the months of November and December. The Secretary of the Unit, the Rev. William F. Klein, D. D., has visited each of the Synods and laid the plans before them. The places and dates are as follows:

Catawba Synod, Charlotte, N. C., November 17-19, at the Johnson C. Smith University church, Rev. H. L. McCrorey, D. D., pastor.

Atlantic Synod, Columbia, S. C., November 20-22, at Ladsen Presbyterian church, Rev. A. S. Powe, pastor.

Blue Ridge Synod, Knoxville, Tenn., November 30, December 1 and 2, at Shiloh Presbyterian church, Rev. T. A. Jenkins, pastor.

Canadian Synod, Little Rock, Ark., December 4-6, at Allison Presbyterian church, Rev. Geo. E. Caesar, pastor.

The plan is to have the ministers and as many Christian leaders as possible assemble at these centers on the dates mentioned, at which time seminars will be conducted during the day on the different phases of church work and at night evangelistic messages will be delivered. The speakers for these will be furnished by the Unit of Evangelism, and will include some of the outstanding leaders of our Church.

Following the three-day mission in the Synods, a one-day mission will be conducted in several of the Presbyteries. Then there is to be a church for eight days, or as many days as the pastor and congregation can arrange for. The teams for each Presbyterial mission will be furnished by the Synod and not the Unit. Each church is expected to furnish its own preacher to conduct the local services.

It is hoped that a great blessing will come to each church as a result of this preaching mission. It comes to us as something extraordinary, at an extraordinary time, and it calls for extraordinary co-operation on the part of everyone to make it a success. This preaching mission calls for prayer, sacrifice, enthusiasm, loyalty, co-operation and an abundance of broadcasting so that our people may know, and take part in it. The National Missions committees in the Synods and Presbyteries are to take the lead and every Presbyterian is expected to follow. The chairman in each Presbytery will give you instructions as to your entertainment.

Dr. Klein, and Dr. J. M. Gaston, the Secretary of the Unit of Work for Colored People, will attend each Synodical mission and make valuable contributions.

The Charlotte mission got off to a good start on Monday night, Nov. 2, when several of the ministers met with Dr. F. C. Shirley and Rev. W. R. Mayberry, Synodical and Presbyterial chairmen, respectively, and, in a season of prayer, dedicated themselves to the task.

FROM OKLAHOMA CITY

Rev. Allen S. Meachem of Broken Bow, Okla., pastor of St. Paul and Pleasant Valley churches, was in the city on the 17th and 24th, ult., to visit his wife, who has been in St. Anthony Hospital for more than two weeks.

Mrs. Meachem underwent a major operation on the 24th of October and her doctors say she is doing fine. With the splendid care given by the doctors and nurses, she will soon be able to leave the hospital.

Rev. and Mrs. Meachem wish to thank their friends who have called or sent flowers, cards, fruit and telegrams.

MRS. W. THOMASSON,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

"For be sure our hearts would lose
Future years of woe,
If our courage could refuse
The present hour with 'No.'"
—Eliza Cook.

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INGLESIDE - FEE - MEMORIAL INSTITUTE

Ingleside-Fee opened Sept. 15, 1936. The enrollment of students exceed that of the previous year by fifteen. On the 27th the dedication of the Boys' Dormitory took place. The program follows:

Welcome address, Dr. H. W. McNair.

Music, school.

Address on behalf of the Carpenters, Mr. Baker.

Address on behalf of the Boys, Mr. Melvin Carter.

Dedicational address, Mrs. M. B. Marks.

Presentation of the Presbyterian Workers' Pin to Mrs. M. B. Marks, by Mrs. H. W. McNair.

Collection, Miss Viola Wilkerson. Mrs. F. W. Wilkerson was present.

Dedicational Address
Mr. President, Mrs. Preceptor, Faculty, Student Body and dear friends:

Thrice greetings! Most gladly we have assembled here to dedicate this building, the Rosemary Lloyd Cottage, (Boys' Dormitory, in honor of Mrs. Rosemary Lloyd), to the educational uplift of our boys of Ingleside-Fee Institute. Our goal \$1,173 reached, May 25th, the Jr. College in 1936, a good student body and a college class sipping from the fountain its richest drippings at the hands of our beloved and efficient teachers, verily bespeak the materialization of our Jr. College. And we hope that ere we reach the end of the two years, a four year college will greet your view. It is the purpose of our great Church, to throw her arms around the young people and save them. A Christian education accepted is their salvation. Yea, will solve many problems and lessen crimes. O that the day may soon come, when the asylums and prison houses will be supplanted by the Church of our living God, and the hearts of men turned Godward.

Napoleon, to commemorate his great victories, erected gigantic arches over Europe. We dedicate this dormitory, a small beginning, yet, a nucleus, around which we hope many great things may gather. Thus, for the uplifting of fallen humanity and to the glory and honor of God. May it hover them as a hen doth her brood. May its bounds be enlarged and yet they come. May you, dear boys, become fishers of men, both at home and in foreign lands. "They that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars forever." He, who likened Peter to a stone, saying, "Upon this rock will I build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it," will, by His grace, make you steadfast and unmovable on the rock of Christ Jesus.

