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

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PROGRAM OF THE WORKERS' CONFERENCE

DIVISION OF MISSIONS FOR COLORED PEOPLE, THE BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

To Be Held at Barber Memorial College, Anniston, Alabama. January 27-30, 1925.

Tuesday Evening, January 27.
7:30 P. M. Evangelistic Service.
Sermon—Rev. W. W. Mae, Birmingham, Alabama. Evangelist East Tennessee Synod, Presbytery of Lincoln in Kentucky.
Wednesday, January 28.
9:00 A. M. Devotional.
9:15 A. M. Greetings—Mrs. W. T. Larimer, Assistant Secretary.
9:45 A. M. Institute on Evangelism.
Conducted by Rev. I. H. Russell, D. D., Rev. W. W. Mae, Rev. J. E. Tice.
10:45 A. M. Discussion.
11:00 A. M. A Standard Church. Rev. A. H. George, Winston, N. C.
11:30. Discussion.
11:45 A. M. A Minister's Qualifications.
Rev. S. A. Downer, Knoxville, Tenn.
12:15. Discussion.
12:30 P. M. Recess.
2:00 P. M. Devotional.
2:15 P. M. Institute on Sunday School Work, conducted by Rev. B. McCoy, D. D., Atlanta, Ga. Rev. F. C. Shirey, Charlotte, N. C.
2:45 P. M. Discussion.
3:00 P. M. Devotional.
3:15 P. M. Institute on Men's Work.
Rev. O. M. McAdams, Greenville, S. C.
4:30 P. M. Discussion.
4:45 P. M. Adjournment.
7:30 P. M. Evangelistic Service.
Sermon—Rev. J. E. Jackson, Columbia, S. C.; Sermon Rev. P. N. Boykin, Wadesboro, N. C.
Thursday, January 29.
9:00 A. M. Devotional.
9:15 A. M. Division of Buildings and Property.
Rev. David G. Wylie, D. D., New York City.
9:45 A. M. Discussion.
10:00 A. M. Program and Field Activities.
Rev. C. J. Baker, D. D., Atlanta, Ga.
10:30 A. M. Discussion.
10:45 A. M. The Training of Men for Life Work.
Rev. H. L. McCrorey, D. D., Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, N. C.
11:15 A. M. Discussion.
11:30 A. M. The Training of Women for Life Work.
Rev. J. F. Scherer, D. D., Barber Memorial College, Anniston, Ala.
12:00 M. Discussion.
12:15 P. M. Recess.
2:00 P. M. Devotional.
2:15 P. M. The Training of Boys and Girls for Life Work, (In the Mixed Schools.)
Rev. W. D. Fenster, D. D., Philadelphia, Arkansas.
2:45 P. M. Discussion.
3:00 P. M. Some of the Graduates of Alice Lee Elliot School and What They are Doing.
Rev. J. D. Stanback, Valliant, Oklahoma.
3:30 P. M. Discussion.
3:45 P. M. Some of the Requisites of a Good Teacher.
Rev. H. M. Stinson, D. D., Cotton Plant, Arkansas.
4:15 P. M. Discussion.
4:30 P. M. Industrial Education.
Rev. W. H. Carroll, D. D., Monticello, Arkansas.
5:00 P. M. Discussion.
5:15 P. M. Adjournment.
7:30 P. M. Evangelistic Service.
Sermon—Rev. I. H. Russell, D. D., Durham, N. C., Evangelist, Catawba Synod.
Friday, January 30.
9:00 A. M. Devotional.
9:15 A. M. Are Parochial Schools Needed?
Mrs. W. J. Harris, Birmingham, Alabama.
9:45 A. M. Discussion.
10:00 A. M. Discipline; Grad-

TRINITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES VOTE UNANIMOUSLY TO ACCEPT MR. DUKE'S GIFT.

(From The Charlotte Observer.)

Durham, Dec. 29.—Duke university came into being officially here today. Twenty-nine members of the board of trustees of Trinity college, being all of the members with the exception of Mr. Duke himself, voted in favor of acceptance of the princely offer of Mr. Duke, and when the meeting adjourned at 12:30 o'clock, after the deliberation of a little over one hour, Trinity college had become a part of what will doubtless be one of the greatest universities in the country.

It was the realization of the fondest dreams of the officials of the institution. All enthusiastic. It was an enthusiastic group of trustees which emanated from the office of President William P. Few after the momentous meeting. The proposition offered by the multi-millionaire philanthropist, that should Trinity care to change its name to Duke university it would receive a gift of \$6,000,000 at once and a handsome income of 32 per cent of the income each year from a \$40,000,000 trust fund, was found good, splendid, in fact. There was not the least hesitancy on the part of any one.

"It is the happiest moment of my life," said Professor R. L. Flowers, secretary-treasurer of the institution. "Most of my boyhood dreams have failed to come true. But this is one of my greatest which has been fulfilled."

