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THE FISK SINGERS.

The Fisk Singers gave two entertainments here this week. On Monday evening they appeared before the general public in the City Auditorium and on Tuesday evening they sang at the Chamber of Commerce.

In its report of Tuesday evening's entertainment the Charlotte Observer says:

Declaring that the play and songs of the Negroes and the white people must stand together to work out the salvation of the South and that of the two races, J. A. Myers, leader of the Fisk University troupe of singers, made a brief address last night at the Chamber of Commerce during the course of the program given by the singers to an audience of white people of Charlotte that practically filled the auditorium of that building.

Myers made a strong plea for funds for the university, stating that it is through education that the Negroes are to be taught how to serve best.

The singing was of the kind that the true southerner pauses to listen to every time he hears a Negro crooning a song as he works. The music was all simple and forceful, drawing its force both from the simplicity of the thing and the smooth trained voices of the Negroes.

All of the crudeness of the workers' song is banished in that of the trained Negro singer.

The singers were applauded to the echo at the conclusion of every song. As a reader, Myers proved that he is one of the best. The readings were, like the songs, simple Negro dialect sketches and they pleased the audience much more than the average musical comedy.

Owing to lack of space, several interesting articles must be carried over till next week.

THE SOUTHERN WORKMAN.

In the current Southern Workman (published by Hampton Institute) may be found an 8-page, illustrated article on "The Recreation Movement and Colored Americans," outlining the work done by the Bureau of Colored Work, Community Service, Inc., and excerpts (illustrated with interesting photographs taken in Africa by the African Education Commission) from Dr. James Hardy Dillard's review of "Education in Africa" in the New York Evening Post.

Dr. R. E. Motion's second address given before the Scottish Missionary Congress—"Character Building at Tuskegee and Hampton" may be found in the same number.

Encouraging reports of better race relations may be found in

editorials discussing "Southern Women and the Race Problem" and some worthwhile results which have been achieved by various inter-racial committees. Other editorials on Negro high schools and on educational progress in Virginia are encouraging. "Significant Days in Negro History" by Benjamin Brawley, gives a resume of events of importance in Negro history during the last three centuries. Under the heading, "Refugees at Thessalonica Institute," are printed personal letters giving first-hand information of the pathetic situation in the Near East. Part II of the book, "Virginia Public Schools" by the Virginia Education Commission and the Virginia Survey Staff, is reviewed in this issue.

WORK FOR HUNDREDS.

Bethel A. M. E. Church Free Employment Bureau, Chicago, Ill.

In different sections of the South there are tens of thousands of our people who are anxious to move North to escape disheartening conditions. In some sections we are living almost in slavery. Bethel Labor Exchange is arranging to place hundreds of honest, industrious men and women of our race in good paying positions such as workers in steel mills, cement works, railroad shops, on farms, on wharves, and in domestic service.

Address all letters to Bethel Church Employment Bureau, Dr. C. M. Tanner, President; 42nd and Grand Boulevard, Chicago, Ill.

EBENEZER CHURCH, NEW BERN.

Mrs. G. P. Dudley wishes to thank the "Ladies' Art Club" of Laurinburg.

Our pastor, Rev. O. E. Sanders, returned to New Bern last Friday morning after having attended the Workers' Conference at Irmo, S. C.

Rev. Sanders received a letter today from Mrs. Oleona P. Atkins, of Slater State Normal School, at Winston-Salem, containing a Postal Order for \$20, for our building fund.

It was indeed gratifying to our superintendent, Mr. T. T. Street, and his co-workers to see a number of parents at Sabbath school last Sunday afternoon.

Sabbath morning, January 28, our pastor being out of the city, Elder R. W. Williamson conducted the services at Ebenezer. He spoke from the subject "Faith," and his address was enjoyed by all who were present.

Sunday morning Rev. Sanders preached to us from Mal. 3:17 (first clause): "And they shall be mine, said the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels." In this interesting sermon our pastor gave rich thoughts that will ever remain with us.

After the sermon Rev. Sanders gave a brief report of the work done at the Workers' Conference and of his visit to other places.

The Women's Missionary Society met on Monday night.

Some of our members who lost homes in the great fire of December 1st, have begun constructing new homes and will soon occupy them.

Miss Clifton Richardson left the city last week for Philadelphia where she will spend a while with her sister.

Mrs. S. E. Harris has been unable to be out for two or three Sundays.

BY THE WAY

LOOKING BACK AT OLD BIDDLE, 1888-1889

(By Uncle Billie.)

Dedicated to My Beloved Teacher, Prof. George E. Davis, Ph. D.

PART II. October '89.