It fills your humble servant's heart with joy, overflowing, and above all, praise God from whom all blessings flow, that after these nearly thirty-seven years on the mission field, having taught twenty-five and a third years, to have succeeded in rounding up our alumnae's goal, the \$2,000 for the Norfolk church, etc.; to have been blessed twice to cross the mighty deep, celebrated her thirty-sixth anniversary and sixtieth birthday, reached the sixty-first, Sept. 1st, 1936, and now, to call school days back again, in taking the Jr. College course, with you young hearts, at our beloved Ingleside, and to participate in this dedication. Well might we say: "Hitherto the Lord hath helped us."

One has but to open his or her eyes and look around, to behold the improvements, by leaps and bounds, at Ingleside that Dr. and Mrs. H. W. McNair and their staff have made. Their influence is felt near and far. Our beloved President and faculty, this dormitory and the dedication of same, and all the work speaks for itself, saying that you have been on the alert, and left no stone unturned in your efforts to accomplish this, the desire of our hearts.

Thus inspired and encouraged, let us onward and upward move

"With a heart for any fate,
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labor and to wait."
All things come to them who wait with patience. May un-

born generations rise and call you blessed. And, eventually, may we all have a part in that house, "not made with hands, eternally in the heaven, whose Builder and Maker is God."

Others of the faculty are as follows:

Mr. Robt. L. Nelson, Dean, B. S., Howard University, 1929; A. M., Columbia University, 1931.

Miss M. L. Redd, English, A. B., A. M., Fisk University.

Mr. Walter McNair, Language, A. B., Johnson C. Smith University.

Mrs. B. P. Jefferies, Chemistry, B. S., Hampton.

Miss L. W. McCauley, President's Secretary, B. C. S., N. C. College.

Miss Lila Harper, Commerce Teacher, B. S. C., N. C. College.

Miss Portia Thomas, Music, Talladega.

Miss Alma Harris, Home Economics, B. S., West Va. State.

Mrs. M. L. Kendrick, Librarian, Scotia Normal.

Miss Emmaline Cooper, History, A. B., Ohio State.

Mrs. Mattie Rankin, Matron, Barber-Scotia.

On invitation from a member of the Board, Mrs. H. W. McNair is on a trip North, to speak at churches, Presbyteries and Synods, in Chicago and Iowa. We miss her, but wish her a most enjoyable trip and grand and glorious results for God and humanity.

Mrs. Kendrick and Mrs. Rankin are holding well the fort during her absence.

Among recent visitors were Revs. Hyde, Robinson, Stitt and Pitchford, the last named on the occasion of his father's death. He has our sympathy, also hearty thanks for his timely remarks.

The work is moving on nicely. Dean Nelson and his boys are breaking ground for the gym.

Miss Thomas' class is singing Negro Spirituals and Russian Volga Boat Songs.

Dr. McNair is in and out, here and there—putting forth every effort for our desired goal. May God give us this desire of our hearts.

Prof. McNair holds high the banner of Johnson C. Smith University (singing).

M. B. MARKS.

IT WILL SURVIVE

(Baltimore Evening Sun)

Conservatives in North Carolina are shocked by the course of a professor in the University of North Carolina in dining with James Ford, the Negro candidate for Vice-President on the Communist ticket.

The professor, it seems, is a Nebraskan, but he has been in North Carolina ten years, which surely is long enough to learn Tarheel manners and customs. His action, to say the least of it, indicates marked indifference to the feelings of his neighbors, which raises the presumption that he is a rather unpleasant person to have around.

But is the business important enough to justify those excited citizens who are demanding that the university authorities proceed instantly to a "housecleaning"? Probably not. After all, a university that is to do first-class work must include many types of minds, which means that it must include some pretty odd fish. If some of them are unpleasant, and even personally offensive, what of it? As long as they refrain from downright crime, their very non-conformity may supply a valuable element in the life of the university. It is the business of a university to stir things up, to shake prejudices, to question traditions; as St. Paul put it, to "prove all things." To be sure, it is also its business to "hold fast that which is good," but it must prove all things first.

The University of North Carolina is not going to rack and ruin because one professor dined with a Negro and thereby scandalized the neighbors; and the State of North Carolina ought to be big enough to know it.

Dear Father up in Heaven,
Look down to earth below,
See this little child now
Seeking Thy Son to know.
Teach me the way of Life
and Light.
And make me Thine this
very night.—Sel.

SEVENTH STREET CHURCH NOTES

BY MARIE S. LINDSAY

Dr. R. P. Wyche, our pastor emeritus, is still confined to bed at the Good Samaritan hospital.

