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

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## THE 69TH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT OF JOHNSON C. SMITH UNIVERSITY

WITNESSED BY LARGE CROWDS AND MARKED BY BRILLIANT EXERCISES—GRADUATING CLASS PRESENTS FOUNTAIN

BY PROF. R. L. DOUGLASS

A group of seventy-seven seniors, the largest class in the history of the institution, was graduated at Johnson C. Smith University, Tuesday, May 25th, when seventy-one from the School of Liberal Arts and six from the School of Theology were presented diplomas by President H. L. McCrorey. Dean Dwight Oliver Wendell Holmes, of the Graduate School of Howard University, Washington, D. C., delivered the annual address. Thrilling music was furnished by the University choir. The list of graduates follows:

### COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS:

#### Bachelor of Arts, Magna Cum Laude:

Ethel Doris Johnson, Columbia, S. C.  
Castle Cathryn Williams, Cotton Plant, Ark.

#### Bachelor of Arts, Cum Laude:

James Julius Abney, Columbia, S. C.  
Eugene Arthur Adair, Chester, S. C.  
Francena Goodwin Clarkson, Columbia, S. C.  
James Andrew Gauden, Jr., Mansfield, La.  
Mrs. Minnie Walker Johnson, Columbia, S. C.  
Cecelia Mae Toatley, Chesterfield, S. C.  
Eugene Webber Wall, New Castle, Pa.

#### Bachelor of Arts:

James William Barnette, Pineville, N. C.  
Ushry Walter Best, Kinston, N. C.  
Mrs. Ada Octavia Boyden, Charlotte, N. C.  
Ora Inez Brown, Charlotte, N. C.  
Edward Earl Cannady, Oxford, N. C.  
Alfred Daniel Coleman, Cordele, Ga.  
Otis Cullen Davenport, Asheville, N. C.

Booker Thomas Davis, Lancaster, S. C.  
Mrs. Lelia Mildred McPherson Davis, Charlotte, N. C.  
Charles Philip Dusenbury, Youngstown, Ohio.  
Dorothy Martelle Dusenbury, Greensboro, N. C.  
Roberta Beatrice Ellis, Due West, S. C.  
James Peter George, Sardinia, S. C.

Paul Lawrence Dunbar Glover, Oxford, N. C.  
Venetta Fannie Grier, Charlotte, N. C.  
Vernon Castle Grigg, Charlotte, N. C.  
Zoel Sylvester Hargrave, Charlotte, N. C.  
Corrie Elouise Hart, Charlotte, N. C.

Otis Hannibal Augustus Hawkins, Franklinton, N. C.  
Mrs. Thelma Harris Hunt, Charlotte, N. C.  
Lanette Jackson, Dalzell, S. C.  
John Nathaniel Ladson, Charleston, S. C.  
James Watkins Lynch, Ruthersford, N. C.  
John Emanuel McKenzie, Cordele, Ga.

Alta Mae McKnight, Charlotte, N. C.  
John Henry Moore, Charlotte, N. C.  
Shepard Stephen Moore, Clarkston, N. C.  
Sterleta Geechee Perrin, Charlotte, N. C.  
Ollie Barnwell Pratt, Due West, S. C.

Edward LeRoy Price, Leaksville, N. C.  
Lillian Lucille Rudisill, Charlotte, N. C.  
Vivian Beatrice Shute, Charlotte, N. C.  
Howard Edward Sims, Winston-Salem, N. C.  
Claude Allen Walker, Knoxville, Tenn.

Odie Greene Walker, Jr., Atlanta, Ga.  
Ethelyn Marie Wilson, Chesterfield, S. C.

Tom English Wilson, Bishopville, S. C.  
Paul Wylie Wright, York, S. C.  
Robert Pharaoh Wyche, Jr., Charlotte, N. C.

#### Bachelor of Science, Cum Laude:

Charles Edwin Greenlee, Marion, N. C.  
Henry Aaron Hill, Chicago, Ill.  
Andrew Rendell Howell, Oxford, N. C.

Cassius Means Plair, Rock Hill, S. C.  
Mary Helen Stinson, Charlotte, N. C.  
Mrs. Olive Johnson Tate, Charlotte, N. C.

#### Bachelor of Science:

Joseph Charles Belton, Columbia, S. C.  
Minnie Alma Blake, Charlotte, N. C.  
James Thurmos Boyd, Durham, N. C.

Henry Weldon Brown, Charlotte, N. C.  
Claudia Mae Cathey, Charlotte, N. C.  
Robert Arnett Denson, Birmingham, Ala.  
Henry Coles Dugas, Charlotte, N. C.

Hubert Arthur Eaton, Winston-Salem, N. C.  
William Horace Gaines, Jr., Seneca, S. C.  
John Knox Hailey, Charlotte, N. C.  
Asbur Louis Holland, Seneca, S. C.

Joseph Willis Parker, Rocky Mount, N. C.  
Gertrude Geneva Plair, Morganton, N. C.  
Lucinda Rita Russell, Columbia, S. C.

Claude Eugene Sloan, Asheville, N. C.  
James Howard Smith, Crockett, Texas.  
Clarence DeWitt Turner, Washington, N. C.

### SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

#### Bachelor of Divinity:

William Frissell Cannon, B.S., South Carolina State A. & M. College, 1928, Laurens, S. C.  
Obra Jeffrey Hawkins, A.B., Knoxville College, 1934, Washington, Texas.  
Elliott Lawrence McAdams, A.B., Johnson C. Smith University, 1934, Anderson, S. C.

William Tyner Nelson, A. B., Johnson C. Smith University, 1934, Mayesville, S. C.  
David Solomon Pogue, A. B., Johnson C. Smith University, 1934, Sumter, S. C.  
Calvin Monroe Young, B.S., South Carolina State A. & M. College, 1934, Anderson, S. C.

### HONORIS CAUSA:

#### Doctor of Pedagogy:

Hardy Liston, A. B., '11, Knoxville, Tenn.

#### Doctor of Divinity:

Suder Quilerford Mitchell, A. B., '11, S. T. B., '15, Charlotte, N. C.

Benjamin Congleton Robeson, A. B., '11, New York, N. Y.

#### Annual Address

Dean Holmes did not announce a subject upon which he would base his remarks, but he discussed educational matters in general and succeeded in giving the graduates some wholesome advice. He paid a fine tribute to old age, saying it was the pathfinder to the world's progress. Old age maps out the route along which youth may attain success. "Success," said he, "is a relative thing. Each individual is responsible for his own success. Four years in college should be a wonderful experience. Most reforms come from those that are down. The well-to-do are too content to make the effort. There is no use for the Negro to attempt to win fame by commercial gain nor can he hope to get all of his rights by force. He must make some contribution to the

world's progress to attract favorable consideration."

The speaker said there are three types of white people—those that just do not like the Negro; those that are philanthropic; and the third class who will do the fair and square thing, but know absolutely nothing at all about the colored man. Again, he said, the race must be optimistic, must have confidence in its own possibilities. Humanity moves forward by climbing each one upon the shoulders of the other. The Dean was intensely interesting throughout his discourse, occasionally dropping into a vein of humor much to the delight of his large audience which applauded vigorously in appreciation of his pleasing address.

#### The Baccalaureate Services

The baccalaureate services were held in the University church Sunday morning, May 23, at 11 o'clock. The sermon was preached by the Reverend C. Marshall Muir, D. D., pastor of the Bellefield Presbyterian church, of Pittsburgh, Pa. He selected as his text Dan. 5:27, his theme being, "Weight Maketh the Man." The speaker said it is but natural that we should desire to count for something in the opinion of our fellowman. Many of life's efforts are directed towards that end, even to the matter of personal appearance. We should endeavor to be one whose personality, whose word, and whose character would mean much among our associates. To succeed we must live the simple life. Most of the great men of our age such as Spinoza, the philosopher, and Shakespeare, the poet, were men of simple tastes. They practiced a simplicity that went down beneath the surface and kept them in touch with the plain people. Let us be men and women, said the speaker, of strong convictions of right and wrong, and who will not lose their sense of honest conduct, and who will not be influenced by political expediency. We should be interested in what the people are thinking, except as it may concern ourselves. Only once did our Saviour make inquiry as to what the people were thinking about him. These are some of the prerequisites necessary for one to have in order to be a person of weight. Daniel had them. Belshazzar did not.

