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## THE TWENTY-FIRST NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE COLORED WORK OF THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

The Twenty-first National Conference on the Colored Work of the Young Men's Christian Association which met in Washington, October 21-23, was epoch-making in many ways.

The Conference was opened with a sermon by Dr. Mordecai W. Johnson, of Charleston, W. Va., who preached in connection with the devotional services each of the three days the Conference was in session. The discussions of Dr. Johnson were wonderful in depth and vision.

Among the speakers at the popular meetings were Dr. M. Ashby Jones, of Atlanta, Ga., chairman of the Interracial Commission; Assistant Post-Master-General J. H. Bartlett, former Governor of New Hampshire; Dr. John R. Mott, General Secretary of the National Council, Drs. Kelly Miller and J. E. Moreland, and Bishops W. T. Vernon and C. C. Alleyne.

The addresses of Drs. Ashby Jones and John R. Mott were far-reaching in scope and vision. Either of them was well worth the trip of the delegates. Such subjects as "The Importance of Personnel in the Association Program," and "The Unoccupied Field," etc., were discussed with great profit by men of knowledge and experience in Y. M. C. A. Work.

The unoccupied field was the general theme of the Conference. Hitherto Y. M. C. A. promotion work has been confined mainly to large cities, thus leaving the small cities and rural districts untouched. The great objective of the Young Men's Christian Association now is to carry its work into the rural districts and small cities that the young men in these fields may be saved and trained for useful citizenship.

This is a great step in advance by the Y. M. C. A. The young men and women in country districts are generally neglected by religious and civic organizations operating for the good of the young. This is a serious mistake which should be remedied as early as possible.

Not only were the interests of the home land considered by the Conference, but the foreign land as well, particularly Africa, where the Colored Branch of the Young Men's Christian Association is supporting a "Y" secretary in the person of Max Yergan, who, for the past four years, has been working in the interest of men and boys in South Africa.

## MR. DAVIS NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN.

The race is still indebted to Georgia for its only representative on the Republican National Committee. Mr. Benjamin Jefferson Davis, editor of The Independent of Atlanta, has been elected to the vacancy on the Committee made by the death recently of Mr. Henry Lincoln Johnson. Mr. Davis is a very able man, and has had a long and successful career in journalism and politics. He seems to have the proper conception of the obligations which go with the position of National Committeeman, and, while affirming his loyalty to party interests, promises a fair hearing to everybody.

## BY THE WAY

With my wife and 9-years old baby, Beulah, I am on my way to Atlantic Synod which meets in Macon, Ga. We arrived in the city of Augusta tonight at 11:05 to leave at 7:05 A. M. Wednesday, for Macon. We elected to spend the night in the railroad station. To while away the time I decided to congratulate Catawba Synod on its fine meeting just adjourned. I had plans laid to attend Catawba Synod this fall but work piled upon me so rapidly at the approach of the meeting that I decided to forego the trip, which I regretted very much to do. I desired much to be there to meet a few of the old guard whom I met there at the Synod 29 years ago. At that meeting in the old frame building Dr. Wyche delivered the welcome address and our good old friend, Col. L. P. Berry, responded. The late Dr. Sanders was Stated Clerk and the late Rev. Albert Tate was the Moderator, and the Rev. W. E. Carr, of Danville, Va., was the Temporary Clerk. But this has been almost a generation ago, and we who are left are spending "our years as a tale that is told."

## Effective Transportation.

Eighteen years ago I sat in this same railroad station waiting on a train to Macon to meet a Sabbath School Missionary Conference with the late Dr. Alexander Henry; and the station was so crowded that standing room was at a premium, while the ticket agent did not seem too anxious to notice the "colored ticket window." The train out to Macon was packed, while the rough and ready conductor seemed anxious for a rough house as on entering the colored compartment, he shouted, "Get your ticket ready!" But now you can turn your seat, if you desire; or stand up and talk a little while without being told to "Sit down out of the way!" And some of the conductors in South Carolina and Georgia take you by the arm and assist you on and off the train. Some sit in the seats with you and ask you: "How is everything?" These are facts. Why this sudden change? Henry Ford is largely responsible for this change.

Street car conductors even in Charleston will wait on a colored would-be passenger running to catch the street car. They used to laugh at you and double speed.