Rev. A. H. George was our pulpit guest Sunday, Oct. 25. He used as his theme for the morning message "Time and Money." He said in part:

Time and money are inseparable in our living. They represent the best that is in our lives. How are we going to use our time and money? Are we going to use them to develop these lives of ours and at the same time develop the kingdom of God, or are we going to be like the sponge, absorb all and give out nothing?

We should look upon our time as belonging to God and we should use that time in such a way as will glorify God.

Stand face to face with God and ask yourself the questions: Have I robbed God of time and money? Have I given back to God in proportion as he has given to me? Can you face the facts?

God has given me the ability to do certain things and he has enabled me to transmute that ability into dollars and cents.

In the New Testament we learn that the people gave to the church systematically. They had reasons for giving. Whenever we take the program of the church seriously, we will give systematically.

The people in the New Testament first gave themselves. That is the acid test of giving. First, I have given myself, my all, then I have consecrated my pocketbook.

The story of the Prodigal Son is a story of a man who wanted his time and money. The story of Dives is a story of a man who was tight-fisted. In the end, he lifted up his eyes in hell.

Sunday, Nov. 1, Rev. A. O. Steele was our pulpit guest. He gave a very thoughtful and helpful sermon.

A general officers' meeting was held Monday evening, October 26th.

The following visitors were reported as worshipping with us during our services: Mr. Ernest Friday and Mr. Arthur Feimster of the city and Mr. P. M. Kennedy of Lincolnton, N. C.

Mrs. Louise Young Harris spent the week-end in Winston-Salem, visiting her father, Rev. S. L. Young, and other relatives. The Workers' Conference met Sunday afternoon at the home of the Misses Dixon on North Myers Street.

A special collection will be taken Sunday morning, November 8th, at the close of the services, for the Johnson C. Smith University Girls' Dormitory Fund.

Messrs. John Ladson and ... Smith, of Johnson C. Smith University, were the chief speakers at our Young People's meeting Sunday evening.

The Woman's Auxiliary will give a Harvest Feast, Monday, November 9, in the Sunday school auditorium. A cordial welcome is extended to all.

The Benevolence and Missions bulletin will be given out next Sunday.

Mrs. W. M. Yongue, who has been very sick, is reported as steadily improving.

NOTICE

A collector will call on our Charlotte subscribers during the week beginning November 9th. Please be ready for him.

EVANGELIST OF ATLANTIC AND CATAWBA SYNODS

The Rev. W. E. Houston, D. D., of Camden, Ark., has been chosen as evangelist for the Synods of Atlantic and Catawba. Dr. Houston is a preacher of long standing and possesses splendid evangelistic gifts. He has served as Synodical Executive of the Synod of Canadian and is widely known. It is expected that he will make his headquarters at Sumter, S. C.

"What kind of sandwich is that you're eating?"
"A jam sandwich."
"But I don't see any jam."
"It's two slices of bread jammed together."

BARBER-SCOTIA QUARTET DELIGHTS LARGE AUDIENCES

Dean Cozart Delivers Stirring Addresses

Dean L. S. Cozart, of Barber-Scotia College, and the Quartet of that institution have recently returned to the school after an extensive tour of Pennsylvania, New York, and New Jersey, where they were enthusiastically received by large audiences.

Dean Cozart's addresses were built around the following themes: "The Gains of Christian Education in the South Among Negroes During the Past Seventy Years," "Spiritual Frontiers" and "The Product and Program of Barber-Scotia College."

The Quartet, composed of Misses Clarisse Dothard, Edith Lipscombe, Evelyn Davidson, and Catherine Dothard, under the direction of Miss M. B. Sutton, Director of Music at Barber-Scotia, sang spirituals in a delicately beautiful manner. The touching beauty of the singing and the sincere presentation of the spoken messages proved means of gaining a number of influential friends for the institution.

BROOKLYN CHURCH NOTES

BY MRS. D. W. MCGILL

As usual, Rev. A. H. Prince delivered a very interesting sermon Sunday morning. His text was Psalm 61:2, theme, "Look to the Higher Rock."

During the children's hour of service, interesting stories were told by Mrs. A. H. Prince.

"Selfishness: How it Reacts On One," was the topic for discussion at the Young People's Forum hour Sunday evening. Miss Margaret Ray was the leader and Mr. Joseph Johnston presided. The discussion was a very interesting one. A large number of young people were present. Mr. U. L. Brewer, of the Johnson C. Smith University Seminary, gave helpful remarks.

At the regular evening service we were delighted to have Mr. Milton Cox, of the Junior class in Theology at Johnson C. Smith University, preach. Mr. Cox preached a very inspiring sermon from the theme, "Completing An Unfinished Task." He emphasized three great words which mean so much: Faith, Hope and Love. Rev. A. H. George, with Mr. I. P. Pogue, Jr., and a number of other students, was present.

Monday evening the Financial Executive Committee held its monthly meeting at the church with all members present.

Tuesday evening the monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees was held at the church.

