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

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RACIAL RELATIONS AT HAMPTON INSTITUTE - DR. GREGG REPLIES TO VIRGINIA EDITOR.

In last week's paper we printed an editorial article from The Daily Press of Newport News, Va., on the relation of the races with special observations in regard to their social contact in Hampton Institute. Dr. Gregg made reply to the criticisms against Hampton, to which the Virginia paper rejoined. Because of the bearing of the discussion on the whole race question, we are giving here Dr. Gregg's letter and the Daily Press' answer to him.

Editor of The Daily Press, Sir: Your editorial on the Integrity of the Anglo-Saxon Race in the Daily Press for March 15th has just been brought to my attention. I am sorry that you have written quite as you have in your reference to Hampton Institute, for your words indicate misapprehension of the facts which I fear may only too easily become widespread.

As I have understood the principles and practices of the school and there has been no essential change in either, to the best of my knowledge, for the past fifty years—there has never been encouragement of the social mingling of the races under circumstances that would lead to embarrassment on either side. It should hardly be necessary to add that association of a romantic nature, such as could conceivably lead to intermarriage, is contrary to the wishes and the judgment of the overwhelming majority of Negroes and white persons, and in our experience is effectively prevented nine times out of ten by even keener watchfulness on the part of our colored people than is always exercised by others.

The Institute exists to help the Negro race and to serve the whole nation. It has simply tried to be courteous and fair on the one hand to its white friends, both of the North and of the South, and on the other hand to its Negro constituency. If occasional sharp criticism from all three parties is any indication of approximate justice, we have had that measure of consolation.

I cannot imagine that any thoughtful person could advocate the amalgamation of widely diverse races, or would maintain that this is any less culpable where it takes place without the sanction of law and morality. All of us know that for such amalgamation—that has already come about—the Negro is not chiefly to blame. The more his self-respect is built up, the greater his gain in intelligence, sound character, and economic independence, the deeper will be his natural pride in his own race.

Such have been the objects of the kind of education which has been given at Hampton Institute by General Armstrong and Dr. Frissell and at Tuskegee by Dr. Washington and Dr. Moton. It is our hope that it may help to enable the United States eventually to show the world that men of different races can live and work happily, side by side, conserving the best traditions of each group, in mutual respect and in Christian good will.

I am taking the liberty of sending a copy of this letter to our local trustees, Mr. Homer L. Ferguson and Mr. Frank W. Darling, with whom I have several times discussed the whole question.

Sincerely yours,
JAMES E. GREGG.

Launches Second Attack.
Commenting upon Dr. Gregg's statement the Daily Press said: Dr. Gregg's letter is given the same prominence that was given the editorial article in The Daily Press to which he replies. It is a very courteous reply and written in good temper, but it denies no essential statement made by the Daily Press. It is alleged that there was an insti-

of the Institute might say that if the white people of this community do not like the terms upon which visitors are received at their public functions, they may stay away. But that would be defamatory of our customs and equivalent to saying that the officers did not care for the respect and good will of the white people of this community, and that, we are sure, is not Dr. Gregg's spirit.

The Daily Press has no disposition to injure Hampton Institute, but we are determined, so far as in our power lies, that no institution in this community shall run counter to the deep-seated sentiments of the Virginia people, their sacred customs and cherished traditions whose preservation is necessary to the preservation of our Anglo-Saxon stock.

REUNION AT JOHNSON C. SMITH UNIVERSITY AND WHAT WAS ONCE OLD BIDDLE.

"Look unto the rock (whence) ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit (whence) ye are digged."

It is a point of interest to look back over the centuries from the point where Isaiah stood, when he spoke of Abraham in these words as a pattern for the Jews, to the period where Abraham stood as a tent-dweller—not very far removed from the cave man. Terah begat Abraham 2346 B. C., and Isaiah spoke these words 712 B. C.

Who wants to be fondling the old rough, rejected stone whence he was hewn; or what group of us can find any joy in returning to the hole of the pit to get one more fond peep whence we were digged, if the pit looks humble and undesirable? If out the hole of the pit something worthwhile has sprung, if a dust mote of humanity has flown through the sunbeam of the infinite—from the stone whence one was hewn to take on prismatic colors for one brief second and then is lost to human sight, and afterward germinates into a soul that can place his home and country on the map by the distinction that he wins, such a soul looks unto the rock whence it was hewn and to the hole of the pit whence it was digged with pride and unabating joy unspeakable.

If the Jew is proud of anything in this world, he is proud of his race and Abraham, who walked, not knowing where he was going, to a better country, and who prepared to sacrifice his own and all through love and faith to an unseen God.

