

"AND YE SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH"

TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE" - John 8:32

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Human enterprises usually have their origin in circumstances which are beyond the control of men. And if the end in view is of a divine character the origin of the enterprise for securing that end and the circumstances demanding it are all the more difficult to be accounted for and controlled.

This aphorism is applicable to a religious newspaper. Consequently, in launching our trail barque upon the dangerous and tempestuous sea of religious journalism - (dangerous and tempestuous because many have come to grief here as well as elsewhere on the sea of journalism) - it is deemed entirely unnecessary to advert at length to the circumstances out of which the AFRICO-AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN arises. Whether such a paper is demanded is a question which we shall follow the future to decide.

If it is opportune it will be sustained. It shall seek to be the special organ of Africo-American Presbyterians, reflecting their views, setting forth their needs, and presenting their claims to the Church of Christ. Therefore, while our Church will be interested in its work, its simple existence appeals in a peculiar manner to Africo-American Presbyterians everywhere.

It shall be its policy to support unequivocally all established existing institutions.

With malice toward none and charity for all, it shall advocate the principles of Protestantism in general and of Presbyterianism in particular.

An excellent reason for retaining our subscription.

From this time forth subscription advance will be the rule in the subscription department of this paper.

Don't fail to call on our many advertisers when you want anything in their respective lines.

This is Emancipation day. Its observance is becoming more general in the South as the years go by. This is as it should be.

President Roosevelt is making things livelier about the White-House in every way, it would seem. Innovations are the order of the day.

The original "Salutatory" of the AFRICO-AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN is printed on the first page of this paper. It is thought our present day readers may find it of passing interest.

Thus far the President is holding his own against all comers on the Negro question as relates to the offices. He stands square on both feet, and is, therefore, hard to be moved.

As we predicted immediately after the Assembly adjourned, the vote on the Revision Overtures is going all one way. Thus far about 130 Presbyteries have voted in the affirmative and none in the negative.

The annual Week of Prayer, under the direction of the Evangelical Alliance, will begin next Sabbath, the 3rd inst. It is hoped the observance will be general and that good results will follow.

A ministry of intelligence and character must be provided for the people. This manifest need is daily becoming more urgent. Let those having this work in hand appreciate its value more and more.

Let our houses of worship be beautified and made as comfortable as possible. Expenditures for modest improvements of this character should be encouraged. This is to honor the Lord with our substance.

When a man like Ex-Congressman

departments except the mechanical, and sometimes the greater part of that.

For three or four years the paper was printed by contract. This was found to be a losing business. An outfit, including a Washington hand press, was secured. This soon seemed to increase the burden of carrying for the editor to bring into active service the little knowledge of printing picked up while working in the office where the paper had been printed. A number of colored boys were taken into the office and in an incredibly short time the first permanent colored printing office in the South, probably, was in full operation. In this connection there is indebtedness to many friends by whose indulgence and endorsement the financial engagements of the enterprise were met.

Several attempts were made to form a co-partnership or stock company for publishing the paper, but they were not successful.

Early after the AFRICO-AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN was started it was endorsed by ministers, Presbyteries, and, later, by Atlantic and Catawba Synods as their organ. It continues to be so recognized. But for cordial support from our ministers and people the paper could not have been sustained. The generous words of brethren and friends found in this special edition are unnecessary that this sketch be made fuller.

THE VALUE OF THE AFRICO-AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN TO OUR MINISTERS.

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The newspaper is to be regarded as an important part of the minister's equipment.

Young men fitted for special service are too difficult to find. The trouble is, numbers deem themselves fitted who are not. Let a vacancy occur where special fitness is required and it is surprising to find how numerous the applicants are, all of whom often can give no guarantee even of probable success. Overestimating themselves, they think they can do what is wanted to be done. When a man is qualified to do a work people will not be long in finding it out and he will soon get a place.

The bad observance of Christmas was as pronounced as ever in this section. Drunkenness was prevalent. On the other hand, the day was observed by numerous Godfearing and decent people in a becoming manner. There were appropriate services in the churches with fair attendance. There was an increased interest shown in extending a helping hand to the poor, and many needy ones, young and old, were made glad. There was far more good done than evil.

A few years ago there was quite a discussion among some of our leaders as to who should be credited with having coined and introduced the patronymic, "AFRICO-AMERICAN." We did not enter the discussion simply because we did not know to whom the credit belongs. We do know that we had neither seen nor heard the form until we were trying to fix upon a name for this paper. We proposed to ourselves "African Presbyterian." That seemed too broad. The paper was being designed to represent the Presbyterians of Africa and descent in the South. So it just occurred to us that "AFRICO-AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN" was the thing and the thing it became, and so continues to be. That is all we know about it. If it was not used by any one prior to Jan. 1st, 1879, then we claim the honor. Who can tell?

No people were ever great yet that served the race with its hands only. Who cares for Carthage now? But there is Athens and there is Jerusalem. Every man cares for Athens and for Jerusalem, but no man cares for the pile of ruins on the Southern shores of the Mediterranean; because the people there were your workers with their hands only. - Hamilton W. Mabie.



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men with a purpose do good. Men who can be trusted, who are educated and governed by moral principles of right and not by cheap popularity, and men who do not fear to speak the truth, such as our support.

work of a Christian denomination same rule should apply.

Finally, the highest reward to be found in the good we do. Material compensation is dispensable in its place and without it work must cease. But the ulterior end is the highest end. And every laborer for the good of his fellows and the glory of God should keep this end in view. These thoughts come to us at the close of many years of editorial observation and experience. As the years have come and gone we have had the helpful encouragement of many friends in many ways. There has been the joy which is derivable from a consciousness of doing a needed and appreciated service for our people, for the Church and for its great Head. This has often nerved us for persistent effort when all things else have failed.