Finally, let God take you by his strong hand. His strength will sustain you. It's God's weight and not yours that will count in the struggle of life. The sermon itself, delivered in its simplicity, was a practical illustration of the truth the minister was trying to teach.

#### The President's Reception to Graduating Classes and Alumni

The annual banquet given by President and Mrs. McCrorey in honor of the alumni and members of the graduating classes, is an event of great social distinction during commencement week. The banquet was held in the University dining hall at 6 P. M. Monday. The menu was all that one needed to wish, there being some fancy dishes that the writer was not acquainted with. The guest speaker was Mr. Newton L. Gregg, '27, of Greensboro. He was listened to with a great deal of interest as he spoke of the reciprocal responsibilities of the University and its alumni. He made some very practical suggestions by which the best interests of both might be conserved.

A very pleasing incident that occurred during the banquet hour was the dedication of a journal to President and Mrs. McCrorey by the Charlotte chapter of the alumni. Dean Hardy Liston, of Knoxville College, President of the General Alumni Association, made the presentation address to which Dr. McCrorey responded; and Mrs. McCrorey was prompt with a "Me, too." Six young women members of the senior class who played on the basketball team were brought forward and awarded bracelets for their

excellent work on the team. Prof. E. L. Jackson, the coach, awarded the prizes and a member of the group responded.

Names of the girls receiving awards are:

Francena G. Clarkson, Columbia, S. C.; Cecelia M. Toatley, Chesterfield, S. C.; Ethelyn M. Wilson, Cheraw, S. C.; Minnie A. Blake, Charlotte, N. C.; Gertrude G. Plair, Morganton, N. C.; Roberta B. Ellis, Due West, S. C.

Dr. J. M. Miller, for the Charleston, S. C., chapter of the Alumni Association and the Rev. D. C. Costner, for the Shelby, N. C., chapter, gave President McCrorey substantial sums for the dormitory fund. A letter accompanying the gift from Charleston said that the women down there had become somewhat disgruntled and had to be taken into their organization. The name now is the Johnson C. Smith University-Barber-Scotia chapter.

The Rev. Dr. W. L. Imes, of New York, and Rev. Dr. Muir, of Pittsburgh, were present and when called upon for remarks responded most happily.

#### Meeting of the Alumni

The alumni met in its annual session Monday morning, May 24, at 10 o'clock. The usual routine of business was transacted. President McCrorey was presented and spoke briefly of the drive for dormitory funds. The members appeared enthusiastic and pledged him their support for the project. Some cash was received and several subscriptions reported. All officers were re-elected for another year, and the Reverend H. L. McCrorey, Jr., of Macon, Ga., was chosen guest speaker for next year.

At a meeting held Tuesday it was agreed that a campaign for reorganize chapters through out the country be begun, and so that a bulletin be published regularly to secure a closer cooperation between the various groups.

#### Class Day Exercise

The commencement finals began Friday afternoon, the 21st, when the Seniors held their class day exercise in Biddle Memorial Hall. The program consisted of the usual variety of numbers common to such occasions, as college songs, speech making, and those fun producing features that always create a bit of merriment at the expense of the professors and of the members of the class.

A part of the exercise took place on the campus near the Carnegie library where a drinking fountain erected by the class was dedicated and presented to the institution. Mr. Clarence DeWitt Turner, class president, made the presentation speech and President McCrorey accepted the gift for the school in a few well prepared remarks. The ceremony was closed with prayer and the benediction.

#### Junior Prize Contest

Immediately following the President's reception, Monday evening, the Junior Prize Contest took place in Biddle Memorial Hall. The contestants were five young men and one young woman who had won out in the preliminaries over their classmates. They were competing for a gold medal given annually by the Alumni Association for the best oration delivered by a member of the Junior Class. In awarding the prize the committee are to take several viewpoints into consideration. The following is a list of the contestants with their subjects:

"The Impending Crisis of the American Negro," John Louie Logan, Marion, N. C.

"Aspects of International Trade," Norman Morton Patterson, Lenoir, N. C.

"Farm Tenancy As a Social Factor," Elsie Lucile Grier, Belmont, N. C.

"How Many Centuries of Progress?" Howard Gaither Wilson, Bristol, Va.

"The Scholarship of Athens During the Classical Period,"

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## ROCKEFELLER AND ARMSTRONG

By Dr. Kelly Miller

John D. Rockefeller died May 23, 1937, at Ormand Beach, Florida, at the age of ninety-seven. During his lifetime he accumulated a larger personal fortune than had fallen the lot of any other member of the human race in ancient or modern times.

In the domain of business enterprise and material exploitation he stands at the head of his class. After exerting his rugged individuality in accumulation of a fortune beyond the dreams of avarice, he devoted his remaining years to the promotion of charity and philanthropic enterprises. While building up his mammoth fortune he crushed out his rivals with a ruthlessness exceeded only by that which they would have executed upon him had the tide of advantage turned their way. He played the game according to the rule existing at that time, but the laws of the jungle—red in tooth and claw—rather than the Golden Rule by which Christian conduct is supposed to be guided. If the devil took the hindmost, he would never catch John D. Rockefeller. At the cost of success he brought down upon his head curses and maledictions of unmitigated virulence.

Newspapers, magazines and books poured out vials of wrath upon his head, noted authors made their reputations by denouncing him. Proffer of his money was refused by sundry churches and religious organizations because its ill gotten gain was looked upon as filthy lucre and tainted money. This was the reward of that portion of his life devoted to the accumulation of treasures on earth where moth and rust doth corrupt and thieves break through and steal.

But, during his later years, when he translated his corruptible wealth into incorruptible human service, the tide of condemnation was reversed and he was esteemed and extolled as a great benefactor. He donated to charity and philanthropic enterprises more than half a billion dollars, a larger sum than has ever been contributed by any single individual of the human race. If we measure philanthropy by the amount rather than the motive, John D. Rockefeller's name will lead all the rest. The parable of the widow's mite pales into insignificance by comparison with his millions.

It is probably forgotten, if it was ever known by the bulk of the readers of this column, that it was a Negro, Booker T. Washington, by name, who induced John D. Rockefeller to contribute his first million dollars towards the formation of the General Education Board. His first intention was to contribute that amount directly to the education of the Negro, but under Mr. Washington's persuasion the Foundation was established for broader educational purposes. After Mr. Washington's suggestion had been accepted and adopted in the formation of the General Education Board, he was refused a place among the directors because of his race. The late Mr. William H. Baldwin informed me that he intended to see to it that Mr. Washington was placed on the Board, but he died an untimely death before this purpose could be consummated.

Both Armstrong and Rockefeller figured importantly in the life of Booker T. Washington, who embodied and exemplified the spirit and purpose of philanthropy beyond any other member of his race.

Charles Chapman Armstrong and John D. Rockefeller were born the same year, 1839. They sprang from the same social grade and level of society, Rockefeller's father devoted himself to barter and business shrewdness. Armstrong's father became a missionary to the Hawaiian Islands, to minister

to the dying souls of men. The sons followed the lines of their respective fathers; Rockefeller following the God of Mammon and Armstrong the God of love and mercy.

The individuality of Armstrong was as rugged and his life as strenuous as that of Rockefeller. At first the two were motivated by wide apart aims and ideals. They both reached the loftiest peaks in their several fields of endeavor. Armstrong died at fifty-four. Rockefeller survived to nearly twice that age, but he had accumulated his fortune and completed that phase of his life's work about the time of Armstrong's death.

From the beginning, Armstrong devoted himself, without stint or reserve, to the reclamation and uplift of the poor and needy. He never devoted one moment's thought to the accumulation of personal wealth. "He drank deep of the nectar of anodyne of selflessness." When he died friends of the cause which he had served, lovingly provided for his family.