For the next four Wednesday evenings our mission study book, "Congo Crosses," will be discussed. This book is very interesting.

Thursday evening, Nov. 5, a very interesting play will be given at Brooklyn church by the Association of Ministers' Wives of the city. "The Church Clinic," is the title of the play.

Tuesday, Nov. 10, will be "Arbor Day" at Brooklyn church. Every family is asked to give a piece of shrubbery to help beautify the church and manse surroundings.

Mr. Charles B. Rhyne continues ill at his home, 510 N. McDowell Street. He has been shut in over two months.

"Loyalty Month" is being observed during November. The "Go to Church" campaign is on. Every family in the church is being contacted to attend church this month. A committee of invitation to contact the families consists of Mrs. Dora McGill, chairman; Mrs. Daisy Anderson, Mrs. Lois Blakeney, Mrs. Amie Maxwell, Mrs. Floretta Johnston, Mrs. Margaret Whitney, Mrs. Pearl Richie and Misses Myrtle Brodie and Helen Brodie.

We will observe Thanksgiving Day with a service Thursday, Nov. 26, at 11 A. M. The public is invited.

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"Two."
"Only two? name them."
"Baseball and football."

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CHAPEL HILL CHURCH, LAURINBURG, N. C.

This is station CHC of the AAP broadcasting system, Mrs. C. A. P. F. speaking.

October 18, our pastor spoke from I Cor. 3:11. The text reads thus: "For other foundation can do man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ."

Rev. Walker said that unless Jesus is at the bottom of our work in the church, it won't stand the test. To accomplish any task every individual must realize the members must work together, with Jesus as a foundation. No man can lay a lasting foundation without Jesus.

October 25, 3 P. M.

This was our Grand Rally Day, but not the regular Sunday for services. However, Rev. Walker preached a stirring sermon. His theme was "God Will Provide," based upon Gen. 22:8.

He said that those who were sincere in wanting to see and help this rally to be successful, would have ways and means made out of no way. The sermon was short, but helpful. Every one was inspired to give freely.

About ten men and women brought in \$10 each. And a few white friends helped, namely, Messrs. H. Evans, \$25; Z. V. Pate, \$5; H. McDonald, \$5; Edwin Pate and Charlie Prince one dollar each; Mrs. Ina Mc-N. Avinger, one dollar. The total amount collected for the cause of repairing our church was \$235.51. Some who were present last Sunday afternoon may not understand how the total has grown, but dollars are

still coming in from members who are away.

Chapel Hill wishes to thank Bowers Chapel choir for rendering good music, and to all who gave us a helping hand.

Nov. 1, Rev. Walker preached a wonderful sermon from Ephesians 6:11: "Put on the whole armor of God that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."

Our pastor said that there is no satisfaction on this side of the river. Why? Because life is a warfare. The three stages of warfare in our lives are:

- (1) At birth, we battle diseases.
- (2) Youth—the battle of good and evil, seeking salvation.
- (3) Middle age—as soon as one accomplishes one task, there is a desire for more and greater things, therefore we find no satisfaction this side of the river.

Personal and Social News

The following were visitors at Chapel Hill, Oct. 25: Messrs. Wade, Sam Douglass, and Al. Ratliffe of Laurinburg; Mr. and Mrs. Melvin McMillan of Raleigh; Mr. D. M. Stubbs of Bennettsville, S. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Torain, Mr. James E. McMillan, Master Roy and Mrs. Janie Malloy of Durham.

Mrs. Mary E. Dockery spent this week-end visiting relatives in Raleigh.

Miss Estelle McMillan has returned after having spent the summer in Raleigh.

Rev. Walker was the dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McMillan, Nov. 1.

Mr. Chas. W. Fletcher was absent from church because of a deep cold. We hope he'll be present next Sunday.

We hope to begin repairing our church in the near future. Any one who wishes may join in our services. Come in, and feel that you are in a little country church by the side of the road that is a friend to man.

So until next month the mike and I will say, "Cheerio."

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, ABERDEEN

BY WILLIE MAE HOLLAND

Rev. O. J. Hawkins, our beloved pastor, preached a very touching sermon Sunday morning. His text was II Timothy 2:7: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." Subject, "The Game of Life."

From Paul's letter to Timothy Rev. Hawkins made some observations on the life of Paul, the great apostle. One of the greatest facts in the life of Paul was that he never quit. It makes the greatest difference in the world whether you quit, once you have started a great work, or whether you persevere to the end.

We want to thank the Yadkin Presbytery for giving us one of the best young ministers in the person of Rev. O. J. Hawkins, from Johnson C. Smith University. Rev. Hawkins brings us soul-stirring sermons every first and third Sunday.

On the fourth Sunday evening at eight o'clock, Rev. Robert L. Jeans, of Lumberton, spoke to us from St. John 15:1: "Father, the hour is come. Glorify thy son, that thy son also may glorify thee." Rev. Mr. Jeans filled our pulpit for eight months—three in the year of 1936, and five in the year of 1936. He brought to us messages of hope and cheer.

