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

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## BY THE WAY.

It is said that Mr. J. B. Duke's father, Washington Duke, when he was in the tobacco business in Durham, mixed his interest with that of his employees, with no regard to color or race. Be his wages ever so small, each employee had a share in Mr. Duke's business. And when a dividend was declared each employee of this broad and unselfish man received his share of the gain. He was not so afraid of stagnant sentiment, or threadbare or sordid doctrine as to try to keep the under man under, make the sick man weaker, and the critically ill hopeless. His doctrine was: "All men up and no man down." To pursue the principles involved in this doctrine, means the eradication of the elements of racial prejudice and the pursuance of the optimistic spirit with all Christian tolerance, and he saw that his mixture of his interest with his white and colored employees was an economic step forward. Such a spirit of real altruism can be properly termed, as it relates to Mr. Washington Duke, "Duke's Mixture."

"His spirit still abideth" in his son, J. B. Duke, the multi-millionaire, of Charlotte; for a few days ago he was passing along the Jericho road, which is noted for its unenviable frequenters: the halt, the maim, the blind, and the dumb, the thieves and the robbers. But Mr. Duke escaped the latter group and fell in the helpless hand of the majority group; and amidst the loud cries that shrieked for alms, though he be a faithful follower of the Methodist persuasion, Mr. Duke heard the cries of denominational persuasions other than his own. He heard the cry of a distinct people and yet a part of the group that constitute the commonwealth. From his palatial home in the Queen City of the Old North State, he heard the cry of a struggling college established for the higher education of the Negro. This same college is one of Charlotte's greatest assets; and Mr. Duke's recent gift through his philanthropic spirit will raise its value as an asset to Charlotte many degrees higher.

Mr. Duke reflects the broad, unselfish, and unbiased spirit, and bigness of soul of his father when he mixed his sympathy and remembered Johnson C. Smith University in his distribution of his wealth among the needy.

The tobacco which he manufactures is called "Duke's Mixture." It is labeled on every bag; and truly his recent gift to Johnson C. Smith University can be properly, and with timeliness called Duke's mixture of sympathy. It went out to black and white.

It is a fact that all Negro colleges for the higher learning of the Negro stand in danger of going into decadence if they fail to emphasize industrial education and write it in large letters. Many wealthy men and women of our Church contribute liberally to our industrial schools in the south, while they give practically nothing to Negro colleges for higher learning.

Many of the wealthiest people of this country feel and act as if a Negro should never be educated above the old oaken well-bucket and the axe at the root of the tree. Of course there is no dishonor in hewing wood for your employer; but these wood-hewers and water-drawers and those pursuing other vocations need sane leaders, who are above their followers in preparation; teachers of merit; lawyers and doctors who reflect credit in their training and Christian ethics, and we need ministers of the gospel whose training is not a joke. The idea that the higher learning is for every race on earth but the Negro is by no means sectional in this Christian land. It is quite prevalent indeed. But God always has a saving remnant of Godly men and women who reflect the attitude of the man of Galilee, whose sympathy went out to all classes and conditions and races, even to the

## UNITED STATES LEADS IN CONTRIBUTIONS TO FOREIGN MISSIONS.

New York, Jan. 17.—The World War caused the withdrawal of all Protestant foreign missionaries from 219 residence stations, which are today either not occupied at all or are in the hands of Christian nationals, according to data compiled for a World Missionary Atlas soon to be published by the Institute of Social and Religious Research. Of the stations completely vacated 126 are in Africa, 58 in India, 21 in Western Asia, eleven in Netherlands Indies, and the remainder in scattered areas. For the most part the stations vacated were occupied before the war by continental missionaries. But despite the war, operations are shown by the new atlas to be on a very much greater scale now than at the beginning of the century.

There are missionaries in residence at 4,598 stations, not including American church workers in Europe outside of Turkey-in-Europe, or workers among European immigrants in the United States and Canada, but including workers among American Indians and Asiatic immigrants here and in Canada.

Since 1900, according to the atlas figures, the number of Protestant communicants has increased in Asia from 622,460 to 1,533,057; in Africa from 342,857 to 1,015,683, not including Europeans permanently resident there; in Australasia, Netherlands Indies and the Pacific Islands, from 117,092 to 647,728, counting only aboriginal or indigenous populations; and in Latin America and the West Indies, from 138,388 to 368,228.

In China the number increased from 112,808 in 1900 to 811,505, as reported in 1923. The number in Japan grew from 42,835 to 134,547 in the same period, while in Korea there was an extraordinary increase, from 8,288 to 277,377.

