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"If winter comes can
Spring be far behind?"

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REV. JOHN BARCLAY SPEAKS IN CHAPEL

Rev. John Barclay, of the First Christian Church, made an interesting and enthusiastic address in chapel Thursday morning, Feb. 17. He began by quoting a text, something that he does not usually do, he said. The text he used was a familiar proverb taken from the Old Testament, "He that ruleth himself is greater than he that taketh a city."

He emphasized the fact that a student should come into the realm of sharing the responsibility of himself and that of the school; that the person who reaches the age of the average college student is far enough advanced to assume a major portion of the responsibility for his or her actions. A great mistake in the minds of so many people is the idea that college students are preparing to live, excluding the fact that they are now living. Then, if there is no practice of self-government now, the problems of the world outside college will be very acute.

I am not in favor of student government to the exclusion of all others; neither am I in favor of faculty government entirely. There should be some system whereby representatives of both faculty and students could devise a government that would place responsibility on the shoulders of each. Let all assume a part of the work of a dean. There are some rules and regulations at A. C. C. that are ridiculous. With regard to the girls having to get permission to go across the street to the store, he stated that the president's five year old child would not think of asking this permission. There are fifteen state prisons where more privileges are allowed to the trustees.

I would like to see a school where boys and girls would be confined to the same rules. It is admitted however that parents would not send their girls to such a school. But isn't it possible to get together and agree as to what time one ought to be in, and then let the one who desires to break over pay a penalty. The honor system should be predominant among the students. It is hard to inflict punishment, but some time this responsibility will fall on the students in life.

A student will entertain the idea that he is putting something over on the professor by failing to meet classes or assignments, when as a matter of fact he is putting it over on himself. Why will one pay the price of an education and invariably rejoice when he can shun the very purpose of his school life? A student should be deprived of the privilege of receiving a degree, who is guilty of such practice without paying severe penalty.

I should like to see a movement whereby some system would be inaugurated which would give all a voice in the program embodying the activities of the school. There are old traditions that should be broken away from thus allowing new measures to take their places, thereby promoting rather than hindering progress and growth.

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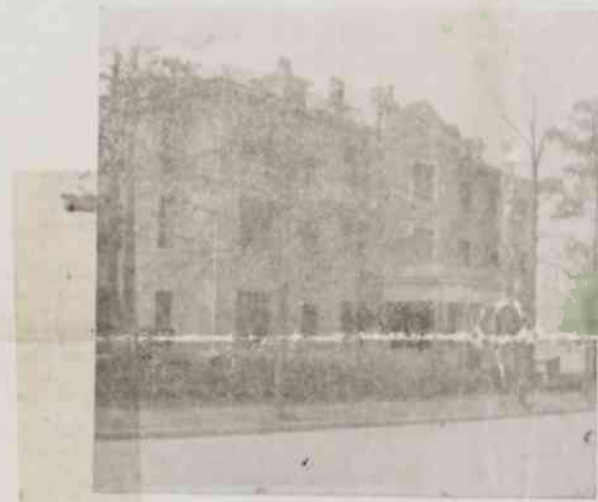
The new members are: Misses Ruth Manning, Rachel Rogerson, Violet Rogers, Eloise Grady, Nina Belancia, Melba Gay, Margaret Barnes, and Janet Daugherty.

Mr. Hamlin: "Name a notable date in history?"

Luke Barnes: "Anthony's date with Cleopatra."



Above:— A Campus Scene including the Main Building. Below:—The Boys Dormitory.



ATLANTIC CHRISTIAN COLLEGE CRUSADE IN FULL SWING.

The Crusade for \$300,000 for Atlantic Christian College is in full swing. In seven days of solicitation \$25,000 has been secured in pledges and cash.

Two hundred ministers and laymen met in Greenville Friday, February 4, to discuss the projection of the campaign. Dr. H. O. Pritchard, General Secretary of the Board of Education, gave a masterful address on "What I believe in the Christian College."

At noon a luncheon was served by the ladies of the Greenville Church. Dr. H. H. Harmon presided at the luncheon program. Addresses were made by President Howard Hilley, Dr. A. E. Corey, Kinston, and Dr. Harmon. Announcement was made of the \$150,000 gift of J. W. Hines, of Rocky Mount. Mr. Hines has made this generous gift on condition that an additional \$200,000 be raised by Jan. 1, 1930.

Short speeches endorsing the crusade and urging people to contribute were made by C. C. Ware, State Secretary; George Hackney, president of the Board of Trustees; John Waters, Appahoe; W. C. Manning, Williamston; H. Galt Braxton, Kinston; W. H. Brunson, Ayden; Richard Hasky, Washington; C. W. Howard, Kinston; C. H. Rawls and John Askew, Raleigh; W. E. Hooker, Greenville; D. C. Gordon, Farmville; N. J. Rouse, Kinston; R. J. Ramber, Greenville.

The crusade opened in Pitt County on Monday evening when two hundred and seventy-five members of the Christian churches of Pitt County met at a county Fellowship banquet. This was an enthusiastic meeting and was a big factor in the success of the crusade in Pitt County.

Sidney R. Bradley, director of the Crusade, presided. Dr. H. O. Pritchard, Dr. A. E. Corey and President

Hilley were the speakers of the evening.

The dining room was decorated with the colors of Atlantic Christian College and the "pep" girls wearing the colors of Atlantic Christian College entertained the banqueteers.

