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CATAWBA SYNOD.

Charlotte Presbyterians are entertaining the Synod of Catawba this week. Many leaders who are thoroughly conversant with the general work of the Church are here, and the reports and discussions of conditions within the Synod and throughout the Church have been of such a nature as to enlighten and encourage. Charlotte delights to extend hospitality and its Presbyterian folk are at their best when entertaining their own.

MRS. J. J. WILSON DIES.

We are grieved to learn of the death of the wife of Dr. J. J. Wilson, which occurred Tuesday at her home in Wadesboro. Mrs. Wilson had been in bad health for some time, having been stricken with paralysis more than a year ago. She was a woman of unusual culture and refinement and was for many years supervisor of education in Anson County. She was also interested in religious work and gave much time and service to the up-building of the church at Wadesboro. The family will have the sympathy of friends everywhere. May God, who is rich in mercy, give them abundantly of his grace and comfort their hearts.

SIDELIGHTS

HERE AND THERE

Well, "Who is Torch, anyway?" Like Banquo's ghost, it will not down. It is a fact that whoever he is, he will not be known now by the public. He thought he threw a rock to hurt but it has only hurt him. The question may be asked again, Who is "Torch?" The answer is: "There isn't any more Torch." He is simply a charred stick." The fires of logic, commonsense, facts and humor by Drs. Russell and Tucker and Rev. C. W. Francis have burned him up. Then added to that the caustic, acid-eating reply of Dr. Shaw left no remains of him whatever. Amen! It won't pay, Bro. "Torch," or rather "Bro. Ashes," to sail under false colors. Somebody will always snap you out of them. Who is "Torch," then? Nobody knows. He is not sponsored by the Lincoln men who have a right to voice the sentiment of their Alma Mater. Who is he, then? A "down-and-outer—a bombastic pretender, one whom we have every right to believe in the man that Dr. Shaw hints at and who fed church field "dope" to us out in Arkansas. We hope Dr. Gaston is not disturbed over what a

few disgruntled men have "resolved." New York and Philadelphia, geographically speaking, are not Lincoln University and the Presbyterian Church. Men of all schools who know Dr. Gaston, know his worth to and interest in our work and when the news went out that he had declined the honor which had been accorded him everyone of them rejoiced except, of course, "Torch," and his select bunch of calamity howlers.

Public schools are opening fast now. It is a duty that all owe to the race to urge our folks to send their children to school. Compulsory school laws have no effect upon obligations which they owe to their children. The only way, in some cases, to make it a moral obligation, is to see to the enforcement of the law. A good many of our people think it smart to evade the law. We know of a case where a man thought he cleared himself of the law by sending his boy to school the least possible time that he could. At fourteen years of age that boy quit school before he completed the second grade. The man now has or did have a girl of about twelve years of age selling papers on the streets of a busy town. That man is a "big" church man of another denomination. A church man who takes no pride in education and allows freedom of that kind to his children is not worthy of the name of a churchman. And yet many of our people in these kind of communities turn their noses up at the Presbyterian Church and her ministers because they preach education in everything.

Whither are we drifting? Here is a new one. Recently we got this rumor. A certain church in one of our smaller towns asked its minister to pay the New Era money out of his salary. There must be some thing to this because the man who succeeded the former came to us seeking information as to the right of such. Solomon's often-quoted statement, that "there is nothing new under the sun," does not fit in here. The sun had not moved over this far in his day.

Friends this way are eager to know whether Smith is to play foot-ball on Thanksgiving or not. We saw a schedule of her rival's games, and, to our surprise, the Thanksgiving game at Salisbury is scheduled with Bennett College. Give us some light, "Mr. Campus Editor."

JOHNSON C. SMITH UNIVERSITY FACULTY PAYS TRIBUTE TO MR. DUKE.

The faculty of Johnson C. Smith University on receiving the sad news of the death of Mr. James B. Duke adopted the following resolutions:

Whereas, the passing of Mr. James B. Duke has removed from the ranks of the American people one of the nation's greatest business geniuses, one of her greatest and wisest philanthropists, one of her greatest supporters of education, one of her largest-hearted citizens, and one of the greatest friends of the Negro race:

Resolved, 1st: That we bow in humble submission to the dispensation of God's providence in calling from labor to reward this prince of men and great benefactor of mankind, irrespective of race or conditions.