The whole Negro race is Armstrong's everlasting debtor. This apostle of industrial education infused the spirit of sanity and sobriety into the emotional philanthropy of his day and taught the Negro that he must work out his own salvation through industry, thrift and economy rather than by reliance upon charity and alms. Hampton Institute stands as the monument to one who may clearly be called America's greatest educator and practical philanthropist. His life fulfills Walt Whitman's definition of true philosophy:

"When I give, I do not give lectures or a little charity,  
But when I give, I give myself."

Which of the twain has chosen the better part? Rockefeller has wrought well, but Armstrong has wrought more excellently. The world praises the billionaire for his good gifts, but loves Armstrong for his work and worth. Solomon tells us a good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favor rather than silver and gold.

The name of Rockefeller may go down in history as an exemplar of rugged individuality who accumulated and distributed millions of wealth, but Armstrong will go down as one who loved his fellowmen and was beloved by them.

### STATE SUPREME COURT HEARS ARGUMENT IN CASE OF NEGRO STUDENT

Jefferson City, Mo.—May 21.—The appeal of Lloyd L. Gaines against the decision of the Missouri circuit court refusing him a writ of mandamus against the University of Missouri to compel the university to admit him to its school of law, was argued before the supreme court of Missouri May 18 and taken under advisement.

Gaines filed suit in April, 1936, against the University of Missouri after the board of curators had rejected his application for admission to the school of law solely on the ground of color. The case was tried in Columbia, Missouri, the seat of the university, July 10, 1936, and decided against Gaines. The appeal argued today was from that decision.

Counsel for the university raised the question of social equality and attempted to excuse the University of Missouri for refusing a Negro law student on the ground that the State had appropriated millions of dollars for Lincoln University (colored) and had arranged for scholarship provisions for Negroes to study graduate and professional courses outside the State. The University of Missouri lawyers also contended

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### THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Presbyterian General Assembly held its opening session in Memorial Hall, Columbus, Ohio, last Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. The retiring Moderator, Dr. Henry B. Master, preached the Assembly sermon from Matt. 28:18-20. His subject was "The Acts of the Missionaries." He told of the work of the missionaries of the Presbyterian Church in all parts of the world, who have "given the full measure of devotion to the cause of missions." He said the missionary enterprise of the church is a "great achievement, a great apologetic, and a great dynamic." He cited incidents from the lives of many distinguished missionaries. At the conclusion of the sermon the Lord's Supper was administered. The Assembly then adjourned until the afternoon.

On re-convening for the afternoon session the appointment of the various assistants to the Stated Clerk was announced, and the selections confirmed. The assistants are:

The Rev. Dr. Wm. B. Pugh, Documentary Clerk.

Ruling Elder Henry Barracough, Journal Clerk.

The Rev. Dr. Wm. P. Finney, Parliamentary Clerk.

The Rev. Dr. John Clark Finney, Commissioners' Clerk.

The Rev. Paul Patton Faris, Publicity Director.

The electing sections having been organized according to established order, the Assembly proceeded to the election of a Moderator. The names of only two candidates were presented—Dr. Wm. Hiram Foulkes, of Newark, N. J., and Dr. James A. Kelso, of Pittsburgh. Dr. S. W. McKelvey, of Kansas City, Mo., who had been expected to be a candidate, declined to run and nominated Dr. Foulkes. Dr. Kelso was nominated by Dr. John A. McCallum. The total number of votes cast was 872. This made 437 necessary for election. Dr. Foulkes received 563 votes and Dr. Kelso 308. Dr. Foulkes was declared elected Moderator. He received the gavel from the retiring Moderator, made a short speech to the Assembly and led it in prayer. The body then sang, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

The ten voting sections, into which the commissioners are divided, met and elected members of the Assembly's 15 standing committees.

The Assembly adjourned at 4:30 Thursday afternoon until Friday morning, 9 o'clock.

### NEGRO GARDEN CONTEST

Colored farm families are taking an active interest in the summer garden contest for Negroes held in the 28 counties where there are colored farm and home agents, said C. R. Hudson, in charge of extension work with Negroes. The contest will close August 1, and prizes will be given the winners.—Extension Farm-News.

### NOTICE

To the Brethren of Atlantic and Catawba Synods:

This is to inform you that I am open for engagements from July 5-18, Aug. 22-27, and from Sept. 12 until the meeting of the Synods of Atlantic and Catawba. If you desire my service, please write me, Box 72, Sumter, S. C.

Yours in Christ,  
W. E. HOUSTON,  
Evangelist.

His many friends are congratulating the Rev. S. Q. Mitchell whom Smith University has just honored with the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

### A LETTER WRITTEN BY THE LATE MRS. MARQUIS

(Note:—About ten days before her death in April, the late Mrs. John S. Marquis, then in St. Petersburg, Fla., wrote a letter to Mrs. Justin T. Cook, a friend in Albion, Mich. This letter relates some of Mrs. Marquis' experiences at Brainerd Institute, Chester, S. C., where she and her husband were in charge for many years. Because of references to Prof. R. W. Boulware and other former students of Brainerd who now hold commanding places in our Southern work, the letter was sent to Prof. Boulware by Mrs. Cook. It gives a glimpse into the kindly heart of Mrs. Marquis, and, we think, will be of general interest. We thank Prof. Boulware for allowing us to print it.—A. A. Presbyterianian.)

5522 27th Ave., So.,  
St. Petersburg, Fla.

Dear Mrs. Cook:—How very nice it is to have your "scribbles." Keep on with the good work. I am inspired as I open my Prayer Book, to use the devotional page for February as a short talk, principally about the writer whose name is so familiar to me—Mrs. Robert W. Boulware.

In the early days of our work at Brainerd, there came to us from an adjoining County a tall, slender boy, Robert Boulware. He had but little, if any, money, but both he and his family were anxious for his schooling. He was willing to work at any task given him, and so Robert was with us for several years. He had started at the beginning, as he had no advantages in his community. During the middle of a school year we found he was not well. An examination of our physician indicated a T. B. tendency. We were quite upset about this. Because of our limited and poor resources of both room and crowded conditions we knew we should not have him with us, both for his sake and the other students'. It was a sad day when we sent him back to his waiting home carrying with him, along with our prayers, careful instructions as to how he should order his life on the best sanitary conditions—life in the open, the proper food, etc., etc.

Robert was a boy who could appreciate these instructions and who was glad to do all in his power to carry them out. Before many weeks word came back from him that he was feeling much better—had been fishing and fell in the branch (name for creek). He had overcome the fatal tendency of that trouble to settle down to die. He was anxious to try to live. In another year he went back to finish his college course a really cured boy.

His ambition was to give his services to his people, so he went into the schools and taught. As you see now, he is dean at Harbison College, Irmo, S. C. He and his wife have been a power in that school for these many years. It was always such a delight to us to have Robert and family drop in on us. Several boys were given them—strong, hardy lads who are now turning their lives into useful channels.

As I look over the lists given under the different dates for this month, my memories go back to the years when we knew them as students under our charge. I can say this to you who have been helpers in this work at your end of the rope, that I have no apologies to make for these boys and girls who are now carrying on. Many of them have truly come up out of "great tribulations"—at least I fear it would have daunted many of us.

As I look over the names of the workers in the different schools I am recalling not only the seven now working in Brainerd, but George Long at Coulter (he and his wife started that work as a parochial school years ago); Luther Davis in Arkansas; Dr. Henry McCrorey, the honored President of our university at Charlotte, N. C.; also several of his co-workers; Mrs. Kendrick at Ingleside, Burkeville, Va.; the Newbys at Crockett, Texas.

Please do not imagine that all my interest is in the homeland. I do not forget that far-off homeland of Africa. No more do these trained Afro-Americans forget them. In all our schools and churches in the

South, missionary societies are functioning and money is being sent to our Foreign Board for work, not only in Africa, but in all the far-off lands where our work is. They know and realize that they can only grow themselves by sacrifice.