The Faith Presbyterian church had the privilege of entertaining the Presbytery of Yadkin, which convened here Wednesday night, Sept. 30, and continued through Thursday noon, Oct. 1st. The meeting was one of the best in the history of the Presbytery.

Miss Clara Mae Barbee, of Faith church is a freshman at Bennett College, Greensboro.

Mr. Wilburt Thomas and Miss Goldia Ann Love are attending school at Ingleside-Fee Memorial Institute in Burkeville, Va.

Miss Nannette F. Blue is a member of the faculty of Ingleside-Fee Memorial Institute, (head nurse) and is taking the Junior College course.

Elder Theodore R. Holland, of Faith church, has returned from Amesbury, Massachusetts, to his post of duty here. We welcome him back most heartily.

Miss Annie Belle Grice, of Faith church, is attending high school in Washington, D. C.

Mr. Charlie Seagrave and Miss Louise Mae Hansford were recently united in holy matrimony. Both are of Aberdeen.

The Lord in his own wise providence saw fit to call from labor to reward, Mrs. Ila Mason Chambers. We shall miss her.

SHILOH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, WINNSBORO, S. C.

BY UTKER DAVIS

Things are still moving on in Shiloh church. The missionary society, the Sabbath school and the Young People's League are full of life.

On Oct. 4th, we were blessed with good weather and many bright faces were seen out to Sunday school and preaching service. Rev. G. M. Ulmer was at his best. He spoke from Psalm 50:15, and told us where to go when trouble comes.

Ebenezer choir came and sang for us. They rendered good spiritual songs. Mr. Dennis Loyd conducted the singing. We were delighted to have this choir. We are always glad to have their cooperation.

The offering for October 4th (\$10.00) was taken up by Mr. David Homer, of Black's church. The Baptists came down and took part with us.

Oct. 18th we were favored with another rich message by the pastor. We had a rally to raise money for our church insurance. We owed \$16.00. Every member was asked to pay so much or the amount he

thought he could pay. We raised \$13.00. We are giving the names of some who paid. Others may have paid but the amount was not stated.

- Mr. John Glenn\$ 5.00
- Mr. Jim Davis50
- Mr. J. W. Glenn..... .50
- Mrs. Rebecca Brown50
- Mrs. Henrietta Gilbert50
- Mrs. Mamie Henderson50
- Eugene Davis50
- Alberta Grant50
- Mrs. Davis50
- Lucy G. Davis50
- Laura Davis50
- Utker Davis25

We are doing all we can for the up-building of humanity through the church and Sunday school.

OGDEN CHURCH, CHARLIE HOPE, VIRGINIA, AND GREAT CREEK CHURCH, BRACEY, VIRGINIA

BY MRS. MARY K. JAMES

During the month of August, revivals were held at both of the above churches. At Charlie Hope, the meetings began on the first Sunday in August, with Rev. Vernon P. James, of Steelton, Pennsylvania, the brother of the pastor, Rev. Harry E. James, conducting the meetings. The sermons were very spiritual and uplifting. Eleven souls accepted Christ. Of this number, 5 joined other churches, and on the 1st Sunday in September, much to our amazement and joy, 16 persons joined Ogden Presbyterian church at Charlie Hope. Several came by letter from other evangelical churches. The work here seems to be growing by leaps and bounds.

On the second Sunday in August the protracted meeting began at Great Creek church, Bracey, Va. In the first morning service, the pastor, Rev. Harry E. James, preached and 9 confessed Christ. In the afternoon service Rev. Thos. A. Robinson came and preached throughout the remaining days. Rev. Robinson's efforts were crowned with eleven souls accepting Christ. Rev. Robinson is pastor of Central Presbyterian church, Petersburg, Va.

On the second Sunday in September, 12 candidates presented themselves for membership in Great Creek church. God is surely blessing these fields.

The Rev. Vernon R. James and the Rev. Thos. A. Robinson are both strong gospel preachers, and made profound and lasting impressions upon their hearers.

PITTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MOUNTVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA

BY MISS CUPONNA M. PITTS

Sunday school opened at the usual hour with a large number present. After the study of the lesson we had prayer service, since our pulpit is vacant.

We had rally in the Sunday school and a rally for repair work on the church. The Sunday school raised \$3.27 and the result of the general rally was \$58.80.

Our young people gave \$3.60 to help on the church and are still working. Great plans are being made and high hopes are had for the success of the Fall rallies.

We were very glad to have with us Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Morse, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Morse, and Miss L. Grimes, of Ninety Six, S. C., also Misses Ruth Garrett and Emma M. Ferguson, of Clinton. These friends brought us words of cheer and gave liberally in our rally. We hope they will come again.

Mrs. Mayme Floyd, sister of Mrs. E. W. Pitts, has returned from New York for the Winter. She reported a very pleasant stay. Yet, while there her sister, Mrs. Nannie Fuller Grier, wife of Rev. Grier, passed to the great beyond.

