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### LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sabbath nearest Lincoln's birthday has been set apart by the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., as a day on which all Presbyterian Sabbath schools are to make special offerings to the Division of Missions for Colored People, which is a Division of the Board of National Missions.

Elsewhere in this issue we are publishing a circular letter which is being sent out by Dr. John M. Gaston, secretary and assistant treasurer, to all the Sabbath schools in the interest of the Division of Missions for Colored People.

The cause for which the appeal is sent out is worthy, and because of the great need of the Board at this time for increased funds to meet the growing demands of its work, both evangelistic and educational, the appeal is considered urgent. It is hoped, therefore, that there will be a liberal response on the part of the Sabbath schools. The day will furnish a splendid opportunity to impress upon the young people of the Church the importance of contributing their mites to the advancement of the kingdom of Christ in the earth.

### SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL MEN.

(From "Progress Letter" issued by the Department of Public Instruction, State of North Carolina.)

Palmer Memorial School at Sedalia, of which Mrs. C. H. Brown is principal, has recently been made a gift of \$75,000.00 by Mr. and Mrs. Galen Stone, of Boston, on condition that a like amount be secured from other sources.

The Forty Million Dollar Education Foundation established by Mr. J. B. Duke, included, among other Negro interests, a donation amounting to an endowment of about one and a half million dollars for Johnson C. Smith University, of Charlotte, of which Doctor H. L. McCrorey is president. This should make Johnson C. Smith the most heavily endowed Negro college south of Washington.

The North Carolina Athletic Conference held its annual meeting at Livingstone College, Salisbury, January 10. Among other things accomplished, the schools of the State were divided into two groups for the 1925 foot ball season, the first group to include Shaw University, Johnson C. Smith University, Livingstone College, A. & T. College, Bennett College and Durham State Normal School, and the second group to include all the other schools of the Conference. This division equalizes to some extent the strength of the schools in foot-ball.

Mr. L. A. Oxley, formerly of

St. Augustine's School, has been appointed state director of Charities and Public Welfare among Negroes. Mr. Oxley's appointment comes through Mrs. Kate Burr Johnson, who is State Commissioner of Charities and Public Welfare.

The Cosmopolitan Club of Columbia University, with headquarters in the New National House, has elected to its membership Mr. W. M. Cooper and Mr. J. W. Seabrook, both of North Carolina.

### PROGRAM FOR LINCOLN'S DAY SERVICE.

Division of Missions for Colored People,  
Bessemer Building,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

January 15, 1925.

Dear Brother:

I am writing to call your attention to an attractive program which has been prepared for a Lincoln's Day Service for use in the Sunday schools on Sunday, February 15th, 1925. I am enclosing to you the copy of the material to be used and have also mailed a copy to your superintendent with the request that he send his order for the quantity desired to our office, which will be furnished free of charge.

Our Division is supporting 136 Day Schools, 27 of this number being boarding schools. There are 18,765 pupils in these schools. We are using 500 school buildings and have, on the field, 718 workers in all. There is urgent need for more teachers in nearly all of these schools and pupils are being turned away from them on account of the lack of room. The needs have never been so great, and the work has never been so promising as today. The results have been most gratifying during the last year. The contributions on the field, for all purposes, amounted to \$398,818.44. What a splendid response on their part! There were 2,146 persons added to the churches in the South on examination. There are, in addition to the churches in the South, 65 in the North. Of these, the Board assists 25.

Inasmuch as this Lincoln Day Program is concerning our work and for the purpose of securing interest in our own cause, we are very anxious that an offering be taken in every one of our Sunday schools. Will you not give your earnest co-operation to the Superintendent of your Sunday school in the observance of Lincoln's Day by using the program which we have prepared for this service and by making a liberal offering for the support of the work?

Fraternally yours,

J. M. GASTON,  
Secretary, and Assistant  
Treasurer, Division of Missions  
for Colored People, Board of National Missions.

### COLORED GIRLS' REFORMATORY.

Thus far only one of the fine measures sponsored by the legislative council of North Carolina women has been presented to the legislature. This was a bill asking for an appropriation of \$25,000.00 for the reformatory for colored girls. This bill was introduced in the house by Miss Julia Alexander, of Mecklenburg, and was referred to the committee on public welfare to have a hearing later in the week. The reformatory for colored girls mentioned in the bill is at Efland. It consists of a ten-room house and 142 acres of land. This property has been acquired through the untiring efforts of the State Federation of Colored Women's clubs and has been their goal for the past six years. The building has been put in repair and is now ready for occupancy. The amount asked for in this bill is to equip this institution that it may be opened and put to use and to maintain it for the next two years. The object of this institution is to do for the colored girls what Samaritan Manor does for white girls. Only girls under sixteen years of age and sent by the juvenile courts will be received. A reformatory for delinquent colored girls is not an experiment. Virginia has quite successfully maintained one for several years and other states have made provision for training and taking care of this portion of human driftwood which, if left alone, becomes dangerous to the community.—Mrs. J. H. Highsmith, Publicity Chairman of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs, in Charlotte Observer.