As alumni, we are ashamed to look back or unto what was once Biddle, and now Johnson C. Smith University, because she was not rated in class A when we graduated there? Then you are ashamed of the days of your youth, you scorn the days of your infancy, notwithstanding you are among men of note. As an alumnus of once Biddle, I am not ashamed to put into public print that when I graduated at Biddle thirty years ago it might be rated only a little above a junior high school now. But she is rated among A class colleges now and we are too proud of it to sleep well at night and to eat well at a full table. We are filled with joy, although when many of us were students there, Biddle was neither A nor Z. We were there studying under men who were doing A class work, like the cow that gives sufficient milk for the entire neighborhood, but she is not registered. I was reading in a magazine a few days ago that President Emeritus Eliot of Harvard University says that he cannot make the freshmen class in Harvard now. He is not ashamed of Harvard of half century or more ago. He looks back unto the stone whence he was hewn and to the hole of the pit whence he was digged and sees himself as a failure on trying to enter the freshmen class of Harvard of today, and while he rejoices over her marked progress and development in the last half century, he feels satisfied that she did a mother's part by him in the days of her making and he is what he is

through the training he received at Harvard, when to make the freshman class, it was an easier task than now.

Let's go, boys, to the reunion! Old Biddle has a fair record, notwithstanding she was not even classed among the high schools in our day. Biddle's first graduate graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary; and afterwards completed a course in medicine in a northern medical school, and he was not among the medium men of his class. One young man finished his junior year in Biddle thirty-five years ago and went to Princeton and made the junior class on examination; but his father being passionately fond of Greek, induced his son to repeat the sophomore year in Princeton that he did not get in Biddle. A young theological student, who is an alumnus of Biddle, which was, was disputed in his class in a northern theological seminary by one of his teachers, who was a classmate of Dr. W. A. Byrd, at Jersey City, N. J., when Dr. Byrd was in Princeton Theological Seminary, that Dr. Byrd was a graduate of Biddle of the class of '91. He, this professor in a northern university now, insisted that Dr. Byrd graduated from some northern university until this alumnus of once Biddle, on the next day, handed this professor one of Biddle's general catalogues—and it is a great pity the college has discontinued the printing of the catalogue of all her graduates. This, of course, settled the dispute.

The class of '85, Dr. A. U. Frierson's class, studied differential calculus under Dr. Robert McCutcheon Hall, and he said of the class that it was as apt on the subject as any students he had ever taught.

J. Metz Rollins, an alumnus of old Biddle, finished his theological course in Lincoln Theological Seminary and carried away the fifty dollar prize. Out of the many I make these personal references so that there can be no lack of pride in your looking upon the stone whence you were hewn and the hole of the pit whence you were digged.

I have more to say at an early date.

W. L. METZ,
President of the Alumni Association of Johnson C. Smith University.

EBENEZER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, NEW BERN.

Sunday being the first in the month, our pastor, Rev. O. E. Sanders, served his church at Pollockville. Our pulpit was supplied by Elder R. W. Williamson. He talked to us from Matt. 3:1-17. Elder Williamson's talk was short but full of thought. After this Mrs. H. F. Sutton sang "The Palm."

The banner for attendance went to the Gleaners' class taught by Elder R. W. Williamson, and the banner for finance went to the Men's Bible class, taught by Mr. Jesse Pearson.

The hile that was given Tuesday night, March 24th, was an enjoyable affair. Ten dollars and ninety-three cents was realized which will go for the benefit of the church.

The members of Ebenezer church are asked to please pay their subscription for the Africo to Miss Allie Grey Sutton. All of the new members are asked to subscribe for the paper. If there are those who wish to pay their subscriptions or to subscribe for the paper while Miss Sutton is in the hospital please see Miss Madeline Smallwood, 9 1/2 Bern St.

A Christian Endeavor was organized about a month ago. The officers are Allie Grey Sutton, President; Miss Maria Martin, Vice-President; Mrs. Susie Pearson, Secretary; Miss Willie Blackledge, pianist, and Master Allen Dudley, Treasurer.

Mr. S. C. Henderson and Jerry Daniels were visitors at our Sunday morning service.

ALLIE GREY SUTTON,
CLAUDIA WILLIAMSON.

DR. GEORGE E. CANNON DIES OF INJURIES.

Dr. George E. Cannon, Negro physician and a national leader of the Republican members of his race, who delivered a speech endorsing the nomination of Calvin Coolidge at the Cleveland Convention last spring, died yesterday morning at his home, 354 Pacific Avenue, Jersey City, at the age of 56. His death was due to injuries received a week ago when he fell on alighting from a bus near his residence, fracturing several ribs and receiving a concussion of the brain. He rallied for a time following the accident but sank rapidly after midnight Sunday. He leaves a wife, a son, George Cannon, and a daughter, Miss Gladys Cannon, his mother and four sisters, one of whom is Miss Etta Cannon, Secretary of the Henry Snyder Junior High School in Jersey City.