"It was done in a very few minutes," commented Joseph G. Brown, of Raleigh, chairman of the board of trustees, in a brief speech at the Rotary luncheon which was given here at 1 o'clock, in honor of the trustees. "I believe that the action of the trustees in accepting this wonderful gift will be accepted as the thing to have done by the people of the state and by the country in general. When people down at Raleigh asked me if we were praying over their proposition, I told them 'Yes,' and Buck Duke is drawing plans."

An ovation was accorded President Few when he was introduced. He stated, with more emphasis than he has ever been known to show before, that Trinity was not lost, but that it would remain an integral part of the university. He asserted that, since a four-year college of arts and sciences is the heart of every great university, Trinity would remain as such.

Many of the trustees removed the points from their fountain pens which had been used in signing the resolutions, stating jovially that they would keep them as precious souvenirs.

Duke university, which was established today, will in reality be a continuation of the little institution established in the northwestern portion of Randolph county back in 1838. It will include a fully equipped medical school, which may rival Johns Hopkins; a law school, a school of engineering, women's college, and school of religious training. The trustees will be given a free hand.

By changing the name of Trinity the trustees accepted the terms of the \$40,000,000 trust fund established by James B. Duke, power and tobacco magnate, under which the new university will receive not to exceed \$6,000,000 for building purposes and 32 per cent of the income of the trust fund.

perpetuated in the maintaining of a college within the new university to be known as "Trinity College."
The new name is a memorial for Mr. Duke's father, Washington Duke, who was a benefactor of the college and whose sons have continued their contributions to its upbuilding and endowment.

Former Benefactions.
The meeting of the trustees consumed less than two hours. The resolution, which was finally adopted had been prepared beforehand and it had been generally predicted that it would be adopted without any serious opposition. Joseph G. Brown, of Raleigh, chairman of the board of trustees, presided over the meeting.

James B. Duke, who established the trust fund a few weeks ago, of which Trinity college becomes the chief beneficiary as a result of today's action, was in Durham until the opening hour of the meeting but left before the decision, for his home in Charlotte.

Acceptance of the Duke gift today marks another step forward, a greater development for Trinity college in which the Duke family has played a large part. The father of J. B. Duke, Washington Duke, had given liberally to the institution during his life time and Mr. Duke, and his brother, B. N. Duke, and also his nephew, the late Angier Duke, continued this policy of generosity. A number of the buildings of Trinity college were made possible because of the benefactions of this family. Only recently it had been announced that a great stadium for athletics would be erected at the college and it was reported that this was possible because of the Duke gifts to the college.

SPLENDID PROGRESS AT NEW MARKET AND DANDRIDGE, TENN.

To the Editor of the Africo-American Presbyterian:

You have not had a word from me in some time as to the field which I am privileged to serve. Ever and anon one feels like "talking shop," you know; so I presume that the reading public will forgive this seeming self-praise.

About two years ago next March our church at New Market, Tenn., and the manse also were burned. There was very little insurance. But since then we have been enabled to replace the church building with a more modern brick building, costing upwards of five thousand dollars.

We are planning to have the church dedicated in April next when the Presbytery convenes on this field. There is still some indebtedness against the church which we hope will be met by the meeting of Presbytery, if not sooner. So, won't the good friends of Presbyterianism send us a donation for this worthy cause?

At Dandridge, Tenn., we are remodeling a manse which has been purchased on a very prominent street. This will be a valuable property when completed. It can be sold at any time for twice the purchase price.

Bethel church seems to have taken on new life after the reorganization of the official boards, from trustees up to the eldership. On the 7th inst. the following named elders and deacons were installed, after the congregation had elected them with the trustees herein afterwards named: Elders: T. W. Fain, E. J. Howell, and W. T. Evans. Each of the foregoing was promoted from the deacon board. Deacons: Frank Fain, Sam Neal, and deaconess, Miss Pearl Carson. Trustees: E. S. Eu-Dalley, Sam Neal, J. P. Fain, C. E. Bradford, and Dowell Thomas. All of the above named of-

cers have met in their respective organizations, and the work is moving on smoothly.

Just a word about the Rice Presbyterian church, Newport, Tenn., which was organized on the 18th of November, 1923, with eight members. Since then three more have joined the organization. Already the congregation has purchased a property for worship costing about \$1200. They hold a clear deed to the property now.

The outlook for this field is very encouraging indeed. We have been visiting this field now about fifteen months and the results of the efforts put forth are very gratifying. The Lord be praised, for His benediction has been ours.

W. C. Hargrave, Dandridge, Tenn.

MILLION DOLLAR NATIONAL FINANCE CORPORATION IS FORMALLY LAUNCHED.

Major Moton is President and Mr. C. C. Spaulding, Chairman of Executive Board.

Durham, N. C.—Dedicating their efforts to the motto, "Service to the Race, rather than the making of money," and declaring that, "the future of the Race depends upon our ability to develop business, solve our economic problems and take our places in the commercial world along with other peoples," more than fifty business men from various sections of the country met recently to strengthen and protect Negro business.