Atlantic Presbytery leaves early this morning for Atlantic Synod in Macon, not via railway, but via highway. I think I am about the only one from my Presbytery going to Synod on the railroad train. And to or from any of South Carolina's Islands to Charleston on a boat is about to be a thing of the past. Long live the automobile makers to help those who have to go and to go at the expense of humiliation! Mr. Ford is a fine fellow.

When you boys get through with "Torch," please let me have him. I have no desire to do him harm. I simply wish to inform him along some old lines and some recent facts, which thoughtful men should overlook.

## UNCLE BILLIE.

Cornstarch will remove grease stains from cloth. Rub a little dry cornstarch into the soiled places and it will at once begin to absorb the grease. Brush the first used off carefully and proceed in the same way until the spot disappears.

## THE SYNOD OF CATAWBA

Synod adopted resolutions concerning the death of Mr. James B. Duke, prepared by Drs. L. L. Downing, J. A. Savage, J. L. Hollowell, H. L. McCrorey and L. B. West as follows:

"Whereas, the Synod of Catawba hears, with profound regret, of the death of Mr. James B. Duke, and,

"Whereas, Mr. J. B. Duke was of North Carolina—great, in that he, one of the greatest sons of the State, rose from humble circumstances to an exalted position in the world of industry, commerce and finance, and

"Whereas, Mr. Duke was a churchman, Christian and philanthropist, and used his great wealth freely to help suffering humanity, to advance the cause of Christian education and spread Christianity among his fellowmen; and

"Whereas, Mr. Duke included in his benefactions Johnson C. Smith University, an educational institution for the Christian training of colored youth, said institution being within the bounds of Catawba Synod.

"Be it, therefore, Resolved, that the Synod of Catawba join with the State of North Carolina to mourn the loss of this successful and useful man.

"2. That Synod bow in humble submission to the will of God who has called this benefactor from labor to reward.

"3. That Synod express its sympathy with the bereaved family and pray God's blessings upon them.

"4. That Synod express its thanks for Mr. Duke's magnificent gift, and endeavor to push the cause of Christian education which was dear to Mr. Duke's heart.

"5. That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the utes of Synod, a copy be sent to the family and a copy to the press."

Resolutions of thanks, prepared by Dr. W. E. Carr, chairman, Mr. E. A. Lucky and Rev. H. Wilson, were adopted by the Synod, as follows:

"Whereas, the Synod of Catawba, in session at the Seventh Street Presbyterian church, October 14-16, inclusive, was so highly entertained by the pastor, officers and congregation of the church, and by friends and congregations of other churches of the city; and

"Whereas, the Synod deeply appreciates the generous hospitality shown us, be it

"Resolved, therefore, that we express our sincere appreciation first, to his honor, Harvey W. Moore, the mayor of the city of Charlotte, for his cordial words of welcome on behalf of the city which banished from us any feeling of doubt as to our being favorably received in the city.

"Second, to Dr. R. L. Douglass, whose words of welcome on behalf of the churches of the city were so genuinely impressive as to make us feel at home during the entire session of the Synod.

"Third, to the pastor, the Rev. R. P. Wyche, D. D., and his splendid corps of officers, for the convenient arrangements and most efficient manner in which they entertained the Synod.

"Fourth, to the Brooklyn Presbyterian church, Dr. F. L. Brodie, pastor; the Biddleville church, Rev. L. B. West, pastor; Brandon church, Dr. C. N. Jenkins, pastor, and the Church Street church, Rev. W. S. Plair, pastor, for the beautiful spirit of cooperation shown in providing and serving dinners during the Synod, and for other courtesies shown while in session here.

"Fifth, to the congregations of other denominations who so unselfishly assisted in making our stay pleasant.

"Sixth, to Dr. T. A. Long and the Seventh Street choir for the most excellent and inspiring music rendered.

"Seventh, we would also remember with grateful thanks the ladies of the church for the splendid reception tendered us on Thursday evening and the business men of the church for the automobile outing Friday afternoon, which gave us a chance to view the beautiful "Queen City of the South."

"Eighth, to the Charlotte Daily Observer we express sincere

appreciation for carrying in its columns publication of the general proceedings of the Synod.

"Ninth, to Mrs. H. L. McCrorey, Editorial Secretary of Synodical Young People's Work and all those who participated with her in the wonderfully instructive pageant so well rendered on Thursday evening.

"Tenth, to the Moderator, Stated Clerk and Permanent Clerk, for the most efficient and business like manner in which they dispatched the business of the Synod.