The missionary ladies are at work. They also raised \$2.35 on Sunday, Oct. 25. Your readers can see that we are hard at work. Pray for our continued success.

Mr. George Byrd, Jr., underwent an operation at Greenwood hospital, Oct. 27.

Mrs. Eva Nance Crank and her little son Pierce, Jr., are doing nicely. Mountville, S. C. Route 1, Box 63.

WHEN THE CHURCH LOSES POWER

A Program For Young People's Meetings

By Miss Annie Chresfield

A prayer service of ten minutes by the Prayer Committee, all the officers of the society and the leader for the day. Singing or other music for ten minutes.

Leader: "And it came to pass on a certain day, as he was teaching, that there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, which were come out of every town of Galilee, and Judea and Jerusalem: and the power of the Lord was present to heal them."

Response: "Then came the disciples to Jesus apart and said, why could not we cast him out, and Jesus said unto them because of your unbelief." (Make many copies of this response that all may read.)

Prayer.
Announcement of the topic and Bible reading from St. Matthew 17:14-21; Isaiah 59:1-15. The leader's message.

Prayer by the leader.
Singing, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

Discussion of the topic.
Source of Power.

When The Disciples Failed.
Why They Lost Power.
Why Lucy Failed.

Describe a powerful church.
What makes a church powerful?

Describe a church that has lost its power.

What makes a church lose power?

Tell something about the power of Jesus.

How do Christians get power from Jesus?

Tell about the disciples failure and compare it with our failures.

What power are we, as Christians, supposed to have?

Explain how Joshua's army lost power at Ai.

Tell why Lucy Wells failed to win John Adams to the church.

Prayer: Grant, O God, that no hidden or open sin of mine shall be the cause of God's people losing power, that my life shall not cause some one to stumble, I ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

Singing, "There's Power In the Blood."

Report of committees.
Offering and prayer.

Report of the Secretary.
Announcements.

Singing, "Saviour, Breathe An Evening Blessing."

Benediction.

The Leader's Message

When does the church lose power? The answer to that question is: When the church loses connection with God. But does that ever really happen to the church? O yes, quite often. Many churches to-day are running off of sharp-witted, eloquent ministers, officials who have money and popularity, a nicely robed choir and a large membership. Such churches have "political pull," but they are weak and powerless when it comes to bringing men and women, girls and boys, to Jesus. They have no power when it comes to changing lives from sin and evil to God and righteousness.

We read of the wonderful power of Jesus. How He brought health to the body, rest to the weary, peace to the soul. The world is so much in need of these blessings to-day but often people turn from a powerless church unfed, dissatisfied, confused. What can we as young people do about this deplorable condition? Should we concern ourselves about it? Have we any responsibility? Yes. We are part of the church now. We are the entire church of the future. Yes, the problem is ours.

Source of Power

Jesus is the source of the Christian's power. It is only through Him that we can become strong, powerful Christians. We become Christians by believing in Jesus as the Son of God, accepting Him as our Saviour and by His power living each day according to the ideas and standards which He reveals to us. If we do this we become powerful Christians. If we fail to do so we are not powerful Christians. Jesus said that nothing shall be impossible to us if we have faith. We can re-

move mountains, and there is great need to-day of removing huge mountains of doubt and unbelief. It is quite natural for us to be selfish, greedy, disobedient, unbelieving creatures, for we are of the earth, earthy; but Jesus will change us if we really want to be changed and believe that He is able to change us.

Then we notice that Jesus said, "This kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting." We read how He Himself would go out into the mountain and continue all night in prayer. If we are to be powerful Christians we must stay in close touch with Jesus by reading the Bible and by much prayer.

When The Disciples Failed

The disciples had failed. A man had brought his son to them. The son was a lunatic. We think of one in his condition today as having fits or convulsions. "Ofttimes," said the father, "he falleth into the fire and oft into the water." The disciples tried but they did not cure the boy. Strange that these men who walked and talked with Jesus every day should have been so full of unbelief. Strange, too, that we should be christened in the church, attend Sunday school, young people's society and worship service with little or no serious thoughts about Jesus. Generally speaking, we do not take Him into our every day life, our conversation, though He wants to be a part of us. His standards do not control the things we do. That is why we fail to let our friends see Jesus in us. That is why people do not see anything different from other folks in us. They dance, so do we. They play cards, so do we. They use profanity when they feel like it. Many of us do, too. They drink wine, beer and whiskey; many church folks do, too. We have not let our knowledge of Jesus change our lives, therefore when the test comes to us to witness for Him we fail.

Why They Lost Power

Joshua and the army of Israel had won victory after victory. Heathen kings and kingdoms fell before them on their forward march. Fear came on all the nations about them. "Their God fights for them," said the heathen, wild with fear. There was the small city of Ai to be taken. Joshua did not feel that it was necessary for him to go out with his men. They could do this without him and so the army of God went out again to fight the enemy. How surprised and hurt Joshua was to see his men returning from the battle in frightened disorder and confusion with some of their number dying and dead. Then it was that Joshua, great leader of the army, fell on his face, tore his clothes and cried bitterly before the Lord: "O Lord, what shall I say when Israel turneth their back before their enemies."