2nd. That Johnson C. Smith University, one of the beneficiaries of the Duke forty million dollar Foundation for Schools, Hospitals, Churches, etc., will ever cherish the memory of Mr. Duke and endeavor to measure up to the responsibilities which his generosity has placed upon the institution.

3rd. That we share in the sore bereavement which has come to the family and friends of the deceased.

4th. That the work of the institution be suspended October 14th, during the hour of the funeral service.

As further marks of appreciation and esteem, a handsome design of Easter lilies and roses was sent to Durham by the University, and a memorial service will be held in the near future.

MR. DUKE

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presence of the State's distinguished and immortal dead.

Pallbearers Enter

As the chimes struck 11, the honorary pallbearers, consisting of the members of the board of directors of the Duke Foundation, marched to their seats at the front of the church. These were George G. Allen, William R. Perkins, William B. Bell, Anthony J. Drexel Bidle, Walter C. Parker and Alexander H. Sands, of New York, and W. S. Lee, Norman Coker, E. C. Marshall and C. I. Burkholder, of Charlotte, B. E. Geer, of Greenville, S. C., and Dr. W. S. Rankin.

W. S. Lee, for twenty-two years the intimate associate and ally of Mr. Duke in the organization and direction of the destinies of the capitalist's power interests, occupied an end seat near the magnificent casket in which lay the body of his fallen friend and respected chieftain. Other Charlotte executives, Coker, Marshall and Burkholder, almost as long associated with the deceased as Mr. Lee, sat alongside the latter and manifested by their solemn mein and testified with their tears to the sorrow within their souls for the severance of their friendly and achieving bonds of the years.

Mrs. Duke and little daughter, each supported by kinspeople from New York and heavily veiled, took their places directly before the casket as the choir sang: "How Firm a Foundation." Immediately thereafter Dr. Edmund Soper, dean of the School of Divinity of Duke University, read Scriptural selections, the 91st Psalm, chiefly, with other verse selections from the New Testament. The choir then sang, after the hymn had been read in full by Dr. Soper, "Abide With Me." The minister followed with a prayer in which praise was uttered for "our fallen friend and benefactor, who although powerful, learned to be gentle, although successful, learned the verities of eternal values and, though a master of great wealth, had become a servant of the multitude." As the choir sang "Nearer My God to Thee" the casket was conveyed from the church to Maplewood where it was committed with the ritualistic ceremony to its place in the granite mausoleum where through the long years have rested the bodies of the deceased family.

Flowers Banked

The section of the cemetery in which the mausoleum is located became a paradise of flowers, banked high against the extensive vault and placed thereabouts in such profusion as has probably never been spread over a Southern grave. Among the more notable were the contributions from Mr. Duke's intimate business friends in New York, another from the directors of the Duke Foundation, and two especially noteworthy designs from employees of both the Southern Power Company and the Southern Public Utilities Company. Each was five feet square, and stood out for attractiveness and beauty as well as in the midst of the mountain of beauty. The floral designs were not taken to the church, only the casket being simply covered with roses and the pulpit contained a wide spreading arrangement of lilies of the valley.

In this environment of splendor more simple than spectacular was laid into the great silences one of the first five of America's men of millions, a wizard of industry of international renown, and the supreme benefactor of the Carolinas, who only 68 years ago came into being only a few miles from what is now the great, surging business and educational city of Durham, cradled in the poverty that circumvented the South following the Civil War and yet by his unflagging industry and gigantic intellectuality, won his way to the top of America's pyramids of money.

N. A. A. C. P. REPORTS SEGREGATION FIGHTS IN 17 CITIES OF U. S.

Denver, Colorado, is Latest Addition to Growing List.

New York, Oct. 9.—Acute segregation situations in 17 cities throughout the United States, ranging from New York to Los Angeles, are reported by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 69 Fifth Avenue, which has just received a report adding the city of Denver, Colorado, to those previously listed.

George W. Gross, President of the Denver Branch of the N. A. A. C. P., reports that the "grim monster of segregation has raised its head in Denver as in other cities just now and it looks as though we are to have a fight here."

The Denver situation arises out of a joint meeting recently by three "improvement" associations, whose members and friends are being urged to sign agreements not to sell property to Negroes. Petitions have been prepared and are being circulated for every block in those districts and numbers of property owners are reported to have signed. Proposals were also discussed at the white property owners' meeting, to establish a separate school for Negro students and to amend the State law to provide for segregation.

