

## In Memoriam

Dedicated to those who left us:  
 "Passing out of the shadow  
 Into a purer light  
 Stepping behind the curtain  
 Getting a clear sight.  
 Passing out of the shadow  
 Into eternal day.  
 Why do we call it dying  
 This sweet going away?"



### "A LIFE OF GOOD WORKS"

Jr. Daughter of Dorcus Club, Durham, North Carolina.

Mrs. Beatrice Womack Noel, daughter of late Oscar and Minerva Womack, was born in Durham.

Educated — Durham Public School and North Carolina Chautauqua Training school.

Active in several Civic organizations.

Lifetime membership in White Rock Baptist Church, where her activities were many.

The wife of Charlie Bruce Noel and mother of two children, namely: Margaret A. Noel, Charlie Brint Noel, Jr.

Died March 31, 1956.



### "A LIFE OF SERVICE"

The Flower and Art Federated Club, Rich Square, North Carolina.

Mrs. Susie Griffin Creecy was the daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. Elijah Griffin of Pasquotank County.

Educated — Roanoke Institute — State Teachers College, Eliza-

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addition to Mrs. Griffin, were Mrs. W. C. Allen of Asheville; Mrs. Wilhelmina Crosson, president of Palmer; Miss D. R. Jones of Asheville; Mrs. Katherine Marks of Pinehurst; Mrs. Chinnerter Means of Shelby and Mrs. Annie Laurie Murphy of Asheville.

Mrs. Meta Warrick Fuller, noted sculptress of Framington, Mass., carved the bust of Doctor Brown.

### "Dr. C. H. Brown's Contribution To Social Welfare"

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In behalf of the Commissioner, N. C. State Board, and 100 county departments of public welfare, I bring congratulations to Dr. C. H. Brown for almost one-half century of distinguished service and outstanding contributions in Education and Social Welfare. It is proper that we pause to pay tribute to this great humanitarian and pioneer in human betterment. Those of us in public welfare are aware of some of her contributions to this field. Mr. P. R. Brown, Superintendent of Morrison Training School, is a graduate of Palmer Memorial Institute and has on numerous public occasions acknowledged Dr. Brown's influence upon his life and activities.

The task you have assigned is quite difficult. It is almost impossible to determine or measure the contributions of Dr. Brown to Social Welfare.

Forty-seven years ago, Dr. Brown served as the leader in organizing a State Federation of Women's Clubs. From its beginning, this organization was concerned with the social and economic conditions among young

girls and women. Among the

earliest projects adopted by members of this organization were day nurseries for children and a training school for delinquent girls.

Under the dynamic leadership of Dr. Brown, the members of the Federation raised funds, purchased land, constructed a building, established, supported and operated an institution for young Negro girls with behavior problems at Efland, North Carolina. This institution was established in 1925 and operated for several years primarily from funds raised by Federation and gifts.

From one end of this State to the other, she went to speak, beg, cajole and stimulate people to support this institution. However, with all of her Herculean efforts, the depression forced the closing of the institution. This did not stop her efforts in this area. She went before the various committees of the Legislature requesting them to establish an institution for girls and appropriate the necessary funds for its operation.

Finally, in 1943, the Legislature created the institution and in 1945 appropriated the funds necessary for its operation.

Dr. Brown was also a staunch supporter of the movement in the 1920's to establish Morrison Training School. She rendered yeoman service in behalf of this institution.

After the State School for Girls was established and operating, Dr. Brown did not consider her work ended — she continued to support the program of the institution and stimulated and mobilized public support in behalf of the Girls' and Boys' Training Schools.

"Triumph of Faith" is an appropriate theme for today's recognition of Dr. Brown's contributions to Social Welfare. We are all familiar with the history of Palmer Memorial Institute. However, through the founding of this institution, she has made one of her greatest contributions to Social Welfare. Through Palmer, she has influenced the lives of many boys and girls. The program at this institution has played an important role in training leaders for the State and nation. Many of them have made outstanding contributions to Social Welfare. The records of the graduates of this institution are impressive. Many of them have made outstanding contributions to the advancement of human betterment.

Even this does not tell the full story of Dr. Brown's contributions — for only a handful in each generation are destined for greatness, but back of this handful stand the many who constitute the backbone of each community. These are the men and women whom our Boards of Education

## NATIONAL FEDERATION

The National Federation was held in Florida, and North Carolina was there in the person of Mrs. Maggie Jones of Asheville our delegate. Also Mrs. Ammie Foster of Pinehurst. In the next issue we hope to have a report.

Complete individual membership in the National is our goal by the time of next national meeting. The following twenty five paid membership fees for this meeting:

Mrs. Rose D. Aggrey, Salisbury; Miss Rose B. Aggrey, Salisbury; Miss Ezra A. Bridgers, Shelby; Mrs. Olive W. Beckwith, Smithfield; Mrs. A. B. Byrd, Rocky Mount; Mrs. Alice P. Collins, Smithfield; Mrs. Jennie L. Enloe, Shelby; Mrs. Ammie Foster, Pinehurst; Mrs. Lillie B. Gibson, Shelby; Mrs. Annie Ingram, Pinehurst; Mrs. Maggie Jones, Asheville; Mrs. Ella B. Lane, Kinston; Mrs. Melissa N. Leitae, Kinston; Mrs. Catherine Marks, McCain; Mrs. M. Massey, Salisbury; Mrs. C. M. Means, Concord; Mrs. E. R. Merritt, Durham; Mrs. Edna H. Mitchell, Elizabeth City; Mrs. Esther Moore, Hickory; Mrs. Fannie T. Newsome, Rich Square; Mrs. Isabelle Smith, Laurinburg; Mrs. E. Macile Spellman, Elizabeth City; Mrs. Edna B. Taylor, Pinehurst; Mrs. Lu Sybil Taylor, Durham; Miss Connie Young, Durham.—By Mrs. Alice Collins.

look to for their source of teachers, or our Welfare Departments — many of their social investigators, the Department of Hospitals and Health of their doctors, nurses, technicians.

Dr. Brown's "Faith" in humanity is reflected in the achievements of the alumni of Palmer. Their talents and energy have provided the essential leadership in the continued growth in our State, and nation. Through her graduates, she has served as an inspiration for all with an ambition to learn.

In closing, I would like to read a statement prepared by Dr. Ellen Winston, Commissioner of Public Welfare, for this occasion—

"On behalf of the State Board of Public Welfare, it is a privilege to join in the recognition of Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown's contributions to the development of social welfare programs in North Carolina. Her leadership has been outstanding over a period of many years and she has earned the gratitude of all who are concerned with strengthening programs of service to the people in the State."

One boy said to another: "If your folks insist that you study music, pick some expensive instrument. Maybe they won't be able to keep up the payments."