And God said to Joshua, "Israel hath sinned. Therefore the children of Israel could not stand before their enemies." Then He said, "There is an accursed thing in the midst of thee, O Israel. Thou canst not stand before thine enemies until ye take away the accursed thing from among you." This same message comes to us to-day as truly as it did to Israel in Joshua's time.

Why Lucy Failed

Lucy Wells was interested in John Adams—fine looking, tall and manly John, but weak and wicked. Lucy had always known John. Their parents had lived side by side when John and Lucy were children. Then John's mother had died and he had gone to Broxley where his aunt had reared him to young manhood. Her husband had been a wild, drinking, boisterous man and John had become like him. He had come back to Newton, however, a few months ago and Lucy knew of his wild life since being back in his native town.

"You ought to try to pull yourself out of all this, John," she said. "Yes, I ought to," he replied.

Your mother was a sweet little woman," she continued. "Yes," very low from John as he looked on the ground. Then, "Lucy, I'm going to do better. I can and I will."

"Fine, John. I know you will," she answered, her eyes shining. "Come to church to-morrow and to our young people's meeting." John did so.

When Lucy saw him again several weeks later, there was amusement and scorn in his eyes. "Say, Lucy," he said, "I know that fellow who led your young people's meeting. He and I have been together before, but I didn't know he was a church man," and he laughed mockingly. "And, say," he drew closer to her, "I know that girl who sang that solo in church, too. Don't say anything more to me now." And he laughed loudly as he walked away.

BRAINERD INSTITUTE NEWS

BY RUTH L. HOWELL HARRIS

The Brainerd group has just finished another week of the yearly program. Students from all departments had representative work for the exhibits at the Colored County Fair of Chester County. The Rural Education Class had a very practical booth, the knowledge of construction of such articles, if taken to the Rural schools, should encourage youngsters to stay in school and use much of what they have to an advantage. We trust that all students were greatly benefited during the two days school children were granted educational privileges.

Religious Activities

At eleven o'clock Sunday morning, Nov. 1, boarding students and teachers worshipped at the Carmel Presbyterian church with the members and friends. The spiritual message was delivered by Rev. Mr. R. E. Thompkins, a member of the Brainerd faculty. Rev. Thompkins' sermon was in three main divisions: 1. The Importance of Life; 2. Jesus Christ, the Light of the World; 3. Our Duty As Life Hearers. We trust that our group took advantage of this valuable sermon.

At four o'clock Sunday afternoon the students and teachers assembled in chapel where a thorough study of the Sabbath school lesson, "Law, Love and Temperance," was made. The study of the lesson began with the use of Bible verses in which the word "glory" was found. The synopsis of the lesson was given by Mr. Eddie Cooper, a member of the Senior High School Class.

At the close of Sabbath school the Christian Endeavor services were conducted by Miss Lina Belle Torrence, who is a member of the Freshmen College class. The subject for discussion was "Three Years of Repeal," a temperance lesson. We trust that members of our group were helped as the topic was discussed from many angles.

The Y. M. C. A. services were held in Kuller hall Sunday afternoon. The topic for discussion was "The Glory of Work."

The Institute Glee Club, under the direction of Mr. J. T. Young, rendered service in Lancaster, South Carolina, at the Presbyterian Church of which Rev. R. W. Parker is pastor. Among the musical numbers rendered were the following: "Listen to De Lambs," Jean Stor's "Hold The Wind," and "Certainly, Lord," arranged by the director himself. We appreciate these opportunities to season our young people for leadership.

Athletics

At three o'clock Thursday afternoon, October 29, the Clinton-Brainerd football game was called in the city Park of Chester. The Clinton Bears were not swift enough for the Brainerd Tigers. However, both teams played hard and fair. The following Tigers deserve special mentioning for their timely plays: N. and H. Harper, H. Washington, S. Alexander, and Wm. Crosby. The score was 21-0 in favor of Brainerd.

Social

Among the visitors on the campus during the week were: Mr. Leon Stanback, Coach and teacher of Clinton College, who accompanied the team to Chester Thursday, October 29; Messdames A. C. Withers, Troy Withers, and Dean, patrons of the school, from Cornelius, North Carolina, were on the campus Sunday, Nov. 1, also Messrs Courtney, Houston Brewer, Macon Cotton, of Mont Clair, N. J., and Mr. and Mrs. Douglass Ayers of Chester,

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NORTH CAROLINA GOOD PLACE TO RAISE HOGS

North Carolina is well adapted to hog production, according to Earl H. Hostetler, professor of animal husbandry at State College.

The State has many advantages, he said, and three are particularly outstanding: temperate climate, nearness to market, and a good supply of protein supplements.

