

Afro-American Presbyterian

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

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THE WAY

Looking Back at Old Biddle, 1888-98

By BILLIE (Dedicated to the memory of Prof. George E. Davis, Ph. D.) PART I

In a glory of violet and gold and rose, the sun had set in the crimson West and turned the rolling landscape to the west of Biddle into a veritable scene of reflected glory. It was the 18th evening of the year...

Allison escorted me to my room on "Rough Gallery" and gave me a few campus and class room points and asked a few questions about home and bade me good night. In college! In Biddle!

where I was doomed to sit for the next four years; but it was a paradise to one who could appreciate the fact that he was in college. I never saw before such a crowd of Negro boys, quiet and manly, in one place as students. They were eating molasses, baker's bread, butter, and drinking tea, and some were drinking hot water colored with milk.

assimilation; and I soon found myself in harmony with my surroundings. It was on this same Friday night that I joined the Clarissopic Literary Society. I remember that a young man from Cheraw was secretary and was reading the minutes of the previous meeting.

ginning with the "theologs" and ending with the "preps." Coming from a Scotch-Irish section of South Carolina, sprinkled here and there with a German family, of course I had heard a number of names that suggest action; for example Dance, Tip-toe, and Gambel; Fritt and Coolie. But when Prof. Beaty began to call the names among the "preps" it sounded like one urging a fight among some bad boys; he was urging one to shoot the other and commanding another to stand back. Listen: Shute, Stubbs, Stanback, Stitt.

speaking and their composition; but those who could said the speeches were of a high order. I do not remember but one of these speakers' subjects. Mr. S. C. Thompson's subject was "Utility of History." When he completed his speech on this subject the chapel vibrated with applause. The judges gave him the gold medal.

liams; and those who graduated from college that great day to me were Messrs. A. J. Tate, I. M. Muldrow, W. T. Reed, J. C. Johnson, and S. J. Hargrave. In those days of small things no class ever grew too large; there was no rule to reduce the speakers to a small certain number. That began with the class of '94. Every man who was fortunate enough to graduate could speak; but few graduated because of their advanced age and for lack of funds, etc.

RESOLUTIONS

By the Session of the Holbrook Street Presbyterian Church, Danville, Va.

The inspired writer has said: We spend our years as a tale that is told; and that the days of our years are three score years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be four-score, yet is their strength and labour and sorrow, for it is soon cut off and we fly away.

FROM CAMERON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Mrs. Maggie Chambers Waddell, aged 40, departed this life December 26, 1922. She is survived by her husband (Mr. T. W. Waddell) three sons, four daughters, three sisters, two brothers, father, step-mother, and a host of relatives and friends.

Sol Showed a Smiling Face.

When the bell rang for the people to assemble in the chapel it appeared that the peel of that old bell, which was rendered useless during the fire last year, was a signal for some far-away spirits beyond the threatening and rolling clouds, with the signs of the presence of Aeolus, to pull back that celestial curtain of a mass of floating and visible vapor.

NEW BERN PRESBYTERIAN PAROCHIAL SCHOOL.

Mr. Editor: Just a word to inform you that our school, taught by Mrs. L. L. Foy and the writer, is working finely. Although many of our pupils left the city after the great fire, causing some loss to the school, since then others have entered and we now have about as many as we can handle successfully.

NOTICE.

The date of the meeting of the Program Committee of the Catawba Synodical Convention and School of Methods has been changed from February 13th to March 1st.