My! what a lengthy epistle. Old folks get prosy. I beg your pardon.

I am glad you told me of the needs. Of course I knew it all, but am glad that you felt you could remind me of my opportunity. I am enclosing Money Order for ten dollars (\$10) to go on my dues for our missionary budget. I hope you can come out with better success in making up our quota this year than formerly.

Thank you for the calendar; Mrs. Dibble for the Prayer Book with your joint greetings. Will see you later when I return about settlements.

We had a night of thundering weather just past. A warm rain that is not unwelcome. Hope you all keep well. We read of dear friends passing over and feel our loss. We know however, it is their gain. God is love. We have been having fine sermons on this theme. Heard Dr. Joseph A. Vance, of Detroit, Sunday evening. He is one of the speakers at the Mission Study Conference in session here.

Kindest greetings to my co-workers in Albion and all of you. I hope to be with you all again. Received Henry Brown's letter and am interested in the coming doings.

Affectionately yours,  
ELIZABETH W. MARQUIS.

### DR. H. WILSON ADDRESSED CONCORD LIONS' CLUB

(From The Concord Herald Observer, May 18.)

The program at the meeting of the Lions' Club last night was in charge of Rev. I. Harding Hughes. The subject was Inter-racial Relations, and Rev. Dr. H. Wilson, pastor of Westminster Presbyterian church, came after the dinner and delivered an impressive as well as an humorous address on the subject of what the best of the Negro race expects from the best of the white race.

As a key-note he took as his subject, Sincerity. He brought out that inasmuch as the Negro race looks to the white race to set standards and customs it becomes of prime importance to the white race as to how it conducts itself. He said that most educated Negroes did not feel that Green Pastures gave an accurate impression as to the Negro's conception of God and the angels.

"While the scenery and the music of the play are beautiful, it is certainly a misconception of what the Negro feels about God and those who are in Heaven," Dr. Wilson said.

He showed how natural it was that the Negro should think "white," as his background of education and present contacts were of such a nature as to make him conceive of God and Heaven in terms of the white man's idea of them.

The speaker asked for continued sincerity of co-operation between the two races, assuring the group that the members of his race were very grateful for everything that the white race had done for them that was for their uplift and betterment.

During the brief business session, the club voted to provide canes for all blind persons in the county and to assist in any way possible the forthcoming Boy Scout drive for \$1,500 to operate the Scout camp this summer.

### YOUNG PEOPLE'S LEAGUE MEETING, DISTRICT THREE CAPE FEAR PRESBYTERY

Place: Panthersford Presbyterian church, Buies, N. C.  
Time: Saturday, June 19, 10:30 A. M.

A very interesting and important subject for group discussion has been selected, one which has a vital place in the lives of young people. No better place could have been selected for this meeting; a large, spacious play ground, plenty shade for out-door groups, and leaders of broad experience. Old and young will join in this day of fellowship and study.

MRS. A. L. LEWIS, Pres.  
R. L. JEANS, Missionary.

No great success ever comes except by the way of self-discipline.—Selected.

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Robert Massey, High Point, N. C.

"Economic Security Through Cooperative Efforts," DeGrandval Burke, Matthews, N. C.

It was a spirited contest and the audience was more or less divided as to who had been the successful orator. The judges, however, seemed to be unanimous in their decision that the honor should go to Mr. DeGrandval Burke, of Matthews, N. C.

### The Juniors' Reception to The Seniors

On Saturday evening the Juniors were host to the Seniors in a lawn party in front of the President's residence. To this function the members of the faculty and their wives were invited. Everybody came wearing his best "bib and tucker" and ready for a good time. The sky was clear, the weather mild, and there was an abundance of punch and cake. Formalities were laid aside and the young people and some others who were not so young proceeded to enjoy the occasion. Games, plays and skipping about the lawn were the order of the day. We all had a good time and here is hoping that it will be at the next one.

### Some Visitors

We succeeded in getting the names of a few of the many visitors present at the commencement exercises:

Rev. Dr. S. A. Downer, Knoxville, Tenn.

Rev. Dr. W. C. Hargrave, Swift Memorial College.

Rev. Dr. W. L. Imes, New York City.

Dr. J. M. Gaston, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Rev. Dr. C. M. Muir, and brother, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Rev. B. C. Robeson, New York City.

Dean Hardy Liston, Knoxville College.

Prof. and Mrs. Alfred Coleman, Cordele, Ga.

Dean and Mrs. Cozart, Barber-Scotia College.

Mrs. M. G. Johnson, Columbia, S. C.

Prof. and Mrs. C. A. Johnson, Columbia, S. C.

Mr. Willis Johnson, Columbia, S. C.

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### THE PRESENTATION OF THE DRINKING FOUNTAIN

The giving of a drinking fountain to the institution by the college graduating class of 1937 was quite a unique event in the history of the school. The dedicatory service was beautiful, being enhanced by a solemnity that ought to characterize an act so gracious. Mrs. Minnie W. Johnson, a senior, presided over the exercise and in a pleasing manner introduced Clarence Turner, class president, who made the presentation speech.

### Mr. Turner's Presentation Speech

Mr. Turner said:  
The class of '37 will shortly be ending its undergraduate career. Four years of the lives of the members of this class have been irrevocably associated with the life of this institution, and for most of us this association will probably never be forgotten.

In memory of the years spent within the walls of their college, it is commonly the custom for the graduating class to leave behind it some symbol

which will register for posterity the part they have played in the life of the university.

We have, therefore, set aside this part of our class day exercises to continue this age-old custom by giving some suitable gift to express our gratitude and to perpetuate the intimate ties that have bound us together during these past four years. In continuing this age-old custom we wish to leave a symbol by which other classes to succeed us may realize the value of leaving a gift behind them.

Our beautiful campus still permits room for beautiful additions. It thus offers a great opportunity for graduating classes to leave behind them some suitable gift. Trees, lamp posts, sun dials, benches, and many other suitable gifts can be given by graduating classes.

A class gift symbolizes, among other things, the intimate relationship of the class with the institution. It perpetuates the memory of the class and is a concrete reminder to the returning alumnus of the many years at the university. The inscription of your class on some gift offers no better reminder of the intimate ties that you have formed during your sojourn through college. It certainly brings back to you the many small and large things that you did while at the institution. It brings back the memory of those friendships, those pleasant associations, and, also, those that were sometimes sad.

A gift to the institution, in which you made your home for many years, shows a great deal of admiration, pride, and loyalty that could hardly be shown in any other way. It expresses your appreciation to the institution that has given you a start in higher intellectual training. The very fact that you leave a gift shows that you have faith in the perpetuation of the institution, for as long as the institution lives your token to the school will live also. We hope that the other classes to follow us will feel the impetus of leaving some symbol on the campus of Johnson C. Smith University.

The class of '37 feels that nothing could be more appropriate than this gift that we leave behind as a symbol of our gratitude, admiration, and love. On behalf of the class of 1937, I take great pleasure in presenting to the school, through Dr. H. L. McCrorey, this drinking fountain.

### President McCrorey's Acceptance Address

President McCrorey in accepting the fountain, made the following address:

President and members of the graduating class of 1937, it is with heartfelt appreciation that I, on behalf of the trustees, faculty, and students of Johnson C. Smith University, accept from you this fountain, a presentation expressing your loyalty to and practical interest in your Alma Mater.

In this thoughtful and generous act of yours a most significant precedent has been established in this institution. Indeed, an example has been set that succeeding graduating classes would do well to follow. I am sure the act was prompted by a spirit of gratitude and love for the institution that has endeavored to aid each of you in laying such an educational, moral and spiritual foundation upon which by the grace of God and your own efforts there may be built an abundant life.

We shall have pleasant thoughts of you as we quench our thirst from time to time at this fountain of youth which we hope will never run dry.

### Mrs. McCrorey's Address

Mrs. McCrorey, wife of the President, was present, and near the close of the program was invited to make a few remarks. She had been active during the year in cooperating with the class in making the project possible. She began her remarks by congratulating the class upon all it had been able to accomplish during their four years in college, and said she thought it a noble deed on their part to have given their Alma Mater something so useful and, at the same time, ornamental. The spirit and motive that had prompted them was deserving of the highest praise.