In the temperate climate, each sow can farrow two litters of pigs each year without her owner having to provide expensive housing during these critical periods.

However, some housing is necessary, Hostetler said, to protect them from the cold and rain in February and March and from the heat in August and September, the two best farrowing periods.

From practically any place in eastern North Carolina, he continued, hogs can be shipped to Richmond or Baltimore in 36 hours or less, and this is a distinct advantage.

Producers living farther away from the markets have to pay more transportation charges, and the hogs undergo heavier shrinkage in transit. Eastern markets also pay higher prices than those in Chicago.

Corn is the cheapest and most satisfactory carbonaceous feed for fattening hogs, and plenty of corn is available in this State. Last year, more than one-fourth of North Carolina's crop land was in corn.

To get the best results in feeding, some nitrogenous or high protein feed must be fed with the corn. And here again North Carolina has an advantage in being able to secure fish meal, cottonseed meal, peanut meal, and soybean oil produced in the State.

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He explained that the advertising columns of these papers, like all others, are open to all legitimate advertisers; and that such papers may very properly accept any such advertising offered; but it does not follow that because some friendly political or other group places advertising matter, with these papers that the latter are controlled by the former. Mr. Schuyler put particular emphasis on the fact that if some of the poorest of the Negro press were not independent and, therefore, acceptable to their readers, they could not remain solvent.

Another question asked from the floor was whether there would be any field for persons who took professional courses in journalism. Refusing to take the role of a prophet, Mr. Schuyler said that he believed there would be such a field; and he gave as the reason for his view the fact that a number of such persons who had been so trained were actually in service in their profession. Going back to the veteran T. Thomas Fortune, who used to write for the New York Sun, he named a number of persons who are now practical journalists, drawing respectable salaries.

Mr. Schuyler faced a splendid audience and gave a valuable history of the rise of the Negro press; while he discussed its problems, merits and defects. His background of service as syndicate writer, editor and contributor to many national journals had enabled him to speak with authority on the subject.

Life develops from within.

PRACTICAL GOVERNMENT —ELECTION DAY

Hampton Institute, Va., October 31, 1936.—To help provide a practical knowledge of our government, Hampton Institute promoted a mock political campaign whose candidates for the presidency appeared before the school in Ogdenville Hall and presented the claims of their respective parties.

Following this practice gesture to its conclusions, the school sent the following notice to all departments and posted it on Institute bulletin boards: "The staff and students are invited to vote for their choice of President and Vice President. Polling places will be found in each dormitory for students living on the campus. The polling place for the staff and outside students is Major Wilson's office—the time for voting is from 12:30 to 1:30 P. M., and 4:30 to 6:00 P. M."

OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT

Boggs Academy, a High School, accredited by the State Educational Department of Georgia, will open its 31st session, Wednesday, September 9th, 1936.

There are Literary and Industrial Courses, Boarding students and day students accepted. Board and tuition are reasonable. Sixteen units are required for graduation. Thirty-six School weeks.

Students may begin to register on September 7th.

For further information address, C. W. FRANCIS, President, Boggs Academy, Keysville, Ga.

SWEET POTATO CURING IS DELICATE PROCESS

"If you want to get a good price for your sweet potatoes, you must cure and store them in such a way that they will be in good condition when placed on the market."

"The first thing is to thoroughly clean the storage room and all crates or hampers to avoid infection," said L. P. Watson, extension horticulturist at State College, Raleigh.

Then heat the storage house to a temperature of 85 degrees Fahrenheit before putting in the potatoes. Maintain that temperature throughout the curing period. The air should not be excessively dry or damp.

Wounds or bruises are the starting places of infection, and they should be healed as soon as possible. The healing process will begin in about three days if an 85 degree temperature is maintained.

When the potatoes are mature and an even temperature is kept up, the curing lasts from 10 days to three weeks. The average curing time is around 15 days.

When potatoes in the upper tier of crates begin to sprout, curing is complete. Some growers determine when it is complete by grasping the potatoes firmly in their hands. If the tubers feel velvety, they are ready to be left in storage.

Plenty of ventilation is necessary, Watson added. During the first week, potatoes give off much moisture, and the excess should be driven out of the house.

If moisture gathers on the walls and window panes, open doors and windows so the excess can escape, even if this does cause the temperature to fall a little below 85 degrees.

But at night and on rainy days, doors and windows should be kept closed. However, there should be some ventilation through the floor and ceiling at all times.

After the curing process is over, gradually reduce the temperature to 50 or 55 degrees and keep it there during the rest of the storage period. Keep roof ventilators partly open except in cold or cloudy weather.

NOTICE

The Young People's League will meet with the Bellefontaine Presbyterian church, Harrisburg, Saturday, Nov. 14, 11 o'clock. We always appreciate a large delegation. Come and bring your pastor.

MR. GEORGE BARBOUR, Pres. MISS M. L. ANDREWS, Secy.