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"THEY FIRST GAVE THEMSELVES TO THE LORD."

MISSIONARY AID MEETING

The regular monthly program and business meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of the Newton Baptist church, was held on last Tuesday evening, at the home of Mrs. Loomis F. Klutz. The subject of the mission study was "Homes in China" and those taking part were as follows: Song, followed by prayer by Mrs. Frank Huitt. Devotions led by Mrs. J. W. Hollingsworth on "Possibilities of Intercession;" "Homes of the Official and Wealthy Chinese," by Mrs. J. B. Leonard; "Homes of the Middle Classes and Poor," Mrs. C. D. Jessup; "The Child in the Heathen Home," Mrs. J. Frank Huitt; "The Woman in a Heathen Home," Mrs. J. B. Morris; "A Christian Home," Mrs. A. S. Wood; "Heathen vs. Christian Homes," Mrs. Grover Huitt; "China's New Woman and What We May Do about It," by Mrs. J. W. Coley. At the close of the program, Mrs. G. A. Warlick, Jr., was elected Personal Service chairman. A called meeting will be held on next Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Frank Huitt. Every lady is urged to be present.

Mrs. J. W. Hollingsworth had charge of the Aid business session. Reports of Secretary-Treasurer showed good work done. Articles for the box to be sent to Mary Misener at Meredith College were received. Those who still have gifts for the box will please give them as soon as possible to Mrs. Frank Huitt or Mrs. Hollingsworth. The next regular meeting of the Mission Circle will be held in December with Mrs. G. A. Warlick, Jr.

Following the session, Mrs. Webster entertained the ladies with two very humorous readings which were greatly enjoyed. Mesdames Wood, Leonard and Singleton being the brunt of the jokes.

Mrs. Klutz served a delicious ice course to 19 members and guests.

LOST JOY—Ps. 51

(Paul K. Drum.)

Joy is the emotion excited by the prospect of the future. This gift is one of the greatest of the Heavenly blessings which shed their celestial rays upon man. It changes the frown to a smile, and often saves a defeat.

If we enter joyfully upon our daily duties, we have that happy mental condition that makes our work a pleasure. Joy comes to them that love their work. Without joy we are in a declining position. Any-

one is to be pitted that is a cripple or in a helpless condition, but they are far better off than those who have lost their joy.

David, like many others, made his mistake, and found himself a miserable man. He had lost his joy and became dissatisfied. We do not have to commit a certain crime to lose our joy with the Master. Neither does it require a great one, for wrong is wrong in the sight of the Lord.

The Lost Joy in the Heart.

It was lost because you failed to pray. It was lost because of not studying God's word. It was lost because of that sin that you let creep into your heart. I believe a large per cent of those who have lost their joy did it by neglecting or putting off the golden opportunity of working for the Master.

Lost Joy in the Church.

It was lost because you missed Sunday school on time. Because you failed to lay by in store on the first day of the week for the Master.

The Lost Joy in the Home.

Sometimes the father has wandered away and as the result wrecked the home. Perhaps the mother has failed to perform her duty, but a larger part of the time in the home it is caused by that boy or girl that does not obey their parents.

How It May be Returned.

Lost joy may be returned by living a consecrated life, one that is fit for the Master's service. David, when he saw that he had made a mistake, knew exactly who to go to. He knew the one who never failed when called upon. Why can't we do the same? Let's get out of the old declining rut, and ask God to restore unto us the joy of salvation; then we will be fit servants, ready to do his rule. The harvest is ripe and ready to be gathered, so in our remaining days let's call upon the Lord to help us live a more joyful life, for the benefit of our Master, country and ourselves.

THE B. Y. P. U. TRAINING SCHOOL At Hickory, N. C.

A big Training School is on in Hickory each evening this week except Saturday. The enrollment is something over 140 young people, and all in a fine SPIRIT. Energy is overflowing, and the the different classes are doing the best kind of good work. Every one is planning to take the examination. Talk about singing they put their heart and

soul into their songs. They are certainly learning something of the Missionary Baptist church and her responsibility, her doctrines, her Bible, and how to be a real true Christian in activity.

Here is the results of Monday evening election of officers and teachers:

Dean—N. A. Yount.

Secretary—Hazel Crouch.

Reporter—Dewey Couch.

Music director—Rev. Mr. Whitener.

Editor—W. H. Howard, a case of greatness being thrust upon.

Teachers—Non-elective.

Ed. S. Preston—Senior Manual.

Rev. H. C. Whitener—Intermedicate.

Mrs. Singleton—Junior.

Mr. Singleton—Training in Christian Service.

These officers and teachers are certainly doing fine work. On the time, On the job, On the minute, with a message from the Bible, of the Bible, for the Bible, with the Bible. Several young preachers, young deacons, and other church officers are among the number enrolled in the great work.

DOES OUR CHURCH BELIEVE IN MISSIONS?

"A Church that is not missionary will cease to be a church. A Church cold in missions has lost the cross. It may have religion, but not the Gospel. It may have social friendliness, human sympathies, good music, intelligent views, excellent intentions, but not the power of the Gospel. Where the spirit of the Cross is there is pressure of spiritual debt and Christian chivalry. Missions are compulsory in a church by its own high law if it is to remain a church. By the law of the spiritual life the missionless church betrays that it is a Crossless church; and becomes a faithless church, a mere religious society, and finally, perhaps, a mere cultured clique."—P. T. Forsyth, in "The Cross and the Reconstruction of the World," by J. R. Saunders, missionary in Canton, China.

A GOOD MOTHER GONE TO HER RICH REWARD

Mrs. Ida McCravy, wife of J. A. McCravy, passed away at the home of her daughter at Monarch, on Monday night of last week. The funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon and the burial took place

in the Mt. Lebanon Baptist cemetery, at Union, S. C.

Mourning the loss sustained by the departure of this loved one are three daughters, Mrs. D. A. Hughes, of Akron, O., Mrs. Harry Willis, of Buffalo, S. C., Mrs. Ben Bobo, of Monarch, S. C., and one son Lois, of Newton, N. C.

Mrs. McCravy was a member of the Methodist church, and it is reported that she was a splendid example of Christian faith. She was 52 years of age, was a devoted wife and mother, neighbor and friend, and will be greatly missed by her many friends in Union county, S. C., where she was born and reared. We all appreciate very much her son Louis in our community (Newton, N. C.) He is a member of our Young Men's Bible class, the Baracca's and a committee was appointed last Sunday to draft the following resolutions:

Resolutions of Sympathy.

In as much as one of our faithful members has been called to go through a deep sorrow, sunstained by the departure of his mother, Mrs. Ida McCravy. We therefore in behalf of the members of his Sunday school class and his many friends, extend to him our deep sympathy.

That we print the same in the local papers and send to the family a copy of the same.

E. F. LINGERFELT, Pres.
J. B. MORRIS,
GROVER HEWITT,
T. C. SINGLETON.

STATE FARM LIFE

Extension School, Startown, N. C.

It was the writer's happy privilege to visit this school last Friday morning. Found the personnel of this school quite a bit above the average. They are doing good work, although they are hindered on account of the building not being entirely completed, and because of the finishing work going on now. It is hoped this will be finished by January next.

It is interesting to know that of the 13 State schools of this kind we have the largest in Startown. There is an enrollment of 147 in the entire number of schools and only 7 young men in the entire number. We believe this is a sad mistake for the young men not to enter into this great profession. There is a dearth of young men teachers and we should do something to interest young men to equip themselves to enter this most important field. We need them, and must have them, and believe that the State should offer salary sufficient to induce them to teach school.