About 700 Protestant organizations are now carrying on missionary work, and their total income for general foreign missions, as reported in 1923, was \$69,555,148. Of this total, according to the atlas, \$45,272,793 was received by societies having headquarters in the United States, \$3,357,739 by Canadian societies and \$13,342,499 by British societies. Continental societies had an income of \$2,631,305.

At the end of the nineteenth century the total income for Protestant foreign missions was \$10,593,823, of which Great Britain and Ireland gave \$4,959,562, the Continent, \$2,441,013, the United States, \$5,916,781, and Canada \$545,998.

In 1923 the missionary societies reported having 1,157 qualified physicians from Western lands at work, and the atlas shows there are now 858 mission hospitals, with 31,264 beds, as well as 1,686 dispensaries. In the year covered by the 1923 reports 4,788,253 individual patients received medical attention.

Only data relating to Protestant missions are included in this atlas. The Roman Catholic Church will cover its own field during Holy Year, through a monumental missionary exhibit at the Vatican for which preparations have been made on a vast scale.

## A. M. E. CHURCH GATHERING.

Wilmington, Jan. 15.—The bishops' council of the African Methodist Episcopal churches of the entire United States will gather in Wilmington on February 12 for a two or three day session. At the same time the connectional council of ministers of the same churches will hold their annual session in the city.

Samaritans with whom the Jews would have nothing to do. UNCLE BILLIE.

## WILMINGTON NEWS.

(By Publicity Department Chestnut Street Presbyterian Church.)

The service of Holy Communion was celebrated at Chestnut Street Presbyterian church, Sunday, Jan. 4, at which time Miss Flossie James and Barbara Taylor Wright, (the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benj. H. Wright), were baptized by the pastor. Rev. Harris preached a soul-stirring sermon from the text: Jer. 31:31, theme, "A New Covenant." He made a plea for the formation of a new covenant with God. The service was largely attended.

The annual Week of Prayer was observed last week. Our pastor, Rev. J. R. Harris, gave a most interesting discourse each evening on the subjects outlined for the week, which was followed by discussions, Bible readings, prayers and songs from the congregation. Every one felt greatly benefited and inspired by these meetings.

Our Sabbath school had a splendid Christmas tree Friday night, Dec. 26, and the accompanying exercises were interesting and instructive. The children had a great time.

The Sunday following the Sunday school held its Christmas missionary program. The collection for missions was \$10. Our Sunday school is growing and is wide awake.

The Ministerial Alliance held its anniversary service Friday evening, Jan. 9th, at Mt. Nebo Baptist church. A very interesting program was carried out and was followed by a banquet.

Rev. Dr. Thomas, of the First Baptist church, the speaker for the occasion, gave a splendid discourse. His subject was: "Go Preach the Gospel." The newly elected officers were installed. They are: Pres., Rev. A. D. Avery; Vice-President, Rev. J. A. Lewis; Secretary, Rev. J. R. Harris, Jr.; Treasurer, Rev. A. J. Wilson.

The Colored Chamber of Commerce held its monthly meeting Jan. 6, at which time the officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, Dr. Frank Avant; Vice-President, Mr. Julius Murray; Secretary, Prof. F. J. Rogers; Treasurer, Mr. Allen Jackson.

Mrs. Lucy Carr, of Asheville, spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Grigg.

Mrs. Gertrude Williston and her two daughters spent the holidays in Fayetteville with her husband, Dr. Jas. Williston.

Among the happy gatherings of the holidays was a "Tea" given by Miss Lenora Hargrave at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hargrave, on Chestnut Street.

Miss Elizabeth Anthony, one of the Charlotte teachers, spent the holidays with her sister, Miss Catherine Anthony, who is teaching in the Williston High School here. Several social functions were given in honor of the visitor.

Mr. John Whiteman, Jr., a student of J. C. Smith University, spent the holidays with his father and sisters.

Mrs. Hubert Rogers, of Raleigh, spent the past week with her son and his family, Prof. and Mrs. F. J. Rogers, the former principal of Peabody Graded School.

Miss Addie Whiteman, who is teaching in Rocky Mount, came home to spend the holidays.

The Emancipation Day celebration was held at St. Luke's A. M. E. Zion church. Dean Turner, of Shaw University, the speaker of the day, delivered a thoroughly practical and eloquent address on "The Future of the Black Folk."

Miss Fannie James, who has been on the sick list since September, was able to be at church last Sunday. She is one of the faithful members of the Chestnut St. church and Sunday school.

Mr. John Williams, of Market Street, who has been quite ill, is out again.

Miss Dorothy McRae, who is teaching at Bladenboro, was home recently.

Mrs. Polly McBride, who was

a member of Chestnut Street church, died at her home on So. 13th Street, Saturday night, Jan. 10. Her brother, Mr. Henry Davis, of Dillon, S. C., took the body to their home to be interred at the family burial grounds.