## COLUMBIA JOTTINGS.

We are glad to say Ladson is moving along nicely. Our Synodical Evangelist, Rev. J. E. Jackson, conducted a very successful ten days meeting for us. Three were added to the church, and many were revived. We are glad to have had him, and we hope to have him again.

We are looking forward to the evangelistic institute which will be held in Columbia February 3rd.

We wish to ask the ministers of Fairfield Presbytery, who have members living in Columbia, S. C., to give us their names and addresses, and at the same time to follow this up with a strong letter to them.

During the holidays, a number of visiting Ladsonians were seen in the church. I can name only a few of them: Miss Marjorie Butler, a student of Howard University, Washington, D. C.; and Miss Edith Butler, a teacher in the High School at Charlotte, N. C.

Miss A. T. Taylor, of Connecticut, also a teacher in the High School in Charlotte, spent some time with Miss Edith Butler at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Butler.

Miss Olive Thomas, of Boston, Mass., came to spend some time with her uncle, Mr. W. H. Thomas.

Mrs. E. Hines and two children visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cornwell; Miss Geneva Cornwell, of the Chester city school, Miss Hattie May of Atlanta University, Mr. John, Jr., of Ann Arbor, Mich., and Mr. Alwood, of Charleston, were the guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cornwell.

Mrs. Estelle Perrin Johnson and two children are spending some time with her mother, Mrs. Mary Perrin.

Miss Genevieve, of Batesburg High School, and Mr. H. N., Jr., of the State College, were with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Vincent.

Miss Gracie Lowndes, of Pittsburgh, was seen shaking hands with old friends and relatives.

Mrs. Mamie Bradley, who spent some time with friends and relatives in Chicago, is back in the capital city again.

Mrs. Belle Brown Killingsworth was also in the capital visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. F. E. Shelton, who has been visiting her daughters, Mrs. I. D. Davis, of Columbia, and Mrs. W. R. Coles, of Winston-Salem, will soon return to Chicago.

Mr. George Reese, one of Columbia's landmarks, has passed into the beyond. His sons and daughters with their families from New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, etc., were home for the funeral.

The death angel recently came to the home of Mrs. Ophelia White and took with him her loving daughter, Sara, who was a graduate of Scotia College, and at the time of her death was a teacher in the city High School, where she labored under Prof. C. A. Johnson for ten years. She indeed was a lovely character. She was an active worker in the Sunday school and Christian Endeavor, representing these bodies in the Presbyterian and Synodical conventions. Miss White was a model Christian girl.

The pastor was assisted in the funeral service by Drs. Long, Dillard, Farmer, of the C. M. E. church, Adams of the A. M. E. church, Smith, of the M. E., and Moore of the Baptist church.

I. D. DAVIS,  
Columbia, S. C.

### CONFERENCE ON EVANGELISM.

To Be Held At Greensboro,  
February 6th.

Our School and Conference on Evangelism will be held at Greensboro on the 6th of February, instead of the 4th, as I first announced. Dr. Klein is unable to get to us until Friday, February 6th.

We had to invite a limited number because we are going to take care of the expenses. All of the brethren are cordially invited, but the pastor and church can only entertain the number that has been specially invited.

Hoping this announcement will reach the number that has been invited, I am  
Yours fraternally,  
I. H. RUSSELL,  
Synodical Evangelist and Director.  
Durham, Jan. 23rd.

## A. M. E. ZION CHURCH BISHOPS ISSUE AN ADDRESS TO THE COUNTRY.

(From Charlotte Observer.)

Bishops E. D. W. Jones, of Washington, D. C., L. W. Kyles, of Winston-Salem, and W. J. Walls, of Charlotte, representing the board of bishops of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, which met in Charlotte January 13 to 17, inclusive, yesterday issued their message to the country. This was adopted in general outline during the meeting here, but the special committee was named to give it proper form and then send it out.