The compensations of the editor are not to be passed unnoticed, as being of little or no importance. To be required to know and write about things is a benefit, and after a time becomes a real pleasure. To have the wide acquaintance and friendship of so many people, a goodly number of the friendships personal and intimate, is in itself a large and delightful reward. There are other compensations which will readily occur to the reader. Had we to live over again these 25 years we could wish them to be essentially the same as relates to our editorial service, chiefly because we have endeavored to do our best. We could not have done, nor could we again do, more.

The Whittening Harvest.

AN ADDRESS BY MRS. FANNIE P. SANDERS.

It would be impossible within the brief space allotted to me to detail the harvest of our Missionary Society. My definite idea of the harvest which might be secured by "The Whittening Harvest" whose lead we ought to be with relatives and friends who were on the same mission, gave no serious thought to his absence till they had traveled a day's journey. The sun has hid its face behind the western hills, night is coming on, and

the changes of names, places, and managements through which it has passed. Some of them have many old copies on file. Through this paper in the home, the principles of the Presbyterian Church have been established. The children of these homes are inspired to purpose themselves to enter these schools. Through the information as to what is being done for our people, and by our people many are encouraged to sacrifice, and to do what they make to better their condition. This paper has done much in keeping before the family the high ideal of a pure, real, every day, practical Christian life. It has brought to their attention that religion which manifests itself in one's every day conduct, at home and abroad. In other words, a religion of heart and life, rather than that of the mouth and emotions. We can not tell how many parents have been encouraged to send their children to school because of the information which this subject has brought upon them.

While this paper has been a source of tension in politics, it has been a source of peace in all public questions. It has, therefore, been a source of peace in all public questions. It has, therefore, been a source of peace in all public questions.

work begins in the home. There is music in the very How we love to give free play to reflections and live over again old days of our youth, when free from care and sorrow, and now we do love to sing over and over again the well remembered song, "Home, Sweet Home."

"O happy home! O bright and cheerful hearth! Look round with me, my lover, friend and wife, On these fair faces we have lit with life, And in the perfect blessing of their birth, Help me to live our thanks for so much Heaven on earth."

Dr. Hamilton says that six things are requisite to create a happy home and no one who reads these lines is too poor to have these: "Integrity must be the architect and tidiness the upholsterer. It must be warmed by affection and lighted up with cheerfulness. Industry must be the ventilator, renewing the atmosphere and bringing in fresh salubrity day by day. While over all, as a protecting canopy and glory, nothing will suffice except the blessing of God."

I would here present, as our model, the humble family of Nazareth, referred to in the second chapter of Luke who dwelt in obscurity and toiled for a living. I would ask the fathers to imitate Joseph in his tender, loving care of his wife Mary, going before her and searching out an abiding place. And when care and sorrow come upon the home let the husband, wherever possible, bear the greater part of the burden. Mothers, let us take Mary as our pattern. In Luke the first chapter and thirty-eighth verse observe her willingness to devote herself to the Master's service. In the same chapter her thoughtfulness of others is displayed. Joseph and Mary were the God-chosen guardians of the child Jesus. On one occasion, while on their return from the feast of the passover, the child remained behind without his parents' knowledge or consent. They supposed him to be with relatives and friends who were on the same mission, gave no serious thought to his absence till they had traveled a day's journey. The sun has hid its face behind the western hills, night is coming on, and

either of these found the Spirit, giving power and favor with men in this world, and in the world to come. I wish to speak more particularly of the spiritual evangelism which is moving the forces of our American Christianity as it has not been many a year. Our brethren in Christ of all sects, seem to be hearing the sound of a going in the tops of the fig tree.

During the last meeting of the Board of Christian Education of Catawba at Whitesboro, lighted with the presence and earnest address of Dr. Philadelphia, speaking as a most practical man, through these churches, the plans and work of our Assembly's Committee on Christian Education were discussed. The work which is being done in the South is a source of great joy to all who are interested in the work of the Church.

the Church and its members to do what they can in the whittening harvest field of the Master, both at home and abroad. Have you thought of the work that is to be done; of the motherless children to be cared for and their young feet set in right paths; of the young men and young women to be influenced for good; of the reckless men and fallen women to be reached and brought into the fold of Christ?

The command is, "Go ye into all the world and preach my gospel to every creature." By this we see that we must not be satisfied with working at home in our particular church and community; we must give some attention to foreign work. You cannot go to Cuba or Africa or other far away climes, but God in His allwise Providence is sending others. You can by contributing of your means help to send the Gospel. Only a few of us can work publicly for God. I believe for the most part that woman's ministry lies in the opposite direction. We may not be like Miriam or Deborah, but we can be like Ruth, or Hannah, or Dorcas, or Mary. If we are willing to work we need not remain idle. The Home, the Missionary Society, the Sabbath School, the Christian Endeavor - are all avenues through which we can glean for the Master. And then the word is sure, for our Master has said, "Go ye also into my vineyard and I will employ you."

Biddle University is one of the known institutions in the country voted to the education of young men. It is now in the 34th year of its work. The usual expectations of such schools have been successfully passed and its future regarded as secure.

The original design of the institution, namely, to aid in providing talented ministers, teachers and leaders for the Negro race, has never been in view. Nor has there been from the beginning any failure of effort to give the best ideas of Christian education. The more that have gone out into the world, whose wholesome influence is being felt in the western hills, night is coming on, and

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