The pastor's address is: The Manse, 712 Chestnut St.

## YULE TIDE AT SHINNECOCK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, SOUTHAMPTON, LONG ISLAND, N. Y.

By Rev. E. W. Carpenter.

The Christmas tree on December 25th was a great success, believed to be the best in the history of the church. The program rendered by the young people was just grand. We are indebted to Mesdames A. T. Carpenter, Emily Thompson, Eliza Beaman, and Miss Anita Crippen, for the most thorough training of the young people. The rendition was at least 100 per cent better than last year. The tree was artistic in its dress. Abundance of fruit had matured and fallen beneath the tree so that everybody seemed to get many presents. It is evident that the givers and exchangers of gifts had in mind the utility of the presents.

The pastor and his wife got many valuable presents. They got a large bill of money from the Sabbath school.

On Christmas day Mesdames Bessie Smith and Edna Eleazer brought to the manse all kinds of groceries and fruits to make sure that the pastor and family might be happy during Yuletide.

We were invited to a dinner December 31st, given by Shinnecock Social Club. Dinner was at 8 P. M. Those present were Rev. Thomas C. Ogburn, Rev. Edw. Carpenter, Mrs. A. T. Carpenter, Mrs. M. J. Richardson, Mrs. Bessie Smith, Mr. Frederick Smith, Mrs. Chas. Eleazer, Mrs. Edna Eleazer, Miss Mary M. Johnson, Mr. Henry Cuffee, Mr. Elijah Bailey, Mr. Anthony Beaman, and Mrs. Eliza Beaman. This annual dinner was at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Smith. The table was loaded with too many things to mention. The largest and seemingly the best cooked turkey I ever saw was before us. All enjoyed the occasion.

After the dinner the guests spent the time in social games until 10 minutes to 12 P. M., at which time all assembled in one of the largest rooms, and the Rev. E. W. Carpenter offered prayer to God thanking Him for His special care shown us during the closing year, and asked God to take care of us during the incoming year. The Rev. Ogburn closed with the Lord's Prayer. Just about two minutes to twelve the men let go about 100 volleys shooting out the old year and accepting the new. Thus ended one of the most prosperous years in Shinnecock church and community.

## EDWARD WEBB CHURCH, MT. AIRY.

By Mrs. J. H. Clement.

On the fifth Sunday we had a splendid service. Our pastor preached a stirring sermon. Being the first Sunday in the year we had a good attendance. We were especially glad to have Mr. Gilmer Franklin to worship with us and to speak in the Sunday school. Mr. Franklin is a member of our church and Sunday school and is now attending school at Johnson C. Smith University. He made an excellent talk in the Sunday school. We are indeed proud of such young men as he, and wish that more of the Mt. Airy parents would send their boys to Johnson C. Smith University.

Our Christmas tree and program was enjoyed by all who attended. Many little folks were made happy.

Mrs. S. L. Young, Jr., of Martinsville, Va., and Miss Mabel Gordon, of Durham, spent the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon.

Mrs. George Coble entertained at dinner Sunday, Dec. 28, Mrs.

Dyson, of Winston-Salem, Mr. Hemphill, of Alabama, Rev. Hodges, and Mrs. J. H. Clement. It was quite an enjoyable affair.

The missionary ladies gave a surprise birthday party for their shepherdess. It was planned by Mrs. S. L. Young, Mrs. Franklin and the pastor, and given at the parsonage, as though she were entertaining the society. Quite a number of friends were present and a bunch of serviceable presents were given. There were presents sent from Booneville, Thomasville and High Point, and I, the recipient, wish to thank the ladies and the pastor for the very pleasant surprise. Among the many gifts was a cut glass vase, by Rev. and Mrs. S. L. Young.

January 2, Rev. and Mrs. H. D. Haughton, Rev. and Mrs. Young, Rev. Hodges, Miss Olivia Penn and Rev. Newsome were royally entertained at a 6 o'clock dinner at the home of Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Clement. It was indeed an evening of real pleasure. Miss Eula Ross served dinner.

The Ministerial Union held its last meeting at the home of Rev. S. L. Young. The ministers' wives have organized an associated circle with the ministers, which will meet at the home of Rev. Brodie.

We are glad to learn that Mrs. Margaret Kegler is improving.

This is a new year and we are looking forward to new things. We want to enlarge our prayer meeting and do more work for the Master.

The memorial service of Mrs. O. E. Phillips that was to be on the second Sunday of February at Thomasville has been called off. Mr. Phillips feels that it would be more than he could bear.