She referred in respectful terms to all the benefactors who had helped the school in the past—those whose large gifts made it the university of the present. The motives of those good friends do not in their purity surpass the one that had actuated the present class. She said, "the spirit that prompted Mrs. Smith to give generously of her thousands and the motive that led Mr. Duke to give of his many millions, and the spirit that moved many others of lesser means to sacrifice that they, too, might give in order that you might stand where you are now—their spirit was not superior to the one that prompted this gracious act on your part." She advised the class that they let the fountain be to them a symbol of their future task. Mrs. McCrorey said she was reminded of the incident spoken of in the Scriptures where Jesus told the woman at the well that whoever drank of that water would thirst again, but whoever would drink of the water that he would give them would never thirst; but it would be in them a well of water springing up unto everlasting life. "Therefore," said she, "as you go forth from here out into the world, let the life you live and the service you may render be unto mankind a well of water springing up unto everlasting life."

She recalled an incident that occurred at the dedication of the Science Hall some years ago when the professors made a pledge of their loyalty and allegiance to the principles of Christianity, and she stated that the pledges made then should be just as binding on the hearts and consciences of the pledges today as they were when the vows were first made. This short speech was a fitting climax to a beautiful ceremony.

### BROOKLYN CHURCH NOTES

By Mrs. D. W. McGill

Sunday morning the Rev. A. H. Prince preached from the theme, "Jesus Seeks to Save the World Today." His discourse was based on Luke 19:10.

Quite a large audience was present at the morning service, including a number of visiting friends. Among them were Mrs. R. Z. Beatty and daughter, Birdie M. Beatty, and son, R. Z. Beatty, Jr. They were present at the Sabbath school hour also.

"Building a New World With a New Person," was the topic discussed at the Young People's hour. The pastor, Rev. Prince, led the discussion. He urged that the young people sense what it means to be utterly loyal to Christ if they are to build a new world to live in. Miss Helen Brodie presided. Everyone should be helped from these fine discussions.

The thought of the message at the regular evening service was "The Uplifted Christ, the Cure of all Ills." At this service the circles of the church gave their monthly reports which were very good. We were glad to have the Rev. A. H. George of Johnson C. Smith University to worship with us at this service.

Mrs. Susan Prince and children, Dorothy Mae and Susan C. Prince, are spending sometime in Wilson, N. C.

Monday evening the Session of the church held its monthly meeting at the church. The Daily Vacation Bible School will open Monday, June 7, at 8:30 A. M. All children are invited to attend.

Mr. Thomas Richardson continues ill at his home, 728 Cobway Street.

Mrs. Floretta Johnston and Miss Ora McElwee are attending the Conference for Women at Winston-Salem.

New members received into the church recently on profession of faith in Christ Jesus are: Mrs. Ira Houston, 1019 Vance St.; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dew, 307 S. Tryon St.; Mrs. Josephine Stewart, 728 Cobway St.; Mrs. Helen Brown, 510 S. Morrow St.

### AMONG THE GRADUATES

Johnson C. Smith University folk are particularly interested in the graduation of several of their bright young people this commencement season: Miss Vivian Shute from Smith; Miss Mae Elizabeth Shute from Barber-Scotia, and Misses Johnnie Rann and Willie George from Second Ward High.



## SEVENTH STREET CHURCH NOTES

By Marie S. Lindsay

"Drink, the Greatest Menace to Society and Civilization," was the theme of Dr. Mitchell's sermon Sunday morning. He selected his text from the 33rd chapter of Ezekiel and the 3rd verse.

The speaker said, Ezekiel felt called upon to warn the people of the evils of their life. He was determined not to be a victim of these evils. He knew he had to face God and he was determined he would not be guilty of the blood of these people.

Personally, said the speaker, I am not willing to have the blood of anyone upon my head. I make the bold assertion that strong drink is a menace to the individual and to society.

Those who sell strong drink are not silent. They advertise in all the leading magazines. There should be a law requiring those who sell strong drink and advertise it to state the evils that result from the use of strong drink. The lives of our boys and girls are at stake. We must do something to save them.

The following visitors worshipped with us Sunday: Miss Edna Morris, of the city, Miss Gladys Holmes, Supt. of Nurses at the Good Samaritan hospital, Mr. Earl Colston and Mr. Clarence Thompson, of the city, Mr. Howard Kennedy, of Asheville, N. C., and Mr. Wm. Lark, of Boston, Mass.

Miss Bernice Drye surprised her father Saturday evening with a birthday party. Quite a few friends were present to wish him many returns of the day.

Misses Lucile Barron, Lucile Lindsay, the writer, and Mrs. W. M. McCain are attending the Workers' Conference which convenes in Winston-Salem this week. Mrs. Amy James of this city is hostess of this conference.

Dr. P. W. Russell, of Johnson C. Smith University, was our pulpit guest Sunday evening.

Dr. Mitchell preached the baccalaureate sermon to the graduates of Second Ward High School at the City Armory last Sunday afternoon. His subject was "Remember," based on the text, "Remember now thy creator in the days of thy youth." He discussed the subject under four divisions: Remember—When, Why, Who and How. The large auditorium was filled to capacity, and all seemed enthusiastic over the timely and scholarly sermon.

## THE FIRST JUNIOR CONFERENCE AND SUMMER CAMP OF CAPE FEAR PRESBYTERY

Yes, this standard Presbyterian Junior Conference has just about become a reality after persistent efforts and careful planning. Many of us have been looking for the announcement as to the place and time. Here it is.

The conference will meet at Mary Potter School, Oxford, N. C., Tuesday, July 6th, running through Friday noon, July 9th. Characterized by leaders of great ability and inspiration, a program which provides avenues for a deeper understanding of human life, a Christ-like fellowship, his conference promises to be one of great interest and helpfulness to both old and young.

What to bring: You must bring your own linen. Positively the school will not furnish linen. For recreation, bring tennis racket and balls, tennis shoes. Ladies should bring knickers. We all should bring that which would make the conference all it should be. The cost for this short encampment will be very small, only \$2.25, board and registration. Courses will be offered for all adults as well as boys and girls who may come. Look for your copy of program later.

For information, write 408 Gillespie Street, Fayetteville, N. C.

R. L. JEANS, Director,  
DR. A. B. MCCOY, Supt.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Scott, of Washington were guests of their mother, Mrs. M. K. Spaulding, at Smith University during commencement. Mr. Scott has held a position in the Washington postoffice for several years. Mrs. Scott is the former winsome Miss Nettie Kelsey.

## PREPARE FOR PEACE AND NOT FOR WAR

By C. E. Boulware

"Prepare for war in the time of peace." This is a very wise statement—much wiser than it is conceived by those who are connected with the war department of this or any other nation of today, and probably wiser than it was conceived by the person who originally uttered the statement.

A definition of war here may shed a glimpse of human light and help one realize the full significance of it, and the point of view we are holding here. A home-made definition of war is, the engagement in a combat between individuals, groups, races, or nations, the chief purpose and outcome of which is the destruction of the lives of human beings, the destruction of centuries of individual or national progress, and civilization. Realizing fully the real significance of war, there is no human being who could feel justified in promoting it. We have no recorded account of a war that could be considered won by either of the two contesting sides. From a rating relative to human values, both sides always lost. The World War is a typical example of the ultimate results of war. Thousands upon thousands of the strongest men from this and other countries laid down their lives on the battle front, besides thousands who are today scattered over this and other countries permanently or partially disabled for the rest of their natural lives—still fighting the war. And what have we or they won? When we count up the cost, what did the United States, or any other country win in the World War? Did any nation win glory, riches, colonial possessions, international power? The answer is obviously, No. They won for themselves bereaved mothers, sisters, and wives. They won universal depression, and unemployment. They won poverty and chaos and misery, and misunderstanding and hatred for other peoples, which totals up unquestionably to a great loss.