The occasion was the formal launching of the new million dollar National Negro Finance Corporation. The group of earnest, capable men of affairs representing in themselves and their institutions resources running into millions, who sat in conference all day studying the plan and program proposed, expressed the unanimous opinion that a step had been taken which means a new era in the commercial life of the Negro and therefore by natural sequence in his social and civic life as well. It was freely admitted that the corporation was destined to be very profitable, but the idea of service is ever to be held uppermost.

The organization of the National Negro Finance Corporation was announced at the Chicago session of the National Negro Business League last August. Dr. Robert R. Moton, who originally proposed the idea, is its president. Mr. C. C. Spaulding, president of the North Carolina Mutual, is chairman of the Executive Board, while W. Gomez of the Bankers' Fire Insurance Company, of Durham, who is now recognized as one of the organizing geniuses of the Race and under whose direction the plan was finally whipped into workable form, is Secretary-Manager.

The purpose of the finance corporation is "Service and Conservation." Its program is to provide working capital for individuals, firms, corporations, to seek and point out new opportunities for profitable efforts; to create and develop a market for listing, exchanging, buying and selling Negro securities; to organize our individual and corporate interests so that they will function in such a way as to bring about a new birth of confidence and assured economic independence; to create and propagate a nation wide spirit of co-operation, coordination and consolidation; to give the largest possible opportunities for participation in directing and controlling corporate investments, as well as sharing fully in their profits; and to foster and advance by every legitimate means consistent with good business, the financial and commercial development of Negroes.

"Every day is a new beginning, Every morn is the world made new; Ye who are weary of sorrow and sinning, Here's a beautiful hope for me—A hope for me and a hope for you."

MILLER MEMORIAL CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

During the vacancy of the pulpit we have had sermons from various men of our Church. Among those who have preached for us are Dr. C. E. Tucker, of Chattanooga, Tenn., Rev. P. A. White, of Jackson, Tenn., Rev. A. W. Rice, of Anniston, Ala., Rev. G. E. Cooper, of Anniston, Ala., Dr. C. J. Baker, Atlanta, Ga., and Rev. G. E. Henderson, Charleston, S. C.

We were pleased to have Rev. J. W. Holloway, pastor of the Congregational church of Anniston, Ala., preach for us during the summer.

The parochial school is open with Dr. R. B. Maclin, principal, Prof. F. D. Hooks, assistant principal, and Mesdames W. J. Harris, Kate Kennedy, Ed Bolden, E. F. Roberts and Miss J. E. Rhone, teachers. The building has been repaired and comfortable for all who attend. The enrollment has reached 218.

The Sunday school, with Mr. U. S. Bryant, superintendent, is largely attended. The election of teachers for the Sunday school was held and the following teachers were installed by Rev. G. E. Cooper, Anniston, Ala.: Mesdames L. W. Johnston, K. Kennedy, Misses J. E. Rhone, Lonnie Caldwell, Ruth Maclin, M. Reid and Annie Pope. Malt Jones was elected secretary, Mrs. P. J. Hutchins, treasurer, Prof. F. D. Hooks, librarian, Mrs. E. F. Roberts, pianist. All departments of the Sunday school work are maintained and every one works in his or her place.

A junior choir has been organized with Miss Gertrude Winfield, president; and Miss Ivory Hill, secretary.

The Ladies' Missionary Society with Mrs. A. S. Tanner, president, and Mrs. E. F. Roberts, secretary, and Mrs. L. Sears, treasurer, is holding its meetings monthly. Mention should be made of the December meeting which was held at the home of Mrs. McCurdy on Bell Ave. Mrs. McCurdy is not a Presbyterian, but she desires to work with our society.

The play, "Thanksgiving, Ann," given by the society November 30th, was well attended and \$5.00 was given as a silver offering. Mention should be made of the persons who played "Mr. and Mrs. Allen" in the cast—a Mr. Greer and Miss H. Washington, who came from other churches and different sections of the city.

The Christian Endeavor with Mr. Randolph Jenkins, president, has become the center of attraction for the young people of this community on Sunday afternoon.

We are pleased to have Rev. W. W. Mayle, evangelist for the East Tennessee Synod, make his headquarters here. Already he has held a revival here which ran the weeks of Dec. 7-21. He promises to act as associate pastor for us when at home. It is hoped that his stay with us will be pleasant and that much good will be derived.

It was pleasing to note the presence of Mrs. E. L. Jones in our prayer meeting on a recent Wednesday night. Mrs. Jones is the wife of Elder E. L. Jones. She has been paralyzed for more than six years.

Elder B. L. Greer has been happy to have his mother pay him a visit. She is from New Kensington, Pa.

Mrs. E. F. Roberts,

What better than this? Come down From off your pedestal, O man, Come meet the fellows of the town And be the fellow that you can, A merry man, a jolly man; An ordinary sort of man; Stand up, sit down, cut loose, and The brotherhood of man to bring— What better thing? —Douglas Malloch. Everybody gets bumped now and then.