The bishops favor the enactment of a federal child labor law as well as for compulsory school attendance. A call is also sounded to members to support legitimate business enterprises operated by colored people. A plea is made for justice in courts for colored defendants and the present disregard for inhibitions of the constitution in general, and the prohibition amendment in particular, which is alleged to have "had its beginning in keeping from the black man his inalienable rights as a citizen. We must come back to the constitution in all points or it is useless to punish men for breaking it at some special point."

The Negro press is commended for its vigilance and all are "advised and warned" to read and subscribe to the journals devoted to the Negro cause.

The bishops emphasize that Negroes are the best missionaries for Africa, "for they are the one group of Christians who go without the suspicion of being exploiters of these people and their lands."

The settlement of international disputes in an international court is favored.

Removal of American troops from Haiti is urged, on the grounds that the Haitians have shown themselves "to be quite as capable of self-government as Mexicans, Italians and Spaniards are now proving to be." Had Haiti been populated by white people, the bishops believe the forces of the United States would have been withdrawn long ago.

The bishops also foresee continuous bickerings between the United States and Japan over immigration restriction.

### Outline Program.

Summing up, the message says: "Our objective in 1925 should be, among other things, a lynchless land, more independence and power in politics, justice in the courts, segregation routed, more co-operative business, a confederation of Negro Churches, a revival of religion in the home life, a 10-months' school for every child, a race moved to Christian evangelism from the college to the slum and a greater concert of effort for the redemption of Africa."

Excerpts from the measure read as follows:

"We urge that parents send their children to school, and implore them not to permit their children to stop school and enter life ill prepared to meet its demands. Education being one of the chief means of making individuals fit for society and the tasks of civilization, we should favor a federal law on child labor and compulsory education."

"We further urge our membership everywhere to encourage and support Negro business enterprises; commercial, insurance and co-operative organizations, and to repose confidence in the ability of members of the race to manage and control big business. We urge, therefore, that whenever substantial effort is being made to conduct legitimate and honest business among us, that such causes receive from our constituency vigorous support."

By some means the world, and particularly this nation, must be trained to change its standards of judgment in matters interracial. The world's scale of judging men is by their color, monetary status and national power. Justice has but one standard, the standard of righteousness. Crime should not be judged by the color of the man's face who commits the crime. Virtue, excellency, gallantry and valor and fitness have no equivocation and are oblivious to rank. Color has no epidemic taint. Character knows no race. Justice knows no color, but is executed in love. No one has a right to mistreat a Negro and deny him equity simply because he is a Negro.

"It is a terrible state of af-

airs now threatening our republic that men are losing confidence in judges and the courts in the administration of law. When we break down in justice before the courts, we break down in order and regulated life. We then have that which is worse than bolshevism—anarchy. Why this attack by the third party in the recent presidential campaign on the final adjudication of all legal differences by the supreme court? Why all this howl about law enforcement? Has the time come when a republic can not enforce its constitutional enactments? Yes, and that period has been going through a slow process from hamlet to town, to city, to nation; that the constitution had no clauses or statutes to be interpreted for the Negro. Men found out that they could defy the constitution at its very root—for government is predicated on the consent of the governed, and, therefore, they have attacked this sacred document at every point where there was seeming advantage until the republic is roused to a high pitch of excitement over the breaking down of law and order.

"We must never submit ourselves as a race to the despair of those who abandon themselves to a feeling of hopelessness. Let us keep the optimism that characterized the early Christians. But in our optimism we must not obscure the true conditions, but face and combat them on every foot of ground."

### ST. JAMES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, GREENSBORO.

Mrs. J. W. Jones, Reporter.

On Sunday morning our pastor spoke from Acts 1:8: "Ye shall receive power (dynamite) when the Holy Spirit has come upon you." His subject was "The Guncotton of God, the Need of the Hour." Stress was laid on prayer as the primary condition for success.

At the close of the Sunday school yesterday every one wore a smiling face. The superintendent, officers and teachers were greatly uplifted because of the great interest that has been awakened, not only from a financial standpoint, but from a membership drive as well, for if we get the members the finance will take care of itself. Yesterday we had the largest attendance we have had in years and the largest collection in the history of the Sunday school.

On Thursday evening, January 22, Adult Bible Class No. 2, taught by Mrs. H. C. Miller, held a class meeting at the parsonage. It was a business meeting and many plans were laid for work for the church. At the close of the meeting refreshments were served.

The Ladies' Aid Society met with Mrs. R. E. McNair on last Thursday. Quite a number of ladies were in attendance. It was suggested that three circles be made of the M. S. Society for the greater efficiency of the work.