Dr. Cannon was born in Carlisle, S. C., and was graduated from Lincoln University, taking his medical degree in 1900 at the New York Pathological College. For the last thirty-three years he had resided in Jersey City. In the primaries of April last year he received the largest number of votes, which would by custom have entitled him to the chairmanship of the delegation to the Republican National Convention, but he relinquished the honor in favor of Senator Walter E. Edge. In the following July he presided at a large meeting of Negroes which endorsed the candidacy of Senator Edge who had worked for the Dyer anti-lynching bill.

On several occasions Dr. Cannon appeared as a spokesman for his fellow Negroes, who showed their support by re-electing him President of the National Colored Republican Conference in Atlantic City last summer. At a meeting in the same place afterward of colored representatives of eighteen states, Dr. Cannon severely criticized the white Republican leaders, in particular President Harding, for failing to recognize the claims of Negroes.

—The New York Times, April 7th.

COULTER ACADEMY NOTES.

By Miss M. L. Gates.
On Sunday morning, our pastor, Dr. Long, preached a wonderful sermon from the subject, "Christ's Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem." His text was John 12:13.

Our young people are rehearsing for the Easter Cantata, "The Resurrection Light." We are hoping that this Cantata will be well rendered.

"Field Day" in Chesterfield County was observed March 20, at Chesterfield, S. C. About fifteen hundred children were in the parade. Our own school was very largely represented. Dr. J. J. Wilson, of Wadesboro, N. C., made the Educational Address which was very eloquent. Music for the occasion was furnished by Coulter's Choral Club.

Mesdames C. M. Stafford and Martha Johnson, of Charlotte, and Louise Foster, of Chesterfield, S. C., were visitors on our campus a few days ago.

Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Long, Misses Geneva Pearson and Gladys Wilson attended Fairfield Presbytery at Mayesville, S. C. They reported having had a very successful meeting.

Miss Eloise Smyri, of Darlington, S. C., was the week-end guest of Miss G. E. Pearson.

Dr. C. J. Baker, District Secretary of the New Era Movement, was present at our chapel services Wednesday morning and in his usual pleasing manner made quite an interesting talk.

Dr. Long attended McClelland Presbytery at Greenville, S. C., last week.

On Friday evening Dr. and Mrs. Long and Misses Pruitt, Shaw, Pearson, Gillespie and Gates motored to Wadesboro, N. C., to peep in on the Catawba Presbytery. They heard a very splendid sermon from Rev. L. E. West, pastor of Biddleville

ST. JAMES CHURCH GREENSBORO.

By Mrs. W. J. Jones, Reporter.
The theme of Rev. Miller's discourse last Sabbath morning was "The Triumphant March of Christ," Matt. 21:8-9. A synopsis of the sermon follows:

The Master comes to the Mount at the close of a busy day and rested during the night. Unusual activities are promised for the morrow. Shouting indicate strange events. It heralded the forming of a remarkable procession. People in eagerness pull down palm branches, others spread garments in the way, all shouting "Hosanna," etc.

1. Though Christ did not accept the proffered crown, this demonstration acknowledged his kingship. For example, with untrained soldiers after the usual fashion, yet He goes to conquer the world. Note, too, His unique demand, the heart, the whole heart, etc.

2. This march begun 2000 years ago, is irresistible. It has triumphed over every opposition. Nero tried to check it; Julian; Saul of Tarsus; Mahomet; Constantine.

3. Let us consider some of the results following the wake of conquerors and those in the wake of Jesus.

He calls us today to spread our garments in the way. (a) Garment of consecration. (b) Garment of loyalty. (c) Garment of sacrifice of time and talent. (d) Above all and first of all, He wants us to give Him our hearts.

Five hundred million men and women in all ranks of life today are shouting "Hosanna!" In the ranks there is a place for you. Will you fall in line?

The Ladies' Aid Society met with Mrs. M. C. Phifer, Booker Heights, on Thursday afternoon. A number of ladies were in attendance and a great deal of business was transacted. Two new members were added to the society, whose names are as follows: Mrs. Laura Bridges and Mrs. Smoot. No meeting will be held this week owing to the fact that quite a number are going to attend the Presbytery which convenes at Sanford. At the close of the meeting delicious refreshments were served.

Rev. Miller spoke to a group of workmen at the Fertilizer Plant Monday noon. This is the beginning of noon services at such centers.

Mrs. G. D. Wood was received into the church at a recent session meeting.

Master Clinton Brown, 508 Charlotte, was a week-end visitor with the Miller's, 212 N. Forsyth St.

The Sunday school Easter exercise, under the direction of Mrs. Barber and Mrs. Phifer, on Palm Sunday night was quite a success. All children did their parts well. Special mention could be made of Andrew Bridges, Jr., who did exceptionally well.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING.
The Executive Committee of the Catawba Synodical Sabbath School Convention and School of Methods will meet in special session at Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, N. C., Wednesday, April 29th, 1925, at 9 o'clock A. M., to arrange program for the annual session at School of Methods the last week in August, 1925, at Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, N. C. Mr. J. M. Somerville will be present at Committee Meeting.

THOS A. LONG,
Secretary.