The promoters of these wars are those individuals and enterprises that wish to sell at high prices their death-dealing instruments. They thus become "merchants of human blood." Their means of advertising is through the media of propaganda—a mighty force. Are these profiteers of war interested in national honor? Are they eager to make America "safe for democracy?" It would seem odd that they were interested in democracy and so utterly oblivious of human welfare in that same country. It is held that some of those same profiteers of the World War, through some dirty, crooked shrewdness have evaded the income tax laws of this country. Is that helping this country to be "safe for democracy?" The answer is obvious.

Let us wake up while we have time and prepare for the next war—not by preparing to sacrifice thousands of lives, but by preventing the next war. The United States is setting aside huge sums yearly and England is setting aside approximately three quarters of a billion dollars to be used in the destruction of human lives and property and civilization. What would happen if the United States, England, and France, all of which are considered to be peace loving countries, would set aside and spend as much money promoting a program of international peace and good will among the nations and peoples of all classes? What would happen if the common man in Italy could know the common man in France and other countries, and learn to understand him? Do you suppose there would be much danger of a war?

Instead of spending staggering sums each year in preparing to destroy civilization as we do, through our war departments, why not let us have a Peace Department where large sums of money are spent in attempting to preserve and promote civilization? Let us have a Peace Department in our government through which we may propagandize for peace and promote national and international peace and good will.

"Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory."

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## HARBISON INSTITUTE FINALS

By R. E. Jones

Mr. N. L. Gregg, an alumnus of our school, and who is at present a district manager of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, paid his alma mater a visit on Monday, May 10th. Mr. Gregg had been away from the institution for 14 years and he expressed himself as being astounded at the progress of the school. Mr. Gregg's inspiring words will long be remembered and we hope that he will return soon.

Miss Virginia Ray, Field Representative of the Work Among Colored People for the Board of National Missions, and Mrs. Wingate of Seattle, Washington, were pleasant visitors to our campus from May 12 through the 14th. Both of these visitors spoke in chapel and were guests at a fishing party on Saluda Dam, given by Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Porter for the Seniors, May 13th, and a Fashion Show, directed by Miss Gertrude Hall on the following evening. Both of these visitors seemed favorably impressed with the work of the school.

Miss Helen Julius and Miss Rachel Benfer, Representatives of the National Board, visited the campus for a little while on Monday, May 17th.

The beginning of our commencement exercise was a spectacular fashion show, on Friday evening, May 14th. The young ladies in the sewing department were very pleasingly attired in the latest fashions and reflected great credit to the training of their instructor, Miss Gertrude Hall.

Monday night was the night given over to the exercises of the primary and fourth and fifth grades. Quite a large crowd witnessed this fine entertainment. Mrs. C. M. Young, Miss J. E. Young, and Mrs. A. P. Butler were the sponsors of this exercise.

On Wednesday night the high school department rendered an operetta, "Betty Lou," to a large, appreciative audience. The participants displayed much talent and technique in their renditions and reflected the training of their music teacher, Miss Doris D. Bell.

The Fourth Year Preparatory Class presented the Annual Declaration Contest, on Friday evening, May 21. As usual the interest on this occasion ran high. The speakers showed the results of the training of

their adviser and teacher, Mrs. R. W. Boulware.

The Annual Sermon, Sunday, May 23, was delivered by Rev. A. H. George, Professor of Church History and Homiletics, Johnson C. Smith University. His timely sermon emphasized self-analysis, and left a lasting impression on the audience.

On Monday the members of the Junior class contested for the coveted oratorical medal. Perhaps the largest of the crowds that attended the commencement exercises was present at this time. Mr. R. P. Green was responsible for the training of these contestants.

The commencement came to a climax on Tuesday, May 25, with a colorful exercise and a clear, practical, common-sense address which treated some of the functions and aims of education, by Dr. J. W. Seabrook, President of Fayetteville State Normal, Fayetteville, N. C.

The English prize of five dollars went to Mr. James Williams, of Cincinnati, Ohio; the French prize went to Mr. Thomas C. Kennedy; the Poetry prize was won by Mr. Hamilton Jeter, the Fourth Year Preparatory medal was won by Miss Mary Ann Jones; and the coveted Junior medal was won by Miss Inella Morris. Miss Melrose Clark and Mr. Ernest Graham received diplomas and Bibles for having recited the "Shorter Catechism."

With splendid music, perfect weather, a large attendance, and having sent out an outstanding class of 26 students, we closed one of the most successful school terms in the history of Harbison.

## WALLINGFORD ACADEMY CLOSING EXERCISES

By Rev. S. H. Scott

The 70th annual exercises of Wallingford Academy, Charleston, began Sunday, May 16th, at 3:30 o'clock, in the Wallingford church auditorium. The Rev. Henry Lawrence McCrorey, Jr., pastor of the Washington Ave. Presbyterian church, Macon, Ga., delivered the annual sermon. Rev. McCrorey took for his text Psalm 8:4, subject, "What Is a Man?" This was one of his master pieces. The church was full; there were easily 300 people, including the school pupils. The speaker was at his best; and held his audience spell-bound for about forty minutes. Persons who have been connected with the school for fifteen years said this sermon was one of the best they

have heard.

The speaker put in a full day, and didn't have time to pray, without being disturbed, said he, jokingly.

In the morning at 11:15 he preached to the Wallingford congregation, from Jeremiah 18:6, subject, "Have Thine Own Way, Lord." At 3:30 he delivered the annual address to the student-body, parents, teachers and a host of friends from all denominations. Dr. J. R. Pearson, Revs. J. F. Henderson, Henderson Hughes and O. M. McCloud were in attendance.

At 8:30 o'clock, Rev. McCrorey came back with another high-powered sermon prepared especially for the young people of this church. Preceding the sermon, the young people conducted a very interesting worship service, with Master Arthur McCoy, presiding. Following this, Mrs. Mary V. Frazier, the anxious leader of the Y. P. S., came forward, and with fitting words, introduced the speaker. Rev. McCrorey spoke from Nehemiah 6:3. Theme, "Keep On Keeping On." And, too, at 6:30, he addressed the young people of Zion Presbyterian church at their vesper service. All his addresses and sermons were uplifting in every respect. We hope to have him again.

Monday night, 8:30 o'clock, the Kindergarten presented a pageant, "A Festival of Flowers." This was the first time for some of the pupils to appear before the public, but you could not tell it by their action. They were excellent in their performance. Mrs. V. L. Shecut, the teacher of this department directed the play, while Mrs. Hazel Whitney presided at the piano. Dr. J. R. Pearson, Revs. J. F. Henderson and H. L. McCrorey were present and made short talks.

Tuesday night, at 8:30, the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades presented a play entitled "The Surprise Bag." This was a rare treat to all who witnessed it. Mrs. Viola Vaughn and Mrs. M. V. Frasier were directresses.

Wednesday night the 6th, 7th and 8th grades presented a pageant entitled, "The Light of Truth." Mrs. L. M. Scott, presided, and Mrs. Hazel Whitney performed at the piano. This was a trying night. The clouds seemingly burst, and the rain poured down from 7:30 to 9 o'clock; nevertheless, all of the characters, with the exception of three, came through the showers. A few of the parents and friends forged their way also to see the final exercise. Notwithstanding the few absentees, the pageant was carried out smoothly.

Following this the graduating class ascended the rostrum and delivered their graduating speeches. Each one spoke remarkably well. The names of the graduates are: Anezes Middleton, Salutatorian; Edward Brown, Ruth Freeman, Lloyd McCottry and Adeline Alston, Valedictorians.

The class through its representative, Adeline Alston, presented four beautiful desk chairs to the school. Rev. S. H. Scott, on behalf of the school received same and expressed words of gratitude and bade the class God's speed. Rev. William A. Mack, pastor of Holy Trinity Episcopal church, presented the certificates to the class. This ended the term of 1936-1937.