Vacation ended and I am back in Biddle. While I knew that I had returned to travel another mile in the making of a village youth into something our slave parents prayed for while in Pharaoh's brickyard, I found it quite difficult to get by bearing. For a week I was in a labyrinth of doubt up to the hilt of my spiritual and mental mechanism. I felt that metempsychosis of some kind of transmigration of my very soul was making evident this faith of the ancient Egyptians. The change in the student body was so radical that everything seemed different. Dr. Mattoon was dead and his family had left; Dr. Carrol Cutler and his family were occupying the Mattoon house; many of my classmates had fallen out of the class; many of the old students had given up the struggle for various reasons; some of the familiar faces had graduated and gone to return no more as students. This is the case, no doubt, in the life of every student on his return to college in the quiet autumnal days when the vegetation is draped in colors that give the passing days of autumn a somber appearance.

But I soon found myself at Biddle among new classmates and forming new acquaintances and studying new subjects. We tried to recite our first Latin lesson under Prof. Geo. E. Davis. We studied Harper's Inductive Method. We did the best we could and that was next to nothing. We must have worried Prof. Davis, for he told us that he was going to die ten years earlier for teaching this class beginners Latin. Since I have been out of school and have had a little experience in teaching

Latin he found pleasure in teaching the class which cut ten years out of his terrestrial life, and the boys loved him.

The days passed on and Christmas came; and at this season all who could went home to spend the Yuletide season—but those who remained were satisfied to remain here and call it home. A few went to the country where they were planning to teach the coming vacation. But Prof. Duncan was very kind and thoughtful of those of us who had to remain; and on Christmas night he gave a reception in honor of his aged mother and invited the Christmas "left overs." The program was brief and the occasion lingers with me. Will Haig and Jesse Hutton sang "Old Black Joe" and "I Believe It For My Mother Told Me So," to Prof. Duncan's mother's delight.

After which Prof. Duncan passed around oranges, his mother having brought several boxes of the delicious and juicy fruit with her from Florida where she had been hibernating.

Of course the campus was kept alive by a group of lively, big-hearted fellows who saw nothing but the brightest side of life even though they be in the valley of the shadow of death or treading death's dark maze with griefs spread around them. They kept all hearts aglow by an exhibition of willingness to accept of the smaller things of life and inflate them with a wholesome spirit of levity and good will to all.

The yulelog is smouldering, small streams of blue and some times fleecy smoke are emitting from the chimneys which seem to say: "The season of Merry Christmas of 1889 is numbered with the annals of the past; it is 'Happy New Year!'" This was one of the National Holidays which Prof. Duncan celebrated by giving the boys a big oyster dinner. On addressing the boys at the dinner tables in historic Logan Hall, he said that he was very sorry that some of the young men's "stomachs were not educated up to the degree of relishing or enjoying a dish of nice oysters," for some of the boys were real novices with a dish of oysters before them, which was as foreign to their stomachs as a full dose of nuxvomica.

distinguished Northern visitors honored the student body by their presence and encouraged us by their words reassuring of their interest and sympathy. The world-famous music writer, E. O. Excell, came over one afternoon and, with Mrs. Beaty, Prof. Beaty's wife, selected some hymns from the "Triumphal Songs," a hymn book used in Sam Jones' revivals, for the college choir to practice to sing on a day Sam Jones was to preach to the colored people of Charlotte, as he was conducting a revival at that time in the city of Charlotte.

The late Dr. H. N. Payne, who was the Field Agent of the Freedmen's Board, would often "drop in" on us digging at difficult problems in mathematics and would ask different questions. Commencement of 1890. This commencement passed into history with only four graduates: Messrs. P. W. Russell, of Newberry, S. C.; S. C. Thompson, of Winstboro, S. C.; J. M. Boger, of Concord, N. C., and R. W. Williamson, of Ringold, Va. These men were fixed in matured and envied habits and thought. They were men in years, body, and mind. They were looked upon as of the teaching force and not of the student body. Nobody moved without Mr. R. W. Williamson's signal. We was the bell-ringer. All moved at his orders. He was standard time. He served as solicitor in one of the court circuits in Eastern North Carolina some years ago and won quite a distinction as a safe legal attorney.

Mr. Boger died soon after completing his theological course in Princeton Theological Seminary. Mr. Thompson died in the ministry some years ago in the State of Alabama. The Department of Greek in Johnson C. Smith University and the Greeks in and about Charlotte can tell you all about our good friend Pinckney W. Russell. He is a man of a few words and only speaks when he has something to say and that something is not shallow.

Edisto Island, S. C. LEXINGTON, N. C.

Our... She began... excellent ser... from Beaufort City, and gave a splendid address, making many timely suggestions on Sunday School administration and work. He gave many strong reasons why we should take our church paper and read it. We have had good meetings nearly every Sabbath.