## ADMITTED FAITH IN PRAYER.

An incident which may give refreshing encouragement in these days of doctrinal degeneration is located a recent action by the Chicago city government. While high-brow professors are going up and down the land decrying the Bible and all The Book stands for, the City Council of Chicago has made public proclamation of its faith in prayer. One of the aldermen made motion that hereafter the meetings of the board should be "opened with prayer." The entire board was in accord with the idea and the motion was adopted by unanimous vote. If any city government stands in need of prayer, it is that of Chicago, or the city has been vilely slandered in newspaper reports. The reasonings officially entered by the Chicago board were based on the fact that "the deliberations of the Chicago City Council deal with the morals and welfare of a present population of 3,000,000 people in such a way as to affect in some degree every human activity."

It was therefore resolved that hereafter "every meeting" of the council should be opened with prayer. Prayer is to be made "a part of its open procedure." This is an incident which might be taken as one of the inspirational kind. The Chicago recognition of the power of prayer is likely to be passed around as one of wholesome influence.—Charlotte Observer.

## CHATHAM, VA., NOTES.

On the fourth Sunday in December Rev. W. H. Stokely preached for our pastor, Rev. J. Metz Rollins, of the Presbyterian church, a very able sermon. Rev. Stokely's theme for the morning was, "Prayer," and his noon theme was, "Who is Christ, and Whose Son is He?" Both sermons would feed the hungry soul.

On Friday night, December 26, a Christmas program was rendered by the school girls and boys, with the help of Mrs. Maggie Smith and Mrs. Flossie Scruggs. The welcome address was given by Mr. Elrich W. Clarke, a student of Mary Potter Memorial Seminary.

ANNIE M. MAYO.

## ST. JAMES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, GREENSBORO.

By Mrs. W. J. Jones, Reporter. Services at St. James were largely attended and a deep spirit of worship pervaded the congregation. Our pastor preached from the subject: "New Year Meditation and Motto." The speaker urged, among other things, that there be a mobilization of the splendid man-power and woman-power of the church. He said the standard of greatness was service.

Quite a number of the members of St. James accompanied the pastor to the Hannah church for the afternoon service.

The chorus, consisting of the Christian Endeavor and choir, rendered the cantata, entitled, "The Holy Nativity" at High Point on Sunday-night, January 4. The rendition was a creditable affair to St. James and Greensboro. Rev. Washington greatly appreciated our visit to his church and many compliments were bestowed upon us for our beautiful music. Especial mention was made of Miss Elfrida Sandifer, a wonderful contra-tenor soloist, and our pastor, Rev. Miller sang with so much expression the tenor solo, "Tidings of Joy," that it was said by Rev. Washington that he sounded like Roland Hayes. I am sure our sister church did not enjoy our acceptance of their invitation to us any more than we did the visit to them.

Several of our Greensboro friends accompanied us to High Point in the persons of Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Waddy, and three friends, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Watkins, and others. The Ladies' Aid Society met at the manse with Mrs. H. C. Miller on Thursday, January 8, for the first time this year.

Miss Janet Chaney, of New York City, and Miss McClain Chaney, of Danville, nieces of Mrs. W. J. Jones, were guests in the Jones' home last week. We were glad to have them present in our church and Sunday school.

## HAMPTON AND TUSKEGEE LAUNCH \$300,000 CAMPAIGN.

Hampton, Va., Jan. 20.—Hampton and Tuskegee alumni have launched a campaign to secure \$300,000 in order to raise the remaining \$2,500,000 needed to meet the \$2,800,000 pledge of George Eastman, which has been made on condition that Hampton and Tuskegee will raise \$5,000,000 for endowment by December 31, 1925.

This significant educational campaign effort for Negro education was launched on Sunday afternoon, January 4, at Hampton Institute by the executive committees of the alumni associations of Hampton and Tuskegee. There were present about 30 graduates of the two institutions. They came from as far South as Alabama and as far West as Chicago.

After working out the plans of the campaign, as an evidence of their faith in its possibilities, the executive committees of Hampton and Tuskegee Alumni subscribed \$5,000. Each member placed himself at the disposal of the general committee to be used in the campaign of personal solicitation.

Besides local members of the Hampton Association, executive committee, there were present Robert S. Abbott, acting president, Hampton Institute Alumni Association, and editor "Chicago Defender"; Dr. Robert R. Moton, principal of Tuskegee Institute; Jesse O. Thomas, president, Tuskegee Alumni Association; and Alvin J. Neely, executive secretary, Tuskegee Alumni Association.

## NOTICE.

Will the ministers and churches of the Presbytery of Southern Virginia please inform Rev. W. H. Shepperson, of Jetersville, Va., if they have adopted the new pension plan. If they have not, will they not do so as soon as they can meet. This is big business, brethren, and there is no time to delay.