The cities besides Denver, now involved in segregation fights are:

Detroit: 11 Negroes charged with first degree murder for defending Dr. O. H. Sweet's home from a riotous mob, are being defended by the N. A. A. C. P.

Staten Island (New York City): Samuel A. Browne, colored letter carrier, has repeatedly been threatened with death if he does not sell his house. Backed by the N. A. A. C. P., Mr. Browne is suing a white neighbor who has been indicted for participation in disorders.

Washington, D. C.: Case of segregation by property owners agreement is pending in U. S. Supreme Court, carried to that court by the N. A. A. C. P.

New Orleans: N. A. A. C. P. is fighting local segregation ordinance passed in contravention of Supreme Court's decision in Louisville segregation Case of 1917.

Norfolk, Va.: Has passed ordinance similar to that of New Orleans.

St. Louis: Attempt to enjoin colored physician from buying and occupying property subject to white property owners' agreement. Outcome of this case depends upon Supreme Court's decision on case now up in Washington.

Roanoke, Va.: Home bombed and S. C. Medley sued for not consummating purchase of a house in which his white neighbors would not have permitted him to live.

Baltimore: Court upheld race zoning law, segregating races.

Pittsburgh: Colored people arrested for firing on prowlers after receiving K. K. K. threats.

Los Angeles: Case involving attempt to dispossess colored people from ownership of land which it had been previously agreed was not to be sold to Negroes.

St. Paul: Attempt to prevent Attorney William B. Francis from occupying home he had purchased. Fiery cross was burned in front of his house. Local N. A. A. C. P. furnished watchman.

Falls Church, Va.: Attempt by court action (injunction) to prevent a colored man erecting a house on lot purchased by him sometime previously.

Kansas City, Mo.: Homes of Negroes bombed; threats made against Negroes living in so-called white districts. Local N. A. A. C. P. furnished watchman to guard homes from mob attack.

Cleveland: Attempt being made to prevent colored doctor from occupying property he has bought.

Oakland, Calif.: Attempts made to force Negro dentist to remove from new home in so-called white districts. Threatening letters signed K. K. K.

sent and windows broken. Brooklyn, N. Y.: Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Vaughan threatened with death if they moved into house they purchased. N. A. A. C. P. obtained police protection.

A LITTLE MORE ABOUT DR. GASTON AND HIS CO-WORKERS

Several articles have appeared in the press recently on Negro Presbyterian work in the South. The writer is one of the ministers and workers involved in the articles; so, as you read this article, do not decide that he is tied by any financial string. While his salary is small his church is self-supporting. Nor did he advocate self-support for any reason other than that one should cease to receive help when he can help himself.

I have purposely waited for some facts on this subject to come from J. C. S. University by one connected with that school, since some product of that school was cited as evidence to sustain the claims of the writer of the article. Dr. P. W. Russell has published the desired facts with sufficient emphasis.

I began as a minister in the work in 1902. Since 1914 I have labored as a teacher in a parochial school in connection with my church work. A great part of this time was during the administration of Dr. E. P. Cowan who was acting as Secretary-Treasurer of the Freedmen's Board. So I know when Dr. Gaston assumed the duties of Secretary-Treasurer of the same Board after the death of Dr. Cowan.

Before and during the time which Dr. Gaston has served as Secretary many of us have met with him in an annual "Workers' Conference" every year, which conference extends over two or three days and nights. In these meetings open and free discussions on every phase of the work, school and church, are indulged in with splendid harmony and frankness, and the program is carried out with commendable dispatch.

Now, then, instead of finding crushed spirits among the men, during these years our experience with Dr. Gaston is this: we have an excellent brother and a most considerate man to work with. He is not the man described by Brother "Torch" and others, in the articles.

Respecting his attitude to our work, school and church, the main limit that I see in Dr. Gaston is that awfully limited means with which to do. Now, then, brethren, tell us what part of our great work, Home or Foreign, is not greatly limited or handicapped by lack of means with which to do.

I am greatly surprised at the judgment of any man who supposes that we Negroes are such base and senseless cowards that he can both think it and then publish it without incensing us. Brethren, we are just as free as you are, and in our work we manifest as much manly courage as you do in your work.