I wish to take this opportunity to say some things about the school. Ever since 1932 Wallingford Academy has been operating without the aid of the National Missions Board. With this exception, the school is going on just as when it was operating by the help of the Board. There are the same teachers with the exception of one in whose place Mrs. L. M. Scott is teaching. The same enthusiasm exists, the same high class work is being done, and the same rules and regulations are being observed.

We have 160 pupils on roll with a splendid Kindergarten department doing real kindergarten work. We carry them through the eighth grade. When they finish this grade they are capable of making the ninth grade anywhere. Four years ago one of our graduates went to Philadelphia and made the ninth grade. We understand that she will finish this June. This will give you an idea of the type of work that is being done in this school. This school is

## BOWERS CHAPEL CHURCH, LAURINBURG, N. C.

By Mrs. W. P. McEachin

On Sunday, May 16th, at 3:30 P. M., Rev. H. O. Walker was installed as pastor of Chapel Hill and Bowers Chapel Presbyterian churches. The installation services were held at Bowers Chapel. The two congregations were present to witness the services.

A committee appointed by the Presbytery was composed of Rev. J. E. McMillan, pastor of the Presbyterian church in Sanford and the Stated Clerk of the Yadkin Presbytery, and the Rev. O. J. Hawkins, who is pastor at Southern Pines and Aberdeen, and Mr. George Murphy, an elder of Rev. Hawkins' church in Southern Pines.

The sermon was preached by Rev. O. J. Hawkins. His subject was "Launching Out For God." The subject was very fitting for the occasion. After the sermon some very helpful remarks were made by Rev. McMillan. They were touching and full of inspiration.

We were very fortunate in having as guest speaker Dr. L. B. West, of Charlotte. Dr. West is a representative of the Board of National Missions, and travels over the many states, so that in itself tells us Dr. West is broad, and he made a very eloquent speech that was enjoyed by all. He left with us food for thought. We hope he will come again soon.

We also had a good many visitors from out of town, among them were Mrs. West, wife of Dr. West, and their little son, Master L. B., Jr., and Mr. Bell, who is a student at Johnson C. Smith University; Mrs. H. O. Walker, wife of our pastor, yet we feel that Mrs. Walker is one of us. With Mrs. Walker was Mrs. Reeves and a friend of Mrs. Reeves, and Mr. Bennett. We were very glad to have these visitors to worship with us and hope they will come again. We also extend a welcome to all our friends who find it convenient to worship with us.

We were glad to see Mrs. V. J. Stubbs of Bennettsville, S. C., and also Rev. W. M. Wells, pastor of the M. E. church of this city, and Rev. Brown who is pastor at Silver Hill and Hanlet. We considered May 16th a high day for Bowers Chapel and Chapel Hill churches.

On Sunday, May 23, at 11 o'clock, the pastor, Rev. H. O. Walker, preached a soul-stirring sermon to his congregation from Luke 18:37, "And they told him that Jesus of Nazareth passeth by." This was a practical sermon—full of thought and inspiration. We feel very proud of Rev. Walker and he is doing a good piece of work at Bowers Chapel, and has the cooperation of the members.

Three new members were added to our church Sunday. We are glad to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins into our church and hope they will feel at home.

On Sunday, May 23rd at 3 o'clock, Rev. H. O. Walker, with the choir and congregation of Bowers Chapel, went to the M. E. church. Rev. Walker preached and the choir sang. All had a very nice time.

## Social News

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Ratliff, of Gulf Street, announce the marriage of their daughter, Maggie to Mr. Hinton Lucas, both of this city. They are at home at 112 Gulf Street.

Master Robert Taylor Evans has been ill for a few days, but he is better now.

Miss Helen Wade is at home for the Summer. Miss Wade has just completed a successful school term at Washington, N. C., where she has taught for two years. We are glad to have her. She is a splendid church worker.

Mrs. W. M. Malloy visited her husband, Elder W. M. Malloy, on Dixon Street, last week.

occupying a unique and necessary place in this city, the city public schools being insufficient to take care of all the children. We are doing a good work, and we can not come down.

Prof. Marlowe Shute is at home to the delight of his family and friends after a term's teaching at Mary Allen Junior College, Crockett, Texas.



## YOUNG PEOPLE'S COLUMN

A PROGRAM FOR YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETINGS

By Miss Annie Chresfield

### FLOATING OR ROWING

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

Music for ten minutes. Opening words. Leader: "By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter. Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season."

Response: "Go and sell that thou hast and give to the poor. . . . and come and follow me. (Make several copies of the response that all may read it.)"

Prayer. Announcement of the topic and Bible reading from II Cor. 11:24-30; Matt. 19:16-22.

The leader's message. Singing, "Hear the Master's Call."

Discussion of the topic. Moses' Choice.

Paul's Up-Grade Journey. One Who Loved to Float. The Down Stream Way.

1. Which is easiest, to fight against wrong or agree with it?

2. What is attractive about popularity?

3. What is repelling about hard work?

4. What effect does an easy life have on a person?

5. What do you think of Moses' choice?

6. Tell about Paul's up-grade journey.

7. If you had a million dollars can you think of anything that would make you give it up of your own free will?

8. Which appeals most strongly to a young person, Jesus and heaven for eternity or a good time now in a worldly way?

Prayer: "O Heavenly Father, give me real, true love for Thee. And help me to battle against the forces that would bear me away from Thee, I ask in Jesus' name. Amen."

Singing, "Willing to Take the Cross."

Reports of the committees. Offering and prayer.

Report of the Secretary. Singing, "Day Is Dying in the West."

Benediction.

### The Leader's Message

It is easy to float down stream. It takes no exertion to float downward. It is hard to row up stream. One must exert his muscles to row up stream. Yet it is the uphill way that counts. Frail little row boats may not be able to make progress against the tide, but big, strong warships and ocean liners can go against the tide.

There are many people in the world who spend their time looking for soft, easy places. They don't mind the direction in which they go since they can float. They want all the hard, rough, steep places out of the road. Yet these places give us determination and will power. They want summer breezes, flowers and blue skies. Yet it is the cold, bleak winters of life that develop rugged, resourceful character. Those who float down the ways of life become spineless, flabby, useless. Those who with courage and bravery make their way upward are worthwhile souls. Their lives bless the world.

### Moses' Choice

In the Book of Hebrews we are told that Moses chose to suffer affliction with the people of God rather than be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter. Think of what it meant to Moses to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter. He could go out in grand style with chariot and horses. Footmen would run in front of him as he passed along the street. He would be dressed in velvet and satin. Men and women would bow themselves to the ground as he passed. What a soft, easy place. Moses chose to give all this up and become a man of God. He felt the poison and the sting of things too sweet. No, Moses wouldn't have the soft, selfish,

useless life of the son of a princess, but out on the rugged hills of Midian he went to learn of God and it was there he saw the burning bush and heard God speak.

### Paul's Up-Grade Journey

A worker for God must feel a thrill of administration and amazement as he reads of this brave, unselfish man who gave himself so completely to God. There was no easy, floating life for Paul, though there could have been. He could have spent his life around the temple in priestly robes and with perfumed beard. He could have had wealth and power. But when Paul met Jesus on the Damascus road, he had asked, "Lord, what wilt thou have me do?" And ever afterwards his life was spent doing the will of Jesus, regardless of the cost. He did not count his life dear unto himself. Surely we must feel inspired, as we, too, travel the up-grade journey, and think of this one who was beaten and stoned and shipwrecked; who was often in danger on seas, by robbers, by heathen, by false brethren—often hungry, weary and in pain.

### One Who Loved to Float

The young man wanted to follow Jesus. He went to talk to Jesus about it. "Good Master," he asked, "what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?" And Jesus had answered, "Sell that thou hast and give to the poor and come and follow me." The young man turned away. He couldn't give up his money, his easy life, his power, and become poor. Why had Jesus asked him to do such an impossible thing. Surely eternal life wasn't worth all that.

We are so often like the rich young man. We are rich in all the wonderful possessions of youth. We have strength, enthusiasm, hope and faith. We have fine minds, strong bodies, and courage that dares. Jesus pleads with us to give our young lives to Him, but we say, "No. We have got to have fun, we must get money. Wait till we are old."