"Finally, we thank Almighty God whose we are and whom we serve, for His kind Providence, His ruling and guiding us since last we met, His bringing us together again as His under shepherds and His permitting us to bring to a successful close the 38th annual session of the Synod of Catawba.

## DARROW WILL COMMENCE COURT DEFENSE IN DETROIT, OCTOBER 30.

Case of Sweet and 10 Other Negroes to Cost More than \$15,000

Clarence Darrow, who has been retained by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to defend Dr. O. H. Sweet and ten other colored people in Detroit for repulsing a mob from Dr. Sweet's home, has obtained a stay of proceedings until October 30 to give him time to prepare the case. On October 30 it is expected to go to trial in Judge Frank J. Murphy's court. Judge Murphy recently released Mrs. Sweet in \$10,000 bail.

Association of Mr. Darrow with the Sweet defense has aroused enormous interest in the case, the Chicago Daily News sending a special correspondent, Gregory T. Dillon, to cover the case.

The cost of the Sweet case, it is conservatively estimated, will exceed \$15,000, and possibly run up to \$20,000. On his visit to Detroit on October 16, when he was accompanied by Walter White, Assistant Secretary of the N. A. A. C. P., Mr. Darrow held conferences with the local colored attorneys and others interested in the case, laying the grounds for the case. While in Detroit Mr. Darrow said:

"I am going to receive \$5,000 to fight this case. I would do it for nothing if I could afford it because there is a principle involved. These colored people are entitled to a fair shake. It will cost me more than \$5,000 to try this case. I do not want the people to think that I am defending these Negroes because of an exorbitant fee. It will cost me more than I receive to try the case but I have a deep-felt interest in the colored race and hope for an improvement in their condition."

The National office of the N. A. A. C. P. has guaranteed the fees of Messrs. Darrow and Arthur Garfield Hays of New York and Walter M. Nelson, a Detroit attorney, as well as the expenses of investigation, traveling and hotel accommodations. The colored people of Detroit through the local branch of the N. A. A. C. P. and other agencies are endeavoring to raise as much money as possible to meet the expenses of the case. In connection with the case, Walter White who concluded the arrangements with Mr. Darrow, said:

"Dr. Sweet and the other defendants are in jail not because they have committed a crime, but because they are Negroes and dared to defend their home and their lives against a mob. They are in the forefront of a battle being waged for all Negroes in America and in a larger sense they are fighting for justice and fair play for all Americans.

"The N. A. A. C. P. has retained the greatest criminal lawyer in the country and we were able to do so only because he is willing to sacrifice other business and devote himself to this case for a fee which is probably one-tenth of what he could get elsewhere for a case of this magnitude. Even so, it is a heavy burden for the N. A. A. C. P. We must have money and have it at once to pay the bills. Our legal defense fund is ex-

## THOUGHTS IN RHYME

By Rev. S. J. Ellis, A. M., S. T. B., Walterboro, S. C.

## WORK HELPS TO MAKE THE MAN

(Rendered during the delivery of a Labor Day Sermon in September.)

1  
He is not blest who has no work  
Of hand or heart or mind;  
He is not wise that tries to shirk—

He's to himself unkind.  
The human record teaches us,  
As o'er the past we scan:  
From Adam down 'twas ever thus—

Work helps to make the man.

2  
A blessing is the working belt—  
The geographic zone—  
Where biting breezes may be felt

That will not let men drone,  
It makes them think and dare  
and move—

Yea, makes them rightly plan,  
Assuredly it serves to prove—  
Work helps to make the man.

3  
Then pity not the busy man,  
With daily, godly task—  
But rather him whose lot or plan

Makes him to feast and bask.  
The worker shall a master be—  
The idler never can,  
Look where you will you'll ever see—

Work helps to make the man.

4  
Thanks be to Him, our God  
above,  
Who gives to each his task,  
It is a precious gift of love—  
Let none exemption ask.

'Tis necessary—let us know,  
Therefore, His gracious plan:  
Some toil for each while here  
below—

Work helps to make the man.

MIZPAH CHURCH, DARTMOUTH, N. C.

By Miss Ella M. Smyrl

On a recent Sunday morning  
we were pleased to have with us  
Rev. R. E. Foster, of Chester-  
field, S. C. Rev. Foster spoke  
to us from the subject, "Church  
Prosperity." His message was  
based on the 25th verse of the  
118th Psalm.

This message, full of encouragement, enthusiasm and inspiration was received gladly by all who were present.