Above I said I am not tied by any financial string. But I am tied by two other strings in this matter. One is the sinister spirit which is manifest in the effort to cripple a good work which has cost the sacrifice of many a good man and woman and thousands of dollars to establish and to maintain and to brand the workers as being so weak that they can be coerced as slaves. The other tie is the sinister spirit which drives a man to be willing to sacrifice a good work and all the workers in order to get a background on which to slay a good man. Good men and good women in the cause of the Church who have proven their loyalty, as the one aimed at, are not easily found. It seems, then, to be only sheer cowardice on the part of any man to be used by the old adversary to try to hinder a good work and to kill good folks. If a man means to tell the truth, and to throw a dagger to kill, why should he have to hide behind "Torch"?

If I can locate you, friend in your hiding place, I want to tell you I have not been coerced; no effort has been made to coerce me, nor any worker I know. Lastly, in our fighting, brethren, let us be certain that we are not disgruntled because the Board has not put as much money into our pockets as we think it should have put in them. The Church needs more helpers and less riders.

REV. Z. A. DOCKERY,
Statesville, N. C.

JAMES BUCHANAN DUKE. In Memoriam

By Rev. Yorke Jones, D. D.,
Dean of the School of Theology,
Johnson C. Smith University.

Ye waters of God—free and abundant—
How long, O how long shall ye
Continue to fall and flow back?

O waters, as long as ye fall and flow,
So long shall James Buchanan Duke,
Magnificent harnesser of you,
O God's waters,—so long shall he be
a blessing!
And as long as ye fall and flow,
O God's waters, so long
Shall James Buchanan Duke
Live, blest in hearts
Of Japhat and Ham!

REV. W. H. SHEPPERSON MAKES ADDRESS TO THE LADIES' MISSIONARY CIRCLE, AMELIA, VA.

Sunday, September 20th, was an enjoyable day for all who heard the program rendered at Russell Grove church under the management of the Ladies' Missionary Circle of Amelia, Va. The societies present were Oak Grove, Christian Light Mission, Mannboro, Va., Allen Memorial, Jetersville, and Russell Grove and Big Oaks, Amelia.

The services were introduced by Rev. W. H. Freeland, the pastor of the church, who read a beautiful Psalm and announced the hymn, "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus." Prayer was offered by Elder Joseph Johnson of the Big Oaks church.

Miss Elsie Wright, the delightful little granddaughter of Mrs. and the late Rev. Wright, of Amelia, Va., made the welcome address. Response was given by Mrs. Sarah P. Brown, of Allen Memorial.

Mrs. M. J. Wright in very choice words introduced the speaker, Rev. W. H. Shepperson, who spoke very forcibly upon the subject, "Young People and the Church." Rev. Shepperson's talk was very inspiring and all were benefitted for hearing him. We thank you, Rev. Shepperson, for that lovely spirit which brought you to us with such an encouraging message.

The next number brought Mrs. Kimmie Anderson forward with one of her choice songs, "I Am a Child of the King." As usual all were glad to have her among us.

Rev. W. H. Freeland spoke upon the subject, "Who Shall Take Our Places?" He told of the shortage of the number of applications for the ministry and plead that the church look ahead with much prayer, thinking that this particular line of Christian endeavor should be esteemed and strengthened.

Mrs. Estelle Wingo, of Russell Grove, plead that Christian education should be the key to church and community service. Miss Evaline Booker, of Allen Memorial, spoke touchingly on "The Care and Rearing of Young People." Other short addresses were made by Mr. George Mayes, Mr. T. W. Wilkinson and others.

Miss Leona Brown, of Jetersville, sang very touchingly. Miss Brown is the accomplished daughter of Mrs. Sarah P. Brown. Mr. Clarence A. Wright presided at the organ. The collection was fine.

After the singing of a beautiful quartette by the little Misses Elsie Wright, Katherine Booker, Rachel Swann and Annis H. Barrett, we adjourned with the loud acclamation of "On to Allen Memorial," Jetersville, November 29, 1 o'clock P. M.

SARAH V. THOMPSON,
Mannboro, Va.

Monday evening, October 19th, at 8 o'clock, Mrs. Nell Hunter, noted singer, will appear in the first number of the Lyceum course at Johnson C. Smith University.