The Crusaders were introduced. They are Sidney R. Bradley, director, George W. Wise, W. L. Harris and C. S. Alvord. Rev. John Waters will join the force on February 21.

Active solicitation was begun Tuesday, February 8. The crusaders are being heartily received by the members of the churches in Pitt County.

Wake County will be the next on the itinerary.

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED FOR EDUCATION CLUB.

The Education Club held its postponed meeting on Friday, February 11th. At this meeting Miss Bessie Weaver compared the equipment observed in the first class room that she visited with that of a modern classroom, showing the great improvement of the latter over the former.

Following this talk a business meeting was held for the purpose of electing new officers to serve during this semester. The new officers elected were: Miss Gladys Whitley, president; Miss Hattie Mae Ricks, secretary; Miss Lennie Simmons, vice-president; Miss Helen King, treasurer; and Miss Margaret Silverthorne, chairman of the program committee. These officers will replace the "out going" officers who have enjoyed a successful term under the able leadership of Miss Mary Jones. The other members of the executive committee were: Miss Gladys Whitley, vice-president; Miss Ethel Morgan, secretary; Miss Edna Wood, treasurer; and Mr. Belvin Starling, chairman of the program committee.

JOHN J. HARPER

HIS CONTRIBUTION TO ATLANTIC CHRISTIAN COLLEGE.

John James Harper, founder of Atlantic Christian College, was born near Bentonville, N. C., April 10, 1841, and died at Atlantic Christian College, January 17, 1908. As a remarkable coincidence it may be observed that the year of his birth was the first of recorded history of North Carolina Disciples as a State group, and the year of his death marked the accession of Jesse Cobb Caldwell to the Presidency of Atlantic Christian College, who successfully administered the affairs of the college for a remarkably long and fruitful period. Dr. Harper was a son of John Harper, who was a charter member of one of the oldest North Carolina Churches of Christ (Mill Creek). He was baptized by Henry D. Chron, of Washington, N. C., July 29, 1860. He preached his first sermon May 18, 1861, and was enrolled as a minister by the "Annual Conference of Disciples of Christ" at Pleasant Hill Church in October, 1862. He married Miss Aritha Anderson Daniel, of Pitt County, N. C., May 1, 1862.

He represented Johnston County in the State Senate in 1881. He edited the Christian Visitor in 1876-1877, and 1886-87. His most important pastorates were: Wilson Mills, Dunn, Lenoir, Granville, Wilson, Kinston and Washington. He was a planter, merchant, preacher, teacher, editor, and statesman.

Dr. J. J. Harper and his able contemporaries, Dr. Walsh, Peter Hines and Moses Moya originated and maintained, by their work and influence, the unique State Constitution of the disciples, with its strong articles relating to the qualifications of the ministry—a Constitution which has been a standing, actual terror to any unworthy minister seeking to impose on the churches.

He was the first chairman of the Board of Trustees of Atlantic Christian College, and in 1904, at the darkest hour of its history, he was persuaded to leave his pastorate and become president. For the first year he cheerfully served without salary.

Because of his recognized business ability and his quality of Christian leadership, the constituency looked to him with confidence as the one man at that time who could carry on the work of the institution. It was no easy task but the church rallied to his support, and into the work went the energy and abandon of a great soul. Faithfulness in the little things, faithfulness in the broader things was character-

PLAYS TO BE GIVEN TUESDAY EVENING

ON TUESDAY EVENING IN THE COLLEGE AUDITORIUM, THE LOCAL CONTEST TO DETERMINE THE PLAY TO BE STAGED IN THE STATE DRAMATIC CONTEST, WILL BE HELD. THREE PLAYS NOW BEING PRACTICED DAILY, WILL BE PRESENTED

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WHY THE CAMPAIGN?

In 1920 Atlantic Christian College experienced for the first time its "A" grade standing. It has been since that time that its work has been fully recognized by the State Board of Education. Now its work is accepted ranking equal to that of other institutions. But the crisis has come. To maintain its present rating the college must raise funds to meet the requirements for a greater endowment, for the provision of a gymnasium, and for other necessities. Unless something is done the standing of the college will be automatically lowered. Something will have to be done. Will the people supporting Atlantic Christian College signify that they are equal or superior to other denominations who support a first class college? Will they prove that they are equal to others by keeping themselves on the level with other groups? These are the two questions that arise at this time.

The school, since 1920, has been vying "on top of the world." Shall it not be provided with a permanent seat there? Will it have to tumble from its present position? This campaign is striving to give it a permanent "pep" by enabling it to meet the requirements and thereby become a member of the Southern Association of Colleges.

Dr. Harper believed in Atlantic Christian College and loved it with a deep and abiding love. He said, "It lies on my heart and my conscience, and I'm glad it does." So loyal was he to the cause of Christian education, and so committed to the need of a college among the Disciples in the state that, though facing many obstacles he "carried on." Anything that contributed to its upbuilding and the enlarging of its influence brought joy to his heart. He had builded well, a crisis in the light of the institution had been met, and in his last days he was gratified as he witnessed the college growing in the confidence of the people.

For a quarter of a century, perhaps, the personality of Dr. Harper was the most outstanding and influential among North Carolina Disciples. His scrupulous care has preserved virtually intact the most important historic records of the North Carolina Conventions. He presided at eleven of the State Conventions of the Christian Church, the highest record to date. He, perhaps, builded more extensively than any other, the cooperative life of the North Carolina brotherhood of this church.

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