Miss Ethel Mabry left Saturday night for New York. The home of Mrs. Amanda Gilchrist was saddened last Friday morning by the death of her niece, Miss Minnie Goss. The Ladies' Missionary Society met with Mrs. Earl Thomas last Friday night to perfect the plans for a pre-Valentine party.

"BEE" SELDEN, S. C. "Beaufort Salem Church News."

The church has been nicely remodeled and made twelve feet longer. With this new addition we are able on special occasions to seat the people. Most of our membership are faithful in attending church services each 4th Sunday when our minister is present, and keep up well with the salary and running expenses of the church.

The expenses of the church have been quite heavy and a number of our members thought the church couldn't be lengthened and remodeled in a time like this, but I told them to follow me and they took courage and we have gone over the top. We listened to a great sermon last Sabbath by our minister, Rev. T. A. Thompson, based on Rev. 7:9, subject: "The Grandeur and Glory of the Triumphant Church." The pastor was indeed at his best and quite a number of his people expressed themselves as being highly benefited.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

Conducted By Mrs. H. L. McCrorey, Editorial Secretary, Catawba Synodical Missionary Society.

A WORD TO CATAWBA PRESBYTERIAL.

At the last meeting of the Catawba Missionary Society action was taken to send our Presbyterian President to the next General Assembly as an expression of the Presbyterian's appreciation of her splendid service.

Several societies have already met this obligation. The committee appointed to look after this matter urgently requests the societies that have not sent the \$2.00 to the treasurer to do so at once if possible.

An article from our Synodical President, Mrs. W. J. Rankin, was to have appeared this week but it has in some way miscarried.

Our missionary societies will be looking forward with pleasure to read next week some word from their beloved leader, Mrs. Rankin.

Only a short time remains for the four Presbyterian societies of Catawba Synodical to accomplish the work which will add another page to the fine record of the missionary women of Catawba. It is the ambition of each of these Presbyterials to make this the banner year. Let the few remaining weeks be full of prayer and work.

Dr. A. L. Winslow, a successful physician of Danville, Va., was on our campus last Sunday evening. Chapel services last Saturday and Sunday evenings were conducted by Dr. Partee.

Senior Theological class, preached at Chester, S. C., last Sunday. The church there is being competently supplied by Mr. H. L. McCrorey, Jr., of the Senior Theological class.

Messrs. O. L. Westbrook and C. B. Campbell, spent last Sunday in Mooresville, and Mr. J. W. Graham went to his home near Huntersville.

BROOKLYN CHURCH NOTES.

Last Wednesday night, January 31, part of Brooklyn church congregation listened to an excellent sermon delivered by our evangelist, Dr. I. H. Russell. His text was, "And Simon answering said unto him, Master we have toiled all the night and have taken nothing. Nevertheless, at thy word I will let down the net." St. Luke 5:5. Dr. Russell was passing through from Irmo, S. C., where he had attended the Workers' Conference and was kind enough to stop over and preach for one of the clubs.

After the sermon a collection of \$4.75 was taken. Sunday morning Dr. F. L. Brodie spoke to us from Psalm 10:2, "Bless the Lord O my soul, and forget not his benefits."

Mrs. A. T. James was a very pleasant visitor at our Sunday school on last Sabbath. The Adult Bible class was very glad to have her back, and hope she can come every Sabbath.

Mr. Chas. Rhyne, our superintendent, is still sick. We hope for him an early recovery.

The Teacher-Training class met at the home of Dr. F. L. Brodie, South Caldwell street, last Friday night. All present seemed to have enjoyed it.

Mrs. Maria McCormick, of South Church street, and Mrs. Emma Cunningham, of East Sixth street, are seriously ill at this writing. Both are faithful members of this church.

THE DEPARTED.

Mrs. R. E. Fulwood, of Waxhaw, N. C., makes note of the passing of two faithful missionary workers.

Mrs. Lols-Ross departed this life January 30, 1923. She was President of the Woman's Missionary Society for two years, and was a faithful worker, untiring in her efforts to hold up the standard of the Church.

Mrs. Janie Gladden departed this life August 20, 1922. She was an active member in Shiloh Presbyterian Church, Waxhaw, and a missionary worker for more than twenty years.

God has plucked a beautiful flower from his garden. The memory of her quiet and beautiful life is sweet and will ever be cherished by us. We shall emulate her life and strive to meet her in heaven.

NOTICE.

Catawba Presbyterian.

There will be a District Missionary meeting at New Hampton Presbyterian Church, Saturday, February 17, 1923, at 11 o'clock. A representative from each missionary society in the District is expected.

Mrs. G. E. Davis, Pres. Mrs. M. J. Alexander, Leader H. F. Russell, Cor. Secy.