### The Down-Stream Way

Yes. It is easy to go down. Force must be applied to send a weight into the air and to keep it there. It will fall without effort. The automobile will roll down a hill with no trouble at all. It must have gas to come up the hill.

But God is up. Heaven is up, and all things worth while are up. Why go downward? Some people go down the ways of life because it seems to be such fun. Some floated downward because such crowds were going that way. Some had a spirit of daring. They knew the downstream way was dangerous but they would get in it for a while. Go near the danger point, then come back. But they found the stream so swift and strong, not many could fight their way back. And the stream rolled on, taking hope and youth, love and beauty, downward.

### SAINT JAMES CHURCH, HICKORY, N. C.

By Miss Ione Henderson

Last Sunday morning Rev. F. D. Battle preached an interesting sermon from Psa. 19:12: "Cleanse thou me from secret faults." The minister's theme was, "You Cannot Hide Your Sins From God." The minister gave interesting Biblical illustrations of men who tried to hide their sins from God. Adam tried, Cain and David tried. These men failed; so will you fail in trying to hide your sins from God.

Prof. and Mrs. Wilson united with the church. Prof. Wilson is a teacher in the Ridge View High School. He is also Supervisor of the recreation play ground.

The Gospel, as the power of God and the wisdom of God unto salvation, is provided for us as the universal and continuous need of the world. Those who have to do with its proclamation are to believe it and to be in earnest. They are to accept it for themselves wholeheartedly and to proclaim it in a way to compel people to believe that every one ought to accept it. Lukewarmness or sleepiness in telling about it is detestable and a crime against God and the people.—Dr. E. P. Whallon.

## A MOTHER'S DAY SERVICE AT ZION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, CHARLESTON

The Young People's Forum of Zion Presbyterian church sponsored an outdoor vesper hour on the lawn of the church at 6:30 P. M., on Mother's Day, May 9.

The young people took part in a worship service built around the theme: "I Would Be True."

Dr. W. H. Miller, M. D., of this city gave us a special Mother's Day message. We were also favored with a solo by Miss Gloria McCottry.

The offering was taken by the young people, and blessed by our pastor, Rev. J. F. Henderson.

Dr. J. R. Pearson, of Olivet church, made some very timely remarks and pronounced the benediction at the close of the service.

The group formed a series of circles and joined in singing "Blest Be the Tie that Binds," just as the first shades of the evening were slowly creeping over the world.

### Dr. Miller's Address

Dr. Miller's address follows: On this occasion we have assembled to celebrate what is called Mother's Day. Celebrations vary, differing among themselves according to the character that gives rise to the occasion. Some celebrations call for sermons, prayers and thanksgiving, indeed mourning. Some are characterized by display of colors, fireworks, exhibition of the military, a fanfare of activities that are exciting, noisy, thrilling, exuberating, calling to the fore all of the most active and joyful emotions. Others, more simple in nature, suggest very little of demonstration. A quiet holiday, a rest from all the usual avocations, a mindfulness of a certain event are all that is required.

In the celebration of Mother's Day the activities may be considered solemn, sacred, or sovereign. Any of these forms or all of them have an appropriateness that will bring satisfaction to him who has aught of love or care for mother.

It is a custom or habit of the American people (it might be of peoples everywhere) to designate periods for celebration of various events. Christmas extols the Christ. The fact of his birth has been reiterated from year to year through thousands of years. Certain forms of celebrations of this event are customary, well established and regularly observed.

Easter Day is one of the Church's festive days. The celebration of this season rehearses the story of the crucifixion of Christ, of his burial, resurrection and ascension. It seeks to impress the world with the beneficence of Christ and assure the world that Christ did rise from the grave and is now at the right hand of the Father making intercession for the peoples of the world.

History records innumerable names of the illustrious whose heroism in some line of labor has benefitted the world. Periods of celebration have been set for these; and, with appropriate ceremonies, either the birth of events or the achievements of them is commemorated.

The same spirit of worship of the worthy has caused the inauguration of Mother's Day. This day we attempt to celebrate by special attention, notices and kindly offices for mothers. Celebration of Mother's Day may assume the solemn aspect, depending largely upon what phase of motherhood is uppermost in mind. When motherhood is viewed in the light of duty and devotion that compel mother to keep watch and to attend with scrupulous care the training of her young; when mother is charged with the responsibility of producing the purest and best of manhood and womanhood, the celebration of Mother's Day under such exactions must assume the solemn. She is charged with a duty which when well performed will make a nation to shine with incandescent brightness and glorify a God who gave the power. When one considers the natural tendency of the world to bear leftward and away from what is general-

ly accepted as right, the labors of mothers are much increased and the glory of the successful ones by so much more enhanced.

For like reasons the celebration of Mother's Day could very well be marked as sacred. All mothers have a care and are zealous for perfection in those of their children who through them are living in the world; all mothers who are solicitous as to whether such lives be blessings or curses to the world have already involved themselves in a duty to the world that cannot be considered less than sacred.

"The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world." This expression suggests to one the idea of those great men and women who by position as kings, queens, emperors, presidents, rule the world. But if this were the only thought involved the expression could have but little value and less merit.

Kings, emperors and such like potentates are but a handful of the mighty throng that traverse the globe. In them are vested governmental powers but they do not rule the world. These in politics make their biggest contribution. Besides politics there are other affairs of men that hold higher rank in the social scheme. The affairs concerned with the minor details of life, which in the aggregate play a major role, merit consideration that far surpasses every thought of kings and individual rulers of empires. The number concerned in the realm of rule is small, but the teeming millions of men born of woman comprise the multitude that really rules the world. It appears then quite within reason to think of a celebration of Mother's Day as appropriately sovereign.

The emblematic colors betokening Mother's Day are white and red. Mothers yet alive are symbolized by red. Throughout their bodies the crimson tide still flows. They are yet in position to carry on the fight for better blood and more efficiency.

White, emblematic of purity and peace, happiness and the hallowed state, is symbolic of those who have completed their labors and in peace are at rest in that realm to which all are bound and from which no one has ever returned.

It is a privilege much to be appreciated that we who yet remain have of doing homage to mothers while they live and may enjoy such offerings.

Doubtless from many platforms a good deal has been said today in praise of mothers. We know how vain are words, and yet we hope by these to bring joy to the hearts of the living and assure respect to the memory of the dead. May the sanction of Him Almighty rest calmly in the hearts of the living and wreaths of honor cover well the abode of those departed.

### STATE SUPREME COURT

(Continued from Page 1) that the State in 1921 had passed a statute reorganizing Lincoln University and authorizing its board of curators to introduce professional and graduate studies.

Messrs. Sidney R. Redmond, of St. Louis, a member of the N. A. A. C. P. national Board of directors, and Charles Houston, special counsel for the association, in presenting Gaines' case argued to the court that not a cent had been appropriated since 1921 to make it possible to expand Lincoln University, that all the money had been appropriated for college work and that Lincoln University was a university in name only. The only instruction still offered at Lincoln University today is undergraduate collegiate instruction.

Messrs. Redmond and Houston told the court that Negroes were not fooled or disturbed about the cry of social equality raised by the university lawyers because they knew it was the last desperate effort to deprive Negroes of equal rights, and that the sooner white people relegated the bugaboo of social equality to the limbo of the past the better off they and the country would be.

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They further pointed out that Missouri admitted Chinese, Indians, Mexicans and all sorts of foreign students to the university while it excluded native Missourians who helped to support the university through their taxes, and called on the State to be just to its own citizens before attempting to be so generous to strangers.

They further showed that under present law the State was not paying full tuition for Negro students taking courses outside the State, but merely the differential between the cost of tuition outside and the cost of tuition for the same course at the University of Missouri. A decision is expected in about six weeks. If it is unfavorable further action will be taken. Henry D. Espy, St. Louis attorney and former president of the St. Louis branch of the N. A. A. C. P., was associated with Messrs. Redmond and Houston as counsel in the case.