Each went on his way rejoicing, feeling within his heart that it was good to have been there. Each had a broader vision and a brighter hope for the future.

Mrs. Jeannette Rivers expressed her desire to unite with the church by her ready response to the call of Rev. Foster, following the sermon. Our Sabbath school hour begins at 4 P. M. We plan to make this a glorious hour for both old and young members and friends who may come. We believe the future is pregnant with great things for us and Presbyterianism in Darlington.

We ask the earnest prayers, unselfish cooperation and sincere Christian service of any friends to hear and realize the full import of the call, "Come over to Macedonia and help us."

## STORY CONDEMNING LYNCHING IN OCTOBER McCLURE'S.

Mrs. Christine Whiting Parmenter of Colorado Springs, has sent to the N. A. A. C. P. a story which she wrote condemning lynching, which is published in the October number of McClure's Magazine.

The scene is laid in a Southern State and the action includes the lynching of an innocent colored man who risked and lost his life to protect a white woman from the insults of a mob. The story is entitled, "The Last Lynching."

Mrs. Parmenter writes, "The plot for this story simmered in my mind for several years, but I was rather surprised to find an editor who dared print it."

haunted. We urge every person who can possibly do so to send as large a contribution as possible to the N. A. A. C. P., at 69 Fifth Avenue, New York City. Please act at once."

## OKMULGEE, OKLAHOMA.

Please allow us space in your valuable paper to say a few things about Mt. Olivet church in particular and of Oklahoma in general.

A prominent writer and lecturer said recently, "This is the world's greatest era, and Oklahoma is the Negroes' greatest State." Yes, we are sure that Oklahoma with its rich oil fields, rugged ranges, rich soils, productive farm lands, its vast lands with its stock and poultry farms, its wonderful and seemingly limitless natural resources and beautiful cities, is one of the most interesting States in the world.

Everywhere there is an incessant call for men and women with initiative, integrity, efficiency and ability to solve the vital problems of today. In Oklahoma the call is the loudest. This is a great pioneer field for Presbyterianism. Mt. Olive church of Okmulgee was sending out the Macedonian call for a minister to serve her pulpit who possessed those sterling qualities necessary to success in this great of pioneer fields. God heard our cry and has sent to us the man in the person of Rev. W. W. Mayle, of New Jersey.

Mt. Olive church is now entering a new period of service in her history as a witnessing and progressive church. Pastor Mayle has brought to us his rich experience and exceptional ability as an organizer. He has already been called one of the best preachers of the West regardless of denomination. Our parish has been organized on the Every Member Group plan, and we are now in the midst of one of the best revivals of our history. With Rev. H. C. Cousins, "the sweet singer of Oklahoma," as director of music, and Evangelist Mayle preaching as only a Spirit-filled man can preach, we have indeed reached in Mt. Olive church a high note of spirituality and service for the Master.

There are many other things which might be said touching high ideals and recording worthy achievements, but time and space fail us here, and we promise that more will be forthcoming from this side of the river, should these lines be thought worthy to escape the waste-basket.

D. J. WALLACE,  
Stated Clerk of Rendall Presbytery.

HENRY CHURCH, RANDOLPH, VA.

On September 27th, the Henry Presbyterian church opened her doors and extended a wide invitation to whomsoever would to come and take a part in her annual revival meeting. On Sunday P. M. from 7:30 to 10 o'clock we held a testimony meeting. Many interesting talks of Jesus and His love were made, many reviving songs were sung and many soul-thrilling prayers were offered.

The entire community looked forward with great enthusiasm to the coming of Rev. W. M. Fowlkes of Leaksville, N. C., who had been appointed to conduct the meetings for the week. He came, and it seems as if a gleam of light shone around him. His very presence radiated the love of Jesus Christ and his speech proclaimed repentance. Each night he brought to us the same old story of Jesus and His love, but with great power. He thrilled the community with the truths of Jesus and we can truthfully say, "Did not our hearts burn within us as he reasoned with us out of the Scriptures?"

Several unconverted friends bowed, but none accepted Christ as their Saviour. All who knew Him were richly fed and received strength, being so wonderfully taught out of the Holy Scriptures by Rev. Fowlkes.

These meetings were closed Friday night, October 2nd. Rev. Fowlkes preached his farewell sermon from Matt. 6:12, "Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors." This series of meetings was closed by singing, "Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love."

We regretted to see Rev. Fowlkes leave but we anticipate his return to preach at Henry church the first Sunday in November.

EDWIN MORTON.