For the benefit of the Missionary Society the chorus consisting of the Christian Endeavor and choir, repeated the "Holy Nativity." Quite an appreciative audience enjoyed the rendition. All the participants did credit to themselves. Special mention should be made of Mrs. W. J. Mears, who sang the soprano solo, "In a Lowly Manger." Mrs. Mears excelled herself. Mrs. Mears has also been elected as chorister of the church choir.

A Junior Choir has been organized and we feel sure it will add greatly to our services. Mrs. Sarah Barber is organist and Rev. H. C. Miller is director of music. The choir consists of twenty-two voices. The Juniors will sing for the dramatic sermon, "The Prodigal Son," to be rendered next Sabbath night.

The church membership drive begins February 1. It is hoped that each member will get a member to join by Easter.

Several persons have been added to our staff of ushers. They are Messrs. Wm. Bergin, Alvin Oldham, James McNair, and Edward Jones.

The St. James chorus regret that they must decline invitations owing to the fact that they have begun rehearsing for the Easter cantata, "The Living Christ."

Almost every little child in our Sunday school had a remembrance from Miss M. L. Taylor at Christmas time. Miss

Taylor was one of our Sunday School teachers. She has been called to the United States Veterans' Hospital at Tuskegee Institute. She is a trained nurse of no little proficiency, and a graduate of Scotia College. She took professional training in the Douglas Hospital, of Philadelphia, Pa., and had had charge of many important places when called to the U. S. V. Hospital at Tuskegee. We wish for Miss Taylor all success and we assure her that our little folks voice our sentiments and extend to her their thanks for her Christmas remembrances.

We are glad to note that Dr. W. L. McNair is much improved. He was out to services twice on yesterday. He is planning a stay at Hot Springs, Ark. Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Carter are also going to Hot Springs for a few months' stay.

### DEATH OF REV. I. A. JAMES.

Rev. I. A. James, the oldest citizen of Liberty Hill, S. C., passed from this life into the beyond triumphant in the faith of Jesus Christ, Sunday afternoon, January 11th. Rev. James lived 81 years. He served the Presbyterian Church, North, 27 years, and the Presbyterian Church, South, 13 years, and served the community in which he lived 33 years as a teacher. He retired from the active ministry eight years ago because of declining health.

We mourn the loss of a friend and brother, but his work was finished and God called him from labor to the great reward. Rev. James will be greatly missed out of the community in which he lived, but we thank God that our loss is heaven's gain.

He leaves a loving wife, Mrs. Polly Ann James, and six children to mourn their loss of a faithful husband and father. The children are Mrs. Margaret Belk, of Catawba, S. C.; Mr. C. A. James and H. G. James, of Liberty Hill; Mrs. N. H. Dickinson, of Red Hill; Rev. J. C. James, of Darlington, and Mr. T. C. James, of Plant City, Fla. There is a host of grand and great grandchildren.

### MR. JASTER BARBEE LAID TO REST.

Elder of Pine Street Presbyterian Church Funeralized by Present and Former Pastors.

Mr. Ar. Jaster Barbee, a highly respected citizen of Durham, died Friday, January 16th. He had been ill of pneumonia eleven days. His death was a great shock to his family and friends, as he seemed to be improving nicely.

Mr. Barbee was an elder of Pine Street Presbyterian church, and was faithful to all the duties of the church and his home. He was also a member of the Masonic Lodge.

He leaves to mourn a faithful wife, one brother, one sister, and a host of relatives and friends.

The funeral was held Sunday the 18th at 2 o'clock at Pine Street Presbyterian church, conducted by his pastor, Dr. W. G. Avant, assisted by his former pastor, Rev. J. Lee White. Interment was at Violet Park cemetery.

The pallbearers were the elders of Pine Street Presbyterian church: Messrs. W. H. Trapp, A. Armstrong, J. F. Haywood and T. David Parham. His nephews were the floral-bearers.

### REV. GEORGE TO TAKE COURSE AT AUBURN.

Rev. Arthur H. George, pastor of Calvary Presbyterian church, Wilson, has been granted a leave of absence for three weeks. He will leave February 1st for Auburn Theological Seminary, Auburn, N. Y., where he will take the Winter Short Course in Religious Education offered in that School.

### LOVE'S CHAPEL NOTES.

On last Sunday, our pastor, Mr. W. R. Mayberry, preached a helpful and interesting sermon from Ecclesiastes 8:1: "A man's wisdom maketh his face to shine, and the boldness of his face shall be changed."

Mr. Parker, of Johnson C. Smith University, was a welcome visitor, and took a part in the young men's class of our Sunday school. The school wishes to thank Mr. Mayberry, our pastor, through the Africo, for the beautiful banner that